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Derrick Broadwater and Bob Aberegg
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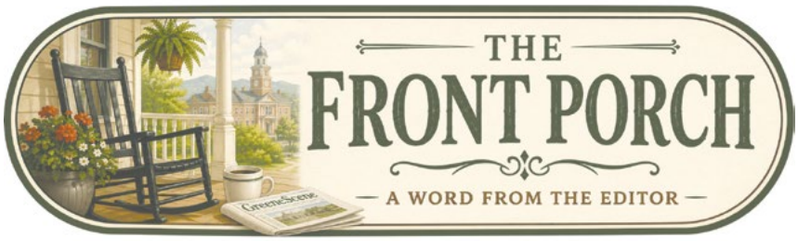
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As the leaves make their final colorful stand and the chill of late autumn settles over Greene County, it's time to slow down, pull up a chair, and appreciate the people, traditions, and stories that make this place home.

This issue is especially meaningful as **we honor our veterans**. Behind every uniform is a story of service, sacrifice, and dedication to something greater than oneself. Veterans Day gives us an opportunity to recognize those who answered the call, remember those who never made it home, and thank the men and women whose service helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy. Their stories deserve a place in our memories and our history.

We also bring you the final installment of our ***Outdoor Spotlight***, celebrating the local people that make the great outdoors special. Meanwhile, the fall sports season is winding down, bringing another round of hard-fought contests, memorable performances, and hometown pride.

Of course, fall has its sweeter side, too. Our apple press story takes us back to a time when turning the harvest into fresh cider was as much about community as it was about apples.

On the front cover, Derrick Broadwater and Bob Aberegg pose with their fully restored apple press. Derrick and his wife wanted to start a fall tradition to bring family and friends together. It's their hope that the process will create childhood memories today and become a tradition that is passed on for generations.

So settle in, enjoy the season, and take a little time to savor another good story waiting just beyond the front porch.




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Adjustments and Funding Needed for Emergency Service Volunteers

By David Plavi

Every day, communities across Pennsylvania—and throughout the country—ask the same question:

"Why can't we find volunteers for our Fire Departments and EMS agencies?"

The answer isn't because people don't care. The reality is much more complicated.

Years ago, becoming a volunteer firefighter or EMT often meant completing a few required classes and learning alongside experienced members. Today, the expectations placed on volunteers have grown tremendously.

A new volunteer is often expected to complete dozens, sometimes hundreds, of hours of training before they are fully qualified. Firefighters may be required to complete Firefighter I, Hazardous Materials Operations, Incident Command, CPR, Bloodborne Pathogens, National Incident Management System (NIMS) courses, annual refreshers, driver/operator training, and specialized certifications depending on their department.

Those interested in EMS face an equally significant commitment. EMT certification alone typically requires well over 150 hours of classroom and practical instruction, followed by state and national testing, continuing education, and recertification requirements.

For those who choose to continue their education, the commitment becomes even greater. An **Advanced EMT** (AEMT) program generally requires an additional 200 to 300 hours of classroom, laboratory, clinical, and field training beyond the EMT level. **Tuition can range from $1,400 to more than $2,200, not including textbooks, testing fees, travel, or time away from work.**

Those pursuing the highest level of prehospital certification as a **Paramedic** face an even larger investment. Paramedic programs commonly require **1,200 to 2,000 total hours** of classroom education, clinical rotations, and field internships. Most programs take **12 to 24 months** to complete, and tuition alone can range from **$8,000 or more**, before accounting for books, uniforms, certification exams, and licensing fees.

These advanced certifications are incredibly valuable and produce highly skilled medical professionals who save lives every day. However, they also represent a tremendous investment for individuals who may ultimately choose to volunteer their time rather than receive a paycheck. For many people with full-time jobs and families, the commitment can simply become too much.

Then there are the **additional costs**.

Before many volunteers can even begin serving, they must obtain criminal history clearances. In Pennsylvania, this often includes:

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Check
- Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (when applicable)
- FBI Criminal Background Check requiring fingerprinting

While these background checks serve an important purpose in protecting the public, they also add another expense and another hurdle for someone who is already volunteering their time.

Training itself may be offered at reduced or no cost through county or state programs, but volunteers still sacrifice countless evenings, weekends, and time away from their families. They often spend hundreds of hours in classrooms, practical exercises, clinical rotations, and continuing education before ever responding to an emergency on their own. Some departments may also ask members to purchase personal equipment, maintain certifications, attend meetings, participate in fundraising, respond to emergencies at all hours, and complete increasing amounts of administrative requirements.

What many people don't realize is that volunteering often comes with **out-of-pocket expenses** as well. Volunteers frequently use their own vehicles and fuel to attend training, respond to the station, or travel to classes. They may purchase boots, uniforms, flashlights, gloves, or other equipment not provided by their department. Meals during all-day training sessions, childcare while attending evening classes, and lost wages from taking time off work for required certifications all become personal expenses.

While these costs may seem small individually, they add up quickly and can become a significant burden for someone who is already donating their time. Imagine asking someone with a full-time job, a family, children's activities, and everyday responsibilities to dedicate hundreds—or even thousands—of hours, spend their own money, and remain available around the clock to serve their community—all without receiving a paycheck.

That's the reality facing volunteer emergency services today.

Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs don't just respond to fires or medical emergencies. They provide traffic control, rescue victims from vehicle crashes, assist during floods and severe weather, support community events, educate the public, maintain equipment, train constantly, participate in fundraising, mentor new members, and remain ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Emergency calls continue to increase. Expectations continue to rise. Yet the number of volunteers continues to decline.

If we truly want to strengthen volunteer emergency services, we must ask ourselves difficult questions.

Can we reduce unnecessary barriers while maintaining high standards?

Can we better assist volunteers with the costs of certifications, equipment, uniforms, travel, and required background checks?

Can employers, communities, and government agencies do more to support those willing to serve?

Are we asking volunteers to shoulder too much of the burden alone?

Volunteer emergency services remain one of the greatest examples of neighbors helping neighbors. But without meaningful support, we risk losing a tradition that has protected our communities for generations.



Harry Gillispie, 53 years as a volunteer firefighter and still responding

The next time you see a volunteer Firefighter or EMT, remember they likely gave up evenings with their family, weekends with their children, vacations, holidays, and hundreds—sometimes thousands—of hours for training.

Perhaps the question isn't, **"Why don't people volunteer anymore?"** Instead, we should be asking, **"What can we do to make volunteering possible again?"**



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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A Letter to Greene County from Camera Bartolotta

Dear Greene County Residents,

Since 2015, it has been the honor of my life to represent you in the Pennsylvania State Senate. I'm asking for your vote on Tuesday, November 3rd so I can keep fighting to make Greene County a place where you can raise a family, start a business, earn a good living, and retire with dignity. I also encourage you to support Ben Humble for State Representative.

From New Freeport to Waynesburg to Mt. Morris and everywhere in between, I've had the privilege of meeting you at your doors, at festivals and community events, in your schools, small businesses, VFWs, and fire halls. Those conversations have shaped my work in Harrisburg and kept my priorities rooted in Greene County values.

I'm proud to have earned the support of farmers, coal miners, oil and gas workers, teachers, nurses, faith leaders, and small business owners across this county. Greene Countians have built, fed, maintained, and powered our Commonwealth and our Nation. Our proud history in coal mining, agriculture, power generation, and now natural gas production has made us a pillar of Pennsylvania's economy.

This election will decide the future of Greene County. It is not about Republicans versus Democrats - it is about protecting working families and the blue-collar energy workers who provide the quality of life we enjoy.

The Center for Coalfield Justice, a radical environmental group funded by out-of-state billionaires, has spent decades trying to shut down coal, oil, and gas jobs in our region. This year, they are backing environmental activists Jodi Borello and Lois Bower-Bjornson for office. Their agenda would shutter our energy production, wiping out family-sustaining jobs and our tax base in the process.

I am grateful to have earned the trust of Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and people from every walk of life. They know what's at stake, and they know I've worked tirelessly to deliver real results for Greene County.

In the Senate, I have secured millions of dollars for Greene County to repair crumbling roads and bridges, improving safety and access for residents, first responders, and public service vehicles. I have delivered funding for critical water and sewage infrastructure upgrades and worked closely with all five school districts to support our students and teachers. I have fought for expanded high-speed internet and telehealth access and helped secure a cost-of-living increase for retired teachers. I have authored and passed 11 bills, including measures to expand workers' compensation for first responders with PTSD and to protect domestic violence victims, and I have introduced legislation to protect Pennsylvania lineworkers and to expand full practice authority for nurse practitioners.

I also ensured that landowners - especially farmers - receive the same depletion allowance deduction as federal tax standards, providing real tax relief for those who own mineral rights.

Act 13 - the natural gas impact fee - has been a lifeline for Greene County as coal production has declined. Greene County has received $176 million from this impact fee, supporting infrastructure projects, fire departments, road equipment, human services, and essential municipal operations. Those are dollars we cannot afford to lose - but they are at risk if we elect activists who want to crush our energy industry.

Greene County has promising opportunities but still faces challenges, including attracting new capital investment, broadening our tax base, easing the heavy burden of property taxes on seniors, cleaning up brownfields, and unleashing the full potential of Pennsylvania energy. I am committed to continuing this work.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, I respectfully ask for your vote so we can protect our jobs, our communities, and the future of Greene County.

Sincerely,
Camera Bartolotta
Pennsylvania State Senator

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Since her election to the Pennsylvania Senate in 2014, Senator Bartolotta has built a reputation as a tireless advocate for economic growth, workforce development, law enforcement, and energy independence. Representing communities across Greene, Washington, and Beaver Counties, she has championed legislation that strengthens Pennsylvania's economy, supports working families, and restores common sense to government.



She continues to work to:
- Lower energy costs and protect energy jobs
- Hold data centers accountable
- Advance property tax reform
- Equip law enforcement with needed tools and resources

Camera backs PA's natural gas Impact Fee (Act 13) - a vital source of local funding that recently delivered:
- **$5.5 million** directly to Greene County
- **$9.7 million** to Greene County municipalities

These dollars support **critical road repairs** and **public safety projects** that our communities count on.

Camera will always stand firm in defending Pennsylvania's coal, oil, and natural gas workers against **Jodi Borello's Green New Deal agenda and the Center for Coalfield Justice's** efforts to eliminate their jobs.

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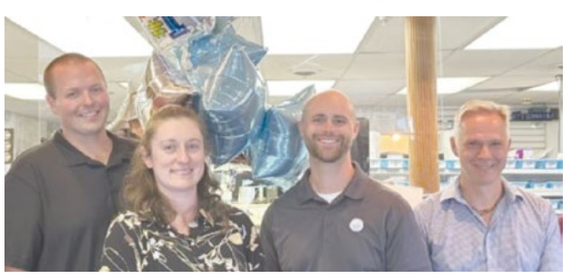
OCTOBER PERSON, PLACE OR THING ANSWER

For more than three decades, **Scott Adamson** has been part of the **McCracken Pharmacy** story in Waynesburg. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, Adamson first came to McCracken Pharmacy as an intern in 1992. A little over two decades later, he became its owner, purchasing the venerable business from Jeff McCracken when McCracken retired in 2013.

Founded by Jack McCracken in 1961, the pharmacy has built its reputation on combining personal, community-oriented service with modern pharmacy practices. Adamson has continued that tradition while expanding the business to include medication synchronization, medication packaging, immunizations and other clinical services.

Under Adamson's ownership, the pharmacy has continued its excellent service and high standards, while remaining locally owned.

In 2025, McCracken Pharmacy was among just 32 pharmacies nationwide recognized by the Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network as a "Most Engaged Pharmacy," - another indication of the expanded role this independent pharmacy has taken in serving its community.



McCracken Pharmacists Drew and Heather Eddy, Andrew Behm and Scott Adamson

OCTOBER WINNER: TAMMY SMITH

PERSON PLACE OR THING

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The infantry, the cavalry, the gun,
The sailor, too, are carved in lasting stone;
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Each sacrifice remembered as their own.

Above them stands fair Peace with wreath in hand,
While beneath, their courage guards the land.

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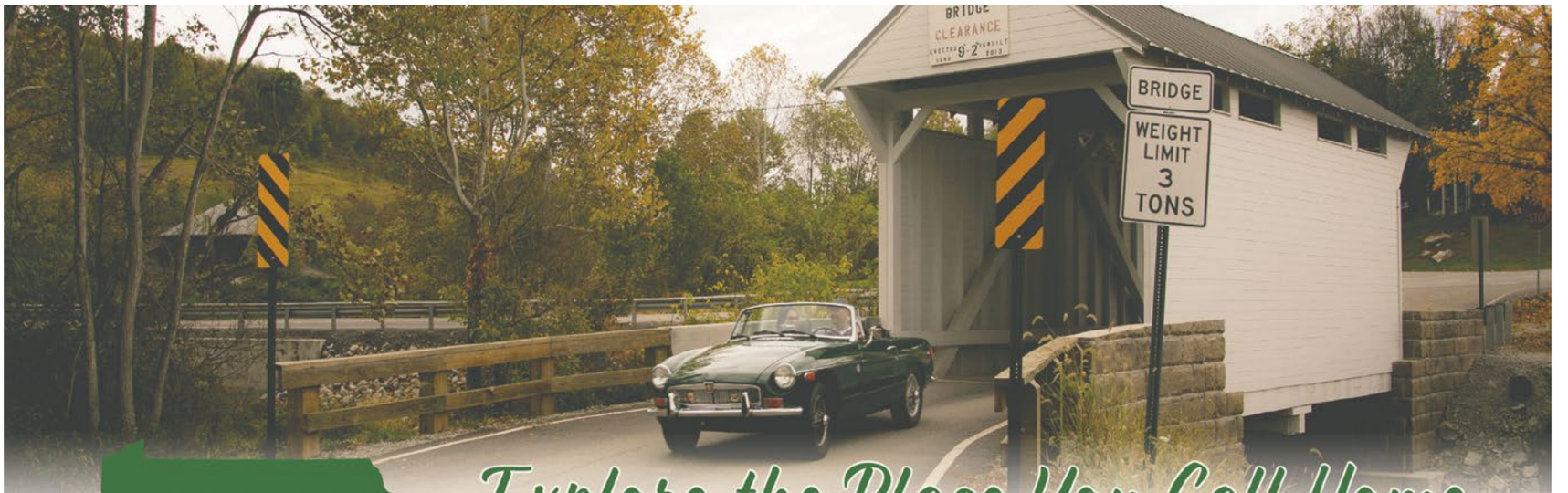
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Make Small Business Saturday a day of discovery in Greene County! Find one-of-a-kind gifts, unexpected treasures, and special finds at local boutiques and shops. Whether you're shopping for someone you love or treating yourself, you never know what you'll discover just around the corner. Shop local this holiday season and find new favorites to enjoy all year long!



BLESSED VALLEY | HOLBROOK

Escape to Blessed Valley Lodging in Holbrook, PA, for a unique countryside retreat. This cozy converted school bus sits beside a peaceful pond, offering scenic views and a relaxing place to unwind. Enjoy time by the water, take in the surrounding countryside, and recharge in the infrared sauna. It's the perfect spot to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy a peaceful getaway.



GYPSY RAMBLER | WAYNESBURG

Discover Gypsy Rambler, a unique boutique in downtown Waynesburg inspired by mindfulness, comfort, and bringing the outdoors in. Browse an ever-changing selection of apparel, coffee mugs, jewelry, and fun finds. Looking for something special? Explore PermaLinx by jBloom, featuring permanent jewelry designed to be worn beautifully every day. Stop in and see what new treasures await!



WHAT'S SMOKIN' BBQ | MATHER

Follow the smoky aroma to What's Smokin' BBQ! This mobile BBQ trailer serves up mouthwatering smoked meats, from pulled pork and chicken to brisket, BBQ grilled cheese, and pulled pork nachos. Complete your meal with smoked mac-n-cheese or homemade slaw. Follow What's Smokin' BBQ on Facebook to find out where they'll be serving up their next delicious meal!

NOVEMBER 2026 EVENTS

November 7 | Veterans Day Parade
Downtown Waynesburg

November 7 | Flenniken Library Elimination Dinner
Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department, Jefferson

November 8 | Iconic Fall Frenzy
EQT REC Center, Waynesburg

November 8 | Parker's Legacy of Love Fundraiser
Thistlethwaite Vineyards, Jefferson

November 13 | Dinner Theater w/ One-Act Plays
The Denny House, Waynesburg

November 14 | Waynesburg VFW Craft Show
Greene County Fairgrounds, Waynesburg

November 14 | Fall Craft & Vendor Show
EQT Rec Center, Waynesburg

November 14 | Christmas Craft Show
Greene Academy of Art, Carmichaels

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Eva K Bowlby Public Library, Waynesburg

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Good NEWS
In Greene County

WCHS Lions Club Students of the Month for October

Chatham Knight is the daughter of Chaley and Adam Knight of Waynesburg. She has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Hope Squad, Alpha Beta, the prom committee, and Spanish Club. She is also the president of Student Council, Youth Alive, and the National Honor Society. Chatham has been recognized as Top 10 in FST and honors for two years in chemistry. She also earned the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. Chatham was also the WCHS 2026 Homecoming Queen. Outside of the classroom, she is a four-year member and two-year captain of both the volleyball and basketball teams. Her basketball team won a section title, while her volleyball teams won two section titles, reached the WPIAL semi-finals, and qualified for states. Chatham has been honored as an All-section and All-County volleyball player, and an All-county basketball player. She was also recognized as an Athlete of the Month by GreeneScene Magazine.

She attends the First Presbyterian Church of Waynesburg, where she serves in the nursery and the praise band. She is also a member of the First Baptist Youth Group. She has volunteered for the Lions Club, Little Dribblers, and a variety of school events.

Chatham enjoys sports, photography and Bible studies. She plans to earn a degree in nursing and pursue a career in a pediatric unit.

Lelia McCollum is the daughter of Loribeth and Heath McCollum of Waynesburg. She has a 4.0 GPA and is a member of Alpha Beta, the prom committee and Spanish Club. Lelia serves as the treasurer of student council and NHS. She is a four-year member of the volleyball and track teams and served as a captain for the volleyball team.

She was awarded as a Top 10 in FST. Her volleyball team was two-time section champs, a WPIAL semi-finalist and state qualifier. Lelia was recognized as a two-time All-Section and two-time All-County volleyball player. She also plays club volleyball. Lelia was also a GreeneScene Magazine athlete of the month.

She has volunteered her time coaching young athletes in volleyball and helping little league baseball. Lelia is also the Easter Bunny and has held several jobs as a handy man assistant and a GCCC cart attendant.

Lelia plans to further her education and volleyball career in college. She will pursue a degree in exercise science and a career in physical therapy.



Chatham Knight



Lelia McCollum

W.U. Receives Alpha Lambda Delta Charter

Waynesburg University recently inducted 101 students into its Alpha Lambda Delta honor society during a Sept. 25 ceremony in Roberts Chapel.

The ceremony recognized students for their academic achievements during their first year of college. After taking the organization's pledge, which emphasizes scholarship, service, diligence and integrity, each student received a certificate and pin to mark their membership.

The event also included the official installation of the university's chapter, with Jody Marsh, a member of Alpha Lambda Delta's Board of Trustees, presenting the chapter charter. The ceremony ended with a candle-lighting tradition inspired by the organization's motto, "we shall pass our torches on, one to another."

Founded in 1924, Alpha Lambda Delta is a national honor society that recognizes first-year college students who excel academically. Students are invited to join if they earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher during their first year.

Beyond academic recognition, membership offers students opportunities to develop leadership skills, participate in community service and prepare for future careers. Members can also apply for national scholarships offered through the organization.

For Waynesburg University, establishing a chapter gives students another way to celebrate their accomplishments while encouraging them to stay involved on campus and continue working toward their goals.



Madison Zeroski, Bethany Byrne, Bryn Lahew, and Olivia Dirk were inducted at the ceremony.

Carmichaels Homecoming Court



First Row: Pepper Mehalik (flower girl), Seniors: Lillian Pratt, Brenna Walker, Taylor Glies, and Grayson Shoemaker (crown bearer)

Second Row: Freshman: Chloe Baker and Savanna Edge, Juniors: Anna Hetrick and Bridget Pollock, Sophomores Jennifer Hunter and Kennedy Martin

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HEAVY ROCK & HOMETOWN ROOTS:

INSIDE SCATTERED HAMLET WITH ADAM JOAD

From the rolling hills of Greene County to stages all across the country, home is where the heart (and the music) is! In this episode of the GreeneScene Podcast, host Shelly Brown sits down with Adam Joad, lead vocalist and frontman for the hard-hitting local band Scattered Hamlet.

While Adam was born in New York, his family roots in Greene County date all the way back to the 1700s. After taking a leap of faith to pursue music in Southern California doing handyman gigs, appearing on HGTV, and building industry connections, Adam realized that the best place to run his music machine was right back home. Today, he ships Scattered Hamlet's unique blend of rock, metal, country, and hip-hop to fans all over the world, straight out of Greene County!



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The Great McGuffey Food Drive

By Laura McAnallen

This month, the McGuffey Middle School Student Forum will kick off its annual food drive, and if past years are any indication, the competition is sure to be fierce.

Every year, the McGuffey Middle School Student Forum hosts a food drive to collect canned and boxed food for families in the community who are in need. This annual event gives students an opportunity to make a difference by helping provide food and support to local families.

For years, the very competitive Mrs. Salosky, a sixth-grade science teacher, has challenged other homerooms to see which class can collect the most canned goods. Her room's domination of the drive has spanned all the years of recent memory.

That all changed last year when I discovered Mrs. Salosky's secret weapon: **candy!** As a fellow sixth grade teacher, I received intel about "the bribery" and decided to fight fire with fire.

I announced I would also offer sweet inducements to my students to give their all during the contest. And just like that – the Great McGuffey Food Drive Rivalry was born.

The competition was intense, and the results were incredible. Together, the two homerooms collected **more than 1,000 cans of food.** Both classes earned an ice cream treat for their hard work, generosity, and dedication. While there may have been a friendly competition between the homerooms, everyone involved was a winner because the real goal was helping people in the community.

Ultimately, there was a new champion crowned - winning by **ONE** can!

After the food drive, all donated items were collected and given to Mrs. Cambruzzi, the Agricultural Science teacher and the head of the FFA. She stored the food in the middle and high school food pantries, and the items were made available to families in the community who were experiencing food insecurity.

Families in need of assistance can reach out to a school counselor or complete a Google Form located on the McGuffey School District website. This provides families with a way to request support from the school food pantry and access the resources they need.

What started as a little homeroom rivalry has turned into something much bigger—a chance for students to work together, have a little fun, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.





Hickory Galosky, Ella Lowe, Jamal Noll, Leanna Humphries, and Ashton Grice display the fruits of their labor during the Great McGuffey Food Drive

An Exciting Morning in JM GATE "SWAP"

Jefferson-Morgan's elementary GATE students will produce and sell a journalistic magazine this year as part of their curriculum and fundraising efforts. The magazine will be patterned after the Backroads Magazine produced by Waynesburg Central High School students in 1977.

Articles featured in that magazine have been reprinted over the past several months in the GreeneScene. In that collection, students interviewed their grandparents and older friends and relatives to preserve tales and descriptions of life during a bygone era.

Now another generation of Greene County students will capture the memories of previous generations to be preserved for posterity.

Pam Marisa, owner of Direct Results and the GreeneScene reached out to GATE teachers **Mrs. Kelly Keruskin** and **Courtney Ignaski** about the project after she and her husband worked with the GATE students on several other projects.

"Kent and I were so impressed with the level of intelligence, enthusiasm and maturity these kids have, we knew they could handle something this advanced."

The project will include multiple lessons about writing and journalism to give them the tools they will need to produce the book.

Marisa enlisted the help of GreeneScene editor, Bret Moore, to instruct the students on interviewing and journalistic techniques. Moore is a retired English teacher, who taught in the McGuffey School District for 30 years.

"These kids are really astute. They have the ability to understand what it takes to create, in effect, a literary time capsule," said Moore. "We want them to understand that writing about what might seem like mundane activities or interactions will give people in the future an idea of the world in which their grandparents grew up."

The introductory lesson was: "Journalism: The Art of the Interview." Students learned what makes a good interview, how to build an interview, and the five rules that good journalists follow.

According to Keruskin, "We are happy to be giving our students this incredible opportunity to learn, create, and become part of our local history. We can't wait to see where the Backroads Project takes them."

The first stories from their efforts will be published in the Backroads section of the GreeneScene the first of the year.



Classmates Stella Dikun and Ava Sworden practice interviewing techniques.



GreeneScene publisher Pam Marisa explains the Backroads project to JM GATE students.



Cool at School:

Pioneers Welcome Two New FFA Teachers

By Aubrey Lesnett

West Greene High School is continuing to build its agricultural education program with the addition of two teachers, **Annaliese Yost and Lyndsey Garrett**, who bring their own experiences and goals to the classroom.

Yost joined West Greene last year as an agriculture teacher and STEAM FFA advisor, while Garrett joined the school this year as its agriculture mechanics teacher and FFA advisor. Both are looking to give students opportunities to learn new skills, explore their interests and prepare for the future.

For **Yost**, joining West Greene meant becoming part of a community that values its school and agricultural program.

"My first impression of West Greene was how welcoming and community-oriented everyone is," She notes. "It's clear that the students, staff and families take pride in their school and the agriculture program."

Yost said the district's emphasis on hard work, tradition and teamwork made it a natural fit for her. She was also drawn to the opportunity to work closer to home and spend more time with her three daughters while continuing to teach.

Since joining the school, Yost has focused on finding ways to get students more involved in agriculture classes and FFA. She hopes to offer opportunities that match different interests, including livestock judging, floral design, STEAM competitions and leadership activities.

Her goals also include starting a Parliamentary Procedure team, expanding floral design projects and strengthening livestock judging opportunities.

Garrett, who joined West Greene this year, is bringing her background to the school's agriculture mechanics program. Originally from Carlisle, Kentucky, Garrett graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education.

In her introduction to the West Greene community, Garrett said she is excited to become part of a close-knit school where she can make a meaningful impact.

She looks forward to building relationships with students, supporting their growth inside and outside the classroom and creating hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for future success.

Garrett also expressed enthusiasm about becoming part of West Greene's traditions while helping its agricultural education program continue to grow.

Both newcomers emphasize the importance of giving students opportunities to develop skills beyond traditional classroom lessons.

Through agriculture courses and FFA activities, students can explore their interests, build leadership skills and gain practical experience that may benefit them in future careers.



Annaliese Yost



Lyndsey Garrett

Cool at School:

Falling Into Place at CASD

By Emma Bates

The leaves aren't the only things moving quickly around Carmichaels this autumn season. The Mighty Mikes are back at it with a whirlwind of color and the crisp fall feeling that returns to the halls as the days grow shorter.

Homecoming blew in with a monsoon of success as attendants and their escorts enjoyed the rainy but beautiful evening of football and friendship. Senior attendants included Brenna Walker and Taylor Giles, with Lillian Hardy being crowned queen. Representing the junior class were Anna Hetrick and Bridget Pollock. Sophomores were represented by Jennifer Hunter and Kennedy Martin, while Chole Baker and Savanna Edge were selected by the freshman class. Pepper Mihalik and Grayson Shoemaker brought some extra sparkle to the evening as flower girl and crown bearer, respectively.

The annual **Elementary Fall Festival** was also a hit, featuring crafts, outdoor activities, food, and hay rides all day. And there's been even more fun off campus.

Mrs. Christopher's class recently caught the fall foliage aboard the Frostburg Flyer along the Western Maryland Railway and enjoyed some other historic spots on their autumn outing.

The **Envirothon First Team** is back representing the Mikes at the Pennsylvania State Grassland Evaluation contest in State College, PA, with Hayden Yeager, Isaiah Curry, Jocelyn Carter, and Joby Pratt placing third with their agricultural skills.

The **Mighty Mikes Cross Country Team** has also been sprinting toward excellence, with 12 athletes beating their personal records in their recent meet against Seton Lasalle and Keystone Oaks, and continuing the record-breaking with their final competition of the regular season at McGuffey. The team is advancing to the Mingo Classic Pinkout Invitational soon, where they hope to continue their ascent.

With all this activity both in and out of the halls, it's no surprise that the mikes are in full color this fall.



Mrs. Christopher's class railroad outing.

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First Federal of Greene County's President/CEO Named Chair of State Banking Association

Trump Will Lead PACB for One Year

Charles W. Trump, Jr., President/CEO of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County, was recently elected chair of the Pennsylvania Association of Community Bankers (PACB) during the organization's 2026 convention.

Trump, who will serve one year as chair, will oversee the operations of PACB's executive committee and ensure the development and execution of its strategic mission and goals for its members.

"What an honor it is to help represent and promote community banking across our great state of Pennsylvania," Trump said. **"I am humbled at the opportunity to represent First Federal of Greene County, while also looking forward to uniting with other community bankers to further the mission and strengthen the passion for our special industry."**

Joining the Association in 1999, Trump began his career with First Federal as a loan officer in Morgantown. He later moved to the Waynesburg main office in 2010 as a Vice President in charge of deposit operations, marketing and security.

In January 2017, Trump was named Executive Vice President and Secretary of the Association's Board of Directors before being named CEO two years later. **In January 2020, he was appointed to the Board and became President in April 2020.**

Since Trump became President, the Association expanded its footprint to 11 branches with the opening of additional offices in Bridgeport, W.Va., and Fairchance, Pa., recorded more than $1 billion in assets in 2021 and celebrated its 100th year of service in 2024, all while continuing to uphold the principles of a true community bank.

"Each day, Chuck embodies the values we hold dear at PACB, empowering First Federal of Greene County to positively impact the communities they serve," said Kevin Shivers, PACB president and CEO. "He has been a stalwart supporter of the power of community banking for many years. I know he will be a great chair and advocate because he understands how vital these banks are to our towns and cities across Pennsylvania."

A native of Fayette County, Trump graduated from what was then Waynesburg College in 1995 with a bachelor's degree and in 2006 with an MBA. He is a member of Waynesburg University's Board of Trustees, a former member and past president of the university's Alumni Council and a member of the university's Business School Advisory Board.

In the community, Trump currently serves with Rotary Club of Waynesburg and the Salvation Army of Greene County Advisory Board, as well as the Fairchance Exchange Club and City Mission-Living Stones, Inc. in Fayette County. He previously served on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Area Agency on Aging board, helping to educate seniors in the community about fraud and other financial issues.

Trump and his wife, Shelly, live in Fairchance, and have two daughters: Elizabeth, a pediatrician at WVU Medicine Golisano Children's Hospital in Morgantown, and Kimberly, a 2L student at the Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

His family is also blessed to include Elizabeth's husband, Luke Dice, and their children, Charles James (C.J.), John Luke and Lillian Faye.

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The Last Flight of a Flying Fortress and a Mt. Morris Boy

For Roger Lemley, it started with a photograph. As a young boy, he became fascinated by an 8 X 10 glossy in his father's gun cabinet. In the photo was his cousin, Hershel "Ted" Bowers and the crew of his B-17 bomber during World War II. Like many boys of his era, Ted had enlisted soon after graduating from Mt. Morris High School.

There was something about the photograph—and the story behind the young man staring back from it—that stayed with Roger.

That B-17 "Flying Fortress" was one of the heavy bombers that carried the war into the skies over Nazi Germany. On November 2, 1944, Ted and his crewmates were assigned to a bombing mission to hit an oil refinery near Merseburg, Germany.

They completed their bombing run and released their load. But before they could escape the area, the aircraft was struck by three bursts of German anti-aircraft flak.

The damage was catastrophic. The nose of the aircraft was blown away, and bombardier Jim Hundley and navigator Dan De Bonis were struck. However, co-pilot Ray Nickola and waist gunner Arnold Kramer managed to parachute from the crippled aircraft. Both survived and were eventually taken prisoner.

However, the remaining four members of the crew crashed near the small German village of Priester. In addition to Ted, Jim Foltz, Carrol Tallant, Luther Salter, and Herb Chouinard were killed. They were hastily buried in a small church yard in that village.

After the war, the bodies of the men were exhumed and buried where their families had requested. Ted was eventually laid to rest in the American Cemetery in Luxemburg.

For most families, the story might have ended there—or at least remained frozen in the incomplete information contained in military records. His family knew where he had been and when he had been killed, but the details of those final moments were lost somewhere across the Atlantic.

However, Roger was still haunted by the need to complete the story of his cousin. The photograph that had captured his attention as a boy had become something more than an old family picture. It represented a person whose story deserved to be told.

In 2005, Roger began trying to reconstruct the full story via the internet. He searched for records, followed leads and worked to identify people who might have remembered the crash. He connected with a German citizen named Peter Gajda who helped research the crash and its aftermath.

Eventually, that effort led to a remarkable discovery. Peter found a witness named Helmet Rosche, who knew the story of the aircraft and the fate of the men aboard it. He had witnessed the event as a 16-year-old boy. Suddenly, the photograph from Roger's childhood had a connection to real people and a story that had survived the passage of decades.

Rosche's knowledge helped fill in pieces that had been missing for generations. Roger could finally begin to understand what had happened to Ted and his fellow crewmen after their aircraft crashed near Priester.

Rosche recalled how the mayor of the town asked a German officer what to do with the bodies. The officer replied, "just bury the criminals somewhere." British and French prisoners of war were forced to dig the graves. The mayor had tried to make the burial as "dignified" as possible and wrapped the bodies in tent awnings.

But Roger wasn't content simply to know the story. He wanted the men remembered where they had fallen. Through his efforts, arrangements were eventually made for a ceremony on November 3, 2019, in the same tiny chapel where the men had initially been buried.

A plaque was placed there in their honor, providing a permanent reminder of the young Americans whose lives ended far from home protecting the world from authoritarian dictators. Even the American consulate in Germany attended the ceremony.

For Roger, it was the completion of a journey that had begun decades earlier with a photograph.

There is something remarkable about the way family stories can work. Sometimes they begin with just a name. Sometimes it is a faded letter, a uniform tucked away in a trunk or a photograph of someone who died before the next generation was old enough to know them.

For Roger Lemley, it was that photograph of his cousin Ted.

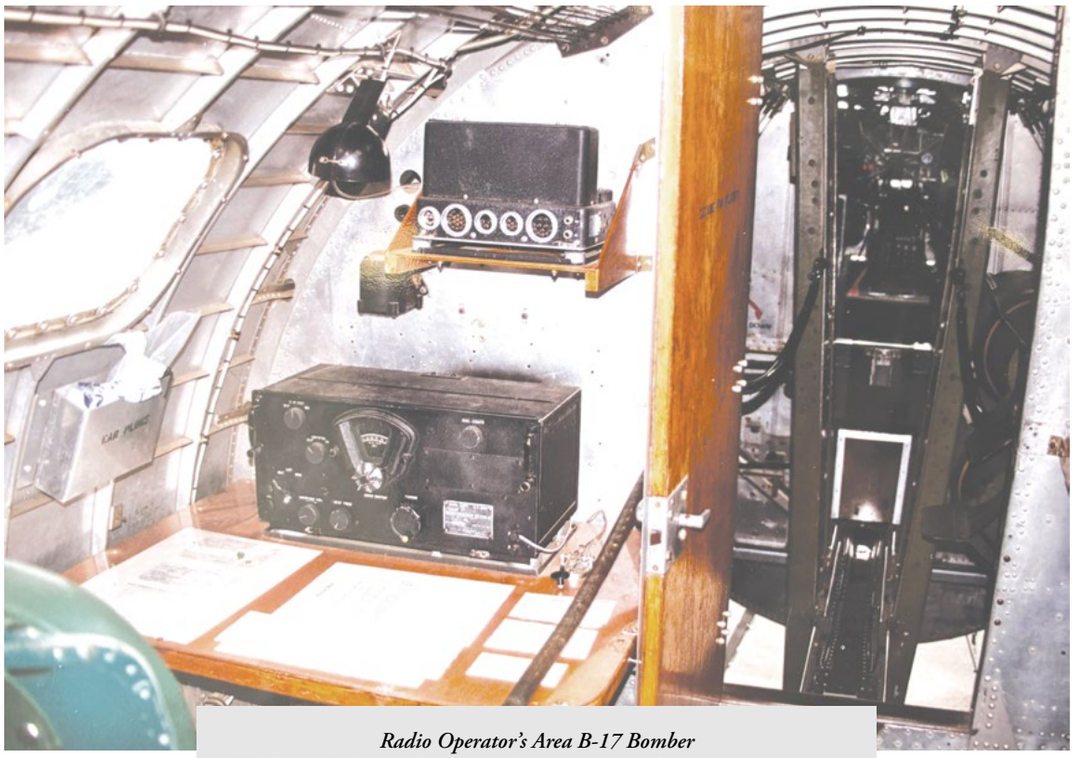
As a boy, he could not have known where the picture would eventually lead him. He could not have imagined tracing the final flight of a B-17 across Germany, searching for witnesses and working to establish a memorial thousands of miles from home.

But he kept looking. And because he did, Greene County's Ted Bowers and the other members of his crew have a story that reaches beyond a military record or a date on a memorial.



Crew of the Jub Jub Bird Flying Fortress
(front row from left) Herb Choulnard, pilot; Dan DeBonis, bombardier; James Hundley, navigator; and Ray Nicola, co-pilot; (back row) Luther Salter, engineer; Arnold Kramer, waist gunner; James Foltz, ball turret gunner; Leon Wagner, waist gunner; Herschel W. Bowers, radio/gunner; and Carroll Tallant, tail gunner.





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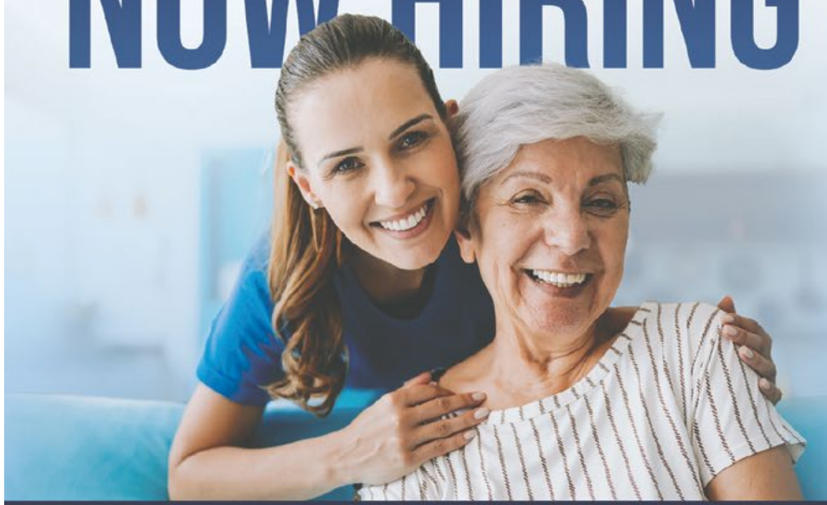
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Ghost of Ordinary Days:
A Journey Through an Old Photo Album

By T.R. Mahle

There is something special about sitting quietly with an old photo album, turning its pages slowly, and allowing yourself to drift back to a time that seems both yesterday and a lifetime ago. Not scrolling through hundreds of pictures on a phone, where images come and go with the flick of a finger but holding a real album in your hands. The kind with faded photographs, dog-eared corners, perhaps a little dust, and memories tucked between every page.

Each photograph tells a story. A younger version of yourself that smiles back at you with a face you almost recognize, a hairstyle long forgotten, and clothes that seemed fashionable at the time. You find yourself wondering where those years went. It feels impossible that the person staring back from the photograph could be you, with so much life still ahead, so many dreams yet to unfold, and so little understanding of just how quickly time would pass.

There are pictures of family gatherings, birthdays, holidays, Christmases, and ordinary days that seemed unremarkable when they happened. Yet, looking back, it is often those simple moments that mean the most. A familiar kitchen, a garden being worked, children playing, everyone gathered around a table. We never imagine that when we are living in those moments how precious they will eventually become to us. We assume there will always be another birthday, another family get-together, another chance to sit together and share a laugh.

And then there are the photographs that bring a lump to your throat.

Faces belonging to people who are no longer here. Mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, and loved ones whose laughter once filled a room. For a moment, the years seem to disappear, and you can almost hear their voices again. You remember their mannerisms, their little sayings, the warmth of their hugs, and the comfort of simply knowing they were there.

It is a bittersweet feeling, this journey through the past. There is happiness in remembering, but sadness too, because photographs preserve the moment without allowing us to step back into it. I would give so much for just five more minutes with some of those people, to hear their voices once again or tell them the things we never got around to saying.

Time has a way of moving quietly, almost unnoticed, until one day we look in the mirror and realize just how much has changed. The children have grown, the years have passed, and life has taken us along roads we could never have imagined.



Yet, as I close the album, I realize that those years have never truly disappeared. They live on in the photographs, in the stories we tell, and in the memories, we carry in our hearts.

Perhaps that is the real magic of an old photo album. It reminds me not only of who I once was, but of those who helped make me who I am today.

And for a little while, as the pages turn, the people we miss are close again, the years feel gentler, and we are reminded that although time moves on, love and memories never really grow old.





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Hometown Heroes Military Banner Project

By Helen A. Butalla

The Carmichaels Women's Civic Club recently coordinated the Hometown Heroes Military Banner Project throughout Carmichaels Borough and Cumberland Township. The project was a way for the Civic Club to honor and recognize Cumberland Township and Carmichaels Borough men and women who served, are currently serving, or have given their lives for our country in the United States Armed Forces.

A committee was formed, and I was named as the Chairperson to oversee this project. Before we got underway, proper clearances from Cumberland Township, Carmichaels Borough, West Penn Power, and PennDot were obtained.

Initially, the committee partnered with the Carmichaels & Cumberland Township Volunteer Fire Department and Cumberland Township to secure their help in installing the banners. It soon became apparent that the project needed more assistance installing the banners; therefore, local businesses, individuals, and family and friends were contacted to help as well.

The project started in April 2023 and was only to last two years. **To date, over 300 banners are displayed on utility poles along major roadways throughout the community of Carmichaels.** The amount of interest within the community was overwhelming. The banners were purchased solely by family members or friends and, in a few cases, donations were accepted for veterans who had no immediate family left in the community. The poles around the town square were reserved for veterans who were killed in action or died from a service-related injury.

One interesting fact the Civic Club learned from this project is that the lady in the example to the right is the oldest, living veteran in Greene County and possibly the State of Pennsylvania. She will be turning 106 on November 22. Her banner, along with her husband's, hangs in front of her daughter's house on Route 88.

Civic Club members have received many thanks and accolades from individuals within the community for undertaking this project. The real thanks goes out to all the volunteers who have helped install the banners; namely, Carmichaels & Cumberland Township Volunteer Fire Company, Brodak employees (Noska brothers), Cumberland Township employees, Jeff and David Donaldson, and my family and friends.





Dominick D'Amico and Conor Jenkins, Maple-town High School students at the time.



Fred Clark installing his father's banner.



Jeff and Dave Donaldson

2026 Veterans Day Services

CARMICHAELS: AMERICAN LEGION POST 400 ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026 at 1:30 pm- The Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 along with the Carmichaels Area Junior/Senior High School will be holding a Veterans Day event located in the auditorium. Music will be played by the Carmichaels Area Middle and High School students along with the Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 Band directed by Frank Ricco.

WAYNESBURG: VETERANS DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026- Parade starting at 11 am, the pre-ceremony at 9am. The pre-ceremony will hold patriotic face painting. Music will be played by the Carmichaels American Legion Post 400 band directed by Frank Ricco. Grand Marshall will be announced from the three nominees listed, Bill Wilson (Army), Eric Stickles (Navy), and Larry Freeman (Army). Veterans Council of Greene County will hold the Veterans Day Parade in downtown Waynesburg. The Community is invited to come out and thank Greene County Veterans past and present who have sacrificed their lives for this nation. Area Veterans will be recognized for their service and dedication to the U.S. Military. Immediately following the parade, refreshments will be provided at The Way; Veterans and public are welcome.

BOBTOWN: VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026 at 1pm- The ceremony will start with Mr. Steve Juracko doing the opening prayer. Haley Thomas will be singing the National Anthem, God Bless America, and the Hallelujah. The guest speaker will be Retired CSM Paul Walker. A tribute to those who served will be done by Michael Mlay. The Greene County Honor Guard will be doing the Military Honors. There will be a dinner following the ceremony at the Shannopin Civic Club.

WEST GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 at 9am- West Greene School District will hold a special Veterans Day Program in the High School Auditorium. A Veteran reception breakfast will be held at 8:15 am. The program beginning at 9:00 am will feature Elementary students honoring our Veterans. This program will be open to the public.

WAYNESBURG CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 at 9am- Waynesburg Elementary Students in grades fourth, fifth, and sixth will be performing a Veterans Day Event. This event will be located at the Waynesburg Central Junior/Senior High School Auditorium.

JEFFERSON: LUNCH FOR VETERANS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 at 12:30 pm- Any Greene County Veteran (along with one guest) is welcome to a free Veterans Lunch. This lunch is sponsored and served by the Jefferson-Morgan Centennial Lions Club, Jefferson Borough, the JMHS Leo Club, and the JMHS RLL Class. **Please RSVP by November 3rd, 2026**. You can do this by emailing jfulks@jmsd.org or calling (724) 255-3542.

WEST GREENE: AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 at 7pm- The West Greene American Legion Post 416 and Harvey's Aleppo Grange will be holding a Veterans Event located at Harvey's Aleppo Grange. A special recognition will be held for the Greene County Honor Guard. The guest speaker will be Kadie Baker. There will be refreshments and dessert offered at the event.

WAYNESBURG: VFW POST 4793 ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026 at 11am- The Waynesburg VFW Post 4793 will hold a service at the Greene County Veterans Memorial Park. Verona Allman will be welcoming everyone, doing the intro of the guests, and all announcements. An opening prayer will be held by Zane Mitchell. Connie Hart will be singing the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. Guest speaker of the day will be Retired Captain John Brown.

WAYNESBURG: AMERICAN LEGION POST 330 ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026 at 1pm- The Waynesburg American Legion Post 330 will be holding a light lunch for all Veterans.

MT. MORRIS: AMERICAN LEGION POST 992 ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026 at 1pm- The Mount Morris American Legion Post 992 will be holding a lunch for all Veterans.

VETERANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026 from 8 am to 10 am- Together with Veterans will be hosting a pancake breakfast at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4-H building (lower). All Veterans and family are welcome.

As of October 15th, 2026, the above information is all that the Veterans Affairs Office has to provide. For further information, contact the Organizations listed above. Thank You and have a great Veterans Day!!!





Honoring OUR VETS

As November 11th nears, we recognize those who have served our country and helped to mold the world in which we live. Without such sacrifices from these dauntless men & women, our freedoms would be greatly limited and our spirits humbled. GreeneScene Community Magazine is privileged to join our readers in paying tribute to ALL our veterans, including those submitted by readers:

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What's in a Name? West Waynesburg, Buchanon, or Bucktown

By Bret Moore

There are places on a map, and then there are places that exist in the memories of the people who grew up there. West Waynesburg is both. Officially part of Franklin Township and immediately west of Waynesburg, the community has also long been known by another name: Bucktown.

The origins of the nickname are generally traced to the Buchanon family, whose property once occupied much of the area. Today, West Waynesburg is close enough to downtown Waynesburg that the two can seem almost inseparable. But for generations, Bucktown had its own identity.

The area was originally settled by the Brown family and their son-in-law **Captain James Seals**. Seals was a veteran of both the Revolutionary and Indian Wars. Because of his efforts and valor, he was appointed as one of the original county commissioners. He built a "fine stone house" at the bottom of **Toll Gate Run** (originally named Bloody Run, then Brown's Run). Some people are old enough to remember the neglected ruins of the structure.

A century later, the area's identity was shaped by the new railroad and emerging industries.

The arrival of the Waynesburg & Washington Railroad in 1877 helped transform West Waynesburg from a largely rural area into a small industrial and commercial center. The railroad station was known as Buchanon and the line once terminated there.

The company had run out of money, and it would be another seven years before the line extended to the southside of Waynesburg. A small industrial complex developed around the station.

One of Bucktown's lesser-known chapters involved the **steel industry**. During the early decades of the twentieth century, a steel fabricating operation in West Waynesburg provided high paying jobs for several hundred residents and reflected the industrial optimism of the era.

Although it never approached the size of Pittsburgh's steel mills, it represented a period when communities throughout southwestern Pennsylvania sought to diversify their economies while still relying on the natural resources that surrounded them.

The Griffith Tin Mill operated there at the turn of the 20th century and provided several hundred high paying jobs for locals. It was an important part of the community's working identity. However, the Panic of 1907 and the collapse of the Farmers and Drovers Bank sent the mill into receivership.

After a couple of ownership changes, the mill was bought by the American Steel Company and continued operations until 1925. The company sponsored one of the premier baseball teams in the county in the early twenties.

However, the story did not end with the mill's closing. The industrial buildings found other uses, and the site later became associated with the livestock auction. The old industrial property therefore continued to serve the community, although the products moving through it had changed dramatically.

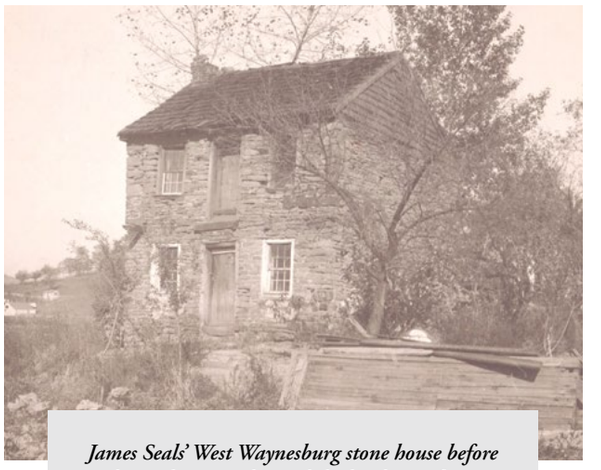
Despite the rise of mining operations in the early part of the 20th century, agriculture remained central to everyday life. Farmers from every corner of Greene County regularly traveled to **Bucktown's stockyards**, where livestock auctions became fixtures on the local calendar.



Early image of pre-industrial West Waynesburg (Courtesy of Greene Connections)

The location became a familiar landmark for generations of residents. Even businesses located nearby were identified by their relationship to the stockyard. When Wayne Lumber began operating in West Waynesburg after World War II, for example, the company established itself as the old feed store "in front of the stockyard."

On sale days, the roads and surrounding area took on a different character as farmers arrived with animals. For many people, however, the stockyards were about more than buying and selling animals. Like a general store or a feed mill, the auction was a place where people saw neighbors, exchanged news and maintained connections. It was part of the informal social infrastructure of rural Greene County.



James Seals' West Waynesburg stone house before industrialization changed the landscape forever. (The Greene County Historical Society's Collection; Greene Connections Archive Project)

Baseball provided another important piece of West Waynesburg's identity.

Even before the land became associated with Emerald Mine, boys from the area played baseball on what became known as Emerald Field. The field itself operated for roughly two and a half decades on coal-company property and became one of the area's premier youth baseball facilities. It hosted thousands of baseball games and tournaments, including a 1970 men's state softball tournament.

Waynesburg's Knee-Hi baseball league started in the early 1950s. The Bucktown Buccaneers were charter members of the league along with the Morrisville Giants, the East End Wildcats, and the Waynesburg Lions.

However, the earliest games I could find being played at "Emerald Field" were Pony League games in 1957. One of the seven teams in the league was the Waynesburg Optimist Club. This would seem to validate an anecdotal source who told me his father was a member of the Optimist Club in those days and had mentioned they had built Emerald Field.

Several generations can remember passing through the rickety old steel bridge across the Ten Mile to emerge at a beautifully maintained ballfield replete with a broadcasting booth for WANB and an outfield fence covered in permanently painted advertisements.

Then in the early 1980s, the coal company reclaimed the land for the construction of Emerald Mine. The baseball field disappeared beneath the changing landscape, leaving behind memories for the generations who had played there.

Baseball, however, survived. A new Emerald Field was eventually developed in 1985. The present complex includes two pony-league baseball fields. The history of Emerald Field is therefore a fitting illustration of West Waynesburg itself. The land and industries changed, but the community continued finding ways to put the property to use.

For others, summer entertainment meant heading to the **Waynesburg Drive-In**, which we covered in detail in last month's issue. The drive-in opened June 29, 1950. Its opening attraction was *Boy from Indiana*, and the theater eventually accommodated about 300 automobiles.

The big screen, the rows of cars and the glow of headlights arriving and departing became part of the landscape of West Waynesburg. Like many drive-ins across America, the theater eventually disappeared, but the memories remain remarkably durable.

Not every West Waynesburg memory involved work or organized recreation. Some involved little more than a fishing rod, a quiet stretch of water and time to spare.

Bucktown Dam on Ten Mile Creek became another familiar landmark. The dam is still recognized as a local access point to Ten Mile Creek, and the creek now attracts those interested in the outdoors. A modern four-mile kayaking route begins at Bucktown Dam and follows Ten Mile Creek through Waynesburg.

But long before kayaking became a recreational activity, the water was a place for fishing and simply getting away from the noise of town. The creek was part of the neighborhood's geography and, consequently, part of its memories. In my research, I found even ice hockey games and team swimming events were common occurrences.

West Waynesburg has experienced many of the changes that have shaped Greene County over the past century and a half. The railroad became less important. The tin mill disappeared. The livestock auction became a landmark of a different kind. Coal mining changed the landscape. The old drive-in vanished. Ball fields moved and were rebuilt.

Yet the name Bucktown remains. That may be the best measure of a community's identity. Places change, buildings disappear and businesses come and go, but names survive because people attach memories to them.

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The Bucktown Elbow: Murky Origins

By Adam "Joad" Corwin

By virtue of being a Greene County resident, there's knowledge we take for granted that may not be apparent to outsiders. Important certainties, like knowing it will rain on July 29th, the demolition derby at the fair will be the largest attended event in the county, and that the Bucktown Elbow is not to be trifled with.

The latter, as the title of the article would suggest, is the subject of this particular discourse. We all know it, and the mere mention of its name conjures up images of the very serious threat of "Don't make me bust out the Bucktown Elbow."

The invoking of these words instantly changes the stakes in the game. The bar for whatever situation is evolving becomes higher at this point. Additionally, if the perpetrator of the potential Bucktown Elbow begins slapping their elbow with the opposite hand, something known in inner circles as "priming it," the power rises with each subsequent tap.

It's clear and common knowledge that anything above three primes would be complete overkill for any situation most mortals would find themselves in. What is less clear, however, is the origins of this great arbitrator of conflict. This is where the waters of 10 Mile and Dunkard Creek get murkier.

So a hot-topic question surrounding the Bucktown Elbow is where it all began. The answer isn't a simple one. Like many things in small towns, there are a lot of spirited theories and definitive opinions that are easy to disprove under scrutiny. Third-hand information from one's uncle's buddy who was there when it all happened down by Scott's Delite doesn't exactly constitute scientific proof no matter how convincing said uncle's buddy is of the merits of his opinion.

There's been scuttlebutt that it corresponds with the Attitude Era of the WWE and Rock's People's Elbow. That didn't happen until the late '90s though, and I can verify that it already was being employed to settle four-square disputes at Margaret Bell Miller Middle School in the late '80s. So, if anything, the Rock may have stolen it from us, which is probably why his evolution to a big screen film actor was so successful.

I can't verify any sightings prior to those MBM Middle School days. They exist like Sasquatch or Mothman. People swear they are around, but there's little evidence beyond anecdotal accounts that this is true. As a carrier of the sacred Bucktown Elbow brand tattooed as such on my elbow, I do have greater insight than many.

I've long studied the craft of the elbow under some of the most noble and wise Bucktown prophets who meander and exist in the Westside Triangle of Bucktown Beer, the stockyards, and the falls. The best I can explain it is that the Bucktown Elbow has always been here. It's a power we can call upon, but never own or really master. Think of it like Danny Rand's use of the Iron Fist in the Marvel Comics universe – he can summon it when necessary.

I should mention that it's not the only devastating finishing move in Greene County. Others exist, like the Southside Sleeper, Khuntown Clutch, and Blairtown Bomb. They just simply have never caught on with the same vigor, and they have a fraction of the pageantry that accompanies the Bucktown Elbow.

Truth be told, we can sit around and debate where and when it started, but there's one thing that is undebatable: as Greene County OGs, we have an extra tool at our disposal as we walk through the chaotic valley of life in the form of the Bucktown Elbow. Respect it, use it wisely, and definitely never teach it to any outsiders.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Built to Last: Over Seven Decades of Hometown Service

Wayne Lumber & Supply has been part of the Waynesburg business community since the 1940s, when it first opened its doors to serve the building needs of local residents and contractors. Over the years, the business has weathered changing times, evolving construction practices and generations of home improvement projects, while maintaining its place in Greene County's commercial landscape.

Its long history reflects not only the enduring need for quality building materials, but also the value of a local business built on relationships, practical knowledge and service to the community.

For Wayne Lumber & Supply, selling lumber and hardware is only part of the job. Helping neighbors bring their projects to life is what makes the business a hometown fixture.

In 2018, the Mooney family purchased Wayne Lumber from the Headlees - the original owners. The business continued to grow by strengthening its departments, expanding product selection and relying on a team of employees who understood the people they served.

Today, they are the area's local Ace Hardware affiliate and serve as a one-stop retail home center and lumberyard. They carry quality brands for all your projects, both small and large.

Whether it's paint, tools, decks, lumber, or their new line of *Stihl products*, they have what you need to get the job done.

Even more importantly, their employees have grown up in the area, giving them an appreciation for the community and familiarity with the needs of local homeowners and contractors. The staff has a variety of experiences, allowing them to share expertise and help customers find solutions, even when a project presents unfamiliar challenges.

That personal connection captures the spirit of Wayne Lumber & Supply: local people helping local people build, repair and improve their homes. Their greatest asset is not simply inventory. It's the knowledge, teamwork and hometown relationships behind the counter.





BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Inside K&L Beauty Bar & Spa: Where Beauty Meets Relaxation

Proudly owned by **Kim and Leighanne**, K&L Beauty Bar & Spa brings over 20 years of beauty industry experience, passion, and expertise to every client.

Celebrating 10 wonderful years, K&L Beauty Bar & Spa is hosting an open house on November 12. Please join us for a fun-filled celebration as we say a heartfelt thank-you to the loyal customers, family, and friends who have supported us along the way. Follow us on Facebook for details and more information.

As Master Stylists, Kim and Leighanne specialize in creating beautiful, personalized looks. Kim is also a licensed Aesthetician, bringing her expertise in advanced skincare and beauty treatments.

Our team is trained in **scalp health and restoration**, specializing in luxurious **Japanese Head Spa treatments** designed to rejuvenate the scalp, promote healthier hair, and provide ultimate relaxation.

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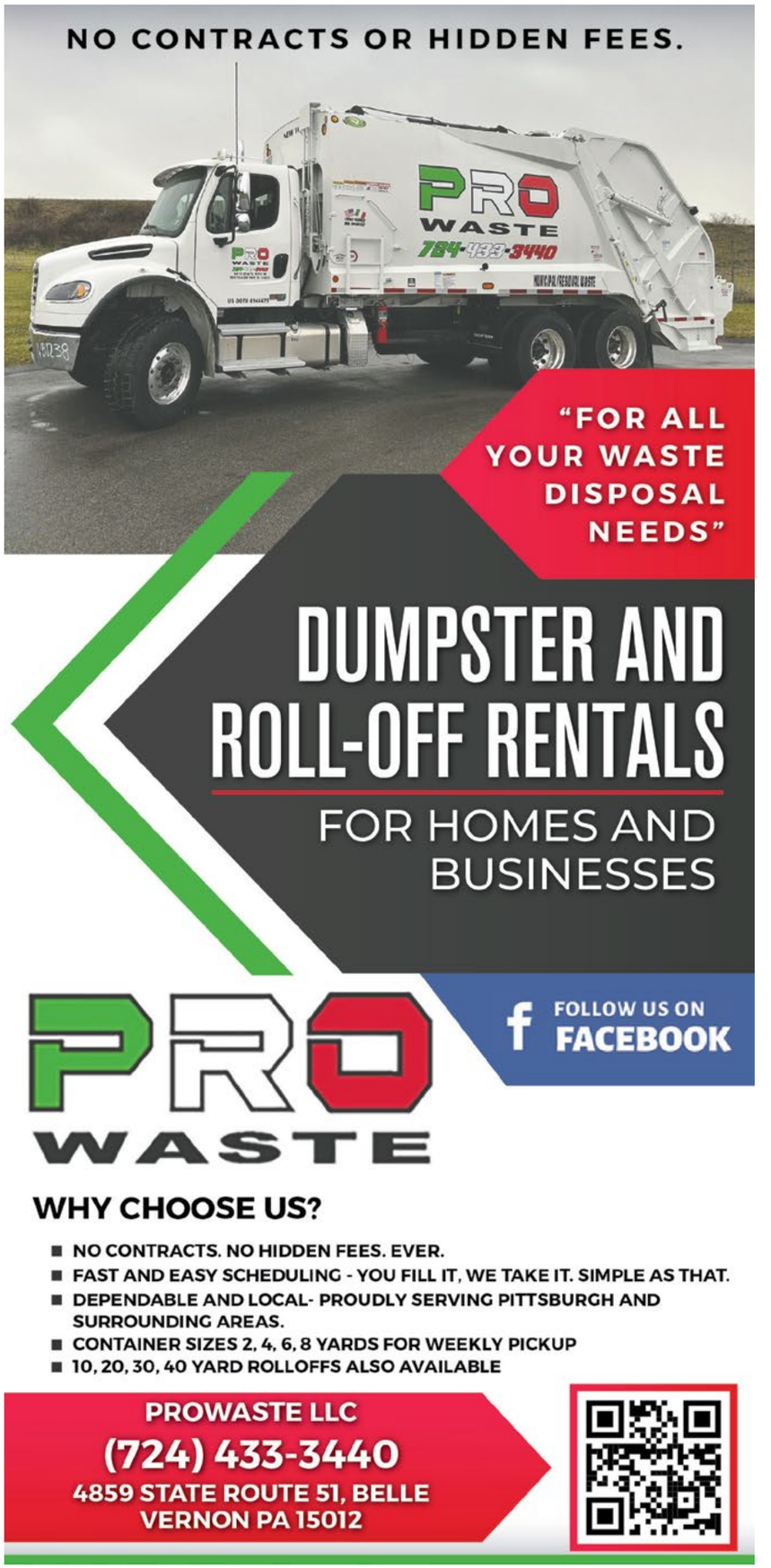
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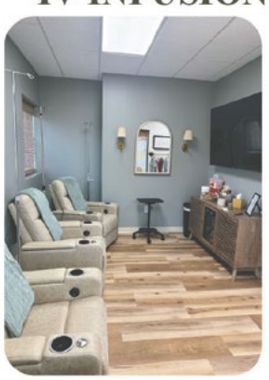
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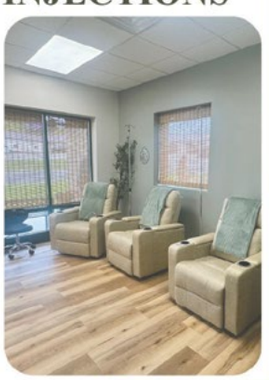
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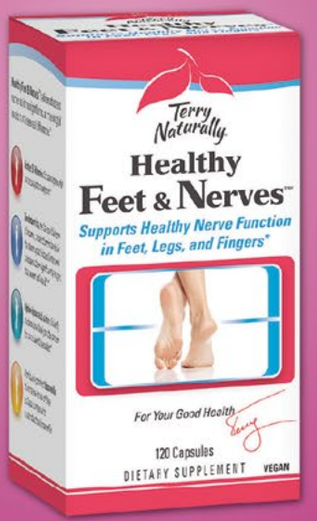
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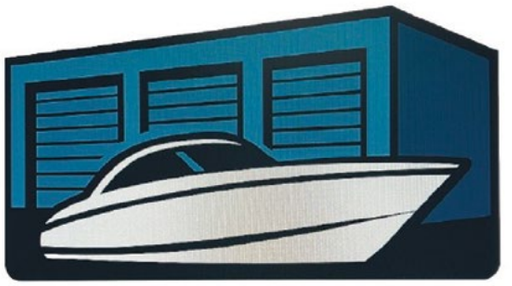
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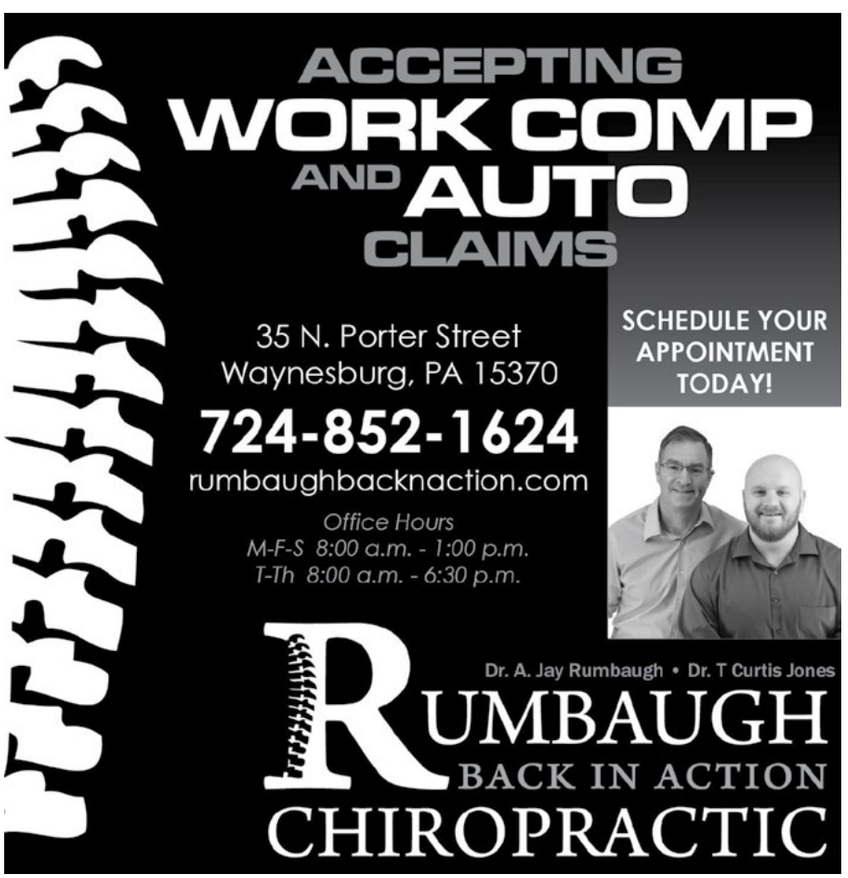
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Apple Jack: The Original Hard Cider with a Little Harder Attitude

Before Jack Daniel's, Jack Frost and Jack-o'-lanterns, there was Applejack — a distinctly American way of turning an apple harvest into something with a little more kick than cider. Think of it as autumn's answer to a stiff upper lip.

Applejack is an apple brandy traditionally made by fermenting apple cider and concentrating its alcohol. Historically, one method was freeze distillation, also called "jacking." Since alcohol freezes at a lower temperature than water, cider left outdoors in winter could partially freeze. The ice was removed, leaving a stronger, more potent liquid behind. Repeat the process, and you could produce a drink with considerable punch. It was essentially chemistry performed by people who didn't own laboratory coats but did own a lot of apples.

The practice dates back centuries, with roots in Europe, but it became particularly associated with colonial America. Apples grew readily in the Northeast, and early settlers discovered that a bumper crop could become more than pies, sauce and something to keep the doctor away. Applejack became a popular frontier spirit, especially in these parts.

Modern applejack is generally made through distillation rather than the old freeze-concentrating method, which can also concentrate undesirable compounds. Today, it may be enjoyed neat or mixed into cocktails.

So, the next time someone says an apple a day keeps the doctor away, remember that our ancestors had another idea: ferment it, concentrate it and invite the neighbors over.



An Antique Apple Press

Back Roads Redux:
The Old Apple Press

By Bret Moore



This month, I searched my Backroads magazine for a story that would be seasonal, yet timeless. I was lucky enough to come upon another article by a then 16-year-old Erin Stockdale (Patterson).

She shared the story of her family's experiences in making apple cider. In the late 1930s, her grandfather **Oliver Stockdale** was a young boy who lived on a farm west of Waynesburg. The tall, thin young man with blonde hair and blue eyes would arise each morning and **walk the two and a half miles to school.**

Upon his return home, he would have to do his chores. It was tough work, but in the autumn, he would get to help his father Hillard make apple cider. He enjoyed the process, but he especially enjoyed the end product.

The Stockdale family had a 25-acre apple orchard divided into sections according to their intended usage. Many were used for traditional snacks and various baked goods. Others were used for making vinegar, apple butter, apple cider, and even apple jack.

Although the wood could have been used for fuel, many farmers considered it bad luck to cut down an apple tree.

The family felt that late season apples made the best cider. They also shared an enhancement technique. They would "*place the cider in 55-gallon barrels with newspapers on the bottom. This would make a 'mothery', which made the vinegar ferment faster.*"

Their early century apple press had been modernized by adding an electric hand crank. The update had been necessary to keep up with the local demand for both vinegar and cider.

However, by the 1950s, local grocery stores began to carry cheaper commercially produced vinegar. Eventually, the family discontinued the large-scale production and just produced enough for friends and families.

As a result of this article, her teacher, Mrs. Albert, arranged to take her and three classmates on an after-school field trip to watch the cider-making process in person. Erin then co-authored another article with classmates **Kevin Holleran, Randy Beazell, and Nancy King.**

The excursion was to a farm "*out beyond Oak Forest*." **Earl Cole** had an antebellum apple press that was still very functional. The demonstration was presented by Earl's son and daughter-in-law.

Terry and Jane Cole were two *"very energetic and friendly young teachers in their early thirties."* One of their hobbies was making apple cider and apple butter to be sold at the Greene County Historical Society's fall festival.

In the second article, Terry explained his preference for late season "Jonathan's and Winesaps" for making cider. He then demonstrated the collection process for the students by ascending a ladder and vigorously shaking the tree.

The students helped in the collection, cleaning and sorting of the apples. The article details the compression and straining processes before explaining the remnants of the apple were used for fertilizer or given to the pigs.

Before the students left, Jane asked the students if they would like to taste the fruits of their labor. "*She went into the house for paper cups, dipped deeply into the milk can and served us each a cool, sweet, tall glass of freshly pressed cider. Well, at this point it was just apple juice. Nevertheless, we chugged that cool sweet nectar down."*

Field trips have always offered students something a textbook cannot: the chance to experience the world firsthand. Visiting museums, farms, and historic sites helped children connect classroom lessons to real life.

Teachers like Mrs. Alberts understood the value of those experiences and often went to great lengths to provide them. They knew that curiosity grew through seeing, doing and asking questions—and that some of the most lasting lessons occur beyond the walls of a classroom.

Published in 1977, Backroads is a collection of interviews conducted by students with their grandparents and older family friends.

Through these conversations, the students captured stories of everyday life in the county—memories of small-town traditions, hard times, simple joys, and the changing landscape across generations.

We continue our new feature Backroads Redux. The series is a retelling of stories published nearly half a century ago by a Waynesburg Central Publications class.

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Warrior Walk Raises Awareness for Greene County Children

By Bret Moore

After walking 67 miles along the Warrior Trail from Fish Creek near Moundsville, West Virginia, to the Monongahela River in Greensboro, Aaron Houser and Coalbie, Growing Up Greene's child therapy dog, completed a journey that raised money and awareness for children and families in Greene County.

Houser, the executive director of Growing Up Greene, began the weeklong trek to support the nonprofit's plans to transform an old office complex on Church Street in Waynesburg into a hub for child welfare services. Along the way, they faced bad weather and rocky terrain during long days on the trail. They attracted attention and donations from supporters following their progress online.

The journey concluded in Greensboro, where several dozen people gathered at the Ice Plant to welcome them home. Employees from Greene County Children and Youth Services joined Houser and Coalbie for the final mile, celebrating the completion of a walk that highlighted the challenges facing the county's child welfare system.

Houser said the experience left him feeling better than he had in years, while Coalbie remained eager to continue walking. Beyond the money raised, he believed the journey had succeeded in bringing greater attention to the needs of vulnerable children and the professionals who serve them.

Locally, transportation barriers and limited access to resources complicate the work of helping families. However, Greene County Children and Youth Services Administrator Beth Booker and County Commissioner Jared Edgreen both praised Houser's commitment to making these difficult situations easier for children.

Greene County faces a disproportionate number of child dependency cases compared with neighboring counties. Often, no suitable place is available for those children. Supporters of Houser's efforts hope that the proposed facility will provide displaced kids with a safe, welcoming environment.

The building, which was previously occupied by the Observer-Reporter, was donated to Growing Up Greene, and would become a central location for child-focused services. One proposed feature is a supervised visitation space designed to resemble a home, allowing parents who have made progress during supervised visits to spend time with their children in a more comfortable setting.

Despite receiving the building, Growing Up Greene faces an estimated $1 million in initial interior and exterior renovation expenses. A GoFundMe campaign has collected $151,425 toward its $875,000 fundraising goal. This amount will be supplemented by private donations.

The organization's board will evaluate whether the project can move forward after the fund raiser concludes. Houser remains optimistic that donations, community connections and contractors willing to support the cause can make the ambitious undertaking possible.

For Houser, the Warrior Walk represented more than a physical challenge or fundraising campaign. It reflected his commitment to improving the community where he grew up and where he plans to raise his children.

Contributions to the project can be made at give.gofundme.com/warriorwalk.



Aaron Houser and Coalbie.



Board Members of Growing Up Greene Robert Berdine, Adrienne Tharp, Treasurer Julia Smith, Vice President Keshia Weaver, Executive Director Aaron Houser, and Therapy Dog Coalbie



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1 Tbsp ground cinnamon

2 tsp of baking powder

1 tsp of baking soda

1 tsp salt

1/2 tsp ground ginger

1/2 tsp ground nutmeg

1/4 tsp ground allspice

2 cups unsweetened applesauce

2 large eggs

3/4 cup neutral-flavored oil

2/3 cup granulated sugar

2/3 cup packed light brown sugar

1 Tbsp vanilla extract

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9x13in metal baking pan and set aside. (If using a glass pan, reduce the oven temperature to 325 degrees F).
2. For the cake, in a large bowl, whisk together the flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, salt, ginger, nutmeg, and allspice.
3. In a medium bowl, whisk together the applesauce, eggs, oil, granulated sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla until smooth.
4. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and mix until just combined and no dry streaks remain. Don't over mix.
5. Spread the batter evenly in the prepared pan and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, until the top springs back lightly to the touch and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean or with a few moist crumbs.
6. Let the cake cool completely in the pan.
7. For the frosting, place the butter in a light-colored skillet or pan over medium heat. As it continues to cook, it will foam and sizzle. Once melted, the butter will begin to foam and sizzle around the edges. Stir occasionally with a silicone spatula to keep it from burning. As it cooks, the butter solids will begin to brown and it will smell caramelly and nutty. Watch closely so it doesn't burn. Once the solids are golden brown, immediately remove the pan from the heat and pour the butter into a medium bowl to stop the cooking.
8. Let the butter cool until room temperature and sludgy in consistency, 20-30 minutes.
9. Using an electric handheld mixer (or transfer the butter to the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment), add the softened cream cheese to the butter and mix until well-combined. It will look curdled; that's ok. Add one cup of the powdered sugar and mix until mostly combined.
10. Add the vanilla, two tablespoons of milk or cream and mix.
11. Gradually add the remaining powdered sugar while mixing on medium-low speed, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add additional milk or cream to adjust the consistency, if needed. Mix for 1 to 2 minutes until very thick and creamy.
12. Spread the frosting evenly over the cooled cake. Sprinkle with toasted pecans, if desired. Cut into squares and serve at room temperature or chilled.

Local Cancer Survivor Urges Congress to Make Cancer a Priority

In September, more than 750 cancer patients, survivors and their loved ones from all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam, traveled to Washington, D.C., as part of the American Cancer Society Action Network's annual Leadership Summit and Lobby Day.

Brittanny Groover, a cancer survivor from Dilliner, met with members of Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to urge them to support policies that increase funding for cancer research and prevention programs and urge lawmakers to pass the Clinical Trial Modernization Act.

In the last 30 years, substantial and steady increases in federal cancer research funding have fueled discovery and innovation that has led to a **34% decline in cancer mortality rates**. Advocates reminded lawmakers that this incredible momentum in the fight against cancer is fueled by sufficient funding at key agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Groover also called on Pennsylvania lawmakers to support the **bipartisan Clinical Trial Modernization Act, or CTMA**. This legislation would make it easier for all people with cancer to participate in clinical trials, including those in underrepresented populations, like rural residents, older adults, certain racial and ethnic groups, and those with limited incomes.

The passage of CTMA is crucial to ensure more patients—regardless of their economic means or their geographic location—have a chance to enroll in clinical trials, ultimately giving more people a better chance in the face of a cancer diagnosis.



Dilliner's Brittany Groover and other cancer survivors in Washington, DC lobbying Congress to pass funding for cancer research and prevention programs.


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A PIECE OF MY MIND

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

by Vicky Hughes



US Army Veteran Roy Lesnett

I know this may upset some people, and honestly, I'm okay with that. There are certain things I still believe deserve respect in this country. The American flag is one of them. The national anthem is another. And when that flag is raised and that anthem is played, I will stand.

Not because I believe America is perfect. Not because I agree with every president, politician, law, or decision our government has ever made. I don't. I stand because I love this country, and because I respect the people who sacrificed for it.

My Pap was a veteran of the United States Army who served during World War II. He was part of a generation that didn't just talk about freedom, they fought for it. They left their families, faced unimaginable dangers, and put their lives on the line for a country they believed was worth defending.

So, when I see someone kneeling during the national anthem or refusing to stand for the flag, I don't see a powerful political statement. I see a symbol that has been turned into something I don't want to support.

And here's where I draw my line: I will NOT support entertainment that disrespects the flag or uses the national anthem as a stage for protest. I won't spend my money on it. I won't cheer for it. And I won't pretend that I have to accept it simply because someone tells me it's the "right" thing to do.

Everyone has the right to protest. That's one of the freedoms our veterans fought to protect. You have the right to speak your mind, criticize the government, disagree with your neighbors, and make your voice heard. But having the right to do something doesn't mean everyone else has to approve of it.

I believe that there is a time to protest, and there is a time to show respect. When the flag goes up, I stand. When the anthem plays, I stand. When I need to humble myself and ask for guidance, forgiveness, strength, or protection, I kneel- but I kneel to God.

Maybe that's old-fashioned. Maybe some people will call me insensitive. Maybe others will say I'm putting a piece of cloth or a song above people. They're entitled to their opinion.

I know what the flag means to me. It represents the country my Pap served and the freedoms he helped defend. It represents every veteran who never made it home and every family who waited and prayed for someone who did. I will never apologize for respecting that.

So here's a piece of my mind… America doesn't belong to one political party. The flag doesn't belong to one race, religion, or ideology. It belongs to all of us. Call me old-fashioned. Call me stubborn. Call me patriotic. I'll take all three. I will stand for the flag. I will respect the national anthem. And when I kneel, I will kneel to pray. That's what I believe. And I'm not ashamed of it.



Greene County Veteran



Larry Maley in Uniform

A small-town boy from Greene County, Larry Maley, was the ninth of eleven children born to Kelso and Orpha Maley. He was raised to work hard, honor his country, and live by faith.

In 1966, Larry answered the call to serve our country. He joined the United States Army and was stationed first in Key West, FL and ended his tour in Europe. Larry and his wife Peggy welcomed their firstborn son in Furtfert, Germany.

After faithfully serving in the Army, he returned home and pursued a career. The couple was blessed with three more children. Today they are enjoying retirement life, spending time with friends and enjoying their family who live in the Greene County area.

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Intentional Walks

By Bret Moore

*Bret Moore is the former Director of Recreation for Greene County. He taught English and coached multiple sports at McGuffey High School for thirty years. He is also the author of **Rough and Ungentlemanly Tactics**, a two-volume history of sports in Greene County, available at Direct Results and McCracken Pharmacy.*

The Classic Deadline Panic Vault Dump

I had every intention of writing a serious sports column this month. However, as it was for most of us, my October was insanely busy (including getting married). In addition, with the vast majority of our local college and pro teams struggling this season, I thought some historical escapism might be best this month.

So, rather than pretend I have something profound to say about "college" football or the Steelers' woes, I decided to rummage through 150 years of Greene County sports history instead. What follows is a collection of random factotum— forgotten heroes, strange contests and curious bits of sporting trivia. You're welcome.

With the World Series wrapping up, maybe a little local baseball trivia would be apropos. In 1885, Carmichaels' Charles "Jake" Hewitt pitched for the Pirates. Meanwhile, Charlie "Piano Legs" Hickman of Taylortown played third base from 1897-1907 for numerous Major League teams including the Boston Beaneaters, New York Giants, Cleveland Naps, Washington Senators, Detroit Tigers, and Chicago White Sox. He had an impressive .295 career average and hit 59 homeruns.

In 1901, Waynesburg College lost a baseball game to W&J by a score of 7-4. There were over 1,000 fans in attendance, and things got ugly. Waynesburg's shortstop had just recently transferred from W&J. He committed numerous errors during the game and stood "stupefied" on third base when he could have scored easily. The crowd accused him of being a "lay down" sent by W&J to intentionally throw the game.

Local police were forced to guard the Blair Hotel where the visiting team was staying to protect the young man. The next morning, he was smuggled to Rices Landing to catch a boat home rather than risk the train station.

With Southmoreland back in **Waynesburg Central's football** section, it might be worth noting that the Raiders' (although they were the Little Jackets at the time) **first "night game"** took place in 1916 against Scottdale (Southmoreland, today).

After a rental dispute with Waynesburg College regarding the use of their field, the high school made arrangements with the Waynesburg Water Company to play their games there. The Scottdale team truck left home at 10:00 for the 3:30 Saturday afternoon game. However, because of a pouring rain and "the worst roads in Pennsylvania" they didn't get to the field until 5:30 p.m.

The game began, but soon the November darkness was upon them. Luckily, the clouds lifted, and there was a bright full moon that night. The visitors scored the only two touchdowns of the evening in the moonlit fourth quarter. The symbolic nature of that season finale became evident after the next three seasons were cancelled due to World War I.

Cumberland Township High School started basketball in 1913. By the 1920s, they were a powerhouse program. In 1923, star **Sidney Gwynne** scored 37 points (an incredible amount at the time) in a 91-23 win over Morris Township High School (Nineveh). It was a county scoring record that would last for three decades. The 91 points racked up by the Redbirds (as they were called at the time) was also a record that would last for years.

They played their games at the Community Hall (now the firehouse) in front of packed houses. In addition to Gwynne, stars of that period included **Red McCombs, Dick Hathaway, and Harleigh Flenniken**. By the end of the decade, their only losses came against schools such as Massanutten Military Academy, Wheeling Central Catholic, and Rankin (Woodland Hills, today).

Another amusing sidenote was the fact that the only local school that was as good as them was Waynesburg. However, they did not schedule each other because of "intense feelings."

The 1933-34 Monongahela Township basketball team made the WPIAL playoffs in only their third season as a program. In what was then called a "play-in" game, the squad took on near-by Point Marion High School. The expected crowd was far too large for the Maples' gym.

The game was played at the WVU Fieldhouse; therefore, it became the **only WPIAL play-off game in any sport to be held outside of Pennsylvania**. In the following rounds, they beat East Pike (Chartiers Houston) and Monongahela (Ringgold) before losing a close game to Scott High (Braddock) 25-23.

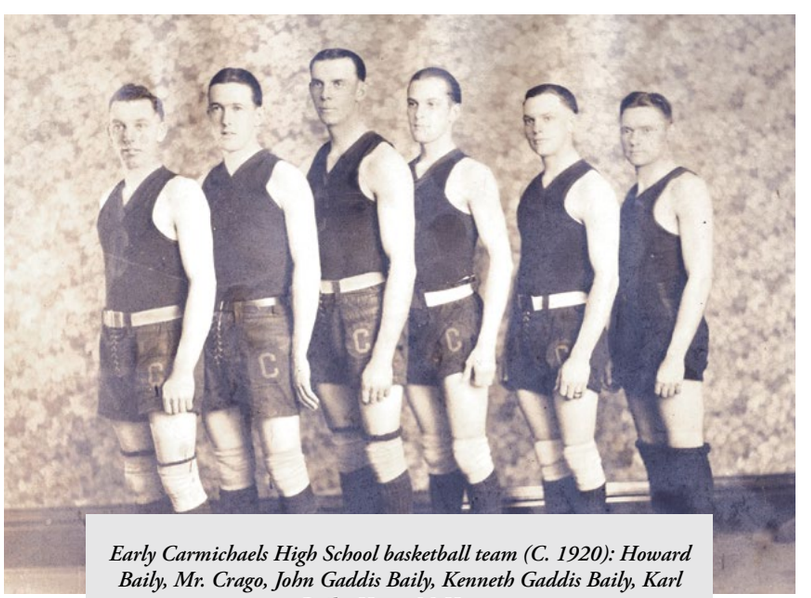
The **Jefferson track team** placed second at the WPIAL Championships in 1936. Many people remember that future NCAA Champion and Olympic qualifier **Nick Vukmanic** set a state and national javelin record that year at the PIAA Championship meet. (He also won the discus and finished second in the shotput)

However, a second member of the Jeffs team also won gold at the WPIAL's. **Gene Broadwater** had been the top pole vaulter in the area by far throughout the season. He was jumping over 10 feet, a tremendous feat given the equipment at the time. However, he injured his leg right before the Championships. His teammate, **Joe Bakura** stepped in at the last minute and claimed gold with a jump of 10' 6".

In 1951, the year Cumberland Township won the Class B WPIAL football championship, the **Richhill Ridgers also went undefeated in the regular season**. However, they did not make the playoffs because they lacked the required number of Gardner points.

After a 6-6 tie in their opener against Midway (Ft. Cherry), they defeated Claysville (18-6), West Beth (6-0), Cameron (19-12), Fairchance (28-6), Mt, Morris (19-0), Avella (25-13) and Waynesburg's B Team (21-6). They closed the season with a 6-6 tie against Center (Rogersville).

Despite missing the playoffs, they were invited to play for the "**Class C Championship**" in a rematch against Midway. The game was held under the lights at Waynesburg's College Field. Unfortunately, the Ridgers lost 13-0.



Early Carmichaels High School basketball team (C. 1920): Howard Baily, Mr. Crago, John Gaddis Baily, Kenneth Gaddis Baily, Karl Baily, Harry McHenry.

Sixty Years Later, the Jackets Still Know the Way Home

By Bret Moore

Sixty years is a long time.

It is long enough for a college to change its name, a football field to acquire a new surface, and a generation of young men to become grandfathers. It is long enough for the world of college football to go from single-bar face masks and muddy fields to satellite television and instant replay.

But apparently, 60 years is not long enough to erase the memory of being a national champion.

That was evident when almost two dozen members of **Waynesburg College's legendary 1966 football team** returned to town for a special reunion during Homecoming weekend. The team gathered Friday evening at The Denny House, then returned to campus Saturday to see the place where so much of their story began.

Perhaps the most remarkable part was the fact that **so many of them came back.**

For a group of men who played together in 1966, when a long-distance phone call was something you thought twice about making, the fact that teammates scattered across the country could once again find their way back to Waynesburg was something worth celebrating.

The setting at The Denny House seemed particularly appropriate. The beautifully restored Victorian home offered a little time travel of its own. The players didn't need much help going backward in time, however. They had already spent the evening doing that.

There were the memories of practices, road trips, locker rooms and teammates who once seemed indestructible. There were undoubtedly those who have spent the past six decades improving his version of an old football story.

That is one of the privileges of getting older. The 1966 Yellow Jackets don't have to agree on every detail anymore. They already agree on the important part. They were a team. And what a team they were.

Under first-year head coach Carl DePasqua, Waynesburg went 11-0 and captured the NAIA National Championship. However, the season was more than a perfect record. It was one of those improbable sports stories that seems almost too good to be true when viewed from six decades away.

The Jackets were a very small college team made up largely of players from our region. There were no social-media posts or recruiting websites telling everybody how good the Yellow Jackets were supposed to be, especially because they weren't supposed to be.

That's because their new coach was replacing the legendary Mo Scarry who left to be an assistant coach with the Washington Redskins. In addition, the team brought in seven freshmen quarterbacks to try to replace two-way All-American Harry Theofiledes, who was also with the Redskins that season.

Eventually, **Don Paul and John Huntly** won the job and split time throughout the season. They had the advantage of throwing the ball to **Don Hermann**, who later spent seven years in the NFL with the New York Giants and the New Orleans Saints.

The defense was led by **NAIA All-Americans Tim McNeil, Joe Hornack, and Beth-Center graduate Joe Righetti**, who would go on to play for the Browns.

By the improbable season's end, the team even had to choose between pursuing the NAIA championship and accepting a Tangerine Bowl invitation. Eventually, the Jackets chose the championship route—and history rewarded them for it.

In the semi-finals, they defeated a heavily favored (-28 points) New Mexico Highlands team that featured future AFL Rookie of the Year Carl Garrett at running back. After falling behind 20-0 in the second quarter, the Jackets fought back and won the game when **Rich Dahar** hit tight end **Bob Miltenberger** with a 5-yard halfback pass with 27 seconds left in the game. It was Miltenberger's first TD catch of the season.

The team headed to Tulsa for the championship game and brought home the **Amos Alonzo Stagg trophy** after dominating Wisconsin Whitewater 42-21. Dahar carried the ball 41 times for a championship-game record 233 yards and three touchdowns.

They were greeted by 1,500 students and townsfolk in front of the courthouse, despite a pouring rain.

There were no cellphones to record the championship celebration. No streaming video. No digital photographs instantly appearing on thousands of screens. If you wanted to remember something, you remembered it. And these men remembered.

The reunion brought those memories back to a place that has changed considerably while remaining, in some ways, exactly the same. The old college has become a university. The football facility has evolved into John F. Wiley Stadium.

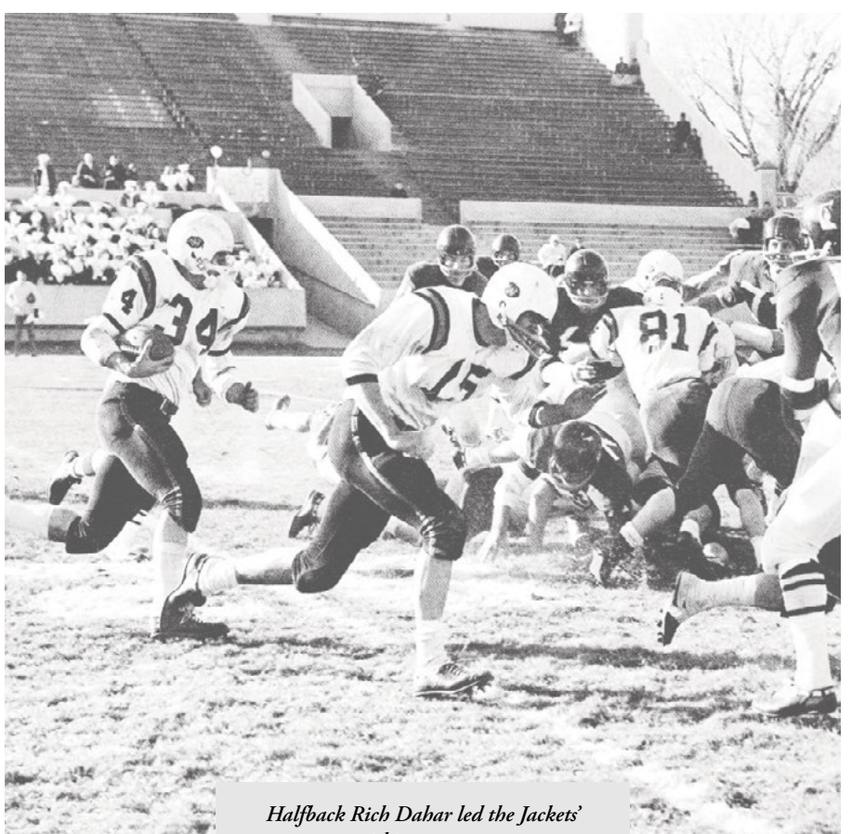
Yet on that Saturday, when the members of that championship team returned to campus and looked across the field, it was easy to imagine them as they were in 1966.

The university's 2026 Homecoming included a special dedication of the renovated home locker room in honor of Coach DePasqua. The dedication was made possible by former player **Dan Dvorchak**, whose gift helped ensure that the coach's name will remain connected to the program for generations to come.

So the weekend became more than a celebration of an old football season. It became a reminder that some victories don't really belong to one season. They belong to the people who shared them.

Sixty years after the final whistle in Tulsa, those Yellow Jackets still have something in common. They still have the same championship on their résumés. They still have the same stories. And, judging by the number who made the trip back, they still have the same desire to see one another.

The players may have arrived in different cars, from different places and with more gray hair than they had in '66. But for a weekend in Waynesburg, they were Yellow Jackets again. And sometimes, after 60 years, that's reason enough to come home.



Halfback Rich Dahar led the Jackets' punishing run game.

Athletes of the Month



Sophia Faddis

Sophia Faddis is the daughter of Tim and Melissa Faddis of Fredericktown. She is a cheerleader for the Rockets and is also a member of the track team. In school, she is a member of the N.H.S. and Student Council, as well as the Leo, Interact, Spanish, Art, Science, and Penn State 4.0 clubs.

Sophia also dances at Moschetta's Performing Arts Center. She plans to attend Penn State and become a physician's assistant.



Kenzlee Hill

Kenzlee Hill is the daughter of Chad and Misty Hill of Wind Ridge. She is a sophomore and participates in cross country and girls' basketball for the Pioneers. Kenzlee is a member of the HONEY program and the FFA. She enjoys golfing, the outdoors, and playing fall basketball.



Ava DiAlesandro

Ava DiAlesandro is the daughter of Mark and Rhonda DiAlesandro of Waynesburg. She is a returning sophomore letter winner for the Lady Raider soccer team. She has played seven years of club soccer for the Pittsburgh Riverhounds and is currently playing club soccer for Century United.

Ava maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the Spanish Club, Alpha Beta, Ski Club, and Student Council. She plans to continue playing soccer in college and eventually attend medical school for cardiology.



Lily Hawk

Lily Hawk is the daughter of Robert and Jennifer Hawk of Greensboro. She is a sophomore and maintains a 4.0 GPA. She is also a starter for the Lady Maples volleyball team. Her school activities include the Interact Club and Student Council.

Lily enjoys listening to music, going to church, and spending time with friends. In the future, she aspires to become a psychologist because she is interested in understanding people and helping others.



Avery Voithofer

Avery Voithofer is the daughter of Kristen and Justin Voithofer. She is a four-year member of the Mike's volleyball, basketball, and softball teams.

Her additional school activities include: National Honor Society, Senior Standing Committee, Mikes Nation Live, and SADD. She is also a member of Saint Matthias Parrish.



Liam Rogers

Liam Rogers is the son of B.J. and Jen Rogers. He is a junior and a three- year letterman in football. He also plays baseball and runs track for the Rockets. Liam plans to attend WVU and play football.



Jacob Rizor

Jacob Rizor is the son of Jeff Rizor of New Freeport and Jennifer Taylor of Center Highlands. He is a sophomore and participates in football, wrestling and baseball.

Jacob is also a member of the Pioneer's FFA. He enjoys golfing and riding dirt bikes outside of school.



Teagen Crouse

Teagen Crouse is the son of Tim and Krystal Crouse of Waynesburg. In football, he is a three-year team captain for the Raiders and holds the team's single season and career passing record. He was named All-Conference for two years. He was also a WPIAL qualifier in track and field.

In school, he is the class treasurer and vice-president of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the Hope Squad, Spanish Club, ski club, and polar plunge. He plans to attend four-year college and play football.



Landon Walker

Landon Walker is a sophomore, and he anchors the offensive and defensive line for the Maples football team. He has lettered in football and baseball and also plays basketball.

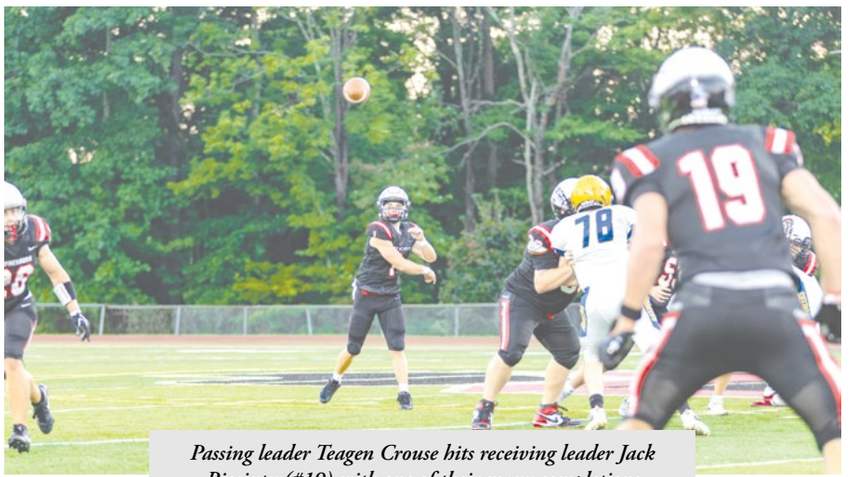
He attends the GCCTC for Auto Collision Repair but plans to change to Electrical Occupations to become an electrician and work for the power company. In addition to sports, Landon loves hunting and spending time with family and friends.



Chase Ankrom

Chase Ankrom is the son of Jason and Angie Ankrom of Rices Landing. A multi-sport letterman, Chase has distinguished himself in basketball, baseball and golf. Throughout his high school career, Chase has earned numerous athletic honors.

In school, Chase is an honor roll student and participates in esports. Outside of school, he enjoys hunting and fishing. After graduation, Chase plans to pursue a degree in environmental science.



Passing leader Teagen Crouse hits receiving leader Jack Ricciutu (#19) with one of their many completions (Photo by Crek Photography)



West Greene Little League D3 Landon Wright and R.J. Shamay (Photo credit Lauren Carpenter)



WG D2 Quarterback Joshua Seeholzer takes the snap during a Little Pioneer game. (Photo credit Lauren Carpenter)

Greene County 2026 Football Races (After 7 Games)

Top 10 Rushing Leaders

	Yards	Attempts	TDs
K. Sumpter (WG)	793	90	11
J. Rizor (WG)	731	112	6
T. Crouse (WC)	668	46	11
C. Vanata (M)	544	78	5
KC Shook (C)	472	131	3
L Rogers (JM)	374	71	3
T. Norris (JM)	168	34	0
R. Tennant (WC)	139	19	1
G. Roberts (WG)	126	18	1
J. Smith (C)	118	7	0

Top 10 Receiving Yards

	Yards	Catches	TDs
J. Ricciuti (WC)	459	24	7
L. Rogers (JM)	332	24	3
B. Scott (WG)	266	53	3
Co. Phillips (WC)	191	13	0
J. Woodward (JM)	178	13	1
E. Lingenfield (JM)	163	14	1
Sumpter (WC)	118	8	1
Ca. Phillips (WC)	106	7	0
Roberts (WG)	100	6	0
Lewis (C)	96	10	0

Passing Leaders

	Completions	Attempts	Yards	TDs
T. Crouse (WC)	64	97	1,119	13
T. Farabee (JM)	60	137	754	6
P. Morecraft (C)	33	94	271	0
J. Rizor (WG)	28	78	259	2
T. Dusenberry (M)	23	60	137	0

Top 10 Scoring Leaders

	Points	TDs	2Pts	XP	FG
K. Sumpter (WC)	76	12	2	0	0
T. Crouse (WC)	66	11	0	0	0
C. Vanata (M)	44	7	1	0	0
L. Rogers (JM)	42	7	0	0	0
Jack Ricciuti (WC)	36	6	0	0	0
J. Rizor (WG)	36	6	0	1	0
N. Ricciuti (WC)	33	0	0	24	9
Scott (WG)	24	4	0	0	0
B. Smith (C)	20	3	1	0	0
H. Bennett (WC)	18	3	0	0	0
T. Farabee (JM)	18	3	0	0	0
Stephenson (WG)	18	3	0	0	0
KC Shook (C)	18	3	0	0	0
Stephenson (WG)	18	3	0	0	0

Former Greene County Star's Grandson Wins World Wrestling Title

Dan Morgan was a standout football player and wrestler for Waynesburg High School in the late 1960s. He went on to a successful collegiate career and National Championship at the University of Delaware. His grandson is following in his footsteps….. and beyond.

Michael Boyle, who is a senior at Columbus Bishop Watterson, captured his **third Ohio Individual State Championship** in March, winning the Division II 215-pound title after previously winning at 165 pounds as a freshman and 215 as a sophomore.

However, his biggest accomplishment came in August, when he represented the United States at the **U20 World Wrestling Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia**. Competing at 97 kilograms, he powered through four matches without a loss, recording two technical falls, a pin and another technical fall in the championship bout. Boyle defeated Russia's Rodion Sanakoev, 12-2, to capture the U20 world championship.

The Ohio State commit has also excelled in football, helping Bishop Watterson win consecutive state championships. With another football season underway, Boyle will eventually return his attention to wrestling—and his future as a Buckeye.



World Champion Michael Boyle has a local connection.



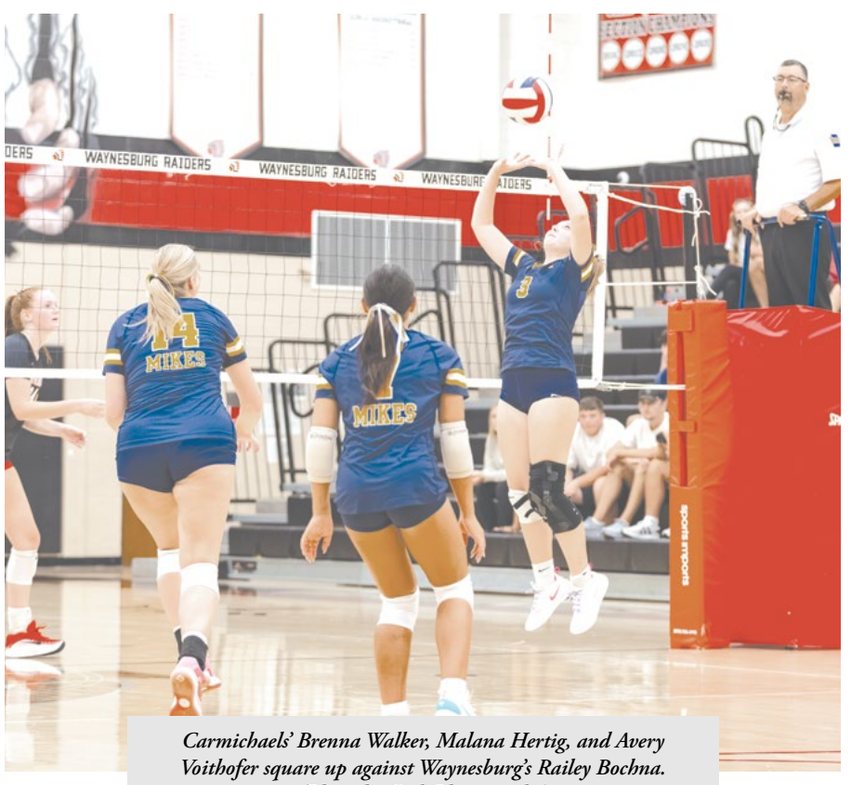
WPIAL Qualifier

Jefferson- Morgan senior Miles Sowden qualified for the WPIAL Individual Golf Championships after carding an 80 at Indian Run Golf Course.

He continued his post-season at the WPIAL Boys' AA Golf Individuals First Round held at South Hills Country Club. He shot an 83, punching his ticket to the second round at the prestigious Oakmont Country Club.

Miles competed in the final round at Oakmont, shooting a 102 and gaining valuable experience at one of the nation's most legendary golf courses.

Miles Sowden at the legendary Oakmont course during the WPIAL finals. With coach Michael Vukmanic, Mike Lesko, and Jimmy Sowden



Carmichaels' Brenna Walker, Malana Hertig, and Avery Voithofer square up against Waynesburg's Railey Bochna. (Photo by Crek Photography)

In the Out-Door

By T.R. Mahle

Outdoor Spotlight: Part 4
Traveling the World for Big Antlers and B&C Animals

We are extremely excited to announce our fourth and final installment in a year-long series of articles that spotlighted accomplished "outdoor" individuals. This new limited series of articles celebrated the stories, skills, and traditions of successful hunters from around Greene County.

These special articles explored the experiences of individuals who have mastered their craft through patience, knowledge, and respect for nature. Each feature highlighted not only remarkable achievements in the field, but also the dedication, preparation, and ethical practices that define responsible hunting.

Readers were treated to in-depth profiles, vivid storytelling, and practical insights drawn from real-life pursuits. From tracking elusive game in rugged wilderness to understanding animal behavior, the series presented a well-rounded perspective on local hunting legends. By focusing on personal journeys and lessons learned, these articles hopefully inspired appreciation for the outdoors.

These diverse stories allowed us to engage deeply with one person's lifelong outdoor journey…and hopefully built anticipation for future features.

This quarter's outdoor icon highlights the achievements of **Larry Goehring**. Larry is a retired executive of Wells Fargo and operates a 226-acre farm in Spraggs. Visiting Larry's farm was an absolute pleasure for me. He has one of the most impressive trophy rooms I have ever seen, displaying over a hundred different mounts from all over the world.

Traveling the world in search of giant antlers and Boone and Crockett animals is an adventure driven by passion, patience, and respect for the outdoors. From the rugged mountains of North America to the vast wilderness of Alaska and the remote plains of Africa, every destination offers the chance to pursue extraordinary big-game animals and experience some of the most beautiful landscapes on Earth.

However, Larry's search for trophy animals is about much more than a place in the record books. It is about early mornings, long hikes, unpredictable weather, and the excitement of exploring unfamiliar country. Whether glassing distant mountain ridges for massive elk, tracking giant whitetail deer through thick timber, or searching for world-class moose in the northern wilderness, every hunt creates memories that last a lifetime.



Larry and his American Bison

Boone and Crockett animals, of which Larry has two (Barren Ground Caribou and Alaska-Yukon Moose), represents the remarkable quality of wildlife and the importance of conservation. He has also recorded the "Grand Slam" of North American caribou. The legacy of the B&C club reminds hunters that protecting habitat, practicing ethical hunting, and managing wildlife responsibly are essential to preserving these incredible animals for future generations.

For those willing to travel far, work hard, and embrace the challenges of the hunt, the journey becomes a lifelong pursuit. The ultimate reward is not always a record-book trophy, but the friendships, experiences, and unforgettable moments along the way. The world is full of wild places waiting to be explored, and the search for giant antlers is an adventure without an end.

Larry has hunted in Texas, Alaska (3), Montana, Washington (9), Wyoming, South Dakota, New York, British Columbia, Alberta, the NW Territories, Quebec, New Zealand, and Mozambique. He is also an avid angler, having fished all over the world, including all the Great Lakes, landing many impressive trophies along the way.

Larry shared several adventures with me with an incredible remembrance of detail. One of his most memorable experiences was a hunt in Alaska for moose, bear, and caribou. After flying into base camp and setting up they spent the afternoon glassing nearby mountains and valleys for a moose…in Alaska you can not hunt the same day you fly.

The next morning after climbing to a high point, the guide began calling hoping to get a response. This scenario played out over-and-over as the day progressed, and they passed up several legal bulls along the way looking for something bigger.

Finally, they were able to spot an enormous moose in the distance. The guide began calling and the moose responded. They maneuvered to a spot where they could see, and the guide said "he is coming in." They could hear him approaching long before they could see him…snapping trees and busting brush. A large moose can exceed two thousand pounds, and when he finally stepped out at 35 yards it was truly an incredible sight.

Two well placed shots had the moose on the ground, and they were amazed at the size of his body and antlers. They were a mile away from camp and the bush plane forcing them to pack-out the meat and antlers on their backs…the antlers alone weighed over one hundred pounds. They eventually succeeded in their task but soon found out the meat and antlers far exceeded the weight the plane could carry. A couple of trips were necessary to get the moose out. The massive moose easily qualified for the record books with a B&C club score of 224.

The next task was filling the caribou tag. There was a migration of caribou taking place and the hardest part was trying to pick out the biggest trophy amongst the thousands of animals passing in front of them. After agreeing on a particular bull, a well-placed shot ended the hunt and another entry into the B&C club was accomplished with a score of 390-2/8.

The final piece of the adventure was looking for a giant grizzly. They left the carcass of the caribou in the hopes that a grizzly would come and feed on it…no luck. They travelled 35-40 miles up steam on a boat looking for a bear but were unsuccessful in their attempt to find a bear that fit Larry's standards. Two years later, he would eventually find the bear he wanted and was successful in harvesting him.

Larry explained, having the ability and means to hunt big game around the world is a privilege that should not be taken for granted. The world offers incredible opportunities, but opportunity means little if we wait too long to pursue it. Hunting requires strength, endurance, determination, and the physical ability to meet its challenges. Time is never guaranteed, and age eventually catches up with everyone. If you have the health, resources, and passion go now, the memories, challenges, and experiences will last a lifetime.



Larry with his record book Caribou



Larry and his guide with record book Moose

Deer Camps.... More Than Just the Hunt

By T.R. Mahle

In past years, when deer season opened on a Monday, the few days that preceded were always something special. Old friends gathered, bringing stories, laughter, and the excitement of the hunt that was just around the corner. There was always plenty of good food, cold drinks, and cutthroat poker games around the card table. There was a mixture of people who hunted, some who didn't and some who came just to hang out by the fire, but mostly, it was about being together, enjoying the simple things, and making memories. Before the early mornings and long hours in the woods, these were the moments that made deer season special to me.

Growing up we had Rohanna's cabin, Wermlinger's hunting camp, and McNay's hayfield. Over the years, the deer camp has evolved into something much bigger than hunting. What once centered almost entirely around the pursuit of whitetails has become more of a tradition built on friendship, family, storytelling, and the simple enjoyment of being together. The deer might still be the reason everyone marks the calendar and heads into the woods, but for many, the memories made around camp have become just as important as what happens out in the field.

Years ago, deer camps often meant a real camp. It might have been a small cabin tucked away in the mountains, an old hunting shack with a wood stove, or a family camp passed down through generations. These places were more than just somewhere to sleep between hunts. They were gathering spots where generations came together, where stories were shared, meals were cooked, and hunting traditions were passed down. The walls often held memories of seasons past, with old photographs, mounted deer heads, and stories that somehow got a little better every year.

But times change, and for many of us, so have deer camps. Today, not every camp has four walls, a roof, or even a place to hang your hat. Sometimes, deer camp is nothing more than a bonfire burning in a field, a few trucks parked nearby, some folding chairs, and a group of friends gathered around the flames. There's no cabin to clean, no fancy setup, and no need for much of anything beyond a warm fire and good company. Yet somehow, those simple gatherings can create some of the best memories of the entire season.

The conversations around those fires aren't always about hunting. Sure, there are stories about the big buck that got away, the deer someone saw on the way in, or the shot that didn't go quite as planned. But there are also stories about work, family, old times, and everything else life brings along. There's plenty of laughing, having a drink with friends, a little good-natured ribbing, and the kind of conversations that can only happen when people slow down long enough to enjoy each other's company.

In a world that seems to move faster every year, the deer camp has become a reason to stop, reconnect, and enjoy the moment. Some show up before daylight, hoping to fill a tag. Others come around later, just to sit by the fire, catch up with old friends, and be part of something they've looked forward to all year.

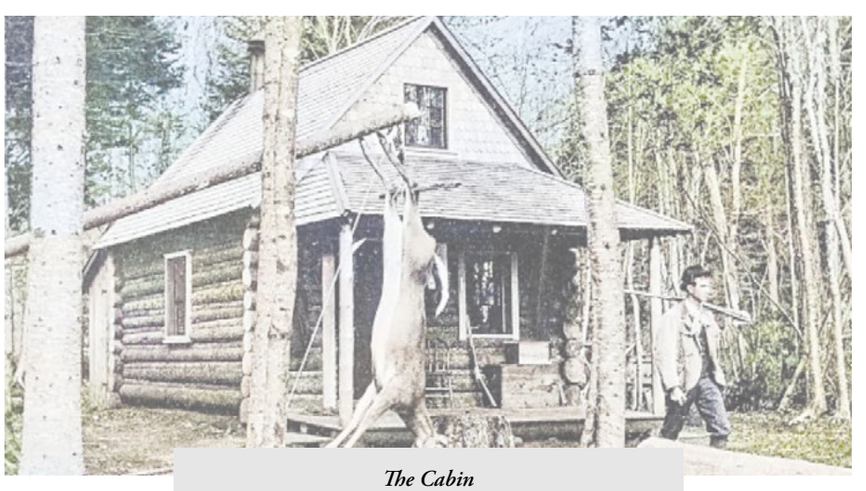
And maybe that's the biggest change of all. Deer camp isn't necessarily defined by a location anymore. It's defined by the people who show up, the traditions they carry on, and the memories they make together.



McNay's Hunting Camp

Whether it's an old cabin deep in the woods or a bonfire glowing in a harvested field, the heart of deer camp remains the same. The hunt may bring everyone together, but it's the friendships, laughter, and shared experiences that keep them coming back year after year. In the end, the biggest trophy might not be hanging on the wall at all. It might be the time spent together around the fire.





The Cabin

The Lost Art of Deer Spotting at Night

By T.R. Mahle

There was once a simple kind of magic in loading up the kids on a cold night and heading out in search of deer. No fancy plans, no expensive entertainment, no destination that mattered. Just a full tank of gas, a warm vehicle, the heater blasting, a good spotlight, and a family ready to see what might be standing out in the fields along some quiet country road.

It was a different kind of adventure back then. The sun would go down, the temperature would drop, and someone would inevitably ask, "anyone want to go spotting?" That was all it took. Before long, everyone was piling into the vehicle, bundled up in coats and blankets, rubbing their hands together until the heater finally started pushing out that wonderful, warm air.

We would cruise down back roads, slowly scanning the edges of fields, fence rows, and brush lines. Every set of glowing eyes in the darkness brought a little excitement. Sometimes it was a deer, sometimes it was a raccoon, and sometimes it was nothing more than a trick of the light. But when a deer finally stepped into view, the whole vehicle came alive. Kids leaned toward the windows, fingers pointed into the darkness, and everybody tried to get a better look before the deer slipped back into the shadows.

And if we found a good spot, we would sit there for a while, watching quietly, hoping another deer might appear. There was no rush to get home. The ride itself was the entertainment. The cold stayed outside, the windows fogged up, the heater hummed, and the conversation wandered from school and work to stories about the biggest bucks anyone had ever seen.

Looking back, I don't think it was ever just about the deer. It was about spending time together without needing a reason beyond being together. It was about teaching the kids to pay attention to the world around them, to appreciate the quiet moments, and to find excitement in the simplest things. Those long, chilly drives gave us something that no television, video game, or expensive family outing could ever replace.

Somewhere along the way, that little tradition seemed to fade. Life got busier. Kids grew up. Schedules filled in, and those spontaneous nighttime drives became fewer and farther between. Maybe people don't do it as much anymore, or maybe I'm just getting old enough to realize how special those moments really were.

But every now and then, on a cold fall evening, when the air turns crisp and the fields lie quiet beneath the moonlight, I still think about those nights.

The heater roaring, the kids looking out the windows, and everybody hoping to catch a glimpse of a giant buck standing at the edge of a field. Funny how something so simple can become such a treasured memory. Maybe the art of spotting deer at night isn't really lost. Maybe it is just waiting for another cold evening, a full tank of gas, and a family willing to take the long way home.

Picture This

By Laura McAnallen



A Red-Shouldered Hawk takes flight above Raider Field.

As I walk my dog through our neighborhood, I love capturing photos of the wildlife that usually drives him crazy. Fortunately, this Red-shouldered Hawk took off out of his sight near the Waynesburg Raiders football stadium.

Red-shouldered Hawks may look calm and majestic, but these birds have amazing abilities. These medium-sized hawks are excellent hunters and can spot prey from high above the forest. Their sharp eyesight allows them to locate small animals such as mice, frogs, snakes, and even other small birds.

Unlike the more familiar red-tailed hawk, which is comfortable hunting open fields, red-shouldered hawks strongly favor mature forests and wooded streams. **However, they aren't afraid of people. Although they're primarily woodland birds, red-shouldered hawks have increasingly been documented using suburban areas around houses and buildings.**

Their call is another incredible feature. The loud, repeated **"kee-yer"** sound can travel through the woods and is often heard long before the bird is spotted. During breeding season, these calls can become especially frequent as hawks communicate with their mates and defend their territory.

Red-shouldered Hawks are also surprisingly loyal to their homes. Pairs may return to the same territory year after year and can reuse nesting areas. Their nests are usually built high in mature trees, providing protection for their eggs and young.

These beautiful birds usually lay between 3–4 eggs. Both parents play important roles in raising their babies. The young leave the nest at approximately 5–7 weeks old, however, their parents continue to feed and teach them how to hunt for several more weeks before they become fully independent.

Interestingly, despite habitat concerns, the red-shouldered hawk populations have increased by more than 2% annually across most of their range from 1966–2019.

They also live surprisingly long lives. In the wild, a Red-shouldered Hawk can live more than 10 years, and some have reached 20 years or more.





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West Greene Little League D1 football players display their patriotism before the game. (Photo credit Lauren Carpenter)

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Upcoming Events

Halloween DJ Benji *Thursday, Oct. 29*
Spaghetti With Eyeballs
Thriller Performance
(*by Dolly & her zombies*)

Ryan Caldwell *Thursday, Nov. 5*
Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes and Salad

Micheal Mlay *Friday, Nov. 6*
Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes and Salad

Ferd Dolfi *Thursday, Nov. 12*
Italian Sausage Sandwiches and Fries

One Act Plays Dinner Theater
Friday, Nov. 13 at 6:00 pm
Reservations Required

Two to Win
Thursday, Nov. 19
Prime Rib, Roasted Mini Potatoes, & Brussels Sprouts

Thanksgiving Eve Party Just 4 Kicks
Wednesday, Nov. 25
Lasagna Roll-Ups, Salad, and Garlic Knots



Downtown Open House Ferd Dolfi
Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026
Chicken Pot Pie with Side Salad

Closed for Private Event *Friday, Dec. 4*

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
Saturday, Dec. 12
Reservations Required

Lunch with The Grinch & Santa
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