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## 2024 ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, May 31st, 2024

Rohanna's Golf Course



8:30 a.m. Shot Gun Start - 4 Person Scramble - Team Entry Fee - \$500  
Includes 18 Holes of Golf with Carts, Breakfast, Snack, & Buffet Lunch

## TEE-OFF FOR PRIZES & MORE

### TICKET BUNDLES WILL BE SOLD IN ADVANCE

Please pre-pay or bring exact  
change. **\$40 per bundle includes:**

- 3 - 50/50 drawing tickets
- 15 - Auction tickets
- 2 - Mulligans
- 1 - Cash Hole entry ticket
- 1 - Prize Hole entry ticket
- 1 - Putting Contest entry ticket

#### Team Registration:

- Team Registration - \$500 - or -
- VIP Team Registration - Includes 4 ticket bundles - \$600 - or -
- Corporate Team Registration - Includes a hole sponsorship & 4 ticket bundles - \$650
- Individual Ticket Bundles at \$40 each
- Hole Sponsorships - \$100

Please email us your business name and a list of names with emails for the participants to register.

check enclosed  Please invoice or pay by credit card over the phone at 724-627-5926 or [greenechamber.org](http://greenechamber.org). - Return to 3157 Mt. Morris Road, Suite 103, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Questions? [melody@greenechamber.org](mailto:melody@greenechamber.org). **Deadline is Monday May 24th.**

# 2ND ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY

## UNCLAIMED PROPERTY EVENT!

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

GREENE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
3157 MT. MORRIS ROAD, WAYNESBURG, PA

### YOU COULD HAVE MONEY WAITING ON YOU!

A representative from the Pennsylvania Department of the Treasury will be present to help businesses and individuals. The PA Treasury receives hundreds of millions of dollars in unclaimed property every year...They want to return it all to the rightful owners. In addition to individuals, businesses, non-profits, local government agencies, and many community groups have unclaimed property.

This event is a collaboration between the Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the State Department of the Treasury.



FMI call 412-582-2247

Wednesday,  
May 22nd



Sponsored by:



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

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

We will be presenting our 34th Annual Educational Fund Scholarship and our 6th Dr. Nancy I. Davis Memorial Leadership Scholarship. Our speakers will be Stacy Stroman from Blueprints who will share more about the new R.A.M.P. program for Greene County and Community Bank's Vice President Market Executive of Greene/ Fayette, Sheila Stewart.

Register by Wednesday, May 15th by emailing guest name(s) to [info@greenechamber.org](mailto:info@greenechamber.org) or fill out the google form [here](#).



Lunch will be provided by Aladdin Food Service and will consist of chicken salad, roast beef or ham salad on croissant, broccoli salad, fruit salad, homemade ranch chips, and fresh berry shortcake

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



We held our annual Women in Business Luncheon celebrating the Administrative Professional this past month! Thank you to our sponsors, Community Bank, West Penn Power/First Energy, Observer-Reporter, EQT, Washington Health System Greene, and EQT Rec Center as well as our speakers Liz Mims with Dress For Success and Carole DeAngelo from the Observer-Reporter. We celebrated all of our administrative professionals and thank you for keeping the wheels turning every day. Thank you to all that attended and donated to Dress for Success Pittsburgh.

🌟 Don't let anyone Dim Your Sparkle! 🌟





# RIBBON CUTTINGS

## Chamber of Commerce Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Greene County Career & Technology Center's Food Truck Unveiling

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an official ribbon cutting ceremony for the Greene County Career & Technology Center's Culinary Arts department food truck. On Wednesday, April 10th, "it came to me with a lot of prayer" stated Dave Calvario, Director of the Community Foundation of Greene County. For approximately 18 months, Dave worked alongside Mark Krupa and Dan Wagoner of the GCCTC to carry out this county wide effort to bring our communities and school districts together to ultimately impact work force development.

The evening commenced by a welcome from GCCTC director Mark Krupa, followed by words from Dave Calvario, GCCTC Culinary Arts Teacher Dan Wagner, student Ellie Turner, and student Dylan Wilson. Following the speakers, those businesses and individuals who provided financial support to the project were recognized. Jesmar Energy, Gatrell Business Solutions, Moore Monuments, RG Johnson, Smalley Electric, D.J.'s Diner-Carmichaels, Waynesburg VFW, Coles Greene Acres Farm, Greene County Tourism, Hoy's Concrete, Baily Agency, Fox Ford, First Federal, Jenmar, Iron Senergy, Community Bank, KSW Oilfield Services, McCracken's Pharmacy, Wilson Accounting, Direct Results, Albie & Donna Rinehart and Buddy Greco, received an appreciation gift thanking them for their contributions which made this dream a reality. Nearly 40 individuals that included a representative of each business, local individuals, members of the joint operating committee of the CTC and several Culinary Arts students participated in the ribbon cutting. As the confetti started to fall thereafter, nothing but smiles could be seen with the hopes and dreams for the future of this truck.

"This is the power of Greene", as Dan Wagner stated, as he believes our community is very connected compared to other communities in our area. Dave Calvario is most looking forward to "seeing the Culinary Arts Students with a little more bounce in their step. To have the students forward facing, interacting with the public, serving their teachers, and to obtain hands-on experience through this mobile classroom. Another dream down the road is to see Culinary Arts students open their own food truck, and students from welding, precision machining, BCO, electrical start a small manufacturing company to build food trucks.

The Greene County Chamber of Commerce is honored to see such wonderful collaborative partnerships within the community to bring our school districts together, and to participate in welcoming this new asset to the GCCTC to ultimately impact workforce development as well as any new asset or business to our area.

For more information contact Mark Krupa at (724)627-3106, or via email at [krupam@greenectc.org](mailto:krupam@greenectc.org)



The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) invites you to learn more about the State System and our procurement office.

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

at

PennWest University – California Campus  
The Convocation Center – North Wing, Room 8-9  
250 University Avenue,  
California, PA 15419

**Two (2) Sessions are available:  
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM or 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Space is limited, registration to the event is required. We ask that no more than two (2) representatives from each participating business attend. This is NOT a construction event.

**\*PARKING – Registered suppliers will park in Lot #4 across the tracks nearest the convocation center. See page 2 for the map.**

To register:  
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Any questions, please contact Jennifer Lewis,  
Director of Services at [jllewis@passhe.edu](mailto:jllewis@passhe.edu)



# RAMMP

## RURAL ACCESS MOBILITY PLATFORM

A SUPPLEMENTARY TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH PROJECT IN GREENE COUNTY



# On-demand Ride Sharing Program Launched in Greene County

The Rural County Mobility Platform (RAMP), a pilot program testing the concept of on-demand shared mobility in rural areas, launched in Greene County Wednesday, May 1. Managed by Blueprints and developed by Carnegie Mellon University, the program offers free, on-demand transportation in Greene County for essential services including healthcare, work, grocery shopping and conducting government-related business for a four-month period.

To request a ride, residents should call 724-780-RAMP (7267) or visit [ramp-pilot.com](http://ramp-pilot.com).

“Transportation is critical to so many aspects of life; in rural counties, where true public transportation is unavailable, there is a limit to where people can work, shop, access healthcare or seek opportunities to thrive,” said Blueprints Chief Executive Officer Jeff Fondelier.

Available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the program operates with three Honda Odyssey vans, marked with signage, including RAMP logo car magnets on the side doors and window clings in the front and back windows. One van operates on a regular fixed-route service between Waynesburg and Carmichaels, while the other two vans offer on-demand service throughout the county.

“The Greene County Commissioners are very excited to participate in this pilot program to connect our residents with needed services,” said Jared Edgreen, Chairman on the Board of Commissioners for Greene County.

The goal of RAMP is to improve mobility in rural Southwestern Pennsylvania, with the potential to advance the fundamental knowledge of how energy-efficient, affordable mobility services can work in rural America, enabling them to be systematically planned, operated, and monitored, inherently merged with system-level modeling.

“We are thrilled to be collaborating with our partners to deploy our research to solve real-world problems by addressing rural citizens’ mobility needs for enhanced quality of life, while taking into account energy efficiency and sustainability,” said Karen Lightman, Executive Director of Safety21, US DOT National University Transportation Center at Carnegie Mellon University.

Blueprints, Waynesburg University, and the County of Greene were named subrecipients of a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to Carnegie Mellon University’s Mobility Data Analytics Center for the RAMP project.

“Mobility service solutions readily broaden transportation choices and improve equity in urban environments. However, many rural areas, making up the majority of our U.S. land area, lack alternative mobility solutions. The RAMP project is an exciting implementation of technology and community partnerships that will inform rural communities across the country in efficient and cost-effective transportation solutions,” said Nicole Kirby, Technology Integration Project Officer for the National Energy Technology Laboratory.

The routes are designed according to the results of a 2022 survey of more than 600 Greene County residents and complement existing public transportation options.

Ridership and participation in this program is critical for collecting data that may help quantify how this temporary system is having an impact and exploring potential for seeking long-term financial support to continue its operations.

This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) under the Vehicle Technologies Program Office Award Number DE-EE0008883.

## About Blueprints

Blueprints is dedicated to Breaking Barriers and Building Futures in our community. We strive to provide the resources, education and inspiration that empowers individuals and families to thrive, and we are committed to creating positive opportunities and outcomes for all.

## About Carnegie Mellon University

Carnegie Mellon, [cmu.edu](http://cmu.edu), is a private, internationally ranked research university with acclaimed programs spanning the sciences, engineering, technology, business, public policy, humanities, and the arts. Our diverse community of scholars, researchers, creators, and innovators is driven to make real-world impacts that benefit people across the globe. With a bold, interdisciplinary, and entrepreneurial approach, we do the work that matters.

## About Waynesburg University

Consistently ranked a best value school, Waynesburg University’s Strategy for the 21st Century affirms its commitment to developing an entrepreneurial mindset and ethical leadership skills for all students. Rooted in its mission of faith, learning and service, the private, Christian university is located on a traditional campus in the hills of southwestern Pennsylvania, with an additional site for graduate and professional programs in Southpointe.



# GRANTWRITING WORKSHOP



**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

**12:00 - 4:00**

*lunch will be provided*

**Fay-Penn Economic Development Council  
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# SEEKING RAFFLE BASKETS

Want to promote your business or help support the scholarship fund?

We need raffle basket for the following events!

- ~~Administrative Professionals' Day Luncheon~~
- Annual Golf Outing
- Annual Trivia Night
- Annual Membership Banquet

If interested, please email Mandi at [mandi@greenechamber.org](mailto:mandi@greenechamber.org) and be sure to include what item(s) you are donating, your business/organization that is listed as the donor, and if you would like to have it go to a specific event or let us decide where it is most needed.

# PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS...

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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.

## PRICING FOR THIS YEAR!

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Please enclose Ad copy (does not need to be camera ready) call us at 724-627-5926 or email: [info@greenechamber.org](mailto:info@greenechamber.org)

Deadline to reserve space is May 31, 2024.

Payment Method:

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# Bowlby Bits - May 2024



Hours: Monday & Wednesday: 9am – 7pm | Tuesday & Thursday: 9am – 6pm | Friday & Saturday: 9am – 3pm

**STORY CLASSES** – Spring Story Classes are currently available 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

**FAMILY PLACE PLAY** – Family Place Play is a free-play session for children three and under and their caretakers to explore a variety of age-appropriate toys and socialize with their own caretakers and with other children. In addition, we will have visits from local experts in various child development fields to answer questions or help you find resources. This Spring we will be offering Family Place Play sessions on both Friday and Saturday mornings at 10:30. You may attend both days in the week or just one-- whatever fits your schedule best! This Spring session is five weeks long, starting May 17th. Please pre-register at: <https://forms.gle/KSeUxWfzjsBWLXN26> or by calling 724-627-9776

**TINY TIM TOMATO PROJECT** – Wednesday, May 29th at 5:00 PM. Kids: it's time to plant a special tomato plant that YOU will care for all summer! The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners are coming to the Eva K. Bowlby Public Library to give you your own tomato plant and teach you how to properly care for it. Call to register for this free class at 724-627-9776.

**BOOK READING/SIGNING** – Tuesday May 7th at 5:00 PM. Join local author Angela Wilson for a reading/signing of her new picture book, Liam Wants a Pet, along with some activities and snacks, at Stories Under the Moon this week! Call 724-627-9776 to register.

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Enjoy a special double feature movie night here at the library Friday, May 3rd, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. In the Library's STEM Room and Young Adult Room. This Month's Movies are "Wish" for kids and "The Beekeeper" for adults. FREE snack and beverage! Doors open at 6:45 PM. Call the library to RSVP your seat(s).

**PUZZLE CHALLENGE** – Saturday, May 11th @ 9:30am – 12:30 PM. Do you trust your puzzle skills enough to compete against other puzzle lovers??? The library is looking for 10 teams of two 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, May 31st at 7:00 PM for a fun night of Glow in the Dark or "COSMIC" Bingo! Doors open at 6:45 PM.

**BOWLBY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING** – Monday, May 21st at 6:30 PM; meeting is open to the public.

**GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MEETING** – Monday, May 20th at 5:30 PM. Meeting is open to the public and held at Flenniken Public Library.

**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: May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd & May 29th.

**BOWLBY LECTURE SERIES: HELPING GREENE COUNTY STAY GREEN: AN ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FROM CCJ** – Thursday, May 23rd at 6:00 PM. This session, presented by Tonya Yoders, will provide an update on proposed new mining operations in Greene County, the impact of fracking on air and water quality, pending legislation affecting local environmental conditions, and opportunities (like the Dryerson Festival) for residents to get involved with local issues.

**CPR/AED TRAINING [AHA]** – The library is offering CPR Certification classes for Adult, Child, & Infant First Aid, and AED. Upcoming dates for classes: Saturday, May 18th. 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 after the CPR Class on May 18th.

**FRIENDS SHARING GRIEF** – First and third Monday evening of every month, May 6th and 20th, 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.

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

**TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS AND FALL PREVENTION** – Held Every Saturday from 10:30 – 11:30 AM, sessions are led by Sheri Tucker and costs \$5. Please call 724-627-9776 to RSVP.

**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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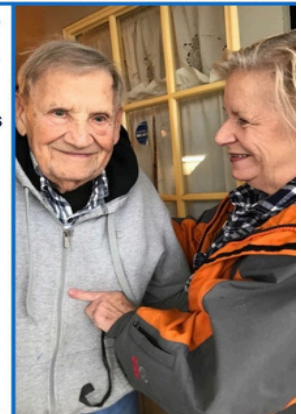
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