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*The Official Newsletter of the
Greene County Chamber of Commerce*

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Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022

11:30—Networking

Noon—Lunch & Program

EQT REC Center—400 EverGreene Dr.

Our speaker will be Jeremy Kelly, Director of Planning for the County of Greene, Department of Planning & Community Development. He will be presenting Information about the Greene County Tax Base and how it affects our economy.

Catering by Hungarian Smokehouse:

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hashbrown Casserole, Country Style Green Beans, Coleslaw, Rolls, Desert and Beverage.

Register at info@greenechamber.org

by Wednesday, March 16th

with guest name(s)

Cost - \$20/member \$25/non-member



Congratulations to Embroid'em and owners Bethany and Tyler Tanner on their new shop located at 62 West High Street, stop by and pay them a visit!



2022 Calendar of Events

Mark your
calendars!

Wednesday, March 16th - The Great Gathering, Hilton Garden Inn, Southpointe
Wednesday, March 23rd - Business Connections Luncheon, EQT REC Center
Friday, April 1st - Women in Business Breakfast, The Denny House - Carriage House
Friday, April 8th - Trivia Challenge, Waynesburg VFW
Wednesday, April 13th - Business Connections Luncheon, EQT REC Center
Friday, April 22nd - WCHS FFA Greenhouse Ribbon Cutting, WCHS Greenhouse
Wednesday, April 27th - Administrative Professional Day Luncheon,
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 11th - Lunch & Learn, Community Foundation
Thursday, May 19th - Business After Hours, The Denny House
Wednesday, May 25th - Business Connections Luncheon, Waynesburg University
Wednesday, June 1st - Coffee & Commerce, Hill Top Packs Coffee Company
Friday, June 17th - Annual Golf Outing, Carmichaels Golf Course
Wednesday, June 29th - Business Connections Luncheon, Waynesburg University
Wednesday, July 13th - Women's Leadership Conference, Valley View Farm
Wednesday, July 20th - Business Connections Luncheon, Waynesburg University
Saturday, August 20th - Greene County Day at the Wild Things Ball Park Washington
Thursday, August 25th - Business After Hours, Thistlethwaite Vineyard
Wednesday, August 31st - Coffee & Commerce, Hill Top Packs Coffee Company
Thursday, September 8th - Lunch & Learn, Community Foundation
Wednesday, September 28th - Business Connections Luncheon, TBD
Thursday, October 6th - Lunch & Learn, Community Foundation
Friday, October 14th - Women in Business Breakfast, The Denny House
Thursday, October 27th - Annual Banquet and Awards Presentation, Valley View Farm
Thursday, November 10th - Business After Hours, Hampton Inn Waynesburg
Saturday, November 26th - Small Business Saturday
Saturday, December 3rd - Downtown Christmas Parade

**MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW!**

Questions? Call or email us!

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32nd ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



The chamber is now accepting applications from graduating seniors for our 32nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Scholarship they will award this May in the amount of \$1,500. Our scholarship program is open to any Greene County resident who will be a graduating high school senior in 2022. The chamber urges all high school seniors who have been accepted to a College or Technical School as an incoming freshman this Fall and have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better while in high school to apply for this scholarship. Applicants will be required to write an essay and furnish a completed application and letter of acceptance. Applications are available to be printed directly from the Chamber website at www.greenechamber.org or by emailing melody@greenechamber.org. The top scoring applicants may be interviewed by a panel of judges as part of the application process.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than Thursday, April 14th. The winner will be announced in early May.

For more information, please contact the chamber office at 724-627- 5926 or email to melody@greenechamber.org .



The Great Energy Gathering VIII

8th Annual MEGA MIXER in Partnership with Many Western Pennsylvania's Esteemed Business Associations!



Please join for the 'Great Energy Gathering VIII,' the eighth annual MEGA MIXER hosted by 30 chambers of commerce & business and energy associations at the Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe. Register below now!

Take part in one of the most diverse gatherings of business leaders and executives in the region.

Network with hundreds of business owners, corporate level executives, entrepreneurs, & other professionals from all over western Pennsylvania.

Executive VIP Reception with local and regional government officials 5-6pm. Open bar. Must register in advance while registration is open.

- Enjoy light fare and hors d'oeuvres
- Exhibitor tables from great local companies
- Chance auction, door prizes, and cash bar
- Business professional attire please
- Free & ample parking available

With over 30 organizations participating, this will be a fantastic networking opportunity for all levels of leadership in business.

The event fills up quickly. Don't miss an opportunity to attend the largest event in the region.*

Registrants and guests are encouraged to wear masks. We also recommend elbow and/or fist-bumping salutations.

Click 'Register Now' below for info, costs, & RSVP

Last min./Late/Door registrants (if space available) pay premium

[Register Now!](#)

When

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM EDT

[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Hilton Garden Inn Southpointe
1000 Corporate Drive
Canonsburg, PA 15317

Contact

Amy Clever

Director of Operations

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Welcome New Members



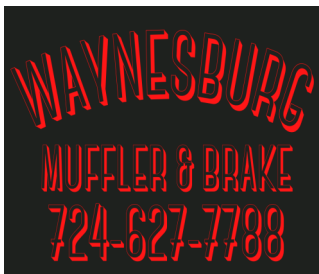
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Ag Promotion T. A. S. K. 2022 Conference

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The Ag Promotion and Education Committee will be hosting their 2022 TASK conference on March 12. This conference is organized to help Farm Bureau members from across Pennsylvania gather resources and ideas about promoting agriculture and take that information back to their counties.

This year they will be having an engaging lineup of presenters, including their keynote speaker Gian Paul Gonzalez with his message about being "All In".

The workshops will include the Mobile Ag Experience, How to Write a Children's Book, Intro to Podcasting, Social Media Through GenZ's Eyes, and the Grow PA Workforce Project. For more on the speakers and workshops, [Click Here](#).

The conference is open to current members, as well as non-members. Conference costs are \$65 for members and \$70 for non-members. Each county will receive 3 sponsorships to cover the costs of the county Ag Promo, Women's Leadership, and YAP Committee Chairs.

<https://pfb.com/be-involved/ag-promotion-committee/2022-ag-promotion-conference/>

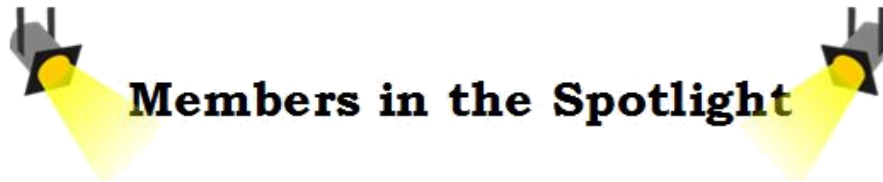
If you have any questions feel free to reach out! Check out the registration link below!

[Register Here](#)

Congratulations to Daniel Wagner, culinary arts instructor at Greene County CTC, on being named the 2022 Pennsylvania ProStart Educator of Excellence.

The ProStart Program Educator of Excellence Awards (EEA) recognize educators who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and passion, commitment and creativity in all aspects of the ProStart program to help their students make the most of the opportunities that ProStart offers. Thank you, Dan, for giving 100% to your students and program all year long.





Nominations being accepted for Waynesburg U.'s Servant Leadership Award

Waynesburg University issued a call for nominations for the 2022 Douglas G. and Kathryn D. Lee Servant Leadership Endowed Award today.

Nominations can originate from both within and beyond the University community; community members, businesses, churches, non-profits, etc., are encouraged to participate.

The award, which is given annually at the University's Commencement Ceremony, is presented to one graduating student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities over the course of their time at Waynesburg University in the mission focus areas of faith, learning and serving. The award recipient receives a monetary award of at least \$1,000.

The award is intended to recognize an individual with an exceptional ability of providing leadership to make a positive impact on others within the Waynesburg University community, in their home community, or anywhere in the world.

The Waynesburg University Board of Trustees established the Douglas G. and Kathryn D. Lee Servant Leadership Endowed Award in 2020 to recognize the Lees' outstanding leadership of Waynesburg University throughout the ongoing challenges faced during the coronavirus pandemic.

Isaiah Skeete, 2021 graduate from Sinking Spring, Pa., was awarded the inaugural Douglas G. and Kathryn D. Lee Servant Leadership Endowed Award last year. Skeete is currently serving as an admissions counselor at Waynesburg University and is enrolled in the University's Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Criminal Investigation programs.

"Being the first ever recipient of the Lee Endowed Award means the world to me!" said Skeete. "Waynesburg really changed my life for the better and allowed me to learn the importance of servant leadership. I loved being heavily involved in many different areas on campus because I was able to meet amazing people and help make a difference here at Waynesburg."

Nominations for Skeete cited his leadership involvement in areas across campus and within the local community, from academics and service to the student-led Keep Waynesburg Well Team, a group dedicated to promoting health and safety on campus amid the pandemic.

Skeete also served on the Diversity & Belonging Student Advisory Board and as Social Vice President on Student Senate. He was a Bonner Scholar, a resident assistant and a student ambassador within the Admissions Office.

To learn more about award criteria or to submit a nomination, visit Waynesburg.edu/leeaward.

Members in the Spotlight

BeeGraphix President, Dennis Slagle has been inducted into the Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame!!

Dennis Slagle – Baseball. Beth-Center High School. A pitcher, Slagle is believed to have thrown the only no-hitter in B-C history and struck out a record 25 batters in an 11-inning game. Was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and compiled a 17-8 minor-league record.

[See the Full Article Here!](#)



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How can we help to promote your business?

WEEKLY E-BLASTS & MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTERS!

Photography Workshop

Photography is essential to grow your business on social media. Learn tips and tricks from Ben McMillen and JoAnne Marshall on creating optimal photography featuring your products using your smartphone.

The workshop will be held at 5:30pm on Wednesday, March 9 at Hilltop Packs Coffee Company. Free for Greene County Tourism partners and \$10 for non-partners, this workshop is focused towards retail and restaurants. Space is limited, register by calling 724-627-8687 or email tourism@co.greene.pa.us.





Are you looking to grow your business?

Learn how to qualify and apply for small business financing through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC), during a free webinar led by Steve Meredith, SPC's Business Finance Manager.



Please, join us for this **free** webinar:
Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 1:00 pm

RSVP to **Lduffy@spcregion.org** by Mar. 2, 2022

Fighting Litter...One trash can at a time

Direct Results/GreeneScene Magazine are asking local businesses and organizations to get involved in their anti-littering campaign. Direct Results is offering a special deal for all potential partners in this project. If a business or organization wishes to purchase a trash can for \$200, Direct Results will wrap the can with one of several unique campaign designs on them for free. That way, businesses can participate in the county-wide clean up.

While this branded trash can campaign is a perfect fit for businesses and nonprofits trying to make a difference in the crusade against littering, what can Greene County's individual citizens do to clean up their home community? The GreeneScene has created a unique way for all of our county's citizens to get involved with our anti-littering campaign with a poster and slogan contest. These two separate contests will allow our creative citizens to send in their own twists on ways to gather the community as a friendly reminder to clean up Greene County, and those who win the contest will win cash prizes. Details about both contests can be found in the ad next to this article.

If you'd like get even more involved with this campaign, here are some additional tips on what you and your family can do to keep Greene County green:



Keep a garbage bag in your car to properly dispose of traveling waste.

Make sure your home's garbage cans/dumpster is secure to prevent unintentional littering.

Make use of local recycling services in your community, including community drop-off boxes and local waste disposal businesses' services.

Clean up any messes you encounter in public spaces, even if you didn't create the mess yourself.

Dispose of cigarettes in appropriate containers. Better yet, quit smoking to help both with waste prevention and cleaner air.

Dispose of specialty waste (like televisions, ink cartridges, used tires, scrap metal, etc) to the appropriate organizations/disposal sites.

Educate your friends and family on the importance of litter prevention.

If you are a business interested in participating in Direct Results' community clean up initiative or if you have any questions in regards to the slogan and poster contests, call their Waynesburg office main number at 724-627-2040.

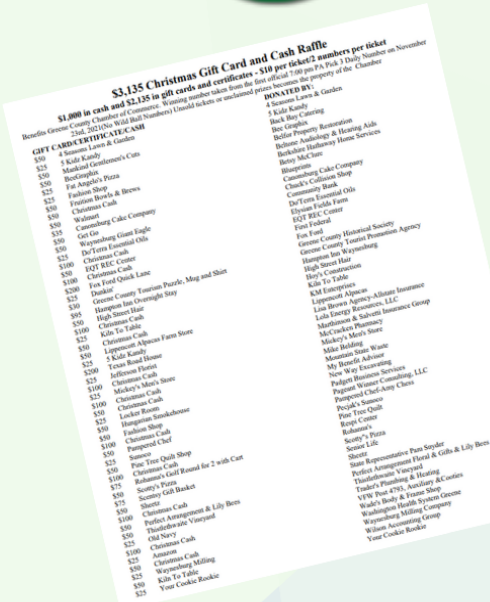
Create a Slogan!

Into clever puns or fun wordplay? Put your creativity to the test by creating a unique slogan for one of the GreeneScene's trash cans. We encourage all ages to enter. The winning slogan will be featured on a trash can in Greene County, and the winner receives \$50 and their name on the completed trash can! So send them your slogan by mail or email (info@greenescenemagazine.com), along with your contact info to enter!

Deadline is March 14th.



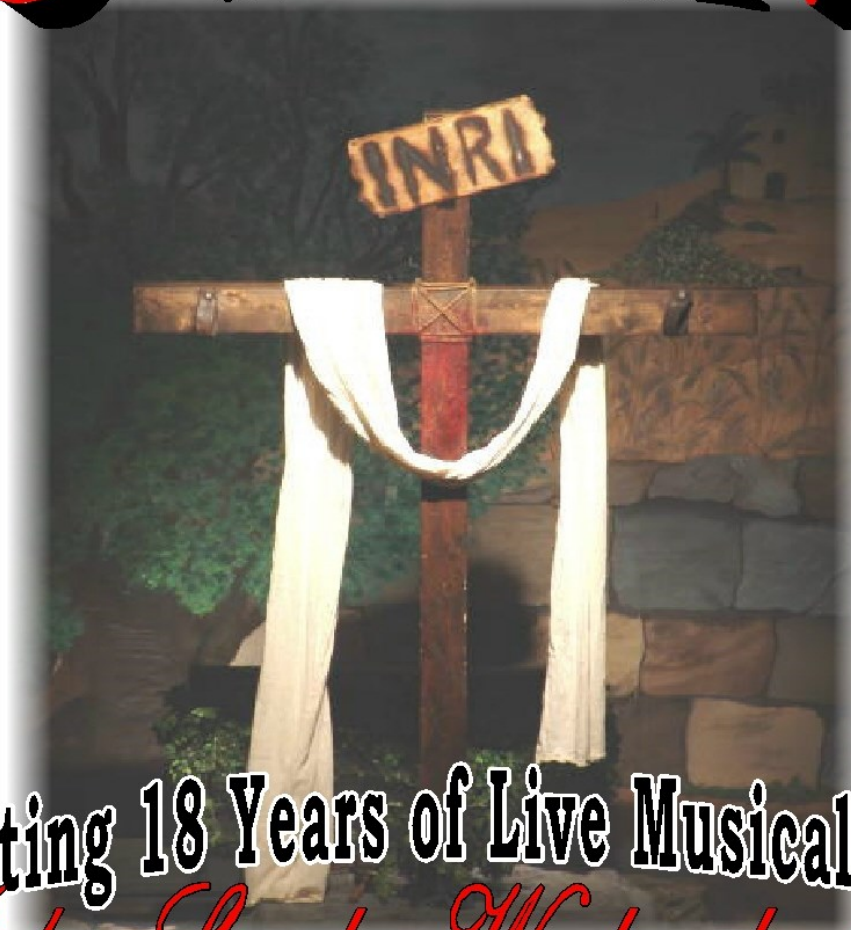
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Al Deynzer was one of the original members of the Greene County Farm Bureau and was instrumental in making the organization what it is today. Over the years, he served as Government Relations Director, President, and Membership Chair. With his engaging personality and dedication to the rural community, Al was able to greatly increase membership in GCFB. He was also actively involved in his church, St. George's Episcopal Church in Waynesburg. Al is sadly missed by the local community and the Greene County Farm Bureau family.

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Increasingly, individuals comprising today's workforce are straddled with significant levels of student loan debt. At the same time, these workers are often conflicted as to whether they should focus on paying off their debt or set aside funds to pay for retirement. As an employer, adding a student loan repayment program to your employee benefit portfolio not only helps them address this dilemma, but also represents a tremendous

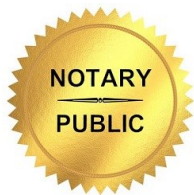
opportunity to help attract and retain key talent.

In today's competitive job market, it's not enough to simply offer the traditional benefit portfolios of the past. Showing prospective talent and valued current employees that you care about their financial future by providing student loan repayment assistance goes a long way to help you stand out among your industry peers. And by structuring the program as a part of your voluntary benefits package, you have the ability to customize the program according to your workplace demographics and budgetary capabilities.

With these programs, the employer first decides how much, if any, they are willing to contribute into the program. Then, based on the vendor chosen, the program options include models focusing on refinancing, consolidation or payroll deductions.

Offering a student loan repayment program not only helps students pay down their loan debt quicker and provides them valuable cost savings, but employers benefit since it also helps to reduce the stress and anxiety levels of these employees, boosting their workplace productivity.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at greene.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Mike Galardini at (800) 377-3539.



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