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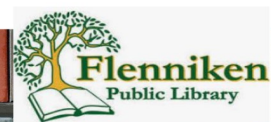
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November 16th, 2022

12:00-1:00 pm

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Rogersville, PA

Kayla Martin - Owner
mommamartins@yahoo.com
724-706-1028

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NOVEMBER 15TH, 2022

12:00-1:00 PM

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November 22nd, 2022

Noon - 1pm

11 East Hight Street
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34th Annual Membership Banquet



Our 34th Annual Membership Banquet was held recently at the beautiful Orndorff farm venue, Valley View Farm. A delicious dinner was catered by Back Bay Catering that guests enjoyed while listening to live guitar music from Trenton Antill.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors EQT-Event Sponsor, Baily Agency, Community Bank, Lippencott Alpacas, Logan and Gatton Law Office, First Federal Savings and Loan, Blueprints, Pecjak's Sunoco. A special thank you to Valley View Farm, Back Bay Catering, Trenton Antill, Kiln to Table & PA Mug Company for the unique awards, MPB Print & Sign Superstore, our event volunteers and Scholarship Auction Raffle donors for making



We celebrated the outstanding service to members of the community by presenting our Distinguished Service Award to Margaret "Peggy" & John "Jack" Rock, our Posthumous Distinguished Service Award to John G. Brodak, his wife Coral in the audience accepting the award, and the McCracken Legacy Award to Hilltop Packs & Hilltop Packs Coffee Company. Thanking them for all that they have done and brought to the county. If you would like to check out their biographies, you can take a look at the program [here](#).



We also recognized Greene County Industrial Development Authority and First Baptist Church for 25 years of chamber membership.





2022-2023 Greene County Chamber of Commerce Community/Business Resource Guide and Member Directory

It's here!

**2022-2023
COMMUNITY/BUSINESS
RESOURCE GUIDE
AND MEMBER DIRECTORY**
SEPTEMBER 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 2023

The latest edition of the chamber's membership directory has arrived. Packed inside is information about our area, it's history and it's resources. Also inside you will find a complete listing of our members as of September 1st, 2022 with their pertinent information. There is also display advertising from many of our members that showcases what they have to offer.

The directories are being hand delivered or mailed right now. Each member business will receive a copy and if you would like more for your staff or office, please just let us know and we will be happy to make that happen.

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Thank you to Alan Laick of Laick Design for the design and layout of the directory, Direct Results for the printing, and to the members whose photos appear in the publication. This directory is something that the chamber takes great pride in and we hope that it is a tool that you use every day in your business.

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry Briefing

This event was held at Hampton Inn, Waynesburg, and was attended by eleven Chamber members, President of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, Casey Durdines, and two Chamber staffers (Melody Longstreth, Executive Director, and Janice Morris, Executive Assistant). The presentation by Alex Halper, Vice President of Government Affairs for the PA Chamber of Business and Industry, included a review of the recently passed Pennsylvania budget and how Chambers across the state are advocating for changes which will positively impact the recruitment and retention of businesses in the state. The PA Chamber is also involved in immigration and criminal justice reform as part of efforts to avert a workforce crisis.



Mr. Halper also discussed Unemployment Compensation Tax, which raised the rates of some businesses inequitably. He added that Greene County legislators Snyder and Bartolotta have moved legislation forward to fix this and deserve our thanks for their efforts. A light breakfast was available during the presentation.



Member in the Spotlight

GREENE COUNTY FARM BUREAU



People United Around Food, Environment, and Community

Our county Farm Bureau represents farm families engaged in all types of agriculture, and includes farms of all sizes, type and commodity (cattle, sheep, wine, etc.), including agritourism. Our members are farmers as well as those who support Greene County's agricultural life. We are dedicated to efforts to preserve our agricultural heritage and ensure that family farms can continue to produce local food and promote responsible stewardship of the land and our natural resources.

We provide a collective voice to advocate for policies that benefit agriculture in rural communities such as ours.

As committed supporters of agriculture, our Greene County Farm Bureau members are involved with the education of both our youngsters and members of the community with hands on learning opportunities and showing them the impact of agriculture on our daily lives. We also have an active Women's Leadership Committee, and Young Ag Professionals group (providing leadership for those between the ages of 18 and 35).

Membership offers numerous benefits, both locally and throughout the country. Join us and help support Greene County agricultural life! To join go to: <https://pfb.com> Click on membership, join or email: grscull@hughes.net for application or information. Annual dues \$90.00.





IN THE NEWS

First Federal of Greene County Welcomes Jennifer B. Ross to Lending Operations



First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County recently welcomed Jennifer B. Ross to its lending operations at its main office in Waynesburg.

"We are very pleased that Jennifer has joined our Association, and we look forward to some exciting news pertaining to future products," said President/CEO Charles W. Trump, Jr. "Our First Federal work family will benefit from Jennifer's business experience, her compassion for our communities and her focus to functioning as part of a team."

A lifelong resident of Greene County, Ross brings with her 16 years of banking experience, including the last 13 years focusing on relationship-style banking and commercial lending functions. She has extensive experience working with local businesses, non-profits and municipalities in the areas of commercial real estate loans, commercial lines of credit and equipment financing.

"First Federal's strong commitment to being 'The People You Know, The People You Can Trust' resonates deeply with me," Ross said. "As a partner to our clients, I am eager to assist with the development of new banking solutions to satisfy their evolving needs."

"Expanding upon the Association's solid foundation in a manner that will help our customers achieve their goals is an honor and something that I am very excited to take part in."

As a lending professional, Ross values the partnerships she builds with clients from the first meeting, serving as their primary point of contact every step of the way and working together on appropriate and timely solutions.

"Working alongside borrowers from the time of application to the point of closing and beyond has allowed me the opportunity to see and experience the positive impact that financing can have within the communities we live in and serve," she said.

A 2006 graduate of Penn State University, Ross earned a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing. Outside the workplace, she serves on the board for the Greene County Chamber of Commerce and volunteers with Greene County United Way. Ross and her husband, Keith, live in Waynesburg and have two daughters, Ally and Sadie.

Since 1924, First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Greene County has served the residents of Southwestern Pennsylvania through a combination of traditional deposit and loan products and evolving technological convenience. From checking and savings accounts to mortgage and home equity loans, from online bill pay to mobile banking, First Federal of Greene County offers a variety of services to its customers, all while remaining committed to being "The People You Know, The People You Can Trust." Based in Waynesburg, Pa., First Federal of Greene County maintains eight offices in Greene, Fayette and Washington counties in Pennsylvania, and a loan origination subsidiary, First Greene Mortgage, in Morgantown, W.Va. For more information, visit www.ffgc.bank.

-Article taken from the Observer Reporter



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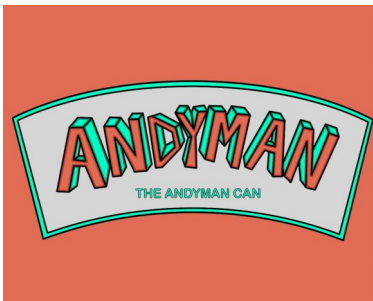


2022 FINALIST!

Best of the Best Top 3!

Thank you to everyone who voted for us! We are happy to announce that we made the top three! The winner will be announced in November. Regardless of the outcome, we are so happy to have made it this far and couldn't have done it without our community supporting us. Thank you so much!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Our Chamber Staff Attended the Pennsylvania Association of Chamber Professionals Leadership Conference in the Hotel Gettysburg!



It was a great conference and really helped to build the confidence of the new chamber team. Melody received her 30 year award for service in the chamber industry also. It was so nice to see other chamber directors who we may only talk to by phone, email with or occasionally see on a zoom call. We met our customer service rep from Growth Zone, our membership management software company, who has always been so helpful to us and we not only got some one-on-one consultation, we gained a new friend. Had some wonderful speakers and breakout sessions with Kyle Sexton, Gene Bar and Jason Ebey. If you are in the chamber profession, you know who those guys are and their knowledge is like gold. Met a lot of new folks from all across the state and also got to hang out with our good friends Brian Schill and Amy Petro from the Peters Township Chamber. After things wrapped up we got to put on our tourist hats and spent a few hours running around Gettysburg shopping, eating and sightseeing. Till next year in Bedford Springs.....



Dickey's Barbecue

Cindy Yorio - Owner/Operator
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WELCOME NEW REPRESENTATIVE

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

Application [Here](#)

Deadline is November 23rd for the application.

No late entries will be accepted after.

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September Business Connection Luncheon in Carmichaels

Thank you Community Foundation of Greene County for being the sponsor of our September Business Connection Luncheon. We were excited to have our first business connection luncheon in the Carmichaels area to bring in more businesses from the area! Also thank you to Dave Calvario, Executive Director of Community Foundation for speaking as well as Jennifer Nix and Dan Wagner with the Greene County Career and Technology Center for bringing the aspiring entrepreneurs from the GCCTC. It was wonderful to hear about the work the students have been doing and their future plans. A huge thank you to Back Bay Catering for the use of the facility and for the delicious meal.



Recruiting & Retaining Successful Employees

THURSDAY
DEC 1

9:00 – 10:00 AM
WEBINAR (No-cost)
Link to be sent to registrants



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The competition for hiring qualified employees is more challenging than ever. Join the University of Pittsburgh's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to learn strategies employers can use to recruit, hire, and retain employees who will positively impact their businesses. During the webinar, employers will also learn the importance of not just finding employees, but of creating an environment that makes them want to stay, grow, and create results.

- TOPICS:**
- Recruiting and Hiring
 - Employee Engagement
 - Positive Work Environments

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Live2Lead Workshop Rebroadcast

Penn State Fayette, in collaboration with A Teague of Your Own, is hosting a rebroadcasting of Live2Lead with live facilitation for Q&A and discussion.

Live2Lead is a world-class leadership experience packed into a half-day format, full of rich content, key takeaways and easy-to-implement action plans.

Participants will have opportunities to learn from five of the best experts in their fields: John Maxwell, Jamie Kern Lima, Valorie Burton, Jeff Henderson, and Ed Mylett

When: October 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: Penn State Fayette, Room 116 Eberly, CTC
or Live ZOOM (link shared after registration)

Cost: \$99 (box lunch included)
Register Here

This will be a hybrid event with both in-person and online participants. Participants will receive a PSU certificate of completion with .4 continuing education units (CEUs). In addition, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has approved 3.75 Professional Development Credits (PDCs) for participants. Participants will receive instructions at the end of the event on how to receive their credits.

For information or questions, contact:
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SAT Prep Course

18-hour SAT Prep Course

When: October 24; November 1, 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022

Where: Penn State Fayette, Room 116 Eberly, CTC

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$189 (Textbook included in cost)



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Substance Use Disorder and the Impact on the Workplace

This workshop is geared toward a variety of audiences including business owners, supervisors, and employees performing various HR functions.

Topics included:

- Overview of substance use disorder
- How to recognize potential substance use/abuse
- Impact on life, family members and the workplace
- Strategies and approaches for talking with employees/co-workers
- Steps to mitigate risks as an employer
- Tools and resources for an employer
- How to conduct a reasonable suspicion interview

***Personal Care Home Administrators:** This course satisfies 4 hours towards your required 24 hours of continuing education. A certificate will be awarded at the completion of the training.

Date: November 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Penn State Fayette—Swimmer Hall, Williams Building 014
or Live ZOOM (link shared after registration)

Cost: \$49

Presented By: Theresa Lee, MSCP, LPC, Professor of Psychology at Penn State
Fayette Lisa Petro, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, Director of Human Resources at Cornerstone Care Community Health Centers
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Join us for this workshop and panel discussion.

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2022 Calendar of Events

Mark your
calendars!

Tuesday, November 8th - Fall Business Bootcamp Part Two, Community Foundation Meeting Room
Wednesday, November 9th - Flenniken Library Mural Ribbon Cutting, Flenniken Library
Thursday, November 10th - Holiday Mix & Mingle, Hampton Inn Waynesburg
Tuesday, November 15th - Mankind Gentlemen's Cuts Ribbon Cutting, New Location
Wednesday, November 16th - Momma Martin's Ribbon Cutting, Momma Martin's
Thursday, November 17th - Christmas Cash & Gift Card Raffle Winner Drawn
Tuesday, November 22nd - MK Beauty Room Ribbon Cutting, MK Beauty Room
Saturday, November 26th - Small Business Saturday
Saturday, December 3rd - 84th Annual Christmas Parade

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Questions? Call or email us!
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Office Closures for the Month

We will be closed Friday November 11th for Veterans Day

As well as Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th for Thanksgiving.

Thank you.

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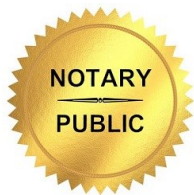
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