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Tuesday,
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11:30-Networking
Noon-Lunch and Program
At Greene County Career & Technology Center
60 Zimmerman Drive
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Workforce Development to be discussed by
the GCCTC. Waynesburg University will speak
on the HWRT Program. My Benefit Advisor will
present information on their benefits along with
the World Kinect energy program.

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

Register by Wednesday, March 20th by emailing
guest name(s) to info@greenechamber.org or
fill out the google form [here](#).



Lunch will be prepared by The
GCCTC Culinary Arts Program
and will consist of stuffed
flounder with a white wine sauce,
chicken marsala, crab stuffed
mushrooms, provolone wedge
with marinara, caesar salad & an
open desert case

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



RIBBON CUTTINGS

Chamber of Commerce Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Greene County Career & Technology Center's "Club House" Store Opening

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greene County Career & Technology Center's student built and operated "Club House" store located in the school's community room.

On Tuesday, February 27th, Director Mark Krupa was joined by staff members Daniel Wagner, Chris Ralston, Larry Frank, Jennifer Nix, Todd Kieffer, & Natalie Goodwin and dignitaries to cut the ribbon on this architecturally and aesthetically pleasing snack shop.

Greene County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melody Longstreth welcomed those in attendance. Students and other staff witnessed the celebration commemorating the opening of the "Club House," residing in the CTC's Community Room. The event featured remarks from CTC staff members, as well as Representative of the 50th District Bud Cook, and PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta. Multiple programs were involved in the creation of this project, and all profits will be used for the student's field trips/competitions. After the official cutting of the ribbon, those in attendance had the opportunity to converse and partake in a light breakfast prepared by the CTC's Culinary Arts Students.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is honored to participate in welcoming this new asset to the GCCTC as well as any new asset or business to our area.

For more information on the CTC contact Mark Krupa at (724)627-3106, or via email at krupam@greenectc.org



2024 Calendar of Events!

Now available on
our website [here!](#)
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Waynesburg University's Counseling Symposium Welcomes Dr. Dana Milakovic

Waynesburg University's regional counseling symposium, "Elevating Voices: Adverse Childhood Experiences," welcomes keynote speaker Dr. Dana Milakovic to present her session, "Building Bridges Not Walls: How Relationships Can Help Us Heal and Thrive."

Dr. Milakovic serves as the mental wellness and trauma specialist with the Office for Safe Schools for the Pennsylvania Department of Education and as a statewide crisis and response trainer for PREPaRE and provides consultations for threat assessments. She also participates on the leadership team for HEAL PA, a multisectoral coalition that aims to transform Pennsylvania into a trauma-informed and healing-centered state.

Dr. Milakovic is a mental health and trauma specialist with over 20 years of experience in school and community mental health, pediatric neuropsychology and school psychology and administration. Currently, she is focusing on strengthening schools by developing equitable trauma-informed learning environments that support the academic, physical and psychological safety and well-being of students and staff.

The counseling symposium will be held on **Friday, March 15, 2024, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Southpointe, located at 1000 Corporate Dr., Canonsburg, PA 15317. Admission to the event is free.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and go on to 8:30 a.m. At 8:30 a.m., the event opens with a keynote speech from Dr. Milakovic. Following her session, the first half of the symposium will split into different breakout sessions led by various presenters and conclude with roundtable and poster sessions. After an hour-long lunch break, the breakout sessions will begin again and culminate in panel discussions at 3 p.m. The event will adjourn at 4 p.m.

For more information about Waynesburg University's regional counseling symposium, visit

<https://www.waynesburg.edu/waynesburg-universitys-regional-counseling-symposium>



Greene County Career Day



Get hired or get inspired!

WHEN:

MEET & EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES WITH EMPLOYERS, COLLEGES, & MORE!

March 21st, 2024

- 8:00-11:30am

REGISTRATION & SETUP:

- 7:30-8:30am

WHERE:

- 420 W. George Street,
Carmichaels, PA 15320

RSVP:

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- Company information
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- Annual Membership Banquet

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Waynesburg Uni. Unveils New Innovation Hub in On-going 175th Anniversary Celebration

Waynesburg University celebrated the grand opening of its Entrepreneurial Hub for Innovative Ventures and Endeavors' (eHIVE) new location on Friday, February 16. The day-long celebration included a ribbon cutting ceremony, demonstrations, competitions and activities as well as a nod to the University's milestone 175th anniversary, which is being celebrated throughout the year. Now located on the first floor of Stover Campus Center, the eHIVE's new space continues the work of the University's award-winning Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, established in 2018. The new innovation hub houses equipment that supports student entrepreneurs in their prototyping efforts and enables them to make products to sell for their own small businesses. The renovations and purchase of the equipment were made possible by generous donors.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, remarks were offered by Waynesburg University President Douglas G. Lee; Gregory Halvatzis, Chair of the Waynesburg University Board of Trustees; and Mindy Walls, Director of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program, Chairperson for the Business Administration Department and Associate Professor of Business Administration.

Equipped with a laser engraver, 3-D printers, large format printer, CNC machine, heat press and more, the eHIVE has already supported student entrepreneurs as they work on apparel startups or use the machines to create stickers, clings, etc. Students can enroll in classes to learn how to operate the new makerspace equipment or prototype. Andrew Heisey, Associate Professor of Art, is currently teaching "Makerspace Lab," which allows students to learn the programming of the machines so they can utilize the equipment themselves. Walls and Heisey are also teaching the award-winning "Plastics to Progress" course in the new space. This class turns recycled plastic waste from campus into a product with social cause and supports recycling on campus. The eHIVE also supports the University's retail learning lab and official campus spirit store, The Nest, with products created in the makerspace currently for sale in the store. In addition, staff and student workers have filled orders for custom products from across campus, providing an additional revenue stream to support the center and its programming.

The following is a comprehensive list of the technology outfitting the eHIVE:

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| • Stratasys F170 Printer | • Grizzly T28347 - Extension Kit | • G1021Z 15" Planer |
| • Fusion Epilog Pro Laser | • Grizzly T31563 - Bear Crawl Build Your Own Mobile Base | • G0733 Heavy Duty Wood Lathe |
| • 218252-E-Pro Ultimaker s5 Pro Bundle | • Grizzly T28000 - Bear Crawl Heavy Duty Mobile Base | • G0697X Ext Tablesaw- 3PH, Reg Rails |
| • Wazer Waterjet | • 12" Double-Bevel Compound Miter Saw | • G0583Z 1HP Canister Dust Collector |
| • Roland TrueVIS SG3-300 | • G0817 Super HD 14" Resaw Bandsaw | • BXG0583Z02 Box for G0583Z |
| • STX20 Hotronix Heat Press | • G0784 Heavy-Duty Floor Drill Press | • FABBOTATC CNC Router |
| • Roland Direct to Garment Printer | • G1183 Sander 6/12" Super Duty | • iPad Pro with Pencil |
| • GrizzlyT31566 Bear Crawl All Swivel HD Mobile | | • PC & Monitors |

An Award-Winning Program

Committed to developing an entrepreneurial mindset within all students, Waynesburg University continues to receive accolades for its Entrepreneurial Leadership Program. In October 2023, the eHIVE was named the "Outstanding Emerging Entrepreneurship Center" by the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers during its annual conference at the Perot Museum of Nature in Science in Dallas, Texas. In 2022, the Entrepreneurial Leadership Program was presented with the Rising Star Award for Excellence in Curriculum Innovation in Entrepreneurship at the 11th Annual Deshpande Symposium at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Last month, the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE) selected Mindy Walls as a Justin G. Longenecker Fellow. Selection as a USASBE Justin G. Longenecker Fellow is the highest recognition that USASBE gives to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the development, furtherance and benefit of small and medium businesses. The Longenecker Fellow designation recognizes the achievements of men and women whose passion and burning desire for small business and entrepreneurship is reflected in their teaching, writing, training and public service.

About the Entrepreneurial Leadership Program

Our Centers: The vision of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Program is to create a culture of proactive, innovative, ethical problem solving which will provide Waynesburg University students with the skills, abilities, experiences, and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The eHIVE: The University's co-curricular innovation hub focused on the practice of entrepreneurial leadership in a variety of ways, including: individual coaching, workshops, competitions and speakers. The eHIVE's services are available to all students of any major at any time.

The Nest: The University's student learning lab and official apparel spirit store.

Curriculum: The Entrepreneurial Leadership Program focuses on the study and practice of entrepreneurship in an academic setting through a major in the Department of Business Administration and a cross-campus minor.

The year 2024 marks Waynesburg University's 175th Anniversary. The theme of the year-long celebration, "175 Years of Light," focuses on honoring the University's mission as well as its motto, "fiat lux," or "let there be light." This milestone year is a time for reflection, but also a time for great anticipation as the WU community together looks forward to the next 175 years while celebrating generations of students, faculty and staff pursuing lives of leadership and purpose for the glory of God. Learn more at waynesburg.edu/WU175.

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Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote your company in the Chamber's most valuable publication. 600 copies are distributed to Chamber members, new member businesses and the general public. The publication serves as a member directory and a "Welcome to Greene County" that showcases what Greene County has to offer. This full-color, high gloss directory is the "go-to" tool on your desk, providing you with the names, numbers, email and websites for all of the Chamber's 350+ member businesses.

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STORY CLASSES – Spring Story Classes will start on March 4th and run for 10 weeks for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary children! Stories, games, songs, crafts, and a snack tailored to each age group. Call or check our website to register today!

Baby Lap Sit – ages 6 weeks to 18 months Tuesdays at 11:30am | Thursday at 10:30am

Toddlers – ages 18 months to 35 months Tuesdays at 10:30am | Fridays at 11:30am

Preschoolers – ages 3-5 years Tuesdays at 1:30pm | Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30am

Stories Under The Moon – ages 2-6 years Tuesdays at 5:00pm

AUTHOR'S NIGHT – Thursday, March 14th | 4:30 PM. Come to the library for a thrilling evening and immerse yourself in the world of Italian Dance and Culture. Presented by Anna Harsh author of “La Danza, Conflict, Passion, and Healing” and “The Italian Dance Quest”. Ms. Harsh will be leading a captivating talk session where she will demonstrate Italian dances from her two books and share stories from her trips. Copies of the books will be available for purchase and to be signed during the event. Please call 724-627-9776 to let us know you're coming. We hope to see you there!

LEAD THROUGH MUSIC – March 16th @ 12:30 – 3:00 PM. For Children Grades 1-4. All children 1st through 4th grades, and their parents, are invited to join us for a music exploration afternoon hosted by the Literacy and Children's Departments in partnership with Waynesburg University "Music in the Elementary" students. Register today by calling 724-627-9776 or by visiting the Circulation Desk on your next trip to the library! Let's make some music!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – Enjoy a movie here at the library Friday, March 8th, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's STEM Room. This Month's Movie is Wonka. FREE snack and beverage! Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

PUZZLE CHALLENGE – Saturday, March 17th @ 9:30am – 12:30 PM. The library is looking for 10 teams of 2 to compete in putting together a 500-piece puzzle in three hours or less. Contact the library to register. Prize is awarded to the fastest team.

COSMIC BINGO – Join us for a COSMIC fun time at the library on Friday, March 29th at 7:00 PM for a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo!

BOWLBY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING – Monday, March 25th at 6:30 PM; meeting is open to the public.

MAHJONG CLUB – Meets every Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Mahjong is a tile-based game that's been played in Asia for over 300 years and is gaining global popularity. It's fairly easy to learn the basics. Please RSVP at the Circulation Desk. Following Club Dates: March 6th, March 13th, March 20th, & March 27th.

CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA] – The library is offering CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED. Upcoming dates for classes: Saturday, February 23rd. All classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 PM. Please call Sharon at 724.984.5702 to register; there is limited seating for this event. Cost is \$88 and includes training, workbook, Take Home CPR Kit, 2 yr. certification card & manual.

COMMUNITY SOLAR PRESENTATION – A short 15-minute presentation on Community Solar for homeowners, renters and business owners followed by questions and answers. Starts at 2:30 PM.

FRIENDS SHARING GRIEF – First and third 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 – Need help with one of your devices?? We want to help! Call the library to reserve a time-slot. Bring your electronic device, account passwords, any devices you use (and charging cords if needed), and your library card. One of our tech savvy librarians will help you with a variety of technology services during weekly 20-30-minute appointments.

T.O.P.S.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly – Is a weight management support group that meets every Friday, 10:00 – 11:00AM.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS GAME SESSIONS – Hosted at the library every Friday and Saturday afternoon and begin at 12:30 PM and will run until 3:30 PM. Led by Dungeon Master Eric & Matt respectively. Seating is limited so please sign up in person at the library or by calling us at 724-627-9776.

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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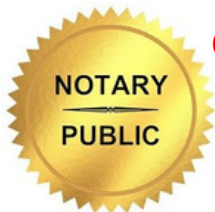
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