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Greene County Chamber of Commerce
"Business, Boots, & Blue Jeans
36th Annual Membership Banquet
- and -

Presentation of the Distinguished Service Awards to:

Doug Wilson, Connie Hart, & Chuck Wolfe

McCracken Legacy Award presented to:

Ross Tractor

Dust off your boots and hat, put on your best
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VALLEY VIEW FARM,

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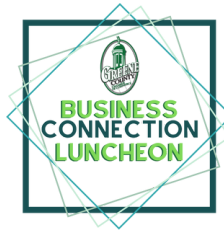
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Chamber of Commerce October Business Connection Luncheon

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86th Annual Greene County Chamber of Commerce County-wide Christmas Parade

Saturday December 7th - 2:00

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The Greene County Chamber of Commerce has begun planning the 86th Annual Downtown Waynesburg Christmas Parade to be held Saturday, December 7th at 2:00pm. The Parade is sponsored by West Penn Power, a First Energy Company.

Schools, churches, civic organizations and other interested parties are encouraged to participate. All units must be pre-registered by Wednesday, November 27th in order to participate. Miss Rain Day 2024, Bryn Lahew, and the Chamber's 2024 Distinguished Service Award honorees, Connie Hart, Chuck Wolfe and Doug Wilson, along with McCracken Legacy Award recipient, Ross Tractor, will have the honor of leading the parade down High Street as its Grand Marshals.

The line-up area for units will begin at noon and will encompass Wayne Streets, from West Street to Morris Street, Richhill Street from High to College Street and the First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church and Hook & Hook parking lots. Traffic will be restricted on those streets beginning at noon. Detour traffic will follow Franklin Street to West and Second Avenue to West. West Street and Franklin Streets along with all of the streets involved in the line-up will be posted for no parking between noon and 4pm.

The parade will begin at the intersection of High and Richhill and travel East on High Street to the intersection of Cumberland and High where the majority of the units will turn North onto Cumberland and travel to the East Borough Parking Lot where units will disband. There is no central theme, but all entries are asked to portray the true Christmas Spirit. Float judging will take place prior to the start of the parade. Trophies will be awarded to the top three floats and three will receive honorable mentions. All floats and other entries are reminded that no live Santa is permitted on any unit in the parade as he is the guest of honor at the conclusion of the parade.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade who did not receive an application is asked to download the parade application by visiting the Chamber website at www.greenechamber.org For more information contact the Chamber office at 724-627-5926 or info@greenechamber.org

PA Rural Population Revitalization Commission's Listening & Learning Session



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The Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission hosted a Listening & Learning Session with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) in Waynesburg, Greene County, on October 18, 2024. This session aimed to engage area stakeholders to discuss key issues affecting rural communities in the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) region and to propose policy suggestions.

You can find the session summary [here](#), as well as a link to the PowerPoint presentation: <https://adobe.ly/4fdxfdd>.



The 8th Annual Eva K Bowlby Library Turkey Trot

The family friendly event will be held Saturday, November 23, 2024 beginning at the Bowlby Library Gazebo. 1K Pet Walk will begin at 9AM followed by the 1K Children's Fun Run. 5K Walk will begin at 9:30AM followed by the 5K Run. A prize for the best dressed pet will be given. All pets must be on a leash. Awards will be given to the top 3 male and female walkers/runners in each age category. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided as well as other children's activities inside the library while parents participate in the race. There will be a raffle and auction items as well. Check out our [website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for additional details.

All proceeds will benefit Eva K Bowlby Public Library. Sign up or make a donation at the library or online.

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- Canonsburg Cake Company
- Community Bank
- Dickey's Barbeque Pit
- Elysian Fields Farms
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- Greene County Country Club
- Greene County Historical Society
- Greene County United Way
- Gypsy Rambler
- Hampton Inn Waynesburg
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- Shoe Sensation
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Attention Business Owners and Non-Profit Leaders!

Don't miss this opportunity to see if your business or organization has money waiting for you to claim. In the last year and a half, many of our members have been identified as having money waiting that they were completely unaware of. Some amounts may be quite small, but we have seen several large amounts in the tens of thousands. A representative will be in the office to assist you in searching and filing a claim. If you are unable to come into the office that day, you may phone in at 724-627-5926.

You can also check to see if you personally have anything in your name waiting to be claimed during this event.

No appointment is needed.

2ND ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY EVENT!



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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.



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TIME AND ALLY FINANCIAL HONOR WAYNESBURG DEALER

Mark Fox Wins National Recognition for Community Service and Industry Accomplishments



The nomination of Mark Fox, owner, president, and dealer principal at Fox Ford in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, for the 2025 TIME Dealer of the Year award was announced today by TIME. Fox is one of a select group of 49 dealer nominees from across the country who will be honored at the 108th annual National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) Show in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 25, 2025.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. The award recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service. Fox was chosen to represent the Pennsylvania Automotive Association in the national competition— one of only 49 auto dealers nominated for the 56th annual award from more than 20,000 nationwide.

“Our family has been serving the Greene County community for more than 100 years,” nominee Fox said. “The same core values of honesty, hard work, and treating customers like family that steered my father and his father and uncles before him have continued to stand as the bedrock of my business.”

Fox, who earned a B.S. in accounting in 1980 and an M.B.A. in 1983 from Waynesburg College (now Waynesburg University) in Waynesburg, has also infused the century-old business with fresh perspectives and a new vision.

Originally founded by a relative in 1921 as the Mt. Morris Motor Company in nearby Mount Morris, Pennsylvania, the dealership was acquired by the Fox family in 1929, and a sister store was opened in Waynesburg in 1941. The original store was eventually closed and the Fox Motor Company, now Fox Ford, has remained in the family ever since.

“At age 13, I joined the lineage of Fox Ford businessmen— including my father, grandfather, and great uncles— as the dealership's lawn mower,” Fox quipped. “I detailed and washed cars during high school and since my college was about a mile from the store, I picked up maintenance jobs around the building after classes.”

Upon graduation, Fox had a serious conversation with his father about joining the family enterprise. He started in sales in 1982 and eventually was named sales manager, general manager, and then dealer principal in 2013.

“Continuing a legacy rooted for more than a century in the same area has allowed for generational relationships and investments,” he said. “The business has created the opportunity for me to serve and give back to our family, our employees, our community, and those who need us.”

With such deep roots in the retail automotive industry in his state, Fox has devoted his time and talent to the Pennsylvania Automotive Association, where he has served as a board member, board chair, and is currently chair of the Pennsylvania Automotive Association Foundation, the group's philanthropic arm.

“I helped craft strategies to assist dealers who were coping with the prospect of lost dealerships following the bankruptcy declarations by General Motors and Chrysler in 2009,” he said. “I also worked toward improving the Motor Vehicle Act in Pennsylvania during my tenure.”

As a lifelong resident of Waynesburg, Fox is equally committed to his community, which he supports through deeds and action. “To me, building my business and improving my hometown have always gone hand in hand,” he said.

Fox has served on the Waynesburg-Franklin Township Volunteer Fire Company for 49 years and has worked alongside family members and employees to keep his fellow citizens safe. Fox Ford has also paid for the installation and ongoing service of the HAAS Alert Safety Cloud system in the company's firetrucks, which allows local drivers to receive emergency alerts in real time if a truck is working nearby.

“Volunteering for the fire company has been as much a Fox family tradition as the Ford brand itself,” he said. “I've responded to thousands of local fire and emergency calls at all hours of the night, in the middle of family gatherings, and from the dealership floor. I continue to serve actively and invest in the company for the protection of our community now and in the future.”

In addition, his dealership sponsors the annual First Baptist Church's Touch A Truck event which gives children the opportunity to experience all kinds of trucks up close and meet first responders. Fox has also worked with the First Baptist Church to develop the Way Community Center of Greene County, which is being built in an abandoned grocery store.

"I have led the fundraising committee to raise more than \$3.4 million for the purchase and refurbishment of the facility," he said. "The center will reach the underserved in our town with afterschool programs for youth, Meals on Wheels for seniors, and preschool opportunities for children."

Fox currently sits on the boards of Waynesburg University, his alma mater; Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful (downtown revitalization group); and the Community Bank. He also supports Toys for Tots; Greene County United Way; 4-H; Waynesburg Lions Club (summer concert series); Greene County Career & Technology Center (paid internships for students studying automotive technology); animal rescue groups; school sports programs; and many others. Dealers are nominated by the executives of state and metro dealer associations around the country. A panel of faculty members from the Tauber Institute for Global Operations at the University of Michigan will select one finalist from each of the four NADA regions and one national Dealer of the Year. Three finalists will receive \$5,000 for their favorite charities and the winner will receive \$10,000 to give to charity, donated by Ally.

In its 14th year as exclusive sponsor, Ally also will recognize dealer nominees and their community efforts by contributing \$1,000 to each nominee's 501(c)3 charity of choice. Nominees will be recognized on AllyDealerHeroes.com, which highlights the philanthropic contributions and achievements of TIME Dealer of the Year nominees.

"At TIME, our commitment to recognizing the exceptional contributions of automotive dealers remains as strong as ever," said Jessica Sibley, CEO of TIME. "The TIME Dealer of the Year award continues to celebrate those who not only excel in their profession but also make a meaningful impact in their communities. We are thrilled to continue this legacy in partnership with Ally."

Doug Timmerman, Ally president of Dealer Financial Services, said, "Auto dealers are the backbones of their communities, providing civic support and significant business leadership. Ally is proud to recognize the unwavering commitment these TIME Dealer of the Year nominees are living every day through their volunteerism, sponsorships, and support of charitable causes. They are the epitome of community heroes, making important and positive impacts in the lives of the people they serve."

Fox was nominated for the TIME Dealer of the Year award by John Devlin, president of the Pennsylvania Automotive Association. Fox and his wife, Shari, have three children.





We recently welcomed the Butler County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Jordan Grady, to Greene County with a cup of coffee from RGB.



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to arrange a drop of time.*



Greetings from Reverend Richard Berkey, the Senior Pastor at the Rolling Meadows Church of God. Just recently two hurricanes devastated North Carolina, and parts of Florida.

Many folks from our area had responded with food, water, clothing, and cleaning supplies. The Reverend would like to personally thank everyone for what they have done. The reason for this letter is that we don't hear much of what is happening in those states anymore; the news has quit talking about it. But for those folks the nightmare still goes on, as they try to clean up their homes so they can have a place to live. And Christmas is just around the corner.

That's why Rev. Berkey is writing to all of you. If we work together, we could provide a Christmas Miracle from Greene County. If we all bought one toy for a little boy or girl what a blessing that would be. Jesus was our miracle for life as He gave His love for us. What if we can show that same kind of love for those who are less fortunate this year.

In His Service,
Pastor Richard Berkey

Waynesburg University's Indoor Golf Simulator Facility, the SwingLab, is Open to the Public

The facility features three state-of-the-art Uneekor Eye XO Simulators, 250-square feet of putting green and chipping areas and a multi-sport software that provides a list of different sports and games that can be played on the simulator, including hockey, baseball, soccer, bowling and football.

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Waynesburg University to Host Fall Open House Events

Waynesburg University will host a fall open house event for prospective students on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Check-in will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by campus tours led by student ambassadors. Afterward, informational sessions in Roberts Chapel will cover everything from the application process to move-in day, including details on financial aid and the Pathways Center, which offers comprehensive student support resources.

Lunch will be served in the Benedum Dining Hall, allowing prospective students to enjoy campus dining. During this time, students and families can ask questions about the admissions process or chat with coaches. The visit will conclude with visits to various academic departments, where students will learn more about specific programs. Students interested in Esports will also be able to tour the Esports arena.

Registration is available at <https://enroll.waynesburg.edu/register/2024fall2>.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at admissions@waynesburg.edu or call 1-800-225-7393.

High Stakes in Cyber Defense: Key Cybersecurity Lessons for Business Leaders

In today's digital landscape, where cyber threats lurk at every corner, businesses face the daunting task of defending against increasingly sophisticated attacks. According to the 2024 Comcast Business Cybersecurity Threat Report, there's been a marked increase in the frequency and complexity of attacks, particularly in phishing, ransomware and the exploitation of public-facing applications.

The landscape is expanding with each passing year, making it easier for attackers to exploit a growing number of security flaws in common business software applications. In fact, Comcast Business observed a staggering 29 billion cybersecurity events across its pool of security customers in 2023 – an increase from the 23.5 billion events detected in 2022.

As Cybersecurity Awareness Month comes to a close, here are three things every organization, regardless of size, should know about protecting against cyber breaches.

1) Despite advancements in tech, phishing reigns supreme

Phishing remains the most significant method for initial access, with over 2.6 billion interactions detected by Comcast Business. Phishing is leveraged not only to trick users into revealing sensitive information but has also become a major delivery mechanism for various malware strains. Based on analysis of activity on Comcast Business services, over 90% of the phishing interactions blocked were designed to lead victims to sites hosting malware. After all, it's cheap, flexible, easy to deploy and highly successful. By exploiting human nature, attackers gain the initial access needed to infiltrate further into the network. And that's when the problem gets even bigger. After successfully gaining initial access, attackers stay hidden and compromise domain servers and databases, from which they harvest vast amounts of credentials and other confidential information.

The trend underscores the need for robust anti-phishing technologies, comprehensive user education programs, and email gateway platforms to mitigate an increasingly pervasive threat.

2) Credential dumping is a prominent threat

Credential dumping incidents have become more prevalent. In 2023 alone, Comcast Business observed 295 million events where attackers attempted to steal and manipulate authentication credentials. One of the biggest challenges arises when an adversary acquires "legitimate credentials." Such credentials allow attackers not only to authenticate into systems but also to bypass security measures, escalate privileges and conduct harmful activities unchecked.

Effective countermeasures include implementing multi-factor authentication, continuous monitoring for anomalous authentication activities, and regular audits of credential usage.

3) A proactive approach is essential for effective cybersecurity

In a world filled with uncertainties, it's crucial to concentrate on the elements within your control. Technology teams benefit most from an integrated combination of robust security solutions that provide comprehensive protection. This setup should include managed security services from a reliable provider to enhance or supplement the capabilities of internal teams. These strategies are essential not just for preventing unauthorized network access, but also for actively detecting and neutralizing threats should they penetrate your defenses.

To learn more about how Comcast Business can support your team's cybersecurity needs, visit [this link](#), or reach out to your local Comcast Business team at Victoria_Doran@comcast.com or (878) 999-4373.

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Waynesburg University Hosts Annual Criminal Justice and Social Sciences Job Fair

Waynesburg University's Pathways Center and Department of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences recently hosted the annual Criminal Justice and Social Sciences Job and Internship Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The event gave students a unique opportunity to network and establish relationships that could lead to internships and job placements.

"This fair is an opportunity for students to network and establish professional relationships," Sarah Bell, director of the Pathways Center at Waynesburg University, said. "They can make a great connection, which may lead to a job or internship."

Students of all majors were invited to attend, but the represented organizations were geared toward students majoring in areas related to criminal justice and the social sciences. Students who attended the fair said it was a good way to familiarize themselves with nearby opportunities.

"I think it was a really good opportunity, not only for criminal justice majors but everybody, just to see what's around here for internships as well as job opportunities," said sophomore Penelope Barnett.

Some of the represented organizations included the FBI, Department of Homeland Security, Ocean City Police Department, Drug Enforcement Administration, Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Greene County Sheriff's Office and the City of Pittsburgh.

A representative from the City of Pittsburgh Borough of Police praised Waynesburg University for the quality of their criminal justice program graduates.

"Waynesburg University has a great criminal justice program. I was here pre-COVID, but we've been coming here for years to try and recruit because we get good quality candidates from Waynesburg [University]," said the representative. For more information, contact Bell at sbell@waynesburg.edu.



Remote Work: A Complicated and Evolving Concept

Just as many workers have been getting comfortable enjoying the benefits that remote work brings, employees are increasingly feeling pressure to return to the office. Numerous companies are beginning to cut back on various aspects of the hybrid work environment, either eliminating it entirely or bringing employees back into the office on a more frequent basis.

There may be several factors serving as motivation behind the change. As recession fears mount, business owners have begun placing an increased emphasis on worker productivity and many feel that the in-office experience yields better results than the work-from-home model. Additionally, many believe that it's important to have employees face-to-face with management for improved results when mentoring and training both new and existing employees. Adding to the push to return workers to the office is a growing awareness that innovation, creativity and collaboration are more apt to suffer when teams within their organization are apart. The general consensus among corporate management personnel is that in-person time helps build relationships and enable greater accomplishments. Some also point out that it is easier to build trust in-person and that those trusted relationships help teams work more effectively.

Although hybrid work arrangements are unlikely to entirely disappear, the degree to which employers allow workers to work from home in the future appears to be unclear.

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 Rob Higginbotham at (800) 377-3536.





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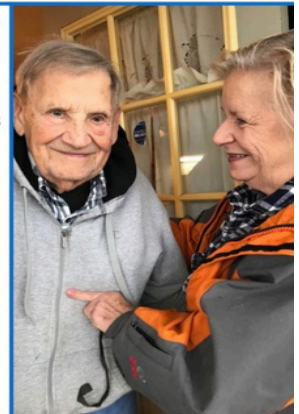


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