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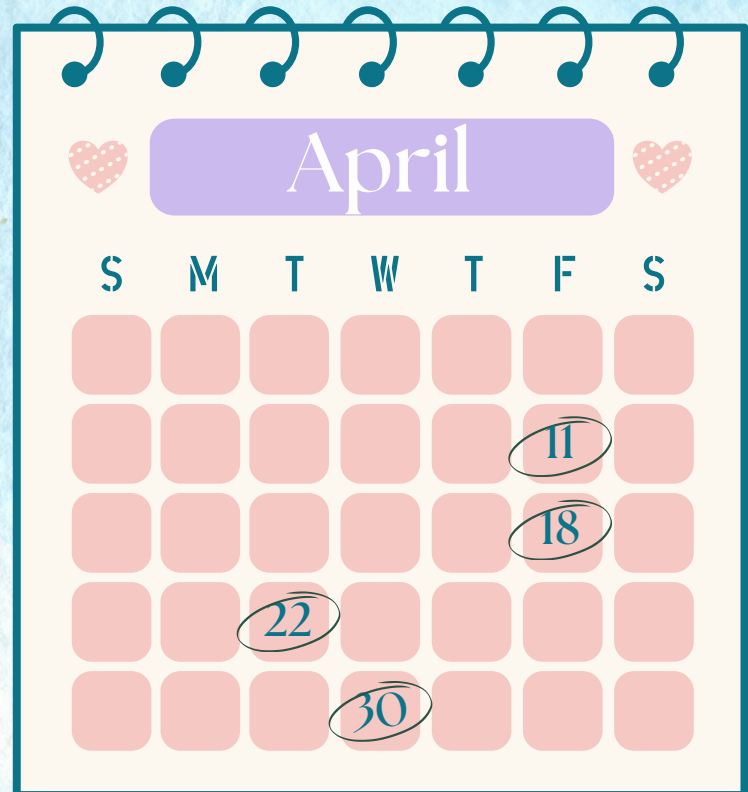
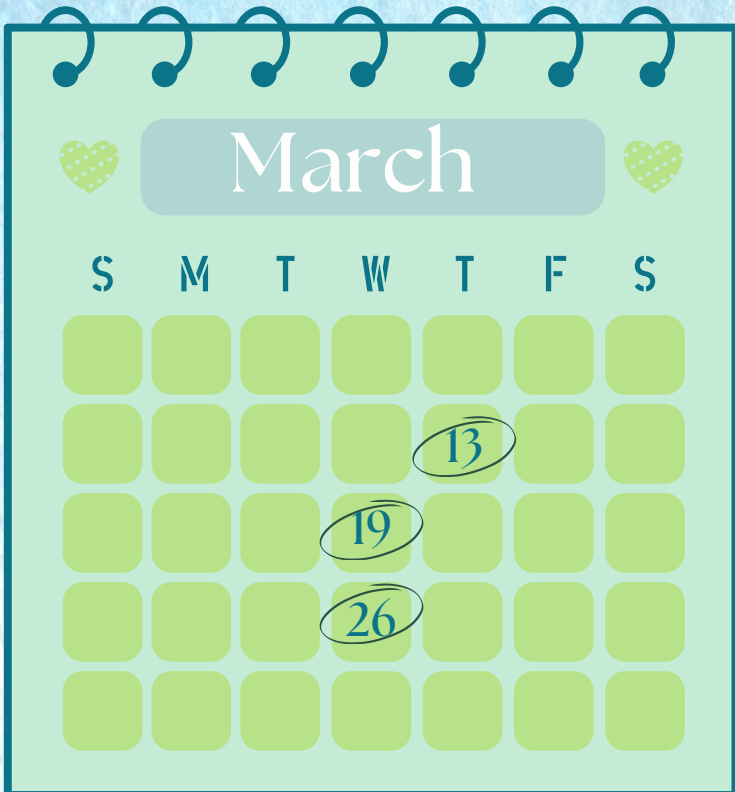
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Mark Your Calendars!



- 3/13 - Coffee & Commerce
- 3/19 - Great Gathering
- 3/26 - Business Connection Luncheon

- 4/11 - Women in Business Breakfast
- 4/18 - Office Holiday Closure
- 4/22 - Lunch & Learn
- 4/30 - Business Connection Luncheon

More details to follow.

You can also check out and register through our Calendar of Events on our website [here](#).



THE GREAT GATHERING XI GGXI

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH 2025 | 6-9PM

HILTON GARDEN INN SOUTHPOINTE — 1000 Corporate Dr. Canonsburg, PA 15317

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It's the business networking event of the year!

You're invited to the 11th Annual 'Great Energy Gathering' (GGXI) on Wed, March 19th 2025, the largest business networking reception in Western PA. Join the Pittsburgh Business Exchange (PBEX), the PA Chamber of Business and Industry, and 38+ other powerhouse organizations as we join forces for this energy-themed collaboration.

Registrations will close after 1,000 registrants.

After that ticket fees increase to \$37 per person. With 38 promotional partners, the Pittsburgh Business Exchange anticipates over 1,000 participants. If someone waits until the day of the actual event to register (suggesting they are not sold out at that time), the late ticket pricing for members of any partnering organization will go up significantly to \$95. That will also be the ticket fee at the door for walk-ups. Non-members will also be charged \$95 at the door.

Register [HERE](#) for you ticket(s)! Be sure to select Greene County Chamber of Commerce as a partnering member as well as in the fee section as a "member in good standing".



Contact us to see what sponsorships we have that best suit your business!
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8:00-9:00 AM
 Coffee and Discussion
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THURSDAY,
 MARCH
 13TH
 No Reservation Necessary.

Tuesday, March 26th

11:30-Networking
 Noon-Lunch and Program
 At the Greene County Country Club
 1044 Lippencott Road
 Waynesburg, PA 15370

 Cost - \$25/member
 \$30/non-member



Lunch will be provided by
 the Greene County
 Country Club and will
 consist of chicken
 parmesan, pasta, tossed
 salad, garlic breadstick and
 dessert.



Register by Wednesday, March 21st by emailing
 guest name(s) to info@greenechamber.org or
 fill out the google form found on our [calendar](#)

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

Community Foundation of Greene County Hosts Workshop on Federal Funding Grant Opportunities

On January 7, the Community Foundation of Greene County hosted a workshop on Federal Funding Grant Opportunities for Workforce and Economic Development at the Greene County Career and Technology Center.

Faith Collins, Community Capacity Coordinator with the Southwestern PA Commission (SPC) led the workshop. In addition, Jim Denova, retired Vice President from the Benedum Foundation, was on hand to facilitate a Q&A panel discussion. The panelists consisted of Dr. Roger Davis, President of Community College of Beaver County; Ami Gatts, Director of Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board; and Ben Buchanan, Community Kitchen Pittsburgh Butchery and Culinary Arts Instructor. All three of the panelists applied for and received Federal Grants related to workforce and economic development in SW PA. Each shared the project(s) applied for and funded.

SPC serves a nine county region in SW PA, which includes Greene County. Faith presented on Federal Grant programs available, which included, Appalachia Regional Commission (ARC) Funding, ARISE, POWER, and INSPIRE. In addition, SPC provides free technical assistance to those looking to apply for most Economic and Workforce Development Grants.

According to Dave Calvario, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greene County, "We must take advantage of the Federal grant opportunities available to Greene County as we work together to move Greene County and SW PA ahead. Faith Collins is an expert when it comes to navigating the road to accessing Federal grants. I pray we have ideas, projects, and organizations which will lean on Faith and her expertise."

Over 30 individuals attended the event, representing 18 organizations attended the event.

If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, contact Faith at Fcollins@spcregion.org or if you have ideas you would like to discuss on collaborating on a project, contact Dave at Dave.cfgcpa@gmail.com.



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2025 ANNUAL GREENE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING

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Friday, May 30th, 2025
Carmichael's Golf Course

Reserve Your Space Today!

We're starting early and reminding our members about opportunities to promote your business in our 2025-2026 Community/Business Resource Guide and Member directory. 600 copies will be distributed throughout the community this summer.

Contact us now to reserve your spot, so you don't have to worry about it later!

Email our Communications & Membership Coordinator, Mandi at mandi@greenechamber.org to reserve your space!



Is PA Money Match Heading Your Way?



The Pennsylvania Treasury Department is sending the first batch of PA Money Match letters this week, so keep an eye on your mailboxes to see if you'll be receiving some unclaimed property!

PA Money Match is a new law, which passed the General Assembly unanimously last year with my support, allowing Treasury to automatically return certain unclaimed property. Eligible properties must be valued at \$500 or less and belong to a single owner. Those with eligible properties will receive a letter in the mail to confirm their address, then about 45 days later they'll receive a check for their property.

Treasurer Stacy Garrity said the first round of PA Money Match has the potential to return over \$2 million to more than 8,000 Pennsylvanians.

In total, PA Treasury is working to return more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property. This money includes things like dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, rebates, insurance payments and more.

Everyone is still encouraged to search PA Treasury's website regularly for property that may belong to them. The average value of a claim is \$1,600, and PA Money Match will not automatically return properties valued above \$500 or those that may have more than one owner, such as a dormant joint checking or savings account.

Visit patreasury.gov/unclaimed-property



The Southwest Corner Workforce Development Board is developing our Local Area Plan for 2025-2029, and your input is essential to our area's success. This plan will serve as our roadmap for creating better job opportunities, supporting local businesses, and building a stronger economy right here in our community.

The Local Area Plan determines how we:

- Connect job seekers with meaningful employment opportunities
- Support businesses in finding and developing talented workers
- Invest in training programs that lead to family-sustaining careers
- Align education and workforce development with industry needs

Your insights will help ensure our strategies reflect the real needs of our community. Whether you're a resident, business owner, educator, or community leader, your perspective will help shape workforce development in our region for years to come.

Please take a few moments to complete the short [Southwest Corner Local Area Plan Survey](#).

Member Milestone

AS YOU PREPARE FOR 2025, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHARE DETAILS ABOUT ANY ANNIVERSARIES, UPCOMING EVENTS, OR NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION HAS PLANNED. THIS INFORMATION WILL ASSIST US IN PROMOTING YOU ACROSS VARIOUS MEDIA PLATFORMS.

Please email us at info@greenechamber.org with any information about your upcoming year.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A **FREE**
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SEMINAR ON
UC Appeals & Hearings Seminar



Location:

PA CareerLink® Greene County
200 Greene Plaza
Waynesburg, PA 15370

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

To Register:
Email ttaylor@washingtongreene.org

This seminar will explain how the process works and how to prepare for a UC hearing.

This seminar includes a mock UC hearing presentation.

Important points that will be covered.

- The different levels of an appeal
- Due process elements
- The burden of proof
- Do's and Dont's

Presenters:

*Tracey Marcus, Appeals Referee
Program Manager*

*Daniele White, Workforce Develement
Representative*



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Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission Inaugural Press Conference

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors, alongside the Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission, held an inaugural press conference at the Erie Crossroads Conference Center at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. The event recognized and officially swore in the appointees to the Commission and highlighted its critical mission to address population decline and the challenges facing rural regions in Pennsylvania.

Established by [Act 21 of 2024](#), legislation with bicameral, bipartisan support, the Commission is tasked with creating reviews and recommendations to attract and retain residents in rural areas. Its work will focus on addressing the challenges posed by population shifts and changing demographics in rural communities across the Commonwealth. The Commission will also recommend necessary legislative and regulatory changes to support rural revitalization. This Commission will play a vital role in informing medium- and long-term planning at the county, regional, and state levels. Commission findings will guide efforts to address policy issues such as workforce availability, housing, healthcare, education, and transportation.

“The Rural Population Revitalization Commission is a first-of-its-kind initiative established to make Pennsylvania a national leader in retaining, attracting, and revitalizing the population of our rural communities,” said Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors. “This collaborative effort is a critical step towards reversing population decline and pressures facing our rural communities and will provide the foundation for long-term success.”

“The Rural Population Revitalization Commission demonstrates what’s possible when legislators work across party and chamber lines for the good of Pennsylvanians,” said Representative Eddie Day Pashinski, Vice Chairman of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors. “I believe these talented commissioners from across rural PA are up to the task of identifying what’s working and what needs to change to improve the well-being of all our current—and future—residents. Through their work and the support of policymakers, this commission can make Pennsylvania a national leader in addressing rural population change.”

“From education to healthcare to transportation, the Commission’s findings will have a far-reaching impact, ensuring that rural Pennsylvania remains an attractive and viable place to live and work,” said Senator Judy Schwank, member of the Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors and Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission. “In facing the pressures of population decline, it is imperative that we think not just about today, but about tomorrow. Planning and collaboration will be the foundation of our efforts.”

The Commission’s collaborative approach, which includes input from state and local officials, nonprofit groups, business leaders, and industry experts, is essential for ensuring that rural Pennsylvania remains resilient in the years to come.

Commission appointees include:

- Dr. Kyle C. Kopko, Chairman, Pennsylvania Rural Population Revitalization Commission; Executive Director, Center for Rural PA
- Senator Judy Schwank
- Senator Judy Ward
- Representative Paul Takac
- Representative Michael Stender
- Albert Abramovic, Venango County Commissioner
- Betsy McClure, Greene County Commissioner
- Janet Pennington, School Board Member, Southeastern Greene School District
- Mark Critz, Western Regional Director, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture; Executive Director, Pennsylvania Rural Development Council
- Drew Popish, Northeast Regional Director, Office of Governor Shapiro
- Lisa Davis, Director, Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health
- Dr. Karen Riley, President, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- Jordan Grady, President, Butler County Chamber of Commerce
- Gina Suydam, President, Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce
- Nathan Lesh, Vice President, Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America



For more information, visit www.rural.pa.gov/commission.

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- Annual Membership Banquet

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Feb. 11	Feb. 25
Mar. 11	Mar. 25
Apr. 8	Apr. 22
Apr. 29	May 20



Nurturing a Recovery-Friendly Workplace

Join this uplifting virtual program to learn about the advantages of supporting employees who are overcoming substance use disorder. Supporting recovery in the workplace sets companies and employees up for success.

Through education and training, employers have the power to normalize the recovery journey for affected employees, shatter the stigma they often experience and boost overall workplace health.

Tools to Empower Employers

Bi-monthly, virtual sessions provide employers guidance on:

1. Reducing workplace stigma in support of substance use recovery.
2. Strategies for preventing terminations due to manageable relapses.



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One-time registration to access all sessions.



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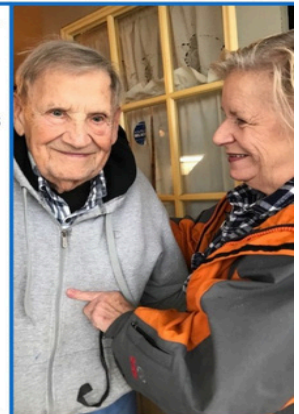
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