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SEPTEMBER  
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Wednesday,  
**September 27th**  
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11:30-Networking  
Noon-Lunch and Program  
At Back Bay Catering  
510 Ceylon Road  
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Cost - \$20/member \$25/non-member

Learn how the Greene County Chamber of  
Commerce can help you grow your business!

Also learn about the Community Foundation of  
Greene County.

Presented by Dave Calverio, Director of CFGC.

Register by Wednesday, September  
22th by emailing guest name(s) to  
[info@greenechamber.org](mailto:info@greenechamber.org) or by  
filling out the google form provided.



Lunch will be provided by  
Back Bay Catering and will  
consist of beef lasagna,  
green beans, salad, rolls,  
water, sweet team,  
lemonade, and dessert

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





## August Business Connection Luncheon

Had a wonderful Business Connection Luncheon at Brady's Roadhouse on August 23rd with MaChal Forbes from Greene County United Way as our speaker. Thank you to everyone that attended!

Our next Business Connection Luncheon will be September 27th at Back Bay Catering in Carmichaels!



## Members Receiving their Ribbon Cutting Certificate!

iTech Connections

## Lunch & Learn

"Canva for Dummies" is being presented by our own, Mandi Fordyce, Communications Coordinator. If you haven't tried Canva, it is a must for creating any graphics or social media content.





## Waynesburg University to Offer Scholarships to Greene Co. Pageant Winners

This year, Waynesburg University is proud to award a scholarship/ grant to the winners of each of the pageants occurring in Greene County, including the 2023 Jacktown Fair Queen Pageant, the 2023 Greene County Fair Queen Contest, the 2023 Miss Rain Day Pageant and the 68<sup>th</sup> Bituminous Coal Queen Pageant.

"We are pleased to support our local pageant winners through this Yellow Jacket Award. My hope is that this is the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship between these organizations and Waynesburg University," said Matthew Stokan, Director of Financial Aid at Waynesburg University.

The total value of the non-transferrable Yellow Jacket Award is \$4,000, being awarded over four years of enrollment at Waynesburg University. Recipients must fulfill the admission requirements of the University and be officially admitted as a traditional undergraduate student, among other criteria. The scholarship is applicable for classes taken at Waynesburg University only. Waynesburg University representatives presented scholarships to winners of each pageant at the events.



GC Fair Queen,  
Adysan Kern



Jacktown Fair Queen,  
Marissa Tharp



Bituminous Coal Queen,  
Hadyn Chippis



Miss Rain Day,  
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## EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

In the past couple years, many employers have expanded their company's mental health benefits as a show of support for potential jobseekers, employees and their families. The intention is to help promote employee wellbeing through better access and improved benefit levels for those feeling stressed about personal or work-life matters.

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Workers seem to appreciate the efforts and are taking advantage of the services. Some of the changes business owners are making include:

- Increasing access to mental health services through methods like telehealth
- An expansion of access to in-network mental health providers
- Reduced cost sharing for mental healthcare visits
- The addition or expansion of employee assistance programs for mental health services
- Access to yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions at the workplace or home
- Providing apps that support wellness, focusing on fitness, sleep and relaxation

By addressing issues like stress and anxiety in a more proactive fashion, employers can reduce or even eliminate costly treatment for conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and cardiac problems. The small financial investment the employer makes now can often save substantial costs in the future.

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](http://greene.mybenefitadvisor.com) or contact Mike Galardini at (800) 377-3539.



For over ten years, Women in Business has proudly shined a spotlight on women whose tireless work provides the bedrock of a strong community through their Women Making a Difference recognition edition. They are now seeking nominations for our 2023 Women Making a Difference edition, which will be published in October. Each year, Women in Business reaches out to executives, chambers of commerce, and community leaders throughout their 23-county readership, to send in nominations for selection. These nominations are then submitted to their selection committee, will bases its final selections on nominees who have made a positive impact on the Central Pennsylvania business community by consistently moving their business forward, adapting to major changes in their personal and professional life and giving back to the community through volunteering or mentoring. They encourage you to make a nomination by following the link above and filling out the nomination form.

**The deadline for submitting nominations is September 29.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Women in Business Editor David Harry at 814-278-1323 or at [editor@pabusinesscentral.com](mailto:editor@pabusinesscentral.com). Every day, exceptional women are making a positive difference in the work place and our community.

Help them to honor them – they want to hear from you ! Click [HERE](#) to make your nomination!



## IN THE NEWS

### Waynesburg University Welcomes Class of 2027

The Class of 2027 is comprised of students from 23 states, with 40 percent coming from outside of Pennsylvania, including Arizona, California, Texas, Florida and Hawaii. With approximately \$14 million in aid being processed for the incoming class, including \$8 million in institutional funds, Waynesburg University remains a very affordable option for high quality, Christian higher education in Pennsylvania and the nation.

President Douglas G. Lee, academic department chairs and other University leaders welcomed the freshman class during the 2 p.m. ceremony in Roberts Chapel. During the ceremony, President Lee urged new students to develop perseverance as an essential quality of their character. Referencing Romans 5, he shared that “perseverance produces character; character produces hope; and hope does not disappoint.”

“We are very excited to welcome the Waynesburg University Class of 2027 to the campus community, and we look forward to the wonderful accomplishments that they will achieve over the next four years in the classroom, on the athletics fields, as well as engaging with the community,” said Adam Jack, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Athletics, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives.

Matriculation is part of Waynesburg University’s Welcome Days, which is an eventful four days designed to help students integrate into their lives as Yellow Jackets and to familiarize them with their new Waynesburg family. During Welcome Days, students have opportunities to connect with new and current students, faculty and staff while learning about the resources and services that the University has to offer on campus.

On Saturday, new students will also participate in a variety of service projects on campus and around Greene County. Service sites include 2nd Sam 9, Corner Cupboard Foodbank, Waynesburg Healthcare & Rehabilitation, Eva K. Bowlby Library, Salvation Army of Greene County, Greene County United Way, Save A Horse Stable, Inc., among others. Freshmen moved into their residence halls Thursday, Aug. 24, and will participate in Welcome Days programming throughout the weekend.

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The names of the matriculating students were announced by Lanny Frattare, Assistant Professor of Communication and former voice of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Doug Wilson, Lecturer of Communication.

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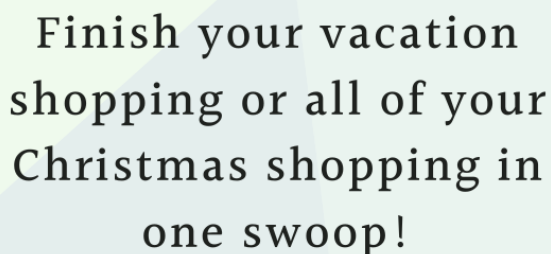
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Tell us what level you would like to participate at \$25, \$50, \$100, and if you will be providing a gift card/certificate from your business or if you would like to purchase one yourself from another local business or national chain. You can also tell us how much you would like to spend, and we will invoice you and make the purchase for you! It couldn't be easier.

We are currently seeking participation commitments for our Christmas raffle. The deadline for participating as a donor is **Monday September 11th!**

Don't miss this opportunity to support shopping local and your chamber's program of work at the same time!



Please call 724-627-5926 or email [info@greenechamber.org](mailto:info@greenechamber.org) with your commitment to participate or if you have any questions.

## Bowlby Bits - September 2023



Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am – 6pm | Friday & Saturday: 9am – 3pm

**TEDDY BEAR PICNIC** – Saturday, September 9th come join us for our Teddy Bear Picnic with your favorite stuffed animal, come into the library or call to sign up.

**MAHJONG CLUB** – Every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00PM. 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 second Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM. This month's book discussion is on Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest".

**COSMIC BINGO** – Friday, September 29th will be a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo! Sponsored by SeniorLife of Greene County.

**CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA]** – Saturday, September 16th 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 and Thursday afternoon [1PM – 3PM] bring your electronic device, charging cords, account passwords, and your library card. First-come, first-served. Need a different time? Call in to the library to set-up an appointment. Always free...just drop in!

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT** – Enjoy a movie here at the library Friday, September 15th, beginning promptly at 8:00 P.M. on the Library's Lawn. This Month's Movie is Lightyear. FREE snack and beverage! Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

**PUZZLE COMPETITION** – Saturday, September 23rd @ 9:30AM – 12:30PM. A max of 10 teams of two to compete in putting together a 500-piece puzzle in three hours or less. Contact the library for more details.

**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.  
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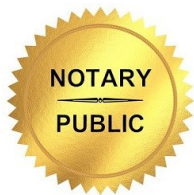
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