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The Official Newsletter of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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Chamber Becomes the First P.A.C.P Accredited Chamber!



One of the most prestigious programs of the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals (PACP) is the PACP Accredited Chamber Program. The program sets standards of excellence for chambers in Pennsylvania. The program follows the U.S. Chamber model, and it shows that a chamber has gone through a detailed analysis of what and where they are as an organization.

The PACP Accredited Chamber Program is designed to establish a standard of organizational competency and an objective set of criteria for assessment. The achievement of standards by PACP members as determined by an examining committee will be awarded with Accreditation credentials.

The association recognized its first PACP Accredited Chamber at the Awards Ceremony of the 2018 PACP Chamber Professionals & Leadership Conference held October 18 at the Mountain Valley Banquet Venue in Barnesville, PA.

PACP was pleased to honor the Greene County Chamber of Commerce as the association's first PACP Accredited Chamber.

Mix & Mingle

Chamber Business After Hours

Thursday, November 15, 2018

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Hampton Inn

\$15 per person

Live Entertainment, Adult Beverages

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Annual Membership Banquet & DSA Presentation

Last month, the Chamber held the 31st Annual Membership Banquet at Waynesburg University's Benedum Dining Hall. The evening consisted of a Chinese Auction that benefits the Chamber's Educational Scholarship Fund, a delicious meal prepared by Aladdin Food Services, and the presentation of our Distinguished Service and McCracken Legacy Awards.



The 2018 Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Sister Audrey Quinn.



The 2018 Posthumous Distinguished Service Award was presented to G. William "Bill" Gensler. Accepting is William's wife Joy and daughter Ann and her family



The 2018 McCracken Legacy Award was presented to EQT. Accepting is David Schlosser, President of Exploration and Production



Humane Society of Greene County 25 Years of Membership. Accepting is Vicki Duvall, Marketing & Communications Coordinator.



Washington Greene Job Training Agency 25 Years of Membership. Accepting is Terri Cooley-Taylor, Site Administrator



Banquet Sponsor – EQT, accepting is Casey Durdines, Local Government & Community Affairs Specialist



Christmas Parade Sponsor – First Energy Foundation, accepting is Randy Durr, Regional External Affairs



Chamber After Hours Series Sponsor – Woodforest National Bank, accepting is Robin Lacey, Branch Manager

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Parade Applications Now Being Accepted



The Greene County Chamber of Commerce has begun planning the 2018 Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade to be held Saturday December 1st at 2:00pm. The execution of the Parade is underwritten by

FirstEnergy Foundation.

More than 100 applications were mailed to schools, churches, civic organizations and other interested parties throughout the county. All units must be pre-registered by November 16th and pay a \$10 entry fee in order to participate. Late entries will be accepted through November 21st at a fee of \$20. No entries will be accepted after November 21st. A limited number of scholarships are available for those groups who have financial need.

Miss Rain Day 2018, Lauren Schroyer and the Chamber's 2018 Distinguished Service Award and McCracken Legacy Award recipients, Sister Audrey Quinn, the family of the late G. William "Bill" Gensler and representatives from EQT will have the honor of leading the parade down High Street as it's Grand Marshals.

There is no central theme but all entries are asked to portray the true Christmas Spirit. Float judging will take place prior to the start of the parade. Trophies will be awarded to the top three floats. All floats and other entries are reminded that no live Santa is permitted on any unit in the parade as he is the guest of honor at the conclusion of the parade.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade that did not receive an application is asked to download the parade application by visiting the Chamber website at www.greenechamber.org For more information contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org

**Thank you to our Parade Sponsor,
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Washington Health System's HallowGreene

The Chamber participated in the Washington Health System's HallowGreene event. Our table was Pirate themed and the kids loved it!



11th Annual Halloween Spooktacular

Waynesburg Borough and the Greene County Chamber teamed up once again to host the Halloween Spooktacular Costume Contest. Members of the Chamber and their employees, along with any Borough business were eligible to compete. 37 participants were judged by a panel of qualified judges, Waynesburg Mayor, Brian Tanner, Pam Snyder - State Representative, Barb Wise, Chamber of Commerce Vice President. All received a treat bag compliments of First Federal Savings & Loan of Greene County. Winners received cash awards compliments of our Sponsors: High Street Hair, Baily Agency, First National Bank of PA, State Representative Pam Snyder, Rhodes & Hammers Printing, Med Express, McCracken Pharmacy, Laick Design, and PcSquared. Trophies were sponsored by Waynesburg Milling. Medals were sponsored by Lola Energy Resources. The Most Original winner also received a hand crafted pumpkin made and donated by Adamson Pottery.



Most Original – “Cop & Robbers”
First National Bank of PA



Most Entertaining –
“Family Feud” Ruff Creek
Crafts, 5 Kidz Kandy,
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Antiques



Best Group – “Toy Story”
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2nd Place Group – “Fruit Basket”
First Federal Drive Thru



3rd Place Group – “Sherry’s Spice Girls”
Greene County Clerk of Courts Office



Best Individual
“Jafar-Royal Vizier of Agrabah”
Jordan Brooks
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2nd Place Individual “Wednesday
Adams and Friends”
Kelly Graham
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3rd Place Individual
“Operation Game”
Danielle Morris
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4th Place Individual
“Cabbage Patch Kid”
Candy Hoskins
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Thank you to all of our 11th Annual Spooktacular participants!



University of Pittsburgh SBDC Problem Solvers



Greene County Chamber of Commerce and University of Pittsburgh, Small Business Development Center (SBDC) teamed up to present a Problem Solvers-Decision Makers seminar series to assist business owners in Greene County and southwestern PA.

The University of Pittsburgh SBDC received a grant from the Appalachian Resource Commission and developed a new, no-cost

seminar series, Problem Solvers-Decision Makers. The program is a 4-Part seminar being hosted in Waynesburg that began in October and will finish in November.

Retailers, manufactures and service-based, business owners brought their concerns and problems to the class. The intent is to determine solutions, referrals and recommendations by fellow business owners that are facing similar issues in growing their companies.

The business owners are receiving personalized materials and resources to make their companies more profitable. Seminar topics include increasing sales, marketing strategies, attracting new customers, and overcoming financial barriers.

The no-cost program was developed to focus on entrepreneurial growth stated Michael Wholihan, of the University of Pittsburgh SBDC. "Our local community economies rely on small businesses to sustain jobs, remain competitive and be profitable. The seminars offer real business solutions to help small companies with any issue. The seminars provide practical tools they could use immediately to impact their small business growth."

Greene County Rural Roundtable

White House Representatives Listen and Learn in Greene County

White House-appointee Michelle Christian and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development State Director Curt Coccodrilli visited Greene County small business owners on learning tour on October 24 th.

“Meeting with small business owners truly is indicative of SBA’s mission,” Christian said. “Our agency, strictly dedicated to the needs of all small business owners, learns so much about our customers by visiting and listening to their concerns.”

The stop included a private, invitation-only, interactive roundtable with area small business owners at the Greene County Hampton Inn. “This event helps identify the challenges faced by the business community here in Greene County and have those concerns heard by state and national leaders” said Melody Longstreth, executive director, Greene County Chamber.

Christian, who is spearheading numerous rural roundtables, said open dialogue and discussion is providing valuable information to SBA’s headquarters office. “We’re learning about the unique needs of rural small business owners and are striving to restore economic strength in these areas with SBA and USDA services.”

The event, which was organized and presented by the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, was sponsored in part by the Greene County Industrial Development Corporation and Comcast Business Services.

Christian, SBA Mid-Atlantic’s regional administrator, oversees economic development activity in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the Washington Metro Area, with a field staff of more than 100 lending, business and community outreach specialists and dozens of partner organizations such as SBDCs.



Heartland Fabrication Tour in Brownsville, PA



Chamber Director, Melody Longstreth was an invited guest of Penn State Cooperative Extension



A nearly complete grain barge



One of the many assembly lines at Heartland

University Launches Entrepreneurial Leadership Program



Jim Lowe, Melinda Walls and Douglas Lee cut the ribbon at the opening of the eHIVE

Waynesburg University launched the eHIVE, an Entrepreneurial Hub for Innovative Ventures and Endeavors, Friday, Oct. 5, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Located on the second floor of the Stover Campus Center on the University's main campus in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, the eHIVE will be available to all Waynesburg students regardless of major and will host events to foster the entrepreneurial mindset, creativity and innovation, as well as provide venture creation coaching.

"Waynesburg University already has a very strong mission of faith, service and learning," said Dr. Melinda Walls, the W. Robert Stover Chair of Entrepreneurial Leadership in the Department of Business Administration and the director of

The Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, who will lead the eHIVE. "Our goal is to build on this mission by encouraging all students to think and act entrepreneurially. We encourage our students to think big, but start small, act fast, and fail forward. We want our students to learn from their mistakes and not be afraid of failure."

The vision of this entrepreneurial leadership program is to create a culture of proactive and innovative problem solving which will provide Waynesburg University students with the tools they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Waynesburg University's W. Robert Stover Chair for Entrepreneurial Leadership, a faculty position, was endowed through a recent \$2 million gift from the Stover Foundation, which was the lead gift in the University's O.A.K.S. (Opportunity And Knowledge Strengthened) Campaign.

Greene County Composite Squadron 606 Participated in Search for Missing 16-year Old Male

A missing 16-year old male was located about 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018 in the Shickshinny, PA area. The male was found, and is doing well. Catawissa police say that 16-year-old Wyatt Yohey was last seen, by his family, late Tuesday night around 10 p.m., October 9, 2018,



when he went to bed. Squadron 606 members, left Waynesburg at 3:00 a.m. Friday to be on scene by 8:00 a.m. when the day's search would begin.

Two Cadets and two Senior Members participated in the search: Cadet Senior Airman Kaitlyn A Pester, Cadet Tech Sergeant Kyle A Pester, Sergeant Chase Owens, and Capt David Shaw.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with

61,000 members nationwide. Conducts 90 percent of inland search and rescue in the U.S. as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and other agencies. Coordinates Air Force-assigned missions through CAP National Operations Center at Maxwell AFB, Ala., at a cost of \$120-\$165 per flying hour. Has more than 6,900 aircrew members and nearly 33,000 emergency responders trained to FEMA standards. Provides 450 chaplains and 500 character development instructors who minister to youth and adult members and help comfort survivors and victims of disasters. Performs aerial reconnaissance for homeland security. Provides air intercept training, impact assessment, light transport, communications support and low-level route surveys for the Air Force. Provides disaster-relief photography and support to local, state and national agencies. Transports time-sensitive medical materials, blood products and body tissues when commercial resources are unavailable. Assists federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the War on Drugs. Maintains an extensive VHF and HF communications network.

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2nd Annual

Eva K. Bowlby Library 5K Turkey Trot

Saturday, November 17, 2018



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Meet the
Author
Steve Metzger

Race Time: Registration begins at 8:15

1K The Wobble Gobble Children's Fun Run - 9A.M.

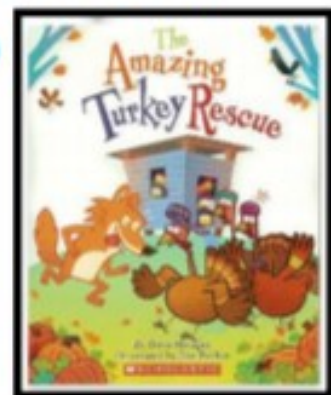
Childcare entertainment (listed on the back)

Provided during adult run

All Wobble Gobble Children
receive a copy of

The Amazing Turkey Rescue

Autographed by the author



9:15 - Walk/9:30 - 5K Run/Pardoned Turkey

Location:

Bowlby Library Gazebo

311 N West Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370

Online Registration:

www.runsignup.com



Welding Technology (317-3) Certificate

This certificate program provides students with the entry level skills to work as welders in small and large companies. Students in this certificate program are eligible to take the American Welding Society (AWS) D1.1 and D1.5 Certification Test. This program also offers students the skills that are necessary to read blueprints in the technical work area. Students may find employment as welders, fabricators or grinders.

Upon successful completion of the program, the student will:

1. Utilize safety procedures and theory of the shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) processes.
2. Utilize multi-layered welds in different weld joints and weld positions.
3. Operate oxy-fuel cutting and brazing equipment safely.
4. Identify and interpret blueprints and the basic (AWS) weld symbols.
5. Demonstrate gas metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, flux core arc welding processes and the safety and setup procedures for metals, i.e., aluminum, stainless steel and carbon steel.

CHECK CCAC CATALOG FOR DETAILED
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.



Welding Technology Fall 2018 to Spring 2019

October 2018 to May 2019

CCAC Washington County Center & Greene County CTC

CCAC South Campus Engineering Technology Department and the Washington County Center are now offering Welding Technology courses at **Greene County Career and Technology Center (GCCTC)** located at 60 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg, PA 15370 724-627-3106. Interested students should apply to CCAC and register by contacting the admissions or advisement offices. Additional academic, personal and support services are available for stu-

Fall 2018

Monday October 15, 2018

Welding Fundamentals

WLD-101 – Fall Semester

- Week 1** Tuesday, Oct. 16, 3:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, Oct. 17, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 2 Monday, Oct. 22, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 3 Monday, Oct. 29, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 4 Wednesday, Nov. 7, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 5 Wednesday, Nov. 14, 3:30-9:30pm
BREAK Thanksgiving Break Nov. 19-23
Week 6 Wednesday, Dec. 5, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 7 Monday, Dec. 10, 3:30-9:30pm
Week 8 Wednesday, Dec. 12, 3:30-7:30 pm

Spring 2019

Wednesday, January 15, 2019

Advanced Welding

WLD-102—Spring Semester

- Week 1:**
Monday, January 14; 3:30 to 7:30pm
Wednesday, January 16; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Week 2 through Week 7:
Wednesdays; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Week 8:
Monday, March 4; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Wednesday, March 6; 3:30 to 7:30pm
Note: Spring Break April 15-21

Prep for Welding Certificate

WLD-201—Spring Semester

- Week 1:**
Monday, March 11; 3:30 to 7:30pm
Wednesday, March 13; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Week 2 through Week 7:
Wednesdays; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Week 8:
Monday, May 6 5; 3:30 to 9:30pm
Wednesday, May 8; 3:30 to 7:30pm
Note: Spring Break April 15-21

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1. Complete Admission Application
2. Complete the fafsa.ed.gov Application for financial aid.
3. Stop in or call the CCAC Washington Center 724-223-1012 to schedule a time to sign-up for the courses.