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August
25th

4:30-6:30

Networking & Refreshments
At **Thistlethwaite Vineyards**
151 Thistlethwaite Lane

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

Hor d'oeuvres will be provided
by Back Bay Catering..



Thistlethwaite Vineyards
will have their wine selection
for purchase.

Register by Friday, August 19th
by emailing guest name(s) to
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Reservations made must be paid for
unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.



7:30-9:00 AM

Coffee and Networking

At the Hilltop Packs Coffee Company

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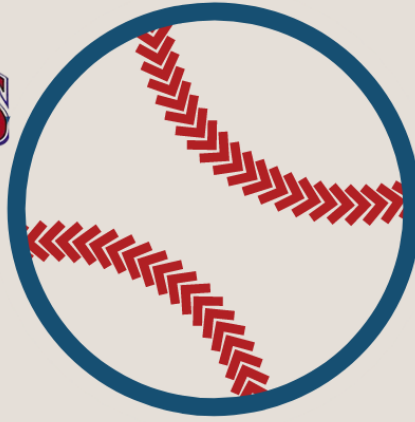
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Food & Coffee will be
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Hilltop Packs Coffee
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AUGUST 31ST

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at the*

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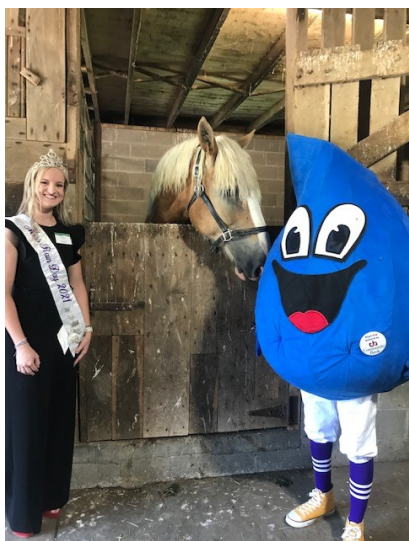
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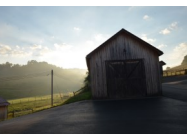
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2022 Regional Women's Leadership Conference in partnership with the Greene County Farm Bureau

It was a beautiful day at Valley View Farms for the 2022 Regional Women's Leadership Conference, "Embracing the Past – Focusing on the Future", sponsored by the Greene County Farm Bureau and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce. Guests enjoyed breakfast from Willow Tree Farms, delicious coffee from Hilltop Packs Coffee Company, a beautiful lunch by Back Bay Catering and cupcakes by Canonsburg Cake Company. Attendees also enjoyed listening to the stories of Thistlethwaite Vineyards, Lippencott Alpacas, Orndorff Farm Belgians and Valley View Farm wedding venue. At the end of the day Denise Leigh presented an inspiring presentation on growing stronger leaders. Guests enjoyed meeting a Belgian mare and her foal along with a soft fuzzy alpaca. In addition, eighteen displays showcased some of the best our beautiful county has to offer to those in attendance. The event also featured a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to the Corner Cupboard Food Bank, a large raffle with proceeds being raised for the Pennsylvania State Farm Bureau AG Lab, which is a mobile educational unit for students in K-12, and many door prizes and favors were presented to the guests. The day ended with guests making their own custom designed trail mix to enjoy on the way home. The event was attended by over 100 guests from three States and nine Pennsylvania counties. Thank you to all who participated and to EQT for sponsoring a book from our keynote speaker for each attendee. Special thank you also to Miss Rain Day, Emily Bennett, Miss Jacktown Fair, Morgan Mooney, and students from the Waynesburg Central High School FFA chapter for helping us with the opening ceremonies.





July Business Connection Luncheon



Emily Bennett, Miss Rain Day 2021

At the July Business Connection Luncheon we welcomed the Rotary Club of Waynesburg for our annual joint meeting. The meeting was co-hosted by new Chamber Vice President, Darton McIntire, and new Rotary President, Jay Hammers.

The sponsor for the luncheon was Community Bank and the event was held on the campus of Waynesburg University.

Guest speakers were:

Miss Rain Day 2021, Emily Bennett, who spoke about her experiences representing the Rain Day tradition.

Tony Colazio, who spoke on the upcoming "Tunnels to Towers 5k Race and Walk" and the charitable mission to serve first responders and military families struggling with the loss or severe injury to a loved one in the line of duty.

JoAnn Marshall, Director of Greene County Tourism, who spoke on the upcoming "Tribute to Heroes" and the plans to see this project come to fruition in memory of the late Rick Black whose idea was the spark for this and several other events that recognized our county veterans.



Jay Hammers, President, Waynesburg Rotary



Tony Colazio, Director,
Tunnels to Towers 5k Race and Walk



Darton McIntire, Vice-President, Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Save the Date for the Christmas Parade
being held on High Street once again!
Saturday, December 3rd at 2 pm



IN THE NEWS

Staunton Farm Foundation awards Waynesburg U.'s Counseling Program \$25K grant for program development

The Staunton Farm Foundation recently awarded Waynesburg University's Graduate and Professional Studies Counseling Program a one-year, \$25,000 grant to support the development of an online Certificate in Clinical Supervision Program for both non-licensed and licensed professionals. The Staunton Farm Foundation believes in investing in a future where behavioral health is understood, supported and accepted. Building capacity to optimize services represents a vital part of the Staunton Farm Foundation strategy.

The 12-credit, non-degree, post-baccalaureate Certificate in Clinical Supervision Program will be available 100 percent asynchronous online and can be successfully completed in as little as two semesters. The certificate will consist of three core clinical supervision courses, with a fourth course dedicated to a specific concentration in clinical supervision: supervision in clinical mental health, substance use disorders or school counseling.

The University will offer scholarships to five eligible students enrolled in the Certificate in Clinical Supervision Program, which is intended to launch in January 2023. Eligible students will receive a 50 percent scholarship to cover the cost of the four supervision courses, and the University will match the 50 percent scholarship. As such, non-degree Certificate in Clinical Supervision students will be able to complete the four supervision courses, or the 12 credits, at 100 percent cost savings.

The Certificate in Clinical Supervision program will enhance the professional identity and competence of clinical supervisors in the behavioral health workforce by offering an advanced educational training program.

Clinical supervision is a required component of the counseling profession, yet the vast majority of state licensing boards do not require a doctoral degree to function in the capacity of a supervisor, and master's level counseling curriculum does not prepare counselors to become supervisors. There are limited education and training opportunities that specifically address the core competencies of clinical supervision.

For more information, please contact Dr. McNichols at kelley.mcnichols@waynesburg.edu

Ankrom selected as recipient of Christian Life Scholarship

Waynesburg University has named Matthew Ankrom, son of Thomas and Kelly Ankrom of Waynesburg, Pa., a 2022 recipient of the Christian Life Scholarship.

"I am very humbled to be selected for this scholarship," Ankrom said of his selection.

In the upcoming fall semester, Ankrom will begin his undergraduate studies at Waynesburg University as a religion and philosophy major. He also plans to join the varsity golf team.

Ankrom attended Waynesburg Central High School where he was a four-year letterman in golf and baseball, and served as captain of both teams. He also was the president of Youth Alive. Outside of school activities, Ankrom actively served at his local church as a deacon.

Excited to join the Christian community at the University, Ankrom is looking forward to sharing his faith with others throughout his journey as a student.

The Waynesburg Christian Life Scholarship recognizes students who have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and who are involved in the life of a local church as they grow in faith. The scholarship is available to first-year freshmen and provides \$4,000 over four years. Scholarship recipients are also provided with activities, conversations and mentorship through the office of the University Chaplain and the Center for Campus Ministry. Each recipient is assigned a Christian mentor from their anticipated field, discipline or major so that they can grow in their Christian faith while also developing leadership qualities at Waynesburg University.

To learn more about first-year freshman scholarships, visit waynesburg.edu/scholarships.



Member in the Spotlight

CARE CANDLE COMPANY

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Hi there- we are Kelcee and Jordan Rupert, owners and operators at Care Candle Company. This is the story of how our business came to be!

In March of 2020, the world shut down due to the global Covid-19 pandemic and the military was called into action to protect and serve those who had been impacted by the virus.

Jordan served in a reservist unit in a military combative hospital and was sent into mobilization status to be deployed 4 days after being notified.

With 4 days notice, there were lots of emotions and areas of life that needed to be figured out and arranged. But one thing was certain- our family was not the only one being impacted and others involved needed love and encouragement.

With that in mind, we wanted to be able to make care packages that would encourage those deployed. So our business came about to make candles in order to sponsor care packages for military personnel to let them know we love and support them, and are also praying for them.





Member in the Spotlight

VOICES FOR INDEPENDENCE/ TRANSITIONAL PATHS TO INDEPENDENT LIVING



Transitional Paths to Independent Living (TRPIL) is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) that has supported people with disabilities throughout the region for over 30 years. In October 2019, TRPIL became an affiliate of Erie-based CIL, Voices for Independence (VFI), which has also provided services to individuals with disabilities in Northwestern PA for nearly 30 years. Together, both agencies are now providing the disability community with more robust services than ever before.

As a CIL, TRPIL provides five core services in Southwestern PA: advocacy, peer support, information and referral, independent living skills training, and transition services. While TRPIL continues to serve individuals in these ways, Voices for Independence also offers additional services in the region, providing in-home care, home modifications, nursing home transition, wellness/fitness, and employment counseling.

There are many individuals throughout Greene County who receive services from TRPIL/VFI's programs. Recently, the home modifications team completed a project installing a sensory room with padded walls for Darrin, a 17-year-old on the autism spectrum in Greene County. This room will allow Darrin to relax and better manage his emotions so that he does not harm himself.

In addition to serving individuals in their own homes, TRPIL/VFI are proud to announce that final renovations to the new program and community center, 42 West Maiden Street, Washington, are now underway. As part of these renovations, a consumer/personal care attendant training kitchen, assistive technology area, and a wellness center will all be added to the facility. The center is already equipped with an internet café that allows the public to visit and utilize accessible equipment to find information. With the aforementioned renovations expected to be completed by December 2022, we are now entering the final phase of TRPIL's capital campaign. The agency is still seeking donations for the final \$2.5 million for the project.

The agency has been fortunate to receive funding for the building, and it is planning some special events to support the final phase of the capital campaign as well. In addition to the 7th annual Walk*Run*Roll 5K which was held in May, the agency will be holding their 6th annual Golf Outing on Monday, September 12, at Lone Pine Country Club.

For more information about TRPIL and VFI, and how you can support those with disabilities, please contact Joann Naser at 724-223-511, ext. 2107 or by email at jnaser@vficil.org.



TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES HELP EMPLOYEES TO GET MORE VALUE FROM BENEFITS

Since the widespread shift toward remote and hybrid work began a little over two years ago, a rapidly increasing number of employers have implemented and expanded their use of benefit administration technology. And as the technologies involved have continued to advance, employees have enjoyed greater access to their employee benefit program information and administrative functionalities.

For many individuals working from home, there is less opportunity to learn about employee benefit details through in-person meetings, bulletin board postings and other more traditional means. The benefit administration platforms remedy this by improving access to data, including detailed benefit descriptions, plan comparisons, cost illustrations, provider network information and prescription drug details and other decision-support tools, allowing workers to make more informed choices regarding benefit selections and changes. The employer benefits as well since these same technology enhancements will allow human resource staff the ability to better perform their responsibilities from remote work locations and with less opportunity for human error.

Although these platforms have already been in use for some time by larger companies, the technology has now made its way down to small groups as well, eliminating obstacles for just about any company to employ digital benefit administration capabilities for the benefit of their employees.

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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- Common issues (and remedies) in Economic Development Real Estate Financing.



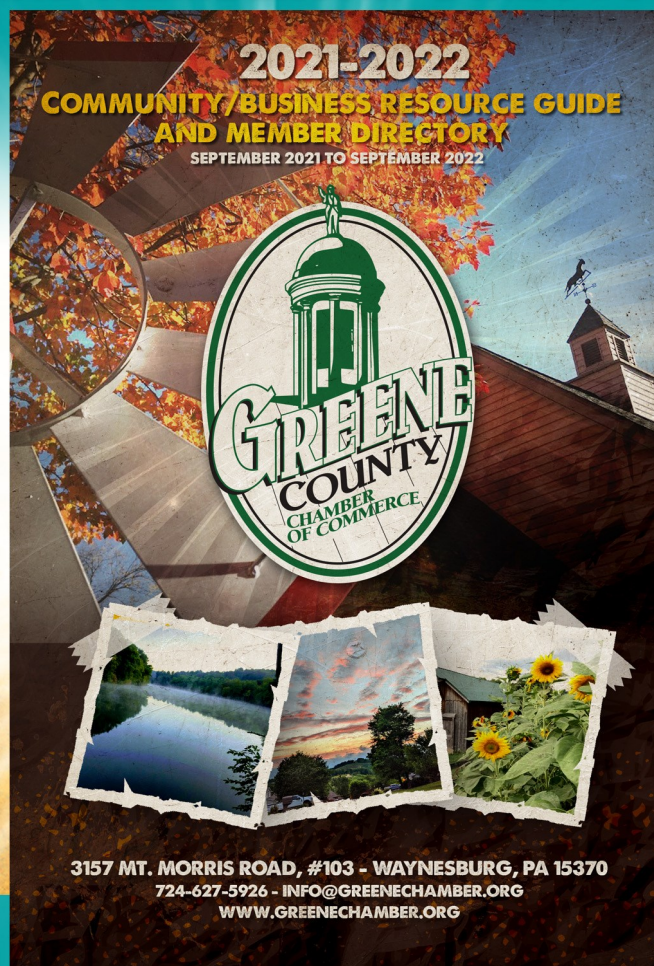
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August 5th, 2022

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2022 Calendar of Events

Mark your
calendars!

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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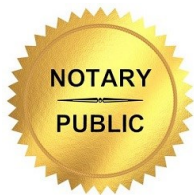
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