

June 2023

The Official Newsletter of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce

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Wednesday,
June 28th



11:30-Networking Noon-Lunch and Program At Waynesburg University 51 W. College Street

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

"Spotlight on Agriculture in Greene County"

Register by Wednesday, June 23rd by emailing guest name(s) to info@greenechamber.org or fill out the google form.



Lunch will be provided by
Aladdin Food Service and
will consist of deluxe
grilled chicken salad bar,
steak fries, garlic bread
sticks, homemade ranch
chips and strawberry
short cake

Reservations made must be paid for unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.







9:00-10:00 AM
Coffee and Discussion
At the Fruition Bowls
& Brews
78 West High St.
Waynesburg, PA



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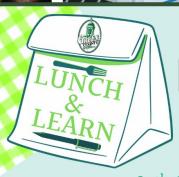






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Tuesday, June 13th

Community Foundation - 108 E. High St.

Cost - \$15/member \$20/non-member

11:30-Networking

Noon- Lunch & Program

<u>Let's Get Social</u> <u>Digital Best Practices for Small Businesses</u>

Natalie Gloady, Digital Strategy Manager at Reimagine Main Street with Carole DeAngelo, Director of Advertising & Events at Observer-Reporter, Greene County Messenger, the Herald Standard, and The Almanac discuss digital practices from website builds and social media, to branded content and digital storytelling, Reimagine Main Street connects your business to your target audiences. Join the RMS team for a conversation on social media, websites and creative content best practices, as well as ways to market your business in the ever-changing digital world.

Register by Tuesday, June 6th by emailing guest name(s) to info@greenechamber.org or filling out the google form provided.

Reservations made must be paid for unless cancelled 48 hours in advance.

Deluxe Boxed Lunches will be provided by 5 Kidz Kandy and will consist of club wraps, bag of chips, water, & a brownie.

2023 Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

Thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, & players as well as Greene County Country Club and Hungarian Smokehouse for a great 2023 Annual Golf Outing! It was a beautiful day!

















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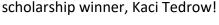






May Business Connection Luncheon

Thank you to our sponsor, Ford Office Technologies, for supporting our monthly networking luncheon. Thank you as well to Aladdin Campus Dining for the wonderful meal and all of our speakers, including Isabelle Tedrow, Miss Rain Day, Jeanine Henry, Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful, Tyler Empyrean with Ford Office Technologies and our Chamber





















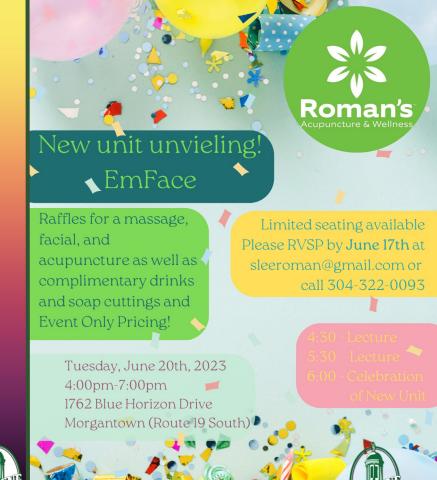
Hampton Inn Waynesburg, PA Austin Ward-Sales Manager 724-802-1010 227 Greene Plaza

Waynesburg, PA 15370

award@horizonhospitalityllc.com



Thursday, June 15th, 2023 12:00pm-1:00pm East Greene Street, Near Napa Waynesburg, PA





99 South Washington Street

Waynesburg,

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May Coffee & Commerce

Our first Coffee & Commerce of the year at Hilltop Packs Coffee Company!



The Votes Are In!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Board of Directors ballot. Below is a list of the new board members along with the returning members.

Shelia Stewart—GC Industrial Developments

MaChal Forbes—GC United Way

Ben McMillen—Hilltop Packs

Darton McIntire—Baily Insurance Agency

Kathy McClure—Bowlby Public Library

Bridget Vilenica—Hilltop Packs Coffee Co.

Bonnie Davis—The Salvation Army

Kristy Borovichka—New Way Excavating

Stacy Stroman—Blueprints



WINNER WINNER!



Summer Gift Card Raffle Winner!

The winner of our Summer Gift Card and Shop Local Cash raffle has been notified and she is thrilled!

Congratulations to Bridget Vilenica! She held the winning ticket, #791, which was the evening 3 digit PA Lottery number. Thank you to everyone who donated, sold and purchased tickets.



Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm At the Waynesburg Lions Club Park

June 6 Top Shelf Sponsored by Fox Ford

June 13 The Projects Sponsored by Ross Tractor Sales

June 20 Swingin' Bopcats Big Band Sponsored by Wayne & Connie Hart

June 27..... Quick Exit Sponsored by Washington Health System

July 11 Tom Ankrom/Cole Leathers Sponsored by Community Bank

July 25 Timm Reeves Acoustic Sponsored by Ladybug Nail Dips, Hideaway Candle Bar,

and 3 S Self Storage

August 1 Outpost Sponsored by Waynesburg Rotary

August 15...... Luke Schroyer & Students Sponsored by Community Bank

August 22...... C&T Acoustic Sponsored by First Federal S&L

August 29...... Straybirds Sponsored by Baily Insurance



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On March 24, 2023, the Greene County Memorial Hospital officially changed their name to Greene County Health and Wellness Foundation. Formed in October of 2005, proceeds from the sale of Greene County Memorial Hospital created the Foundation. At the time, the board of directors thought it best to

keep the name of the former hospital (now known as Washington Health System Greene) as the new name of the Foundation.

However, over the years, having "hospital" as part of its name has always created confusion between the Foundation and the hospital. The Foundation's mission has always been to support Greene County nonprofit organizations that are conducting healthcare initiatives. It raises money through donations and special events such as the annual golf benefit and Harvest Ball. It has no formal relationship with the medical facility, other than accepting grant proposals as it would from any other qualifying nonprofit located in Greene County.

In turn it provides funding to a multitude of organizations in the form of purchasing advanced medical equipment, capital improvement projects, camps for children, and operational costs for various projects as well. Along with funds dedicated to organizations, it has provided scholarship and tuition assistance awards to more than one hundred individuals pursuing healthcare degrees.

Just a few of the organizations that have received funding over the past fifteen years are United Way, American Cancer Society, Greene Arc, Cornerstone Care, Corner Cupboard Foodbank, Community Foundation of Greene County, Catholic Charites, 2nd Sam 9, Variety the Children's Charity, Children's Bible Ministries, and Coalition for a Brighter Greene.

The Foundation has also supported each of the five school districts in Greene County, along with the Career and Technology Center of Greene County and Intermediate Unit 1. Other noteworthy local organizations receiving significant funding are Washington Health System Greene, Waynesburg University, and HEADSUP, the nonprofit arm of EMS Southwest.

And while these approved grants have totaled well over two million dollars, the Foundation has always looked to make an immediate and significant contribution to the health and well-being of its community. Thus in 2017, it opened the EQT REC Center, located in the Greene County Industrial Park. The 60,000 square foot facility contains an artificial turf soccer field, basketball courts, pickleball courts, a large fitness facility, an indoor elevated walking track, community rooms, party rooms and a conference room. In addition to holding sports leagues and tournaments, any of these areas can also be rented out for athletic or special events.

Never satisfied with simply maintaining its contribution to the area, last year the Foundation took over the complete operation of the Cherry Door, a thrift shop located in downtown Waynesburg that provides clothing and goods at minimal costs. When Washington Health System Greene let it be known that it wanted to focus solely on providing top notch medical care in Waynesburg, the Foundation agreed to keep the doors open because it was acutely aware of the vital service it provided.

The Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors that meets on a quarterly basis to review the operations of the Foundation, the EQT REC Center and the Cherry Door, as well as any grant proposals. It is always looking for new and creative opportunities to improve the lives of Greene County residents and welcomes donations at any time. To find out more about the Foundation, or to register for the upcoming golf benefit in July, contact the office at 724-852-2060.

Bowlby Bits - June 2023

Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9am – 7pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 9am – 6pm Friday & Saturday: 9am – 4pm



SUMMER READING PROGRAM - Starts Monday, June 26th and runs until August 19th

Baby Lap Sit – ages 6 weeks to 18 months Tuesdays at 11:30am

Toddlers – ages 18 months to 35 months Tuesdays at 10:30am and 5:00pm

Preschoolers – ages 3-5 years Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Stories Under The Moon – ages 2-6 years Wednesdays at 6pm

Ready For Kindergarten – ages 4-6-years-old Mondays at 10:00am to 1:00pm

Summer Quest! – ages 6-8-years-old Wednesday at 10:00am to 3:00pm

Summer Quest! – ages 9-12-years-old Thursday at 10:00am to 3:00pm

SUMMER READING KICKOFF – Join us on June 24th to kickoff the start of our Summer Reading program with the Master Gardeners. The Kickoff will run from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

TROMP THROUGH THE SWAMP – Join us on June 15th at 5:00pm for an interactive concert taking place at the Bowlby Library Gazebo performed by Tom Sieling. For more information please call the library.

FAMILY PLACE – Every Saturday, May 20th thru June 24th at one of our two Parent/Child Workshop Classes offered at 10:30AM or 1:00PM exclusively offered for 0 to 3-year-olds.

MAHJONG CLUB – Every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00pm thru May 31st. A tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years. Although the game is hard to master, it's easy to learn the basics.

BOWLBY BOOK CLUB – New members are always welcome to join! Held on the first Thursday of the month.

COSMIC BINGO – Friday, June 23rd will be a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo! Sponsored by SeniorLife of Greene County.

CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA] – Saturday, June 24th 10am to 2pm CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, choking, and AED with 2-year certification card and manual. Cost is \$88. RSVP required to Sharon at 724.984.5702 and seating is limited.

FRIENDS SHARING GRIEF – First Monday evening of every month at 5pm. This is a support group for those who are struggling with the loss of an important person in their life.

TECH TUTORING – Every Wednesday morning 11am to 1pm and Thursday afternoon 1pm to 3pm bring your electronic device, charging cords, account passwords, and your library card. First-come, first-served. Always free...just drop in!

MUSEAM PASS KITS —Each kit includes information about the destination, FREE passes and a virtual experience kit that includes itinerary suggestions, educational materials, activities, and more! Spend the summer visiting the History Center's family of museums full of Western PA history!

SUMMER MOVIES UNDER THE STARS – Enjoy a movie here at the library Friday, June 9th, beginning promptly at 8:00 P.M. on the Library's Lawn. This Month's Movie is The Sandlot. FREE snack and beverage! Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

NIFTY KNITTERS – Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month from 11:00AM – 1:00PM. Share with like-minded knitters! **T.O.P.S.** – Take Off Pounds Sensibly Every Saturday, 10:00am – 11:00am.

Call or stop in at Eva K. Bowlby Public Library for more info or to register for any of the above events.

724-627-9776 ● 311 N. West St., Waynesburg, PA 15370 ● www.evakbowlby.org



21st CCLC WCES Summer School Program Updates Grades 1-5 ~ 2022-2023





FREE!! Summer Program @ WCES

5-weeks: Monday-Thursday

June 20 - July 20, 2023, ~ 9 AM-1 PM

Grades 1-5 (including K -5 grade students 2023-24 SY)

Application attached! Apply today!

Bus pick up and drop off at the drop off areas

Questions: Contact: Casey Sirochman: at csirochman@eeucc.org, or call 724-437-1660

Do you need care for your child(ren) beyond 1 PM daily?

A bus drop-off point at the EQT Rec Center
Only \$15 for the remainder of the day
Pick up your child(ren) from EQT at 5:30 PM

The weekly EQT camp themes include the following:

June 19 - GO, Green,

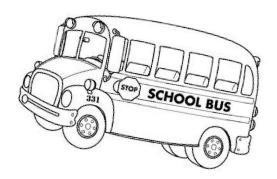
June 26 – Grossology

July 3 - Party in the USA July 10 - Color Wars

July 17 – Around the World



EQT will contact you to confirm and arrange payments.



Bus Stop Drop-Off Areas:

- 1. Brave Post Office
- 2. Central Greene Business Office (near MBM)
- 3. EOT Rec Center
- 4. Kirby Bus Lot
- 5. Locust Ave. & 3rd Street (bus shed)
- 6. Mt. Morris Community Center
- 7. Mt. View (bottom of the driveway)
- 8. Spraggs Township Building
- 9. Valley Farm Drive: Grandview (bottom of the housing development)
- 10. Washington Township Building (park by the building)

Please complete the back and return it to sign up for busing or EQT Rec Center!!

The Employee Retention Tax Credit

The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERC) is a little known, under-used credit that includes funds to help business owners who kept W-2 employees on their payroll during 2020 (Q2–Q4) and 2021 (Q1–Q3).

- Up to \$26,000 per W-2 employee
- ERC is a refundable tax credit (it is not a loan like PPP)
- No restrictions on use
- No limit on funding
- On-site qualification

Getting this money to the businesses in Western PA can have a huge impact in our region.

Due to the complicated roll out of the program and few CPAs that process the paperwork, many businesses have not applied for this credit. I've partnered with a reputable firm specializing in tax credits to help local business owners complete the required forms.

The Employee Retention Credit was introduced in March, 2020, and allows up to \$26,000 per employee to businesses that qualify. This community workshop is free and open to the public, so please take advantage of the opportunity, especially if you have between 1 and 100 employees.

Here are the links for the pre-qual page and the application:

- 1) pre-qualification form: https://taxrebatespecialists.com/eb7wwwg4
- 2) ERC application page with complete form:--> https://taxrebatespecialists.com/eb7wwwg4/ercapp

If anyone needs helps filling out forms, uploading documents, or have questions in general, please contact April Cacia –Loan Officer with the Washington County Council on Economic Development at acacia@washingtoncountypa.org



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Give Blood & Give Back Blood Drive

Sponsored by:



Friday, June 23 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EQT REC Center Community Room 400 EverGreene Drive Waynesburg, PA 15370

To schedule an appointment to donate, go to vitalant.org.

- Prior to May 12, search with Group Code
 C720 or search by zip code.
- From May 13 thru May 15 online scheduling will not be available.
- On or after May 16, search with Account Code UC720 or search by zip code.

The Vitalant app will also relaunch on May 16.

You may also call 1-877-25VITAL

This Give Blood & Give Back blood drive, hosted by EQT will benefit the Corner Cupboard Food Bank. For each blood donor who registers, a financial contribution will be made in their honor to the Corner Cupboard Food Bank. Give Blood & Give Back is made possible with support from the Vitalant Foundation and select contributors, including the EQT Foundation.





How to Choose the Right Insurer for Your Benefit Plans

Offering the right mix of benefits to employees is a daunting task for almost any company. Yet most business owners understand the importance and value a strong employee benefit portfolio has on their company's growth and overall success. But choosing the best benefits is only part of the story. Choosing the right insurance carriers to provide those benefits is not only the other part of the story, but an often undervalued aspect as well.



When evaluating different carriers for benefit plans, there are several things employers should consider prior to making a decision. While working with a benefits broker or consultant will greatly simplify this process, it is ultimately up to the business owner to assure the carrier selection is the best fit for their company. Here are a few points to consider:

Carrier Credentials...In addition to checking that carriers are licensed to do business in any state(s) with client locations, decision makers should also seek assurance that the carrier is financially sound and meets all state requirements such as those involving required premium reserve levels.

Diversity of Products and Services...Most companies today, especially those with more than a few employees, tend to offer multiples plan options for their employees to choose from. The right carrier should have a wide portfolio of plans available for any group. Which of those plans should be in the company benefit package? That should be based on the specific demographics of each business, the health care needs of that population and the company budget.

Provider Networks...Prior to including a plan in the company's benefit portfolio, the decision maker should be assured that employees and their families will be comfortable choosing from the physicians and hospitals within the provider's network.

Cost Competitiveness...This is obvious, but with all other factors being equal, the plan premiums for both the company and it's employees are a major factor in any decision to choose or bypass a carrier.

Level of Technology...Online access to health information, digital tools and monitoring and other technology can assist in the management of health issues, taking stress away from employees seeking enhanced well-being and providing employers utilization based savings in the process.

Customer Service Experience...Research the level of personalized customer service that the provider offers members. Especially in smaller businesses, where there are fewer if any human resource personnel for employees to turn to for help with claim issues, a friendly, responsive and effective call center can make or break the employee experience.

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.



Lunch & Learn—Reimagine Main Street—June 13th @12—Community Foundation Ribbon Cutting—Bali Brothers—June 15th @ 12— East Greene Street Near Napa Ribbon Cutting—iTech Connections—June 20th @ 12—99 S. Washington St Ribbon Tying—Roman's Acupuncture & Wellness—June 20th @ 4—1762 Blue Horizon Dr. Coffee & Commerce—Wednesday June 21st @ 9—Fruition Bowls & Brews

Business Connection Luncheon—Wednesday, June 28th @ 11:30—Waynesburg University

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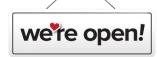
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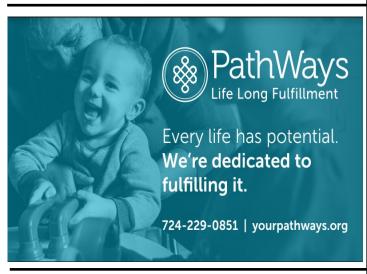






OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday from 10am-4pm Friday by Appointment



Want To Volunteer But Don't Know How To Get Started?

RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) of Greene County offers meaningful and rewarding volunteer opportunities for adults ages 55 & over.





Benefits of Volunteering:

- Supplemental Accident insurance Mileage Reimbursements Opportunity to Meet New People Make a Difference in your Comm

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