



The Board Walk

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CONSERVATION UPDATE ON THE ROADS PROGRAM

Planning and Development

“Pennsylvania State Dirt & Gravel Roads Program Update Greene County “The dirt and gravel road provides travelers with a different relationship to nature than its hard-paved cousin; and a well-maintained dirt and gravel road seems integral to the rural scenery. Such roads are not unique to Greene County: Pennsylvania has more than 17,000 miles of unpaved roads owned by local municipalities and state agencies. Many of these roads are hundreds of years old, following the path of least resistance on mountain ridges and along streams or rivers. Some were converted from footpaths or animal trails. Whatever the origin, these roads are economically valuable serving as low-cost, efficient, and essential transportation and commerce routes throughout rural Pennsylvania. Sections of these unpaved roads are also frequent and consistent sources of dust and sediment pollution to tributary and receiving streams. The Penn State University’s Center for Dirt & Gravel Road Studies and the State Conservation Commission administer the Dirt & Gravel Road Maintenance Program (DGRMP) to address storm water run-off from dirt and gravel roads. The DGRMP was established to educate Township Supervisors and Road Masters in environmentally sensitive and alternative maintenance techniques specific to dirt and gravel roads and to provide a conduit for state grants to fund “in the ground” projects to improve drainage, surfacing, and sediment pollution prevention. During the fiscal year 2004-05, the Greene County Conservation District accepted applications from municipalities throughout the county. Applications were ranked according to water pollution prevention impacts and to roadway conditions. Two grants were awarded to Jackson Township in the amounts of \$ 39,000 and \$25,000 respectively, for Keyhole Road and Falling Timbers Road for subsurface and surface drainage improvements, and road surfacing materials. Any questions regarding the Dirt & Gravel Road Maintenance Program should be directed to Greene Co. Conservation District at 724-852-5278.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE PAST & PRESENT

Board of Commissioners

Once again the Greene County Board of Commissioners would like to thank you in advance for your help. We are still searching for any pictures that you may have of past commissioners. We will scan the pictures and return them in the same condition we received them. Please contact the Commissioners’ Office at 724-852-5210.



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR LIVES CSI FIRST HAND

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Pam Blaker, Director of Government & Public Relations, examined the life of a criminal this summer while taking a criminology course at California University. The staged crime scenes were based on actual events. The students had to sort through evidence and think through different theories to come up with a conclusion. *Photo courtesy of the Observer Reporter*



EWES AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET!

Board of Commissioners & Fairboard

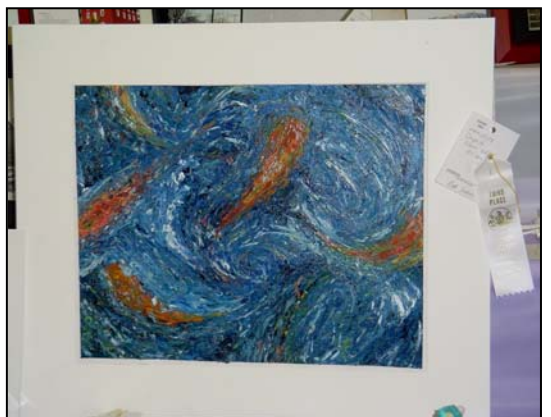
The Greene County Fair ran from Friday, August 5th through Saturday, August 13th, 2005. Some highlights of the week included: Truck & Tractor Pull, Harness Races, Livestock Exhibits, Art-Photography & Craft Exhibits, Floral Exhibits, 4-H & Vocational Projects, Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull, Wine Exhibit, and the Greene County Fair Queen Contest to name a few. We must congratulate the Fairboard Officers & Directors on a job well done. Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this event a success.



FAREWELL TO AN ACCOMPLISHED INTERN

Board of Commissioners

The Greene County Fair has revealed the talent of one of our summer interns, Codi Yoders. Ms. Yoders entered the Fair's Art-Class 3 (Painting-oil) Competition and walked away with the third place prize. Her painting is titled "Koi Pond" which is looking down on a fish swimming in a pond. Congratulations! She is a very talented and aspiring artist that attends Edinboro University majoring in Fine Arts. She has been working at the County's Information Desk for the past three months and we thank her for a job well done. Once again, we would like to congratulate her on placing in the Fair's Competition and we know she has a fabulous future ahead of her.





JOB FAIR A SUCCESS

Board of Commissioners, PA State Representative Wm. DeWeese & Career Link

On August 3, 2005, the Seventh Annual Job Fair was held at the Greene County Fairgrounds. The Job Fair attracted 32 employers who accepted applications and resumes from candidates seeking employment. Key local employers attending the Job Fair included Foundation Coal, Consol, and R. J. Lee. Over 200 job seekers registered and attended the Job Fair.



(Pictured standing is Pam Snyder, Commissioner – with Job Fair applicants and vendors.)

County Human Resource Director, Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, stated, "With the tightening labor market we are forced to develop aggressive recruiting approaches and strategies.

We are pleased to be involved in this collaborative effort which pulls together local resources to hold a job fair designed to attract and keep the best of the talent pool here in Greene County."

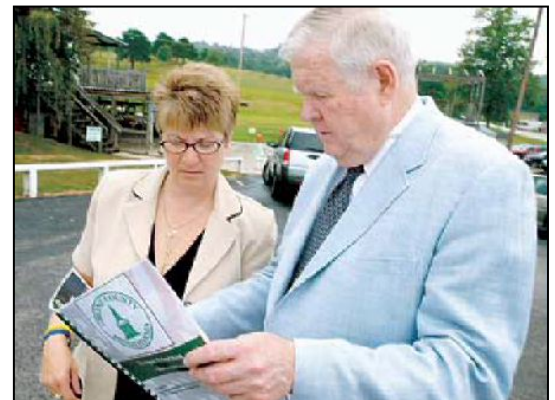


The Job Fair was sponsored by State Representative H. William DeWeese, the Greene County Commissioners, and Pennsylvania CareerLink, Greene County. Candidates who were unable to attend the Job Fair can contact Pennsylvania CareerLink @ www.greenecareerlink.com or by calling 724-852-2900 to inquire about possible job vacancies.

MURTHA VISITS GREENE COUNTY

Board of Commissioners & U.S. Rep. Murtha

Representative Murtha hosted a breakfast at Rohanna's Restaurant to discuss the County's funding priorities. The County Commissioners and Township Officials were invited and were made aware of the difficulties of finding monies for domestic projects due to the war in Iraq. Murtha explained he was able to fund projects like the Graysville water line extension and EverGreene Technology Park. The Township Officials expressed their concern over road repair costs. Commissioner Pam Snyder gave an update on the County projects that are funded partially by Federal monies for example: improvements to route 21 and Murtha Drive for the proposed Wal-Mart development and replacing the current Waynesburg pool with a new aquatics center.



(Pictured from left to right- Pam Snyder and Representative Murtha compliments of the Observer Reporter Newspaper)



Jake Blaker, Director of Parks & Recreation and the Monview Park Day Campers enjoy the last day of their season with a roll around the rink. This year again marked a very successful program which was finalized on July 29th. A thank you goes out to all employees who made this years' Day Camp Program one of the best yet.



The Greene County Commissioners, Pam Snyder, Dave Coder, and John R. Gardner, accept a check for EverGreene Technology Park from Governor Rendell on Sunday, July 24, 2005.



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