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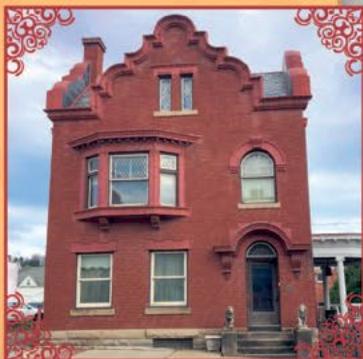
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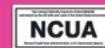
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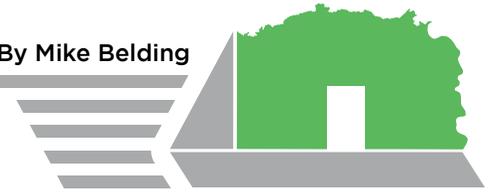
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TOWNE SQUARE

GREENE COUNTY SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

The intent of this article is to build a foundation of accurate information on the authority, process, pros and cons, and resources available to start an earnest dialogue for K-12 grade school district consolidation in Greene County.

School property taxes consume an average of 66% of the total tax burden for Greene County property owners. As our population continues to decline and education expenses increase, it makes sense to invest time, energy and funding to analyze, evaluate and provide recommendations toward stabilizing or potentially reducing school district costs. If you think economic diversification is complicated, wait until you start untangling school consolidation.

There are three taxing bodies in Greene County. Elected officials of these three bodies: Township/Borough Supervisors, County Commissioners, and School Board of Directors operate independently, not hierarchically.

School consolidation is a School Board of Directors issue. The authority lies with the individual school districts to initiate and explore consolidation through feasibility studies. The Pennsylvania General Assembly provides the legislative framework for such actions.

The Pennsylvania School Code provides a general outline of the procedural steps for school districts to follow when contemplating or pursuing a merger. Section 2-224 of the School Code empowers the Board of Directors of any two (or more) school districts to adopt a resolution for merger. The resolution must only be adopted by majority vote, and it must substantially outline the areas to be combined.

Once a resolution is adopted, the districts must file an Application for Approval with the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education at which time the Application shall be placed on the agenda of the State Board of Education. Once the Application is on the State Board's agenda, the Board shall review and approve the Application, as it deems appropriate.

Alternatively, the Board may permit or request other interested parties to file objection(s) to the Application. In the event the Board does not approve the Application, the Application is returned to the requesting districts for resubmission once any Board recommendations are addressed.

When an application is ultimately approved, the State Board of Education directs the Secretary of Education to issue a certificate – officially creating the new district. The certificate details the district name, constituting components, classification, and effective date of operation. Once merged, Pennsylvania statute provides that all property, indebtedness, and obligations of the former districts become the property, indebtedness, and obligations of the newly constituted district. Thus, any creditor rights which existed against any of the former districts are preserved against the new district.

Beginning in the 1960's, Pennsylvania was subject to a state-wide effort to reduce the number of school districts and saw a steep decline from 2,277 districts down to 669. This event was repeated in the 1970's when the number dropped an additional 168 districts to 505, and then ultimately to 501.

In 2009, when former Governor Rendell suggested consolidating Pennsylvania's school districts from 501 to 100, the idea got a lot of attention. Rendell had lawmakers form a commission to study the plan, and report back ways to make it happen. Since then, efforts to encourage school districts to consolidate have been met with little success, with only one consolidation completed.

The following pros and cons are summaries of recent articles discussing school consolidation. There are many more, I only list the most prevalent in local discussions.

Financial Efficiency and Cost Savings

Fiscal responsibility is a significant driver behind consolidation discussions. Combining schools can reduce redundant administrative roles, transportation costs, and facility maintenance expenses.

- Administrative savings: One larger school can operate more efficiently instead of paying for multiple superintendents, principals, and support staff,
- Better purchasing power: Consolidated schools can negotiate better contracts for supplies and technology due to higher volume.

- Lower facility upkeep costs: Operating one new or modernized building is often cheaper than maintaining several aging structures.

Enhanced Educational Offerings - Small schools often struggle to provide a full range of Advanced Placement (AP) courses, career and technical education programs, athletics, arts, and clubs due to limited staff and resources.

- More AP and elective courses: Larger schools can justify offering more varied classes, such as foreign languages, STEM electives, or specialized arts programs.
- Expanded extracurricular activities: Students can choose from a wider array of sports, clubs, and leadership opportunities, fostering greater engagement.

The Cons: Concerns and Challenges of Consolidation

Despite these potential benefits, consolidation carries significant drawbacks that concern many.

Loss of Community Identity

Perhaps the most emotional and heartfelt concern revolves around the loss of local identity and tradition. Nothing is harder to kill than a school mascot.

- Loss of school spirit and tradition: Long-standing mascots, colors, and rivalries may disappear, erasing cherished memories and diminishing community pride.
- Reduced local engagement: Residents may feel less connected to a distant, consolidated school, leading to lower parental involvement and support.

Longer Commutes for Students

Consolidation often means closing neighborhood schools and transporting students greater distances. In our geographically diverse terrain, this can result in lengthy bus rides.

- Student fatigue: Longer days on the bus can impact students' ability to participate in after-school activities, complete homework, and maintain a healthy school-life balance.
- Increased transportation costs: While some costs decrease, districts may see higher fuel and vehicle maintenance expenses.

Upfront Costs and Logistical Hurdles

While consolidation is often billed as a money-saver, it can require significant upfront investment to build new facilities, upgrade transportation systems, and harmonize curricula.

- Construction and transition funding: New or renovated buildings, along with necessary technology and infrastructure upgrades, can be costly.
- Short-term disruption: The transition period may involve confusion, adjustment issues, and temporary drops in academic performance.

As previously mentioned, the Central Valley School District is the only Pennsylvania school district to have successfully completed a voluntary merger since the 1960s. The district is the product of a merger between the prior Center Area and Monaca School Districts. Preliminary merger discussions began in 2005. The process involved an advisory committee, numerous public meetings, community outreach programs, and two separate feasibility studies. After four years of work, the 2009-2010 school year marked the start of the merged district.

There are two resources I recommend reading to more fully understand the process and potential outcomes of school consolidation. The Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Education Research and Policy Center published a Report called Merger/Consolidation of School Districts: Does it Save Money and Improve Student Achievement.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association published a proposed School District Consolidation Checklist that consists of 14 pages of recommendations which direct school districts and communities through data collection and analysis. It is detailed and thought provoking as to the complexity of school district consolidation.

In summary, the authority to consolidate K-12 schools rests with the School Board of Directors. The process is defined by the Pennsylvania School Code. Thorough analysis, feasibility studies, and public meetings will determine the potential outcome and recommendations. Even after initial agreements, this process takes a long time to implement.

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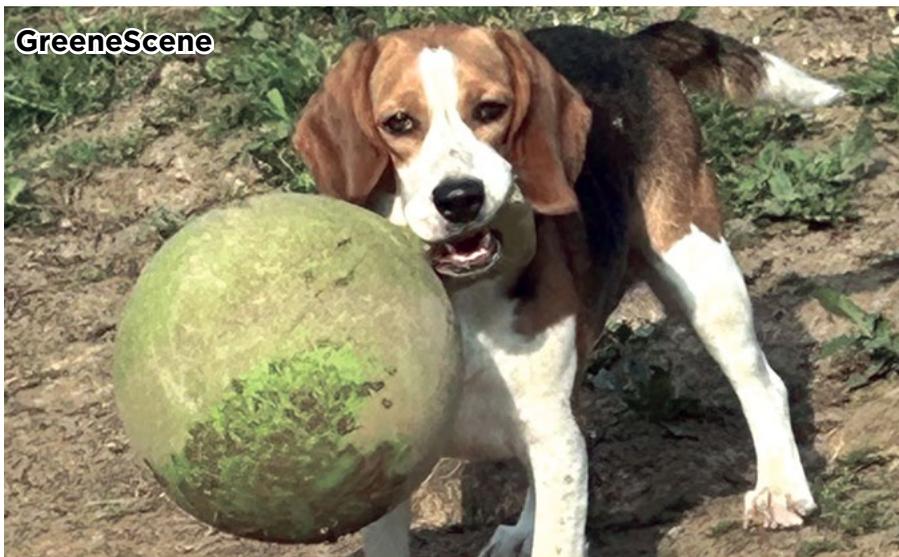
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Cool at School:

A NEW DIRECTION FOR CARMICHAELS AREA

By Emma Bates

Carmichaels Area School District is excited to kick off the 2025-26 school year under the leadership of new Superintendent Mrs. Amy Todd.

Todd, a graduate of Mon Valley Catholic High School, was inspired by numerous positive experiences with educators throughout her career, but she especially credits two teachers for their impact on her education and her career overall.

“Two that stand out are Mr. Kustron and Mr. Knapp. Both are math teachers from my high school,” she recalls.

However, her vocation within school districts never began on a path to become an educator.

Todd studied at California University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in management with a minor in accounting. She continued her education at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, earning her master’s degree in public administration.

Todd’s school business career started at Bentworth School District in 1994, where she worked in an accounts payable/payroll position. Quickly climbing the ladder, Todd was encouraged to apply for a business administration position by her superintendent. Following that advice, she became the business administrator the following school year.

Eventually, Todd transitioned to become the Business Manager for Carmichaels Area School District, working in that capacity for eleven years. Now comes, perhaps, the greatest (and most exciting) challenge yet—serving as the district’s Superintendent.

“The future for Carmichaels is bright,” she says. “We have excellent students and

staff.”

Todd’s primary vision for the upcoming year is one of growth.

She explains, “We want to grow the area. Making a great school experience with both learning and extracurricular offerings is key. We will focus on creating a curriculum with experiences that advance student mastery of reading and math.”

When asked what she is most looking forward to in this new season, Todd shares that the students and their families are a priority.

“Working together as a team with staff, students, parents and community members will be a focus for me.”

It is also the students that inspire Todd to continue doing good work, even on the toughest of days.

“We are here for the students,” she says. Every day we have staff making a difference. I will strive to be a staff member that makes a difference as well.”

On the more personal side, Amy and her husband of 32 years, Ralph, have two children, Emilee and Nathan, and a granddaughter Isabella. Amy and her three siblings were raised on a farm in West Pike Run Township. Todd most enjoys the precious time spent with her family and four-legged companion Remy, as well as her favorite books.

Todd invites anyone from the district or community to stop by and say hello. “I am usually in the district. We are a team and everyone is welcome.”

With high goals set and an atmosphere of communication opened, Todd is ready to guide Carmichaels Area School District with experience and resilience.



Carmichaels Area School District Superintendent, Mrs. Amy Todd.

Cool at School:

WEST GREENE WELCOMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT

By Aubrey Lesnett

The West Greene School District is welcoming new leadership this year with the appointment of Superintendent Eric Gaydos. He brings a wealth of experience in education and a passion for student success, Gaydos steps into the role eager to build on the district’s strengths while embracing fresh opportunities for growth. Known for his collaborative approach and commitment to the community, he’s ready to lead West Greene into an exciting new chapter.

When asked what he learned from his predecessor, Mr. Brian Jackson, Gaydos responded, “My biggest takeaway from my time working closely with Mr. Jackson was seeing how his ability to stay cool under pressure led to making the best decisions in those situations. I plan

to continue working towards modernizing our campus and learning spaces. I was once told you cannot expect students to think outside of the box when they are being taught inside of one.”

West Greene has been making improvements in recent years. The district recently started giving every student a Chromebook, developed an E-sports program, and elevated their FFA program. If Gaydos continues this tradition, it’s clear that he’ll have no problem achieving his goal of further modernizing the district to improve student learning capabilities.

Mr. Gaydos short-term and long-term goals for West Greene are many. Regarding the near future, “One of our biggest priorities will be the creation of a new District Comprehensive Plan. This three-year plan will require us to analyze both qualitative and quantitative data to identify areas of strength and concern from both performance and perception data. We will then create goals and action steps to complete the plan.

Additionally, while I am very proud of the progress we’ve made since I arrived at West Greene in 2019, we can’t stop looking at ways to enhance academic excellence and future

readiness. We need to look at how we can expand and strengthen our current programming that prepares our students for life beyond high school.”

His long-term goals consisted of implementing a “data-driven enrollment and growth strategy” to put an end to the trend of declining enrollment in the school district, along with continuing to keep the district infrastructure modernized and sustainable.

When asked what he wanted the West Greene community to know about his leadership style, Gaydos made it very clear he wants everyone to know he’s there to create an environment that encourages students to take risks and push themselves.

“I like to remove the excuses from the table. If a goal is truly

worthwhile, then we need to find a way to make it happen. The difficult task is to create a school culture where teachers and students feel comfortable enough to take chances. I am one who has the mindset that we shouldn’t have to do things because that’s the way we always did it.”

“I recently heard a quote that resonated with me that states, ‘If we aren’t failing, then we aren’t trying big enough things.’ In reality, failure is where learning occurs. What needs to be clarified is that there is a difference between failing while providing no effort and failing through trying.”

With his forward-thinking vision, dedication to innovation, and focus on creating a culture where both students and staff can take bold steps toward success, Eric Gaydos is poised to guide West Greene into a future full of opportunity. His commitment to modernizing learning spaces, fostering academic excellence, and addressing long-term challenges head-on shows a leader ready to match action with ambition. As the district embarks on this next chapter, the West Greene community can be confident that its new superintendent is not only prepared to continue its tradition of growth, but to push it further than ever before.



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Daniel recently graduated from Westmoreland County Community College with an Associate's degree in Culinary Arts. He is excited to be able to carry on his craft here at home and give back to Greene County. Hopefully you can taste his passion for food in his specialty sandwiches, fresh salads, homemade soups and hand cut fries.



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WEST ALEXANDER FAIR



Future fair queens, Cora and Harper.

One hundred nineteen years ago, a group of men in the area had a vision to establish an annual agricultural fair in West Alexander. Most of these individuals had been involved in a similar event just across the state line in West Virginia that had ceased to operate after the 1905 fair.

That created a platform for a community event to happen. The objective of the association was and remains to encourage the advancement and progress in all things pertaining to agriculture and horticulture and to promote the intelligence and welfare of the community.

Seven hundred fifty shares of stock were issued and sold at ten dollars a share to create the capital needed to buy land and erect buildings.

Through the years, the fair has made a compelling difference in people's lives. The event spurs a significant economic impact every year and results in community cohesiveness and pride. As the fair has evolved, attractions and facilities have been upgraded to meet changing times. These projects were initiated as stewards of heritage and tradition – not a relic of the past, but a foundation for the future.

Today, the West Alexander Fair brings together generations each September for livestock shows, homemade goods, traditional competitions, and modern entertainment, celebrating rural heritage and community spirit while honoring its founders' vision.



5 year old Brooks Welsh from Claysville during Leadline.



Executive Insights *with Dolly Throckmorton*

NETWORKING AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

As a business owner, I cannot stress enough how important it is to network and be involved in the community you serve. You are providing a service or a product to your community, but getting the word out there, especially as a new business, can be challenging.

Opening your doors or making an announcement that you are open for business does not equate to immediate sales. Gathering and retaining customers will be your biggest hurdle, and it is something you will never really be able to forget about as your business continues.

As a GenXer, no one talked about “networking” as a tool when I was going to college and starting out in the business world. Community service was just volunteering, wasn't it? You just stuck your nose to the grindstone, put in long hours, and things fell into place, right?

Thirty years ago, this tactic worked. In the modern world, and I mean in the last 20 years, the way we approach customers, market ourselves, and stay relevant, has drastically changed. Using networking to exchange information, develop contacts, make connections for your

business, and elevate your customer base is paramount.

This can happen by attending events in your community, by serving on various boards, lending a hand at functions where your expertise is utilized, or volunteering your service. Your face, especially in a smaller community, needs to be present.

Prepare for these networking opportunities. The worst mistake you can make is attending and not knowing what the event is about or not researching the organizer of the event. Practice how you might approach a potential customer. Be ready to answer questions about what you do, how you do it, and how you might be a great resource for them.

Know what questions to ask to engage people. Do not miss an opportunity to sell what you have to offer. I am not suggesting being disingenuous. I am stressing let your passion for what you do shine through. If you are not here for your community, why would you conduct business there in the first place?

You obviously chose to settle in the community, so serve it. If this is not for you, then you might be in the wrong career. You will be amazed what future ventures may come to you by community involvement. As time goes on, you will become a trusted member of your community. You will become that person people like to do their business with on a consistent basis.

When it comes to certain topics, you want to become the “go-to” or the most dependable and trusted. Networking is certainly a great tool to utilize when starting out, when bringing a new product or service to market, or to attract new customers.

Networking and community service can be invaluable tools as we are getting our career started or building a business. Staying true to your mission, being ethically committed in business, and serving your community to the best of your ability can be difficult. However, when all is said and done, the reward will outweigh the cost.

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This **free** event is part of the **PA Department of Labor's PA CareerLink® Awareness Initiative**, designed to connect Pennsylvanians with meaningful employment and training opportunities.

Employment and training providers from a wide range of industries will be in attendance, including Healthcare, Oil & Gas, Mining, Transportation & Logistics, Advanced Manufacturing, Law Enforcement & Security, Information Technology, Finance & Banking, Building & Construction, Hospitality, and more. In addition, agencies providing supportive services—including child care, legal assistance, interview and work attire, veteran services, housing support, resources for individuals with disabilities, services for dislocated workers, youth programs (ages 14–24), reentry assistance, and mental health resources—will also be available.

Attendees will have the chance to:

- Meet with employers offering **entry-level to skilled job openings**
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- Access **local social service agencies** helping with employment barriers

Don't miss this opportunity to take the next step in your career journey and discover the many resources available in our region.

For more information about this event, please contact PA CareerLink® Greene County at (724) 852-2900 TTY: PA RELAY 7-1-1

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A Life Shaped by Hard Work

My humble beginnings have shaped me into the person I am today. Southwestern Pennsylvania has been my home since the day I was born. My parents' determination and work ethic instilled a feeling within me to appreciate the value and dignity in working hard. That character has enabled me to be successful in business, and it has motivated me to be a driving force in making a real difference in my local community.

My success with Advanced Masonry, Advanced Equipment Rental, and ATA Holdings has afforded me the ability to financially give to many causes in my community. However, I am equally generous with my time. I currently serve on the Carmichaels Area School Board of Directors, and I chair numerous other boards. This desire to serve has propelled me to seek Senate Office. I see genuine lacking in our 46th District, and I know I can bring about the change we need. I am the voice you deserve!

My Reasons for Running for Office

For years, I have witnessed loss of businesses, people moving out of the area to seek greater opportunities elsewhere, taxes going up, wages decreasing, rising illegal immigration, political corruption, and government overspending. It has to stop, and I have the drive and extraordinary persistence to ensure that it does. I am personally invested. I am from here. I live here. My family lives here. I will work tirelessly to be the change we need and the voice you deserve!

A Call to Action

Let this announcement be more than words. Let it be a call to build, to serve, and to lead. I invite you to join me at upcoming events, to share your vision, and to stand together for change; a change we need and a voice you deserve. This is our moment. The path will not always be easy, but it will be worth it. With hope, courage, and unwavering dedication, I am ready to serve. Together, let us take the 46th District to new heights.

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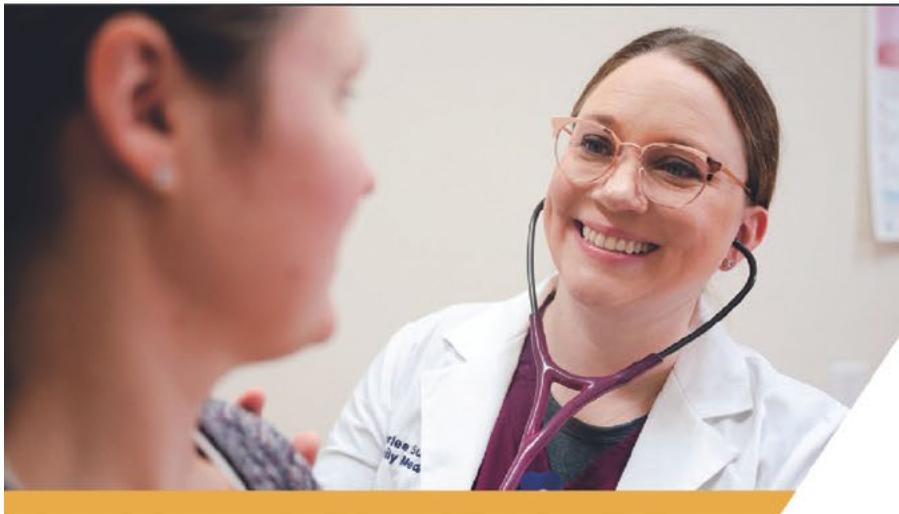


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WVU Medicine Uniontown Hospital, a 161-bed community hospital providing a full range of medical, surgical, and diagnostic services, has been providing care to patients and families in Fayette County and the surrounding areas for over a century. The hospital has also maintained its position as a significant employer and community partner.

September 2025 will mark the 5th year of the hospital's affiliation with the WVU Health System. Currently the only system hospital in the state of Pennsylvania, Uniontown Hospital offers access to the WVU Cancer Institute, WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, and WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI).

Uniontown Hospital is a designated primary stroke center, earning the 2025 American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Gold Plus quality achievement award and the American Heart Association's Target: Type 2 Honor Roll award, which aims to ensure patients with Type 2 diabetes receive the most up-to-date, evidence-based care when hospitalized due to stroke.

"With strokes, timely intervention is critical," Karyn Wallace, president and CEO of Uniontown Hospital, said. "Area residents should know that we are here for them, when they need us the most, providing award-winning stroke care close to home."

Wallace officially took the position of president and CEO of Uniontown Hospital in June, after serving as vice president of neuroscience at the RNI. She was selected from a national pool of highly qualified candidates to lead the next chapter, that will be marked by innovation, advancement, and continued quality care for the community.

January 2025 saw the reopening of labor and delivery services at the hospital. More than 160 babies have been born at the hospital so far this year and the numbers continue to steadily increase.

Several headline-worthy announcements followed, including offering diabetic retinal examinations within the primary care setting, bringing a cancer support group to the hospital campus for survivors, patients of all stages, their families, and caregivers, and, most recently, the start of robotic surgery services within general surgery.

"We are excited to continue our current trajectory, emphasizing quality and access for patients in our community," Nichole Mosley, director of communication and marketing at Uniontown Hospital, said.

What will the rest of 2025 look like for the organization?

Under the leadership of Medical Director, Michael Desiderio, D.O., heart and vascular care at Uniontown Hospital continues to expand to address the needs of our population.

Expansion to services and access in the Mon Valley is on the immediate horizon. WVU Medicine Primary Care is slated to open locations in Brownsville and Belle Vernon in September and additional members of the Orthopedic & Spine Institute team will begin seeing patients at the Mon Valley Clinic, in Monongahela, soon.

The orthopedic team has welcomed its new Medical Director, Justin Zenner, D.O., and Jeffrey Manway, D.P.M., both of whom bring years of experience and enthusiasm for treating the patients of Uniontown and surrounding areas.

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TEDDY BEAR PICNIC – Saturday, September 6 from 11:00 – 1:00 PM | We're going on a picnic! Everyone who has a special stuffed friend is invited to bring that stuffed friend to the library for an exciting afternoon of stories, games, crafts, and a picnic lunch fit for a bear.

BOOK CLUB – Thursday, September 11 from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. This month's book discussion is on Vicki Myron's "Dewey The Library Cat", There are several physical copies available at the front desk. New members are always welcome to join!

COSMIC BINGO – Join us at the library on Friday, September 26 at 7:00 PM for a fun night of Glow in the Dark "COSMIC" Bingo! We will be using special dabbers, paper bingo sheets and black lights to bring the magic alive. Join us for a COSMIC fun time! Call 724-627-9776 to let us know you're coming.

MOVIE NIGHT – Enjoy movie night here at the library Friday, September 5, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's Community Room. This Month's Movie is Karate Kid Legends. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s)

PUZZLE CHALLENGE – Saturday, September 13 from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. The library is looking for 10 teams of two to compete in putting together a 750-piece puzzle in three hours or less. Contact the library to register. Prize is awarded to the fastest team.

JIGSAW JAMBOREE – Saturday, September 30 the Library will be hosting a casual puzzle day! Challenge your own puzzling skills by attempting any of our in-house puzzles or bring your own. Puzzle swapping is highly encouraged.

MAHJONG CLUB – Meets every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. Walk-ins are welcome.

CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA] – The library is offering CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED on Saturday, September 20. Class begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 PM. Please call Sharon at 724-984-5702 to register; there is limited seating for this event. Cost is \$88 and includes training, workbook, Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual.

WEIGHT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP – Is a weight management support group that meets every Friday, 10:00 – 11:00AM.

TECH TUTORING – Need help with one of your devices? Call the library to reserve a time slot. Bring your electronic device and your library card. One of our tech savvy librarians will help you with a variety of technology services.

Call or stop in at Eva K. Bowlby Public Library for more info or to register for any of the above events.

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Gatsby Night at the Bowlby Library was so popular last year, the library board is bringing it back this year.

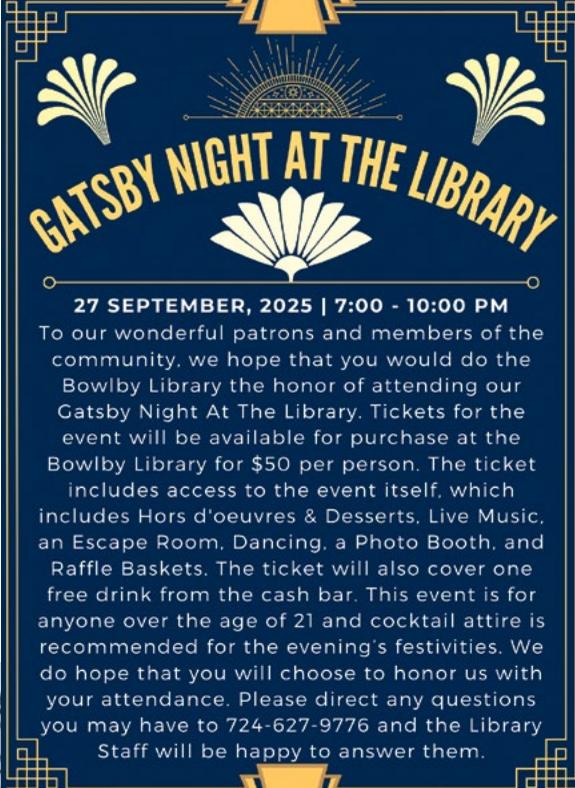
On September 27 from 7-10 pm, Bowlby Library will be transformed for an evening of Roaring Twenties fun. Tickets are available for purchase at the library for \$50 per person. Jazz music will be provided by the Greer Lambert Trio, and there will be 1920s dance instruction in the Gazebo (weather permitting).

Appetizers, finger foods, and a Charcuterie table will be available.

Also included in the ticket is a free drink from the champagne and wine bar.

An escape room, a photo booth, and extravagant raffle baskets will round out the evening. This event is open to anyone over the age of 21, and cocktail attire (or roaring twenties costume) is recommended for the evening festivities.

This fundraiser is meant to be a fun event for our patrons and community members who support the library. We hope to see you there.



GATSBY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

27 SEPTEMBER, 2025 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM

To our wonderful patrons and members of the community, we hope that you would do the Bowlby Library the honor of attending our Gatsby Night At The Library. Tickets for the event will be available for purchase at the Bowlby Library for \$50 per person. The ticket includes access to the event itself, which includes Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts, Live Music, an Escape Room, Dancing, a Photo Booth, and Raffle Baskets. The ticket will also cover one free drink from the cash bar. This event is for anyone over the age of 21 and cocktail attire is recommended for the evening's festivities. We do hope that you will choose to honor us with your attendance. Please direct any questions you may have to 724-627-9776 and the Library Staff will be happy to answer them.





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2025 LITTLE MISS FIRECRACKER PAGEANT



The Little Miss Firecracker Pageant sponsored by the Waynesburg Lions Club was held on July 4 at the Waynesburg Lions Club Park Stage. The pageant is a noncompetitive event for girls ages 5-8.

The girls appeared in patriotic attire while being interviewed on stage. Little Miss Firecracker is determined by a drawing of flowers from a basket.

The winner received a crown, trophy and bouquet. Each contestant received a participation medal and gifts.

The 2024 Little Miss Firecracker, Briella Yanak, daughter of Alan and Emily Yanak of Clarksville, crowned the new queen, Adeline Jetten, the daughter of Mike & Mabel Jetten of Waynesburg.

This year's other contestants were: Isla Daisy Falter, daughter of Derek & Ashley Falter; Alayna Dodson, daughter of Kayla Sloan and Chris Dodson; Adeline Josephine Jetten, daughter of Mike & Mabel Jetten; Milena Grace Hildock and Nora Elizabeth Hildock, daughters of Jarrett & Amber Hildock; Ryleigh Montgomery, daughter of Eric & Lauren Montgomery; Ellie Rosa Whitlatch, daughter of Crystal & Ryan Whitlatch and Georgia Grace Tift, daughter of Lesley Tift.



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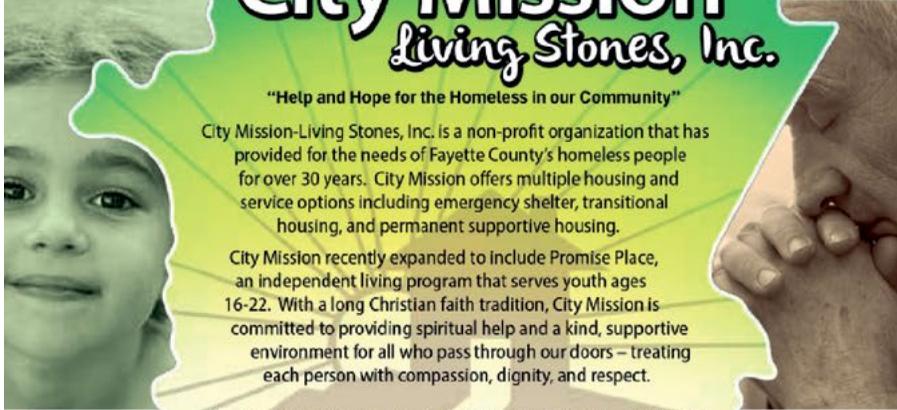
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City Mission-Living Stones, Inc. is a non-profit organization that has provided for the needs of Fayette County's homeless people for over 30 years. City Mission offers multiple housing and service options including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

City Mission recently expanded to include Promise Place, an independent living program that serves youth ages 16-22. With a long Christian faith tradition, City Mission is committed to providing spiritual help and a kind, supportive environment for all who pass through our doors – treating each person with compassion, dignity, and respect.

"You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house..." 1 Peter 2:5



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For Women: The women's shelter is a remodeled house available to women and women with small children from non-abusive situations with 12 beds (4 trundle bed for mother/child use).

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The GSLC is a 30-unit housing and service complex that provides clients with safe and affordable long-term housing along with supportive care. Residents of the transitional apartments sign a 6-month lease. During their stay, they participate in a comprehensive program of services designed to move them towards self sufficiency.

City Mission's Permanent Supportive Housing *Case Management Services, Property Management Services, Transportation*

City Mission currently owns 44 units of rental housing in four separate apartment complexes. This housing type is designed to meet the needs of clients coming out of shelter and/or transitional housing programs who need support services linked to their housing.

Promise Place: An Independent Living Youth Program *Case Management, Transportation Support, Resident Management, Structured Recreational Activities, Referrals, Education Support, Group and Individual Counseling, Assistance with Employment, Property Management, Outreach, Comprehensive Life Skills Curriculum, Spiritual Support*

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- Participate in Fayette Gives on Thursday, November 6th
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Alexis Riggs-McAdoo, owner of ICE Pittsburgh, has spent nearly a decade building an all-star cheerleading and tumbling program — a journey she began at just 19 years old.

Raised in Waynesburg, Alexis graduated from Waynesburg Central High School in 2016 before attending West Virginia University. There, she earned her degree in Child Development and Family Studies in 2020 while cheering all four years. Her leadership shone early — she served as president of the cheer team for her entire college career.

Alexis's connection to the sport began long before her college years. She started cheering in second grade and continued all the way through college. Along the way, she gained far more than athletic skills — cheerleading shaped her, instilling lifelong lessons in leadership, perseverance, and teamwork, while creating friendships she still cherishes. Now, she gets to continue that through the athletes she coaches.

It was during her sophomore year at WVU that Alexis took a leap most would only dream about. The opportunity of a lifetime. At 19, she opened ICE Pittsburgh, quickly discovering her true passion for coaching. "Coaching quickly became the center of my whole world. The feeling of watching an athlete complete a new skill for the first time is something I'll never get tired of," she says. "Seeing their hard work pay off and knowing I got to be even a small part of it is the most rewarding feeling."

For Alexis, coaching has been more than teaching stunts and routines — it has been life-changing. The athletes she coaches have left a profound mark on her life, shaping her values, work ethic, and perspective. "The kids I coach have molded me into the person I am today," she reflects. "They've taught me patience, resilience, and what it truly means to lead with both strength and compassion."

Owning a gym had been her dream since the age of 13. Now, at just 27, Alexis celebrates eight years in business and the growth of ICE Pittsburgh to two thriving locations (Washington, PA and Wheeling, WV). She first started Ice Pittsburgh in a small location in Eighty-Four, PA and quickly outgrew that facility. Ironically, she then purchased the very building she cheered in as an athlete in Washington, PA. When ICE first opened, they had just 42 athletes. Now, they have roughly 265 all-star athletes, and over 100 others in tumbling classes. For her, getting to continue in the sport that has been such a big part of her life is all she's ever wanted. "I can truly say I get to work my dream job every day."



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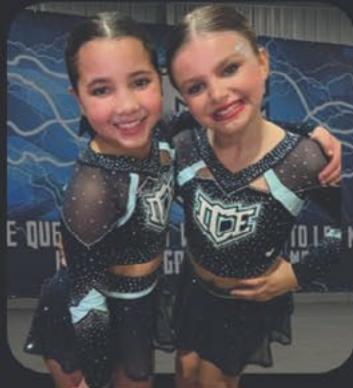
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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore



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WAYNESBURG'S PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL TEAM

Baseball fans in Greene County have been subjected to yet another season of “professional” baseball by the team 50 miles to our north.

However, many years ago Waynesburg actually had its own professional team. In 1906, the town entered a team in the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland (P.O.M.) League. It was a Class D minor league with many of the clubs having major league affiliates.



Rube Dessau.

In addition to the Narrow Gaugers (a reference to the W&W Railroad), there were six other PA teams representing Charleroi, Braddock (the Infants), McKeesport (the Tubers), Butler (the Bucks), and Uniontown (the Coal Barons). East Liverpool, Steubenville, and Piedmont were the Ohio teams, while Cumberland was the lone Maryland representative.

On opening day, the Gaugers were taken on pony carts in a parade from downtown to the newly renovated College Field on Southside. (That was also the

first year the college used the field for football games.)

They swept an exhibition double header from the college team that day in front of “the entire town”. Later that season, a Fourth of July double header against eventual league champion Uniontown drew 2,500 fans.

However, despite the local support and the league’s biggest payroll, the team finished a disappointing sixth in the standings with a 48-50 record. Player/Coach Milt Montgomery had recruited a high-priced team that fell far short of expectations.

An article in the June 30 Washington Reporter stated, “The Greene County fans have all joined the knockers’ band and continually roast the team.” Some things never change.

The regular season was tumultuous, yet entertaining.

Montgomery’s fiery temperament seems to have added to the drama. Early in the season, he was suspended for assaulting an umpire. The attack cost him three games and a ten-dollar fine.

Later in the season, he kicked his brother Ben off the team after they got into a fight with each other during a game. He was suspended again in August for attacking another umpire. In a nod to the style of journalism of that era, the Waynesburg Republican ran a story that said although Montgomery’s actions were “deplorable”, the umpire “got no more than he deserved.”

In September, he asked another umpire to replace a ball that was no longer fit for play. When the umpire disagreed, Montgomery hurled the ball into the Ten Mile. The umpire declared the game a forfeit as the ball sailed downstream, and another small riot ensued.

The rest of the roster was made up of some of the most talented players in county history. Elmer Cannon of Mt. Morris tossed a no-hitter against Charleroi on August 15. Cannon was famous in leagues around the area for two decades.

Ray (Lefty) Miller joined the club upon his graduation from Slippery Rock. He made his way through the minors and eventually reached the big leagues with the Pirates and Indians.

Former Waynesburg College star outfielder Jimmy Ganier was the squad’s best hitter. He received a gold watch after the season for being the team MVP. The local legend Joe “Hooker” Phillips joined the team mid-season after fulfilling a commitment to a AA affiliate in Ohio.

Other mid-season recruits included pitcher Casey Hageman. Hageman made an immediate impact. A Steubenville Herald-Star report described him as a “curly headed youth with a deceptive curveball that effectively stymied opposing batters”. He was credited with a 13-4 record in 19 appearances.

Another notable player on the roster was recent Geneva College graduate Rube Dessau, who also later advanced to the

major leagues. He played one season with the Boston Doves (who became the Braves in 1912) and one season with the Brooklyn Superbas (who became the Trolley Dodgers in 1910).

Photographs from that season, featuring these players, are considered rare collectibles.

Unfortunately, the team’s troubles turned from humorous to tragic after the season. The franchise’s owner was Sherman Grim, the Waynesburg Borough treasurer and a prominent attorney. Because of the team’s expensive payroll, he lost \$8,000 dollars on the season (That would be over \$300,000 in today’s money). He hoped to make up the money the following year.

However, the Farmers and Drovers National Bank (located in what is now the borough office) failed, and he lost almost his entire fortune in the collapse. After he could not raise the 1907 entry fee for the league meeting, he was so distraught he drank a bottle of laudanum (alcohol and morphine) and slashed his wrists. His wife discovered his body upon returning home from church.

The Waynesburg team was replaced by Zanesville, but the league would only last another two years.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor, Credit to Bret Moore on his *Intentional Walks*. I find them to be entertaining and thought-provoking. Readers’ opinions may differ or even arouse some ire on his subjects.

I think the column initiates sports discussion about how much of our culture has changed in its approach to athletics. Ironically, I was reading the column on recreational leagues while heading back to my hometown in Long Island. The return was to reunite with fifty senior citizens who had played sports together from age ten to their early 30’s.

Although many of us had athletic careers at different high schools, we came together during summers and holidays to compete in local recreational leagues. It was an emotional reunion for all of us. I wonder if I would have had those experiences and opportunities today because I wasn’t talented - I just loved playing the games.

A quick note on Bret’s topic of specialization. It certainly comes down to personal choice. But I have noticed in watching interviews with Division I and professional athletes that most were multiple sport athletes until well into their high school years. The motivation for specializing at that point was to prevent a freak injury in a sport they would not be participating in at the next level.

Thanks *Intentional Walks* for providing entertainment and reflection.

Respectfully, Bill Winters



FROM BAT DAY TO BAT-SIGNAL NIGHT

The Madness of Baseball Promotions, Past and Present

There was a time in this country when baseball did not need “promotional nights.” It was the number one sport by far and there were few other entertainment options competing for the customer’s dollar. Televised games were relatively few, and only away games were broadcast.

However, in the late 1960s, the gradual decline of baseball’s popularity accelerated. A 1972 Gallup Poll was the first to list football as America’s most popular sport. Baseball had held that title since the first poll in 1937. Since 1995, baseball has been virtually tied with basketball for second place on the list, with only 10% of the people naming it as their favorite sport.

Baseball has so many fundamental problems they are far too numerous to discuss in a short column. Unfortunately, whatever baseball’s problems are in general – the Pirates’ issues are tenfold.

Most of us must be lured to PNC Park by Skeins or McCutchen bobbleheads or fireworks nights. However, those inducements are wearing thin.

I thought it might be fun to take a look at the history and current state of promotional nights to gain a better understanding of the demise of the game I grew up loving.

The gradual decline of baseball started in the early 60s (when compared to the relevance of the game mid-century).

Bat Day was the original giveaway promotion to attract spectators to the ballpark, which quickly displaced discounted admission practices like Ladies Day as a technique to entice people to attend ball games.

The patron saint of Bat Day was Bill Veeck, the controversial owner who orchestrated many unusual promotional gimmicks to lure people into buying tickets to fill bad teams’ empty ballparks.

The very first giveaway of free baseball bats occurred in St. Louis in 1952, at a Sunday doubleheader between the St. Louis Browns and the Philadelphia Athletics. A representative of a bankrupt bat manufacturer had approached Veeck trying to sell the company’s inventory. Veeck worked out a deal to pay eleven cents for every bat. The crowd of 15,000 that day was the largest of the season for the hapless Browns.

No other major-league club expressed interest in using such a “bush league” concept.

When Veeck purchased the White Sox, the bat giveaway resurfaced in 1962, when Coca-Cola agreed to subsidize the cost of the bats in exchange for advertising the company’s logo on the bats. The team made the giveaway an annual event and labeled the promotion as Bat Day. The club attracted a paid attendance of 30,755, about twice the typical crowd for a Sunday doubleheader at Comiskey Park.

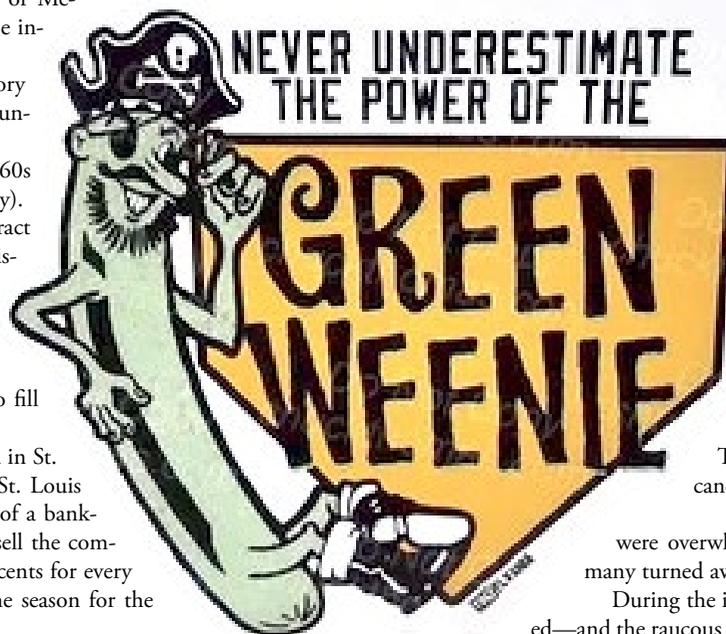
The watershed year for Bat Day was 1964 when several American League clubs conducted the giveaway. The White Sox gave away 10,000 bats and attracted 36,313 people. After that, the Angels and Indians joined the party. Fans whose enthusiasm for the Indians had declined sharply in recent years suddenly stormed the gates. Those clubs were followed by the Kansas City Athletics, the Tigers, and the Red Sox.

The following year, all ten clubs in the American League scheduled Bat Days. The perspective on Bat Day completely changed when the defending champion New York Yankees held their first on Father’s Day that season. The crowd totaled 72,244, the largest to ever attend a major league game, including the World Series.

The formula seemed simple, add free bats – and nearly five times as many customers showed up. In 1966, the Yankees also added two other gift days for youngsters, Cap Day and Ball Day. Most American League clubs emulated the Yankees in holding all three promotions in 1966, as the National League clubs introduced Bat Day into their schedules.

This trio of promotional days lasted well into my youth. I can still remember those give aways, as well as the Green Weeny bonanza. (For people under the age of 65, don’t ask.)

Once the Super Bowl Era led to the rise of football dominance, baseball needed to become more and more creative (or desperate depending on your outlook).



Starting in the early 1970s, the events became more and more disassociated with the game itself, and more about attracting a broader fan base beyond older white men. For instance, the Kansas City A’s hosted Hot Pants Night in 1971. All women wearing hot pants were admitted free. Six thousand young ladies showed up. While this did expand the female market, it seems pretty obviously targeted to men.

As one would expect, one of the dumbest promotional nights of all time occurred in Cleveland in 1974. Twenty-five thousand fans (twice the average crowd that season) showed up on 10-cent Beer Night. Who could have foreseen the problems of that night? Throughout the game, drunken fans interrupted the game. Some shed their clothes and streaked around the field, while others threw objects toward the players. Texas manager Billy Martin, no stranger to confrontation, said enough and ordered his team out of the dugout, bats in hand, to deal with the issue.

That only made things worse. A flood of fans entered the field in attack mode. Numerous players from both teams were hit by objects and punches. Umpires had no choice but to declare a forfeit with the game tied 5-5.

In another promotion that strains credulity in today’s modern world, the Atlanta Braves held a Wet T-Shirt Night during their miserable 1977 season. This was only three short years after Hank Aaron broke Ruth’s record for the storied franchise. I guess a 101-loss season will make owners do crazy things.

Speaking of crazy, the always wacky White Sox held a “Disco Demolition Night” in 1979, which involved destroying disco records between games of a double header.

The ensuing riot, fueled by discounted beer prices forced the cancellation and forfeiture of the second game.

Anticipating a crowd of no more than 15,000, the White Sox were overwhelmed to see a sellout crowd of 50,000—with nearly that many turned away.

During the intermission, the pile of records was brought out and exploded—and the raucous crowd invaded the field and tore it apart. It took riot police to dispel the crowd. The second game was postponed and forfeited to the Tigers.

No doubt, the 1970s were the heyday of crazy promotions. However, the following decades had their not-so-bright spots.

In 1987, Busch Stadium handed out free St. Louis Cardinals seat cushions as fans filed in for a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers. With a free, relatively safe projectile in hand, thousands of spectators engaged in an impromptu cushion-throwing contest. Umpires had to pause play several times so the grounds crew could remove cushions from the field.

In 1995, the 53,000 fans who received a free ball at Dodger Stadium thought little of it. But that was before three Dodgers were ejected from the game. The hazards of handing out such hard stuff were exposed when fans began littering the field with the free balls. The umpiring crew waived everybody off the field giving the Cardinals a forfeit victory.

When MLB teams in the 1990s began wearing throwback uniforms, it proved highly popular with fans who were increasingly into old baseball cards, retro ballparks and movies such as *The Natural*. Along the way, someone decided to double down and try Turn Ahead the Clock Night across MLB ballparks in 1999, using jerseys that had yet to be invented—and, God willing, never will be.

Teams took the field wearing “futuristic” uniforms that looked like Walt Disney threw up on them. They were just flat-out ugly, somehow managing to make the Houston Astros’ unis of the 1970s look respectable.

The promotion—wisely avoided by teams such as the Dodgers, Yankees and Cubs, who wore their standard iconic jerseys—was given a big thumbs down. The uniforms were never used again and have yet to develop into a hot collector’s item, a strong sign that nobody cares to look forward in baseball.

Maybe the Green Weeny thing wasn’t so weird.

The Following Greene County Athletes will be competing collegiately this school year.

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Peyton Gilbert: Softball, PennWest California

Mapletown

Maci Cree & Kristi Wilson: Volleyball, Waynesburg University

Jeremiah Mick: Football, Geneva

Grant Murin: Football, Robert Morris

Waynesburg Central

Rocco Welsh: Wrestling, Penn State

Mac Church: Wrestling, Virginia Tech

Luca Augustine and Joe Simon: Wrestling, Pitt

Brody Evans and Eli Makel: Wrestling, Edinboro

Wyatt Henson: Wrestling, Lock Haven

Zander Phatuos: Wrestling, Campbell

Nate and Jake Stephenson, Colton Stoneking,

Brock Evans: Wrestling, Fairmont

Ky Szewczyk: Wrestling, Clarion

Dalton Taylor: Football, Waynesburg University

Carmichaels

Carson Hillsman & A.J. Donaldson, Football, St. Vincent

Tyler Richmond: Football, Waynesburg University

Trenton Carter: Football, Wittenburg College

Ali Jacobs: Softball, Salem University

Jefferson- Morgan

Ewing Jamison, Andrew Vessels, Jordan Jacobs; Football, Waynesburg University

Clay Battelle

Carson Shriver, Maddox Shriver, Jonathan Arnett; Football, Waynesburg University

GREENE COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB CHAMPIONS



Greene County Country Club Member/Guest Tournament Winners (Front Row) Winners Craig Conklin and Kevin Greenwood, (Standing) Runners-up Brian and Ben Virgin.



Rohanna's Captures the Sixth Annual Greene County Cup.

The Rohanna's team pulled even with the Greene County Country Club after winning its third Greene County Cup in July. Carmichaels Golf Course finished in third place in the 27-hole competition.

Team members were: (Front Row) Aaron Yorio, Kevin Pincavitch, Joel Rohanna, Rachel Rohanna, Eric Rohanna, Jason Makel, and Zach Schlomer. (Back Row) Clay Wyne, Joel Kovatch, Mark Strosnider, Jason Wilson, Hudson Pincavitch, Scott Bedilion, and Cory Dillinger.

SPORTS SHORTS

The 1940 Mapletown High School Football Schedule did not include a single school that is still in existence today. The list of departed and merged schools include: German, East Beth, Wind Ridge, Masontown, Prosperity, Fairchance, Pt. Marion, and Cumberland. (There was also an alumni game).

The basketball schedule that same year also had no existing schools.

Technically, Waynesburg merged with Mt. Morris H.S. (1963) and became Waynesburg Central, Washington merged with East Washington H.S. (1966).

Other departed schools from that schedule are Centerville, South Union, Georges, St. Francis, and East Pike.

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“SENGING” IN GREENE COUNTY

In May, I wrote an article titled *It's Time for Morel's* where I referenced the need for a walking stick, a good pair of boots and a keen eye to be successful when looking for the elusive fungi.

Nowhere could such advice be more relevant than when hunting for ginseng. And just like hunting morel's, finding ginseng plots is not easy. Moreover, once found, the plot locations are a closely guarded secret to allow for future gatherings. The ginseng hunting season in Pennsylvania this year, like in previous years, runs from September 1 to November 30. It is illegal to harvest ginseng outside of this period.

Ginseng hunting, often called “seng digging” in rural regions of the United States, is the practice of foraging for wild American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*), a valuable medicinal root native to the hardwood forests of eastern North America. Traditionally practiced in the Appalachian and Ozark regions, ginseng hunting blends aspects of herbal medicine, ecology, cultural heritage, and economic activity.

American ginseng has been used for centuries in traditional medicine, especially in Asia, where it is highly prized for its purported health benefits, including boosting energy, reducing stress, and improving immune function.

Due to high demand, particularly in Chinese markets, wild ginseng roots can fetch hundreds of dollars per pound (usually averaging around \$500 - \$800 per pound dried). Cultivated or field-grown ginseng can be purchased for as little as \$50 per pound.

All this makes ginseng hunting a seasonal source of income for many rural residents. A pound of green (newly extracted) roots will dry to about a third of a pound of root...doing the math you would need approximately three pounds of root to fetch a pound of dried ginseng root.

The ginseng plant typically grows in shaded, undisturbed hardwood forests and prefers north-or east-facing slopes. It is a slow-growing perennial, taking at least five to ten years to reach maturity. A mature plant typically has three to five prongs (compound leaves) and produces red berries in late summer. These characteristics help diggers identify harvestable plants.

Hunting ginseng requires not only botanical knowledge but also a deep understanding of the local environment. Successful ginseng hunters know how to read the forest, spotting signs of healthy habitat and locating plants among dense undergrowth. Harvesting is done carefully to avoid damaging the plant or its surrounding habitat. The root is dug using small tools like a trowel or mattock to minimize disturbance. Sustainable diggers also replant



the berries from harvested plants to help replenish the population.

However, the popularity and profitability of ginseng hunting have led to serious conservation concerns. Overharvesting, habitat loss, and illegal poaching have significantly reduced wild ginseng populations. In response, both state and federal agencies have implemented regulations to protect the species. For example, harvest seasons are restricted to late summer and early fall, and only mature plants may be legally harvested. Some areas require diggers to obtain permits, and exporting ginseng across state or national borders often involves strict documentation and inspection.

Ethical ginseng hunting involves adhering to these regulations and practicing sustainable harvesting techniques. Many diggers see themselves as stewards of the for-

est, and some even participate in conservation programs aimed at protecting ginseng habitats or cultivating ginseng in forested plots to reduce pressure on wild populations.

In recent years, interest in wild ginseng has grown due to media attention and reality television shows, drawing more people into the practice—some experienced, others not. This has increased competition and, in some cases, led to conflicts or trespassing issues. As a result, education and enforcement have become more critical to ensure the long-term survival of wild ginseng populations.

Ginseng hunting is more than a means of income—it is a cultural tradition, a connection to the land, and a practice requiring knowledge, respect, and responsibility. Ensuring its sustainability will require a balance between economic interests, ecological preservation, and cultural heritage.

SUNDAY HUNTING UPDATE

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has officially voted to allow additional Sunday hunting opportunities starting this year.

According to the Commission, the board has heard recommendations from agency staff. They heard from passionate sportsmen and women of Pennsylvania and voted “yes” for additional Sunday hunting opportunities.

“These are more than just extra days in the field. They are a reflection of the Game Commission’s commitment to remove bar-

riers, make hunting more accessible, and ensure Pennsylvania’s hunting heritage continues to be passed on.”

Starting in September, hunters will now have Sunday hunting available to them through December 7. These Sundays will fall within the already established hunting seasons, with the lone exception being migratory game bird seasons for 2025-26.

Dates included will be September 14, 21, and 28; October 5, 12, 19, and 26; November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; and December 7.

SUNDAY HUNTING DOESN'T APPEAL TO ALL

By T.R. Mahle

The ban is over, and Pennsylvania is now the 40th state to have no limits on Sunday hunting. The Governor signed House Bill 1431 into law on July 9, repealing one of the last of the states “blue laws” banning certain activities and businesses on Sunday. While many are rejoicing in the monumental achievement, some non-hunters and religious sportsmen who want to “keep the day holy” are not happy about it.

Even though the Sunday hunting ban has been repealed, The PA Game Commission still has the authority to pick and choose the days (some Sundays or all Sundays) that hunters can legally pursue game. Arguments are strong on both sides, and I think it’s important to recognize these differences of opinion. Without a doubt, additional days to hunt during the open season is helpful for the majority of Pennsylvanian’s hunters who work a Monday thru Friday job. It also gives out-of-state hunters who travel on weekends an extra day to hunt (creates economic benefits) and, some argue that deer populations will be better managed by this action.

Conversely, the state game lands (*which are funded by hunters*) are also used by individuals for hiking, biking, walking dogs, horseback riding, or fishing. Many of these folks want to have a day where they can pursue these activities without the fear of “bullets in the air”. Some feel that landowners may face increased issues with trespassers or unwanted interactions with hunters on their property. Others believe that increased hunting pressure, even with better management, could negatively impact wildlife populations.

The PA hunting season runs from September 1, 2025 thru February 28, 2026 for many species. However, there are ample opportunities available to hunt well into 2026...Quail (March 31, 2026), groundhogs (June 30, 2026), and there is no closed season on coyote’s, opossum’s and skunks. This does create issues with people who want to use the game lands for things other than hunting.

Compatibility between hunters and non-hunters on Sundays requires mutual respect and clear communication. Hunters value Sunday for recreation and tradition, while non-hunters and others often seek quiet enjoyment of nature. Shared spaces like trails and forests can potentially become areas of conflict. Some possible solutions to ease these differences could include, designated zones, time restrictions, and public awareness. Wearing visible clothing and adhering to safety laws helps ease non-hunters’ concerns. Dialogue between both groups fosters understanding and cooperation. By acknowledging each other’s rights and finding balanced compromises both sides can coexist peacefully and enjoy the outdoors in a safe, respectful manner.

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Deer (Archery)

WMUs 2B, 5C & 5D Sept. 20 – ends Jan 24, 2026

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Trapping

NO September Season

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(AP) Atlantic Population Zone: Sept. 1 – Sept. 25

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Junior Days: Sept. 20

Junior, Veteran and Active-Duty Military Days: Northwest Zone – Sept. 27

Doves Sept. 1 – Nov. 28

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Bobwhite Quail Sept 1-Nov 15

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Ring-Necked Pheasants (Male or Female) Sept. 1-Nov. 15

Mink, Muskrat, Fox, Opossum, Raccoon, Striped Skunk & Weasel Sept. 1.- Nov. 15

HAY...HAY...HAY

By T.R. Mahle

Baling Hay: A Vital Agricultural Process

With the weather raising so much havoc lately...all the rain and then the heat, I thought it might be appropriate to look into the topic of “hay” in Greene County. Almost any store, restaurant or old bench that farmers gather at these days will include a conversation about “getting their hay up”...or their inability to get the hay up.

Recent weather trends in Greene County have made the harvesting of hay/haylage tough to say the very least. It’s important to note that haylage is harvested with a forage chopper and immediately put into a silo or ag bag and hay is dried before baling. Most of the hay produced in Greene County is “regular” hay, but there are also farms that raise alfalfa.

According to the Greene County Farm Bureau, the average farm size in Greene County is around 145 acres and hay is by far the dominant crop. Reports vary and it’s hard to determine the exact number of acres baled in Greene County. However, one thing that is certain is the number of acres being baled in Greene County has dropped significantly over the years.

One document indicated that in 2003 Greene County had around 36,600 acres of hay. However, a survey in 2022 production stated that only approximately 13,600 acres in Greene County was utilized...a decrease of around 23,000 acres in 19 years. This most likely reason is an aging population of farmers. Other factors include things such as property taxes, the impact of natural resource extraction, and decreasing commodity prices. However, while the number of farms in Greene County is declining, some farms are actually increasing in size.

Baling hay is a critical step in the agricultural cycle, particularly in livestock farming, where it serves as an essential feed source during times when fresh forage is unavailable. The process involves cutting, drying, raking, and compressing grasses or legumes into compact bales that are easy to handle, store, and transport. While it may seem straightforward, baling hay is both labor-intensive and dependent on timing and weather, making it a delicate balance of skill, equipment, and environmental

awareness.

The first step in baling hay is mowing or cutting the hay when the grass or forage crop is at its peak nutritional value. This is usually just before the plants reach full maturity. Timing is crucial: cutting too early may reduce yield, while cutting too late can result in coarse, less nutritious hay. After mowing, the hay must be left in the field to dry, a stage known as curing. The moisture content of the hay at this point is critical — ideally around 15-20% — to prevent spoilage or spontaneous combustion once stored.

Once the hay has sufficiently dried, it is raked into windrows, which are long, narrow rows that make it easier for the baler to collect the material. Raking also helps turn the hay, ensuring even drying. After raking, a baler is used to gather the hay and compress it into bales. There are different types of balers — small square balers, large square balers, and round balers — each suited for different needs. Small square bales are easier to handle manually, while large bales require machinery but are more efficient for large-scale operations.

Round bales, which are common in many parts of the world, are particularly efficient for feeding large numbers of animals and are easier to store outdoors due to their shape and density. Square bales, on the other hand, are often preferred in smaller operations or for easier stacking in barns. In either case, once baled, the hay must be stored in a dry location or covered with tarps to prevent moisture damage.

The importance of baling hay extends beyond convenience. Properly baled and stored hay retains its nutritional value for



months, making it a reliable source of feed during winter or drought conditions. Poorly baled hay, by contrast, can develop mold or become infested with pests, posing health risks to animals.

Modern technology has significantly improved the efficiency and precision of hay baling. Equipment now often includes moisture sensors, GPS systems, and automation features that reduce labor and improve bale quality. However, the core principles of timing, weather awareness, and proper handling remain as important as ever.

On a side note, the “Blessing of the Balers” is an annual event that originated in Greene County to help celebrate and bless the farmers and their equipment, particularly balers, in preparation for the hay season. This practice has since expanded to become a statewide celebration that is held at the State Capital. The event symbolizes a prayer for a safe and productive hay season. More information on this event is available on social media platforms.

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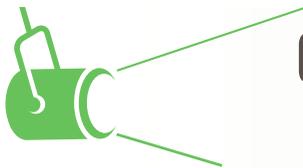
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Recognizing the growing needs of local families, 2023 brought a significant transformation. The former Cornerstone Care Community Pediatric Health Center of Waynesburg was rebranded as the Cornerstone Care Community Pediatric and Family Practice Center of Waynesburg, now offering care for patients from infancy through their golden years.

To strengthen pediatric services, pediatrician Dr. Max

Chen joined the team in 2023, continuing the tradition of comprehensive care for children from birth through adolescence. Services include routine checkups, sick visits, sports physicals, immunizations, chronic condition management, and developmental screenings—addressing the physical, emotional, and developmental needs of every child.

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“Once teenagers age out of pediatrics, there’s often a gap in care,” said Sarah DeCarlo, Director of Clinical Operations. “With family practice services in the same office, our patients can continue care with a team they already know and trust.”

Certified registered nurse practitioner Emily Zawatski adds to the provider team, ensuring expanded access for all patients. The center also has a dedicated care manager to assist with mental health screenings, substance use referrals, and addressing social determinants of health—such as coordinating transportation, accessing food and

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Beyond pediatrics and family medicine, Waynesburg residents can access integrated dental, vision, and behavioral health services within the broader Cornerstone Care network. “Our goal is to ensure everyone has access to the healthcare they need,” said Lesa Trunzo, Marketing and Communications Director. “Expanding services here increases capacity while enhancing quality through integrated, comprehensive care.”

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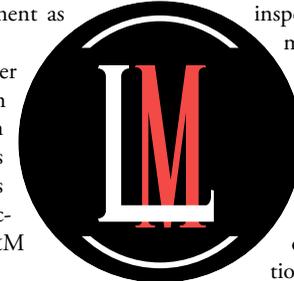
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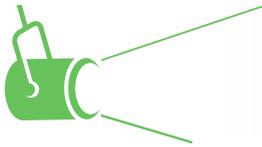
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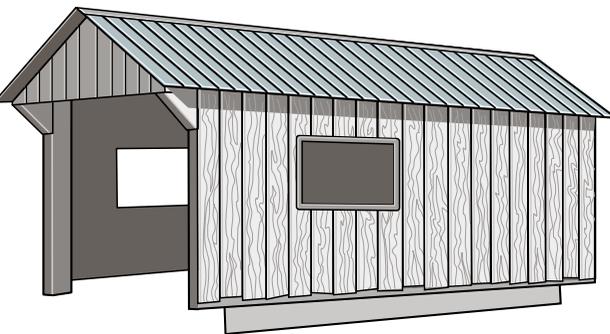
The White Covered Bridge Association has worked throughout the year to prepare for this year's festival. Crafters and demonstrations are ready. Gospel singers will perform on our stage. Civil War re-enactors will be camped out and ready to battle! We also welcome back Native American re-enactor "Ghost in the Head".

Rocky Ridge Farm will provide their beautiful horses and mules for wagon rides. There will be lots of fine homemade food; made by local non-profits; something for everyone.

The festival starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 21 with a flag raising ceremony by the 140th PVI Civil War re-enactors and Bernice Jeffrey singing our National Anthem. Gospel singers will perform throughout the day and at 3pm there will be a Civil War re-enactment. The festival closes at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, September 22, a 10 a.m. Worship Service led by the Reverend Gary Whipkey of the John Corbly Memorial Baptist Church in Garards Fort starts the day. Music, vendors, food and a 3 p.m. Civil War re-enactment fill the day's schedule. The festival will end at 5 p.m. with Civil War Re-enactors retiring the colors.

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THE LONG AND WINDING ROAD

By Bret Moore

The Eagles released their hit album and single “The Long Run” in late 1979. The second single released from the album was “I Can’t Tell You Why.”

Both peaked at #8 on the Billboard Chart. Together, those songs form a perfect segway to my desire to understand **what elevates and keeps something in our cultural lexicon, while other compositions just fade away** (Who lyric reference).

In the long run, I can’t tell you why teenagers can sing along with some songs on their parents and grandparents’ playlists, while other tunes result in blank stares of bewilderment.

Afterall, a half century is a long time for a song to stick around. I assure you - my buddies and I were not listening to any Eddie Cantor songs from the Roaring 20s on eight-track in 1976.

My desire to understand this phenomenon stirred on a recent Saturday morning, as I was listening to Sirius 70s radio. Weekly, they replay Casey Kasem’s Top 40 Count Down of the current week from a bygone year. That morning, he was playing a Weekly July Top 40 from 1977, my senior year of high school.

Kasem announced that Jimmy Buffet’s “Margaritaville” had peaked at # 8 on the charts but was still holding on. I was shocked that a song so ubiquitous 48 years later never hit number one. In fact..... number EIGHT?

I researched the seven songs that topped “Margaritaville”, and let’s just say very few people under the age of sixty would remember them.

I wondered what other songs that are part of our collective musical consciousness were not deemed to be “the best song” at any point during their release period. Surely, “Margaritaville” was an outlier of such industry omission.

I tried to be representative of different musical eras because I like to pretend in my head that people without vaccination scars on their arm read my stories too.

This is a random sample of songs that are still almost universally recognized today and where they peaked.

The 1960s had “Twist and Shout”, The Beatles (#2) and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You”, Frankie Valli (#2), and “Brown-eyed Girl”, Van Morrison (#10)

The 1970s featured “YMCA”, Village People (#2), “Bohemian Rhapsody”, Queen (#9), “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald”, Gordon Lightfoot (#2), “Stuck in the Middle with You”, Stealers Wheel (#8), “Free Bird”, Lynyrd Skynyrd (#19), and “Nobody Does It Better”, Carly Simon (#2)

The 1980s were awash with iconic hits that never made the top of the charts. Most shockingly to me, “Thriller”, Michael Jackson (#4), “Purple Rain”, Prince (#2), “Woman”, John Lennon (#2), “Material Girl”, Madonna (#2), “Don’t Stop Believin’”, Journey (#9) “Waiting For a Girl Like You”, Foreigner (#2), “Love Shack, The B52s (#2), and “Start Me Up”, the Rolling Stones (#2),

Bruce Springsteen’s “Dancing in the Dark” (#2) and “Born in the USA” (#9) also failed to reach #1. Not surprising since Bruce has never recorded a #1 single. In fact, Bruce, Creedence Clearwater Revival and Fleetwood Mac have a combined grand total of one #1 single, which was the latter’s “Dreams”

The 1990s featured these famous #2’s: “You’re Still the One”, Shania Twain; “How Do I Live, LeAnn Rimes; Whoomp, There It Is, Tag Team; and the Backstreet Boys’ “Quit Playing Games with My Heart”. In addition, there was 1991’s “Smells Like Teen Spirit” by Nirvana (#6) and Oasis’ 1995 classic “Wonderwall”, which peaked at #8.

For those of you who may read this on a social media platform, **the 2000s** featured: “Mr. Brightside”, The Killers (#10), “Bad Romance”, Lady Gaga (#2), “Since You Been Gone”, Kelly Clarkson (#2), and “Thinking Out Loud”, Ed Sheeran (#2). Unbelievably, Taylor Swift had two of her most beloved hits not reach the top of Pop Mountain - “You Belong to Me” (#2) and Love Story (#4).

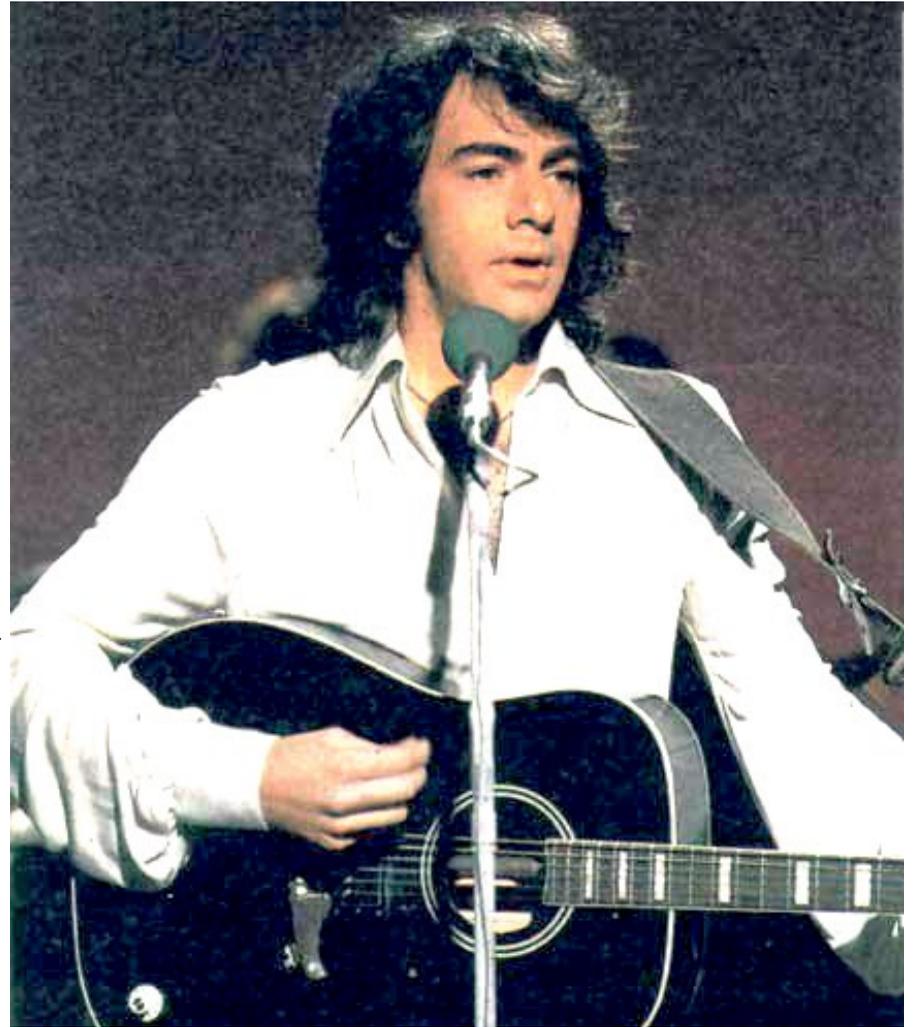
Why are most of these songs “still around” in our culture, while so many others are forgotten in the valleys of our cultural landfill? I know the answer to such a question is complicated and enigmatic.

Maybe certain songs just remain in our cultural lexicon because they tap into universal emotions, capture the spirit of an era, or become tied to shared experiences. These songs transcend time not just through melody or lyrics, but through the way they connect with people across generations.

A memorable hook or chorus makes a song easy to recall, but staying power often comes from deeper elements. **Timeless songs tend to address themes like love, loss, hope, or rebellion.** All of these are emotions that resonate regardless of age or background. For example, a song like “Imagine” by John Lennon (#3) endures because its message of peace continues to feel relevant and aspirational.

Cultural context also plays a key role. Songs that accompany significant historical moments, such as cultural movements, wars, or generational shifts (My Generation/The Who #74), often become embedded in public memory. They act as musical snapshots, evoking strong emotional responses and anchoring people to a shared time or place.

Moreover, media helps extend a song’s reach. Movies, television, commercials, and social media reintroduce older tracks to new audiences. When a song appears in a beloved film or viral



Neil Diamond’s “Sweet Caroline” is still played today at multiple collegiate and professional sporting events across the country and even around the world. The song, released in 1969, is still incredibly popular 56 years later.

video, it can find new life and relevance.

Finally, songs that are often played at weddings and holidays can embed the tune in the culture. The “Electric Slide” peaked at #51, while its annoying cousin song “Macarena” was actually a #1 hit. Sporting events can also keep certain songs alive – think “Renegade” (#16), “Sweet Caroline” (#4), or “Take Me Home Country Roads” (#2). They became part of a tradition that is passed down through generations and reinterpreted.

Ultimately, songs that stay with us are more than just entertainment. **They are emotional touchstones, cultural artifacts, and a soundtrack to both personal and collective memory.**

In our microwave society, where we demand every draft pick, movie, television show, and personal relationship achieve immediate success, it might be best to see life as a long and winding road that unfolds at its own pace. We cannot truly judge any aspect of history or culture without the luxury of time.



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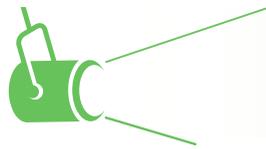
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it takes to research and compare the many plans available to you. Once someone is our client, we walk alongside that person year after year. We periodically touch base with them to make sure their plan is still a good fit, update them on new plans available, field their questions, and help resolve any issues that arise.

What are your backgrounds?

We have backgrounds in pastoring and teaching because we love working with people. So much of what we do as agents is listening to people's needs, educating them on their options, and helping them select a plan that they feel comfortable with. In working with clients year after year, we develop a relationship with them and get to know them and their lives.

How do you get paid?

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When should I sign up for Medicare?

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What if I need your help?

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A photo of a double rainbow in the August edition was incorrectly credited to Jennifer Staggers. The photo was actually submitted by Bridget Vernon. We apologize for the oversight.

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A PIECE OF MY MIND

by Vicky Hughes

Random Thoughts, Reflections & Memories
 That Occupy Space in My Mind



Once again, time has escaped, and the long warm days of summer will soon be behind us. The fall season marks the transition from abundance to rest. The days are growing shorter, the temperatures will be cooling, and the trees will soon reveal their final show of brilliance. Their leaves will turn to gold, crimson, and amber before they drift to the ground.

Fall is a season of harvest and preparation. It's also a time of reflection. The world seems to slow its pace, animals store food, birds fly south, and the landscape begins to quiet. There is beauty in this fading, and a reminder that letting go is a necessary part of life.

Those words remind me of a powerful video clip featuring a character that has created a lasting cultural impact- none other than the gun-toting grandmother, Tyler Perry's Madea. With her sharp tongue and even sharper sense of justice, Madea has become an unlikely hero for millions, navigating themes of family, forgiveness, and resilience.

On the surface, Madea is a little outrageous. She's been in jail, often carries weapons in her purse, and sometimes settles disputes with her fists as much as her words. But under the wild antics lies a solid rock of values forged from experience.

One of Madea's most famous messages is her advice to "let them go." Whether she's talking about toxic relationships or ungrateful friends, Madea doesn't sugarcoat her advice. If someone is holding you back or no longer adding value to your life, let them go.

She states that she places people in her life in categories related to a tree. Some are leaves and they blow from place to place. They might give some shade every now and then, but mostly they take. Those folks are seasonal. Others are like branches on the tree. Madea says to be careful with the branches. She states that you must especially take caution when stepping out on those branches because sometimes they can fool you. Then, Madea says that if you have two or three people as roots of your tree, then you are blessed. Those are the ones to hold onto.

All of this makes me think about friendships that I've had over the years. Some of them have been seasonal and in my life for brief periods of time and for specific reasons. Others have developed into branches, and while I haven't necessarily had any negative branch-breaking experiences, I am often cautious about taking risks or relying on others.

I have been very blessed and very fortunate to have a few friends that I consider "roots." These are the ones that I hold onto. In fact, one of my best friends has been a "root" for over forty years. As Madea says, "Some come into your life for a lifetime and some for a season and you got to know which is which."

So, here's a piece of my mind... As the seasons change, remember that change can be good. If you find yourself burdened by friendships or relationships that no longer serve you, just let them go. Let them go so you can grow and heal. You are allowed to set boundaries and speak truth. Walk away from anyone or anything that's destroying your peace. Madea may wear a gray wig and wield a pistol in her purse, but beneath the laughs lies the heart of a woman shaped by struggle who tells it like it is. Her lesson on letting go isn't just advice, it's about freedom and peace of mind. "Let them go, baby. Just let them go."





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RAIN DAY PAGEANT A SUCCESS

Nine young ladies from around Greene County competed in the 47th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant. The competition was held at Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium and sponsored by Rain Day Scholarship, Inc.

Camryn Hawfield was crowned Miss Rain Day 2025. She is the daughter of Tim and Betsy Hawfield of Waynesburg. She will be a senior at Waynesburg Central High School. For her talent, she performed a contemporary routine to the song "Purple Rain."

In addition to the Miss Rain Day title, Camryn was awarded the Remo C. Bertugli Essay Award, the Abby Ray Dedication to Service Award, the Rain Maker Award, the Pageantry Spirit Award, the Miss Photogenic Award, the Scholastic Achievement Award, the Top Evening Gown Award, and the Top Interview Award.

Isabella Wise was named 1st Runner-Up.

Isabella is the 15-year-old daughter of Brian and Heather Wise of Mather. She will be a sophomore at Jefferson Morgan High School. Isabella performed a tap routine to "Runaway Baby."

Isabella was awarded the Top Sportswear and Top Talent Awards.

Sienna Stoneking was named 2nd Runner-up.

Sienna is the 15-year-old daughter of Amanda and Daniel Stoneking of Carmichaels. This fall she will be a sophomore at Carmichaels High School. She performed a contemporary routine to "Work Song."

Sophie Batchelder was named 3rd Runner-up.

Sophie is the 14-year-old daughter of William and Xela Batchelder of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a freshman at Oxrose Online School. She performed a tap routine to "Rock Prelude."

Meah Branham was named 4th Runner-up.

Meah is the 16-year-old daughter of Kassie Branham of Bobtown. She will be a senior at Mapletown High School. She performed a vocal selection of "Never Enough."

She was awarded the John O'Hara Essay Award.

Isabella "Bella" Walker

Isabella is the 14-year-old daughter of Tina and Paul Walker of Carmichaels. This fall she will be a freshman at Mount Moriah Christian School. She performed a lyrical dance to "All I Ask."

Bella won the Kelly Smotzer Award.

Eilidh Batchelder

Eilidh is the 16-year-old daughter of William and Xela Batchelder of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a sophomore at Waynesburg

Central High School. She performed an acro dance to "Uncontrolled."

Eilidh won the Rain Drop award.

Abigail Yenchik

Abigail is the 16-year-old daughter of Becky Yenchik of Waynesburg. This fall she will be a junior at Waynesburg Central High School. She performed a sign language interpretation to the song "This is Me".

Abby was awarded the Bryn Patton Smile Award.

Kayle Lemley

Kayle is the 15-year-old daughter of Brian and Nichole Lemley of Carmichaels. This fall she will be a sophomore at Carmichaels High School. She performed a vocal selection of "Defying Gravity."

She was awarded the Miss Personality Award.

Crown Bearer

Stella Ray Dikun (Crown Bearer)

Stella is the cherished daughter of Kirsten and Matthew Blasinsky of Jefferson and Colton Dikun of Crucible.

The 47th Annual Pageant was the highlight of eight plus weeks of preparation and events for the girls.

They attended a Kick-off banquet, had professional portraits taken by Casey JO Photography (Casey Robinson), toured Phipps



Isla & Killian Falter were crowned Baby Rain Day Queen and King

Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, followed by lunch at The Porch at Schenley and dessert at Sarris Candies and attended a Wild Things Game.

They assisted Bryn Lahew, Miss Rain Day 2024 with her Pickleball Tournament service project benefiting Team HOPE, where they raised \$1100 for the organization.

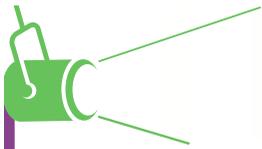
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Understanding HIV: Facts, Language, Prevention, and Reducing the Stigma

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How HIV Is (and Isn't) Spread

HIV can only be passed from person to person through:

- Blood
- Semen
- Vaginal Fluids
- Anal Fluids
- Breast milk

You *cannot* get HIV from casual contact like hugging, sharing food, using public bathrooms, or touching the same objects. But even though we know how HIV is spread, there are still many myths, misunderstandings, and stigma.

Why Education Matters

Education is key. When we understand how HIV is transmitted, we can make more informed decisions about our health and engage in open, accurate conversations.

Words Matter: Using Respectful Language

Language plays a powerful role in shaping how we think and feel about HIV. The words we use can either reinforce stigma or promote empathy and respect. Saying "a person living with HIV" is more respectful than saying "an HIV-infected person." It puts the person first, rather than defining them solely by their condition. Changing how we talk about HIV helps people feel seen, respected, and valued. When we choose our words with care, we help break down stigma and create a more supportive, welcoming society for those living with HIV.

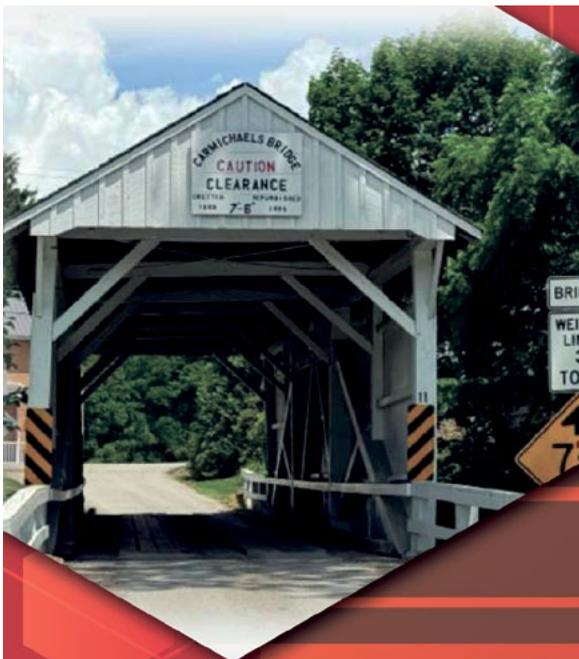
Beyond Language, Safer Sex Practices Are Essential in Preventing HIV.

You can help protect yourself by understanding your full range of options. It not only helps protect your health but also opens the door to asking important questions and getting accurate answers from professionals. Here are a few important ones:

Prevention Option	How It Works
Regular Testing for HIV	Knowing your HIV status helps you stay healthy and protect others. This is a strong foundation. Testing also gives you a chance to ask questions and get good advice from medical professionals.
U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable)	There is no cure for HIV, but a person who takes their HIV medicine routinely can't pass the virus to other people.
PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis)	A daily pill or monthly shot that can prevent you from getting HIV before exposure.
PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis)	If you get exposed to HIV, you can quickly visit an urgent care or emergency room to receive PEP, a medicine that prevents HIV after exposure.
Condoms	Using condoms during sex helps prevent HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
Abstinence	Not having sex is the only 100% effective way to avoid getting HIV sexually.

Together, We Can Make a Difference

By learning the facts, using respectful language, and proactive health practices, we can reduce stigma and build a healthier, more compassionate society for everyone affected by HIV. For more information, visit: AIDSFreeWesternPA.org



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Founded as the first institution of higher learning west of the Allegheny Mountains, the Greene Academy in Carmichaels stands as a resounding beacon of arts in our community.

The original stone building first served as an Episcopalian church in 1790, during George Washington's presidency. Over time, frontier folk recognized the need for upper-level education on the outskirts of society, and the Greene Academy was formed.

In 1810, a brick addition expanded the campus, allowing for a four-room school educating both male and female students, albeit separately, at a level falling between today's idea of grammar/high school and college. Courses ranged in content from astronomy and sciences to writing and rhetoric. Most of the Academy's 850-plus students boarded with local families during their attendance.

Enrollment dropped severely after the founding of Waynesburg College in 1849 and tapered off completely by 1893. After years of sitting vacant, the building shifted roles many times, most notably becoming a meeting hall and an apartment complex. But in time, the Academy found itself abandoned again...until a group of preservation-minded individuals from the county, including Judge Glenn Toothman, took up the Academy's founding mission and transformed the campus into a center for arts in 1972.

The Greene Academy of Art now hosts cultural events throughout the year, and is constantly bustling with craft festivals, classes, and summer concerts on the lawn. It is also the home of many local organizations like the Carmichaels Area Historical Society and the Dulcimer Club.

Additionally, the Academy hosts thriving celebrations like the upcoming Carmichaels Covered Bridge Festival this fall on September 20 and 21.

Although the Academy, and the people it serves, has faced barriers over the decades, it still stands as a cornerstone, bridging the gaps of education and expression in our county.



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THE ONE ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE OF GREENE COUNTY

Brad A. Braddock

Deep in the valleys of Southwestern Pennsylvania, lay hidden gems. The old, red brick one-room schoolhouses that accommodated so many children of this isolated region of Appalachia can still be seen across the county.

Such a very important part of our county's history is silently hushed, resting amongst the hillsides and vast forests that surround us. These beautiful, hand-crafted buildings are still visible today and should be rediscovered and restored for many generations to come.

It's not hard to imagine children leading their younger siblings down long dirt roads in the cold winters to find warmth in the schoolhouses.

Working hard inside were the teachers, who not only educated, but swept and cleaned the floors, and started the fires that kept the children warm during those long, frigid months.

Those beautiful women of the community could multi-task well, teaching grades 1-8 without pause. The basics of reading, writing and arithmetic were essential to function in the everyday community in which they lived. These skills not only maintained the foundation of everyday life but also helped to expand the surroundings of their ever-growing community.

Local families funded these schoolhouses, and they were often used for more than just education. The schoolhouses also functioned as celebration sites, polling places, and even churches on Sundays.

Desks were arranged in group levels, and the eldest of the students were expected to help with teaching the younger grades. Typically, on the walls at the front of the classroom would be maps of the larger world that surrounded these children. A globe would teach them the Earth was certainly not flat, and a chalkboard provided a place for grammar and math lessons.

The history of the nation in which they lived was also essential. To quote the late, Al Deynzer, who was a pillar of Greene County, *"If you don't know where you came from, how do you know who you are?"*

The children were required to start with the Pledge of Allegiance. Patriotism and prayer were part of these powerful life lessons.

Steve Simms, a resident of Aleppo Township and retired PennDot worker, recalled his days in one of the structures.

"The Aleppo schoolhouse had a six-man football team that played offense and defense. Richard Simms, John Watson, and Jimmy Ullom were the stars. They would compete against the



other school kids, and boy were they a something."

He also spoke of his friend Bob Jones, who gave the children of the Aleppo schoolhouse oranges for Christmas. Many of the kids had never seen, nor eaten an orange in their lifetimes. It was quite a gift.

Another resident, Paul Braddock went to the one-room schoolhouse on Long Run Road in 1946. He spent his first two years of schooling there. It was a little, wooden frame building that sat behind the Long Run Church of God. The school is long gone, and the church has unfortunately been vandalized and left in ruin.

Braddock, who is still a State Farm Insurance agent, recalled fondly, "My mother started me a year early because I begged to go with my brother, who was two years older than me. When we got there in the fall of 1946, the leaves were already turning. I walked in the schoolhouse, and the teacher was stoking the cast-iron potbelly stove that sat in the middle of the room."

He continued, "When us kids had an argument, disputes were settled at the coal house." That was where the coal was kept outside in a small shed. Fisticuffs were not an everyday occurrence but did happen to settle arguments.

Braddock also chuckled as he recalled when one of his classmates, Lee Jackson, who was tall for his age, took the paddle off the wall and held it high in the air so the teacher could not use it on him. All the kids laughed, although the teacher was not so amused.

The Greene County Historical Society is also a perfect place to start your own research.

Though they no longer provide housing for education and other events, the one-room schoolhouse reminds us how to excel with limited resources. These tight-knit, intimate settings provided wonderful environments and education for those that became pioneers for their community for many years to come.

AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS



Tractor Trivia Contest Winner!
Christine Conrad



Wacky Wine Contest Winner!
Lorraine Mersing



Catfish Round-Up Contest Winner #1
Natasha Walters

Winners not pictured

Catfish Round-Up Contest Winner #2
Ronald Finch

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Becky Robinson

Good NEWS

In Greene County

Three local students received \$1,000 scholarships from the Social Service League.



Joe Kirsch: Attending Penn State University
Major: Architectural Engineering



J.J. Martinez: Attending Penn State University
Major: Economics



Shelby Pack: Attending Southeastern University
Major: Ministerial Leadership: Family Ministries



West Greene and Waynesburg College alum Tim Denman's short noir film *The Crystal Dove* recently premiered at the Film Kitchen in McKees Rocks. (Photo by Tara Denman)

Garards Fort Post Office Named a Finalist for Carnegie Exhibit

The Garards Fort Post Office has made the final list for inclusion in the Carnegie Science Center's Miniature Railroad and Village. It is one of three finalists awaiting the results of voting to be announced in October.

The structure is the smallest standalone post office in Pennsylvania. The current building has remained relatively untouched since 1942. It is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Located at the Carnegie Science Center since 1992, the railroad and village specializes in recreating historic scenes from western Pennsylvania from the past 150 years.

The other finalists were the Bethel Township High School building and the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library in Bellevue.

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The Centers Direct Emergency Assistance services help Greene County low income individuals and families in need AVOID eviction and help obtain food for those with food insecurities, utility payments-to avoid utility disconnection, heating fuel for those at risk of no heat during the cold months and aid in child and senior social service items such as Angel tree, Project Bundle Up and Back to School assistance. Our warehouse is free to our community in need. 100% donations to the center support GREENE COUNTY FAMILIES IN NEED.

You are invited to join us for our annual Christmas Kettle Campaign for the Greene County Salvation Army Service Center 2025 Kettle Campaign.

The locations are Waynesburg Walmart, Waynesburg Giant Eagle, Carmichaels Shop N Save, and Jefferson Giant Eagle. Also, we will have tabletop kettles available to set up. We will campaign from Friday, November 21st, 2025, to Friday, December 24th, 2025. If you or your group are interested in volunteering, please contact me by email or call the office.

Events / Campaign and Signups:

Fall FLEAMARKET: October 1,2,3, 2025 10am-2pm, at the center, benefiting Project Bundle up (children and senior) (coats and winter wear).

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Gatts believes what makes his business stand apart from others is the unique nature of his product. "Nobody in the area sells the same kind of products that we do. Our company fills a void in the area when it comes to selling reliable products of this nature. We're the only company in the area that sells Range Road products, with the next closest being located in Morgantown."

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One thing Gatts is especially excited to share with the community is that GWP will be represented at the upcoming Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge, Ohio. Known as one of the largest forestry equipment expos on the East Coast, the event draws industry leaders, equipment dealers, and forestry enthusiasts from across the region.

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A NEW INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE

By Emma Bates

“My career has never been about maintaining what is; it’s been about building what could be,” says Michael Holloway, current Administrator of the Greene County Family Center. For Holloway, a new chapter and a new opportunity to serve is just around the corner.

“It’s always been about people,” Holloway reflects. “When you show up with integrity and vision, you don’t just serve individuals, you strengthen the very fabric of a community.”

Holloway’s work with the community began in public education as a substitute teacher and sign language communicator. Transitioning to the mental health sector, he has been privileged to support individuals and families in times of crisis, whether related to suicide, loss, addiction, or trauma. Additionally, Holloway has worked in skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, assisting senior citizens with impairments in a dignified manner.

Within his tenure with Greene County’s Children and Youth Services, Holloway has filled most of the roles within the system. He has also worked at the policy level, in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security, to create pioneering policies regarding human and child trafficking.

For the last several years, Holloway has been involved with transformational work at the Greene County Family Center, supporting parents and families by removing barriers to housing, transportation, and mental health access.

Holloway says, “Through long-standing partnerships and intentional outreach, I helped reshape the way information reaches our residents.”

One such effort was the revision of the Greene County Resource Booklet. Through the collaboration of community leaders and stakeholders, including Direct Results, Growing Up Greene, and the United Way, this publication serves as an arsenal of human services resources in both print and digital



formats. The booklet was circulated county-wide, placing useful tools in the hands of local households.

“Every partnership that I’ve built, every program that I’ve developed, and every initiative I’ve led has been about relationships,” he shared.

With this momentum, Holloway is now stepping out into a new chapter. Having served Greene County in multiple human services capacities, Holloway is now excited to transition into a new position in our county with Marinus Analytics, a company focused on the science behind human exploitation and injustice and solving problems using data and technology.

Holloway explains that he was drawn to the company’s mission and feels that its values align well with his own, both personally and professionally.

“They serve the same vulnerable families and front-line professionals that I’ve stood beside throughout my career, only now, I have the opportunity to do that work at scale,” he shares.

In a nutshell, this transition has been influenced by an overall understanding of personal mission, or, as Holloway says, knowing your “why”. Careers are not simply jobs. They are avenues for change based on conviction and a desire to serve, and Holloway looks forward to uplifting the people of Greene County in fresh ways.

“When we choose to invest in one another, it creates ripples that last for generations,” he said. “We’re not here to preserve the status quo; we’re here to cultivate something stronger, deeper, and more meaningful.”

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Long-time pharmacist, Scott Adamson, who began his relationship with McCracken when he served an internship in 1992, purchased the pharmacy in 2013, when Jeff McCracken retired. With the same philosophy of balanced progression and tradition, Scott has continued the work of keeping McCracken Pharmacy at the forefront of technology and modern convenience while maintaining comfort and personal attention to every customer.

The last few years have brought many changes as McCracken Pharmacy underwent a total re-branding, introducing a new logo design, color scheme and complete remodeling of the building’s interior and exterior. Located at the gateway to downtown Waynesburg, the remodeling project enhanced both the McCracken building and the neighborhood around it. With carefully chosen colors and style that represent McCracken’s unique brand of “Yesterday’s Service, Today’s Technology” the look certainly says it all. Scott is quick to point out, however, that the longevity and most valuable asset to McCracken Pharmacy is what you find inside the building – the people. “We’ve been fortunate to be able to maintain a relatively large staff, and to keep a high caliber of people who are consistent and compassionate with our customers, I’m proud to work with the people here,” Scott emphasizes. There are four pharmacists on staff, along with 8 additional techs and support personnel serving McCracken’s customers. That’s how they continue to provide “Yesterday’s Service” you can’t find anywhere else.

As for “Today’s Technology,” McCracken Pharmacy has always been a leader in the latest tools and expertise to deliver accuracy and efficiency in filling prescriptions and serving all needs of customers. That never changes. Just as McCracken was among the very first pharmacies to even use computer technology back in the 1960s, and later the most innovative dispensing systems, our local pharmacy today is helping to pioneer new methods of packaging designed to facilitate and improve accuracy in daily dosing of medications. “We offer innovative blister and strip packaging systems that clearly label and separate medicines for daily doses and help patients and caregivers stay informed and in control,” Scott explains. Particularly useful for those who take multiple doses and meds, this new system is easy to follow and much appreciated by customers. Just one more example of how our iconic “corner drug store” with all the charm of Yesterday’s Service is still a leader in Today’s Technology.

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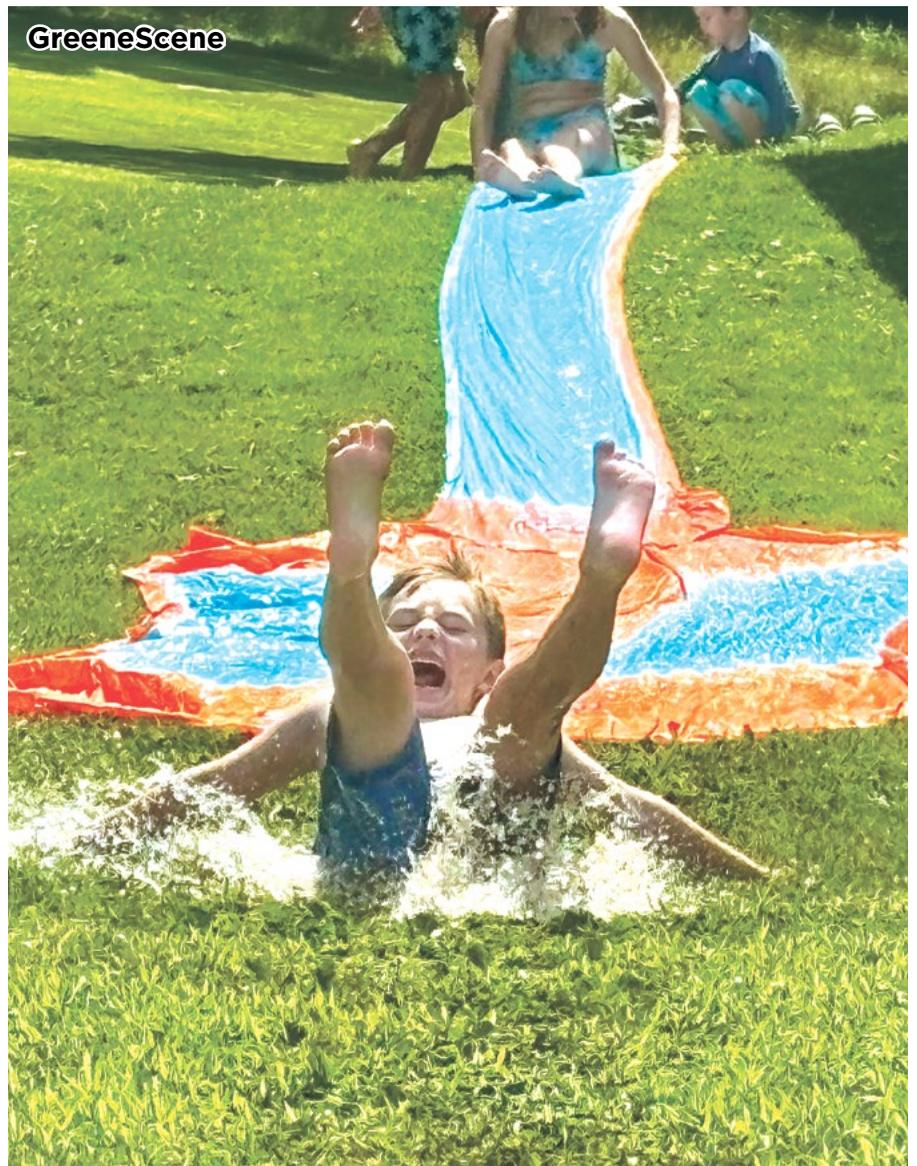
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AMISH METAL ROOFING, QUALITY AND INTEGRITY

By Eli Byler

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THE JOYS OF CANNING PICKLES By T.R. Mahle

Canning pickles is a delightful blend of tradition, creativity, and satisfaction. The process begins with selecting fresh cucumbers and crafting the perfect brine—a balance of vinegar, salt, and spices. As jars seal with a satisfying pop, there's a sense of accomplishment in preserving food by hand. Pickling allows for endless flavor experimentation, from classic dill to spicy garlic or sweet bread-and-butter. Sharing homemade pickles with friends and family brings joy and pride, while seeing pantry shelves fill up is deeply rewarding. Canning pickles is more than preserving vegetables—it's preserving memories, flavors, and the pleasure of self-sufficiency.

I have personally canned several hundred quarts of pickles over the years...with a lot of trial and error to get them just where I like them. There are literally hundreds and hundreds of recipes available on the internet and in private recipes boxes for canning pickles. Sampling all the various options that are available can be an exhausting but fun process. To suit your personal taste, tweaking and adjusting your brine till you get it exactly right could take years. One of the easiest methods for getting a recipe is to simply just ask the person for their recipe if you like their pickles...usually they are more than happy to share their secrets.

I am glad to share a couple of my favorite recipes that have been passed down in our family and enjoyed for generations.

Old-Fashioned Bread-and-Butter Pickles

These bread-and-butter pickles are a little less sweet than most...you can increase the sugar if you like. Some people also add a little ground clove and you might try some diced red pepper in place of some of the onions.

- You will need approximately 6 pounds of 4 to 5-inch pickling cucumbers
- 2 pounds of small onions...sliced into thin rounds
- ½ cup of pickling salt
- 4 ½ cups cider vinegar
- 3 cups of sugar
- 1 ½ teaspoons of ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon of celery seeds
- 2 tablespoons of yellow mustard seeds

Gently wash the cucumbers and remove the blossom end. Slice the cucumbers crosswise 1/16 inch thick. In a large bowl, toss the cucumbers and onions with the salt. Cover the cucumbers with ice cubes and let stand for 3 to 4 hours.

Drain the cucumbers. In a large nonreactive pot (stainless steel or glass) bring the remaining ingredients to a boil. Add the cucumbers and slowly bring the contents back to a boil. Using a slotted spoon, pack the cucumbers loosely in 8 pints or 4-quart mason jars. Close the jars with hot two-piece caps.

To ensure a good seal, process the jars for 10 minutes in a boiling-water bath or for 5-6 minutes in a steamer. Store the cooled jars in a cool, dry, dark place for at least 3 weeks before eating.



Dill Pickles (Mary Mayle's recipe)

Wash freshly picked pickles with a brush under cold water and pack into quart jars.

To each quart add:

- 1 tbl. Pickling salt
- 1 tsp. dill seed
- ½ tsp. mustard seed
- 1/8 tsp. powdered alum (makes them crispy)
- ½ clove garlic, sliced
- ¼ small hot pepper

Cover with a solution made from (3 parts water and 1 part vinegar) stirred together before pouring on the pickles.

Cold-pack for 5 minutes after the water comes to a boil.

(Important) resist the urge to open and eat immediately...let them sit for at least two weeks so the flavor will be absorbed. Enjoy!

The GreeneScene Community Magazine invites you, the reader, to send in your favorite recipes to be included in future issues. Email your recipes to info@greenescenemagazine.com.

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In addition to its membership programs, OLLI offers free public events that welcome the broader community, such as the annual Irving Goodman Aging Lecture, weekly t'ai chi classes in Pursglove, WV, and monthly lectures on a wide variety of topics hosted on Zoom.

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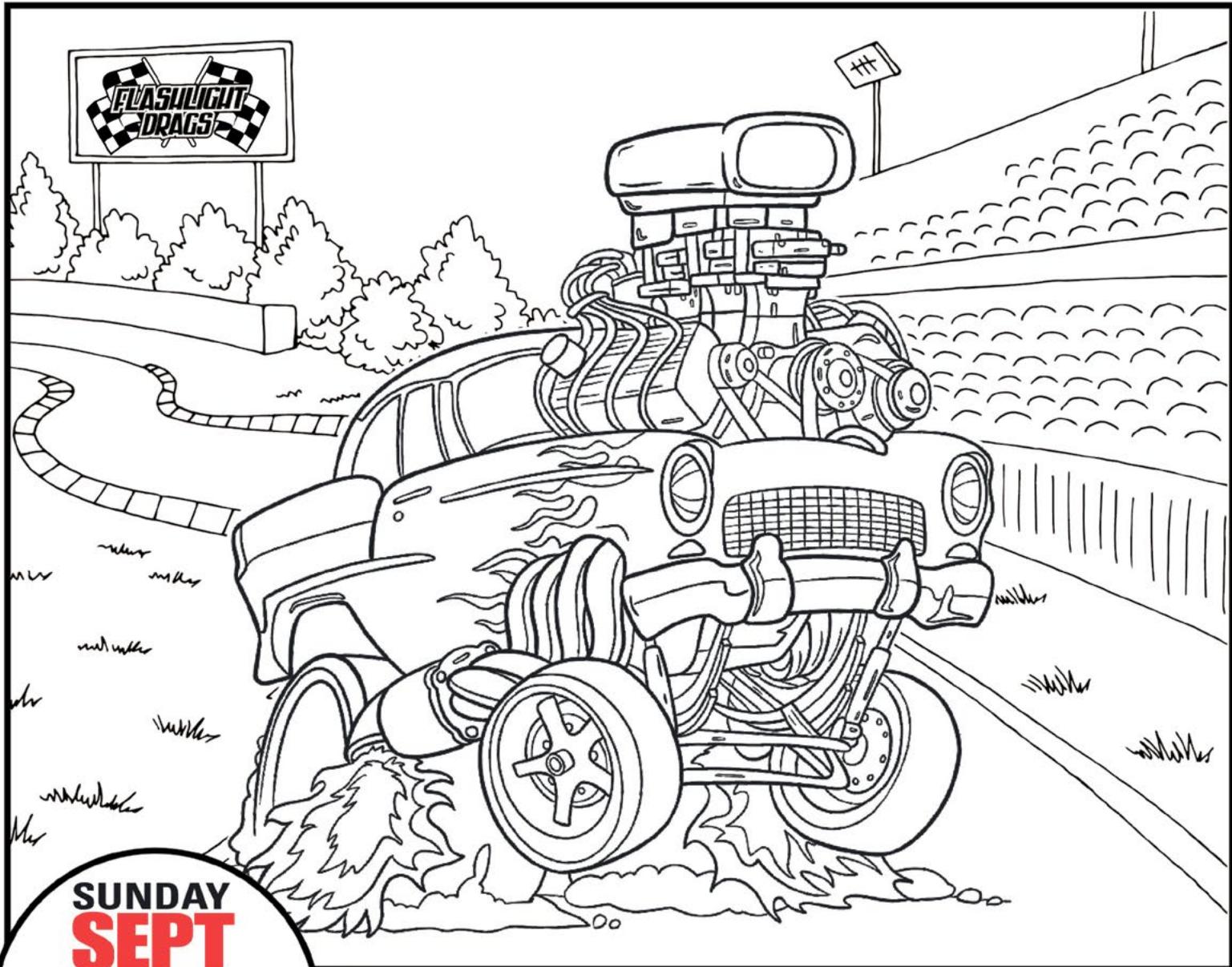
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AYDEN GERLACH



Current Student from Slippery Rock

What led you to enroll at PA Cyber?

I compete in cheerleading and travel a lot for competitions. After trying two other cyber charter schools, PA Cyber worked best for me. I can work ahead on assignments. I can focus on attending cheer practice and competitions without missing school or being behind on homework.

What's your favorite subject in school?

History. I like learning about the past and different events that have shaped the world today.

What are your goals for after graduation?

I want to become an Athletic Trainer and also coach tumbling at Top Gun Pittsburgh in Cranberry Township. I currently work there doing private lessons and classes.

KARISSA HAWK

Alumna in Melbourne, FL



What have you been doing since graduating from PA Cyber in 2023?

I am in college to earn a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. I have helped design and build rockets and received my L1 certification in launching rockets. I am a part of the AIAA club [American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics] at Florida Tech.

How did PA Cyber prepare you for this path?

PA Cyber has many great teachers and staff who have helped me believe my goals were possible. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for them. I was in many clubs at PA Cyber, which made me realize what my interests are.

MATTHEW ABEL



Teacher in Pittsburgh

What led you to PA Cyber?

I started teaching calculus face-to-face about 30 years ago, and about 10 years later, I worked for a major online education software company. Then, amazingly, PA Cyber chose me to be a teacher. I've been teaching here for about 7 years, and it's been wonderful. The students have made me the best teacher I can be. In fact, I was nominated for Pennsylvania

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August is National Wellness Month, a reminder to focus on holistically improving our overall health and wellness through stress management and implementing healthy routines. Taking care of both the mind and the body defines “wellness.”

It requires attention to physical health — nutrition, exercise, weight management, etc. and integrating mental and spiritual well-being. It is about fueling the body, engaging the mind, and nurturing the spirit.



Take some time this month to check in with yourself to assess your lifestyle and its impact on your current well-being to prioritize your needs. There are many areas of your life that can affect physical and mental health. Consider taking an audit of your emotional, occupational, social, physical, financial, environmental situations to start a pathway toward mindfulness. By making simple and healthy choices every day, you will be on your way towards reducing stress, having positive social interactions and achieving optimal wellness.

Connect with friends and/or family. Take a few minutes out each day to call or even just send a text. If you want to help loved ones prioritize

their wellness, you can check in with them by inviting them to participate in a self-care activity with you, like working out, going out for coffee, and having a chat, or just having a quiet night in.

Exercise for 20 to 30 minutes each day. Moving more helps release endorphins, improve your mood and give you more energy. Make small changes during the day like using the stairs, or parking further from your destination. Small changes can add up to a big difference in how you feel.

Relax and practice mindfulness. While it may not be something you are conditioned to practice every day, it's important to pause, listen to your thoughts, give yourself an opportunity to think about how you handled situations through the day or perhaps changes you would make going forward. Focus on your breathing and listen, appreciate, observe and be aware. Try to meditate for 10 to 15 minutes each day to relax your mind and review what might be causing added stress.

Seek guidance. If you are having trouble discerning what areas of your life could use attention or feel like you might need more help and support on your wellness journey, a licensed therapist can help you identify patterns in your life that aren't helping you and lead you to ones that will. Professional therapy can also help you unearth what might be hindering your wellness while giving you the tools to manage your life and wellness on your own. Dr. Gosai and his team are always ready to help anyone in our region with any ailment!

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