



# *The Board Walk*

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## **10th ANNIVERSARY OF KIRBY WELCOME CENTER**

### *Department of Recreation & Tourism*

May 27, 2005, marked the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the I-79 PENNDOT Welcome Center in Kirby, Pennsylvania. Welcome Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seven days a week, including most holidays. Welcome Center hosts can provide information about Pennsylvania's cultural, historical, private and scenic attractions as well as the latest road and weather conditions. As an added service to visitors, a free accommodation reservation service is provided to more than 1,000 Pennsylvania hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, or campgrounds. The Welcome Centers are also full-service rest area facilities that provide restrooms, vending machines, picnic spots and pet areas. PENNDOT (Pennsylvania Department of Transportation) oversees the welcoming greetings for over 3 million visitors at 12 facilities located at interstate highway gateways into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Welcome Centers play a key role in facilitating tourism, Pennsylvania's second leading industry, which generates more than \$28.5 billion a year in total visitor spending.

## **22nd PENNSYLVANIA STATE ENVIROTHON**

### *Greene County Conservation District*

The 22nd Pennsylvania State Envirothon took place at Bloomsburg University, Columbia County, on Monday, May 23 and PPL Montour Preserve, Montour County, Tuesday, May 24, 2005. Approximately 320 high school students competed in the areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soil / land use, wildlife, and current environmental issues. The environmental issue for this year's event was Managing Cultural Landscapes. The county representatives qualified for the statewide event by winning county Envirothon events, a system involving over 15,000 youth from over 700 high schools across PA. The Carmichaels Envirothon team representing Greene County placed 11th out of 66 teams in the 2005 Pennsylvania State Envirothon competition. Carmichaels Envirothon team members are Joe Piper, Jeremy Zielensky, Bill Smearcheck, Mary Michalik, and Kolt Kittredge, let by Team Advisor Kevin Willis, Environmental Science Instructor at Carmichaels High School.





### **ADOPT A STREAM PROJECT COMPLETION**

#### *Greene County Conservation District*

May 17-19, 2005 marked the completion of the Adopt-A-Stream project located along the North Fork of the Dunkard Fork of Wheeling Creek. This stream is the main tributary to Duke Lake, better known as Ryerson Lake. For four years there has been a collaborative effort among volunteers, residents, agencies and businesses to bring this project to completion. This year the Southwest Corner Flood Project Crew and the Environmental Club at Carmichaels High School provided labor to install 6 structures to ensure stream bank stabilization and habitat improvement along the stream banks. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Adopt-A-Stream coordinators provided technical assistance to the project and the staff of Ryerson Station State Park and the Greene County Conservation District assisted with coordination of the project. Trees used in the project were donated by John Burnham of West Finley. The Adopt-A-Stream project was completed to improve stream bank stability and habitat along the North Fork of the Dunkard Fork of Wheeling Creek. The 6 structures installed will allow the stream to reposition itself away from the unstable banks and center itself in the stream bed. The structures installed were comprised of 20 ft log veins that are pinned into the stream bed and weighted by stone. These structures will most importantly protect the banks of the stream from erosion that eventually finds its way to Duke Lake. Habitat will be improved by the formation of deeper pools along the structures and cover for fish and macro invertebrates as well as provide a quicker moving current that will not allow water temperatures to rise. Duke Lake, the main attraction to Ryerson Station State Park, has long been fighting the battle of sedimentation.

### **COMMUNITES THAT CARE PICNIC**

#### *Department of Human Services*

The Carmichaels Communities That Care is gearing up for its fourth annual "Community Day" on Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Wana B Park in Carmichaels. This family event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McCann Pavilion and will feature a variety of free activities, food, and games for the whole family. In years past, the average attendance has exceeded 500 area residents. It has been a huge success! Through this event, the goal of Carmichaels CTC is to offer a day of fun for local families. We offer everyone who participates at the Community Day an opportunity to learn more about the many quality programs our community has to offer. Special emphasis is placed on positive, alternative activities for the youth during the summer months. Communities That Care is a process that identifies risk factors affecting our youth such as substance abuse, delinquency, and violence. We implement quality programs that provide healthy and safe alternatives to negative behaviors. We believe that this "Community Day" will be a wonderful event for the community to be a viable resource in Carmichaels.



**DOG SHOW**

*Department of Recreation*

Greene County Department of Recreation will be hosting a three day pedigree event. This dog show will begin on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and will continue through the weekend and end Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Admission is free. There is a three dollar parking fee for each car. This is a great opportunity to see the pets in several events, such as conformation, obedience, and rally. For more information contact South Hills Kennel Club or Mountaineer Kennel Club. [www.mkclub.org](http://www.mkclub.org)

**HUMANE SOCIETY CHECK PRESENTATION**

*Board of Commissioners*

On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at the Humane Society located at 183 Jefferson Road, Waynesburg, PA., the Greene County Commissioners presented a donation in the amount of \$10,000. This check is to help defray the cost of daily operations at the local Humane Society.

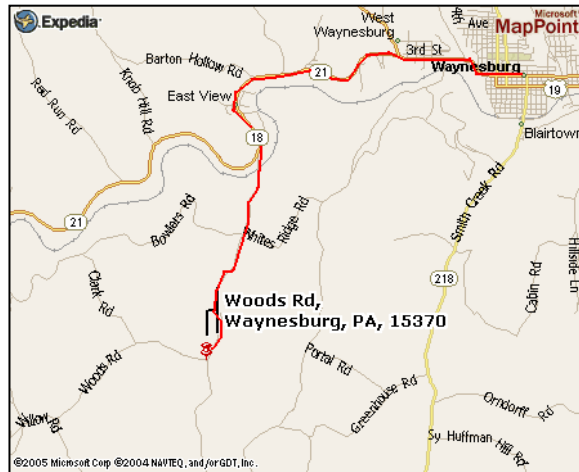




## **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FOR COVERED BRIDGES**

### ***Board of Commissioners***

On June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Greene County Board of Commissioners will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Woods Covered Bridge located in Center Township, and the King Covered Bridge, located in Wayne Township. The ceremony for both bridges will be take place at the Woods Covered Bridge, at the intersection of Oak Forest Road and Woods Road, in Center Township.



## **M.A.G.I.C TASK GROUP MEETINGS**

### ***Department of Human Services***

Human Services of Greene County is hosting M.A.G.I.C. task group meetings that include, school success, (meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 1:30PM. Until 3:30PM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Fort Jackson Building. Contact Melanie Balogh at 724-852-5276) family stability, (meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 10A.M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room of the Ft. Jackson Building. Contact is Dean Virgili at 724-852-5276) safe communities meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 9A.M. at the State Health Clinic. Contact Marlene Shaw at 724-627-3168) physical health (meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 9A.M. at the Penn State Cooperative Extension offices ( basement meeting room), contact Rich Rinehart at 724-947-2255 Ext. 135 or Marlene Shaw 724-627-3168) resource coordination (meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 11:00 A/M. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room of the Ft. Jackson Building, contact Mary Trauth at 724-852-1943) life enrichment for adults and seniors (is presently in the process of organizing. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Chris Bruno at 724-852-2893).



### **SHANNOPIN DEWATERING PROJECT TOUR**

#### *Greene County Conservation District*

The Greene County Conservation District has scheduled a tour of the Shannopin Dewatering System located in Davistown on Thursday, June 23rd at 12:30 pm. This system has been installed to dewater the former Shannopin Mine to secure mine pool levels that will eliminate potential impacts on Dunkard Creek and the Monongahela River. AMD Reclamations, Inc., the developer of this project, has received funding from various sources, including PENNVEST and PA Department of Environmental Protection, to insure that an environmental impact is minimized in the Dunkard Creek Watershed. The District would like to invite interested participants to view this facility and its operation and ask that they contact the District prior to June 16th by email at lbennett@co.greene.pa.us or by phone at 724-852-5278 to reserve a space for the tour.

### **SMOKE STOPPERS**

#### *Human Services*

Free programs designed especially to help people who want to quit using tobacco have been announced by the Greene County Tobacco Control Program. SmokeStoppers, a group program to help people gain strength and reinforcement to quit, will begin with an introductory session on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM. The session will be held at Greene County Memorial Hospital. The eight session program will be held on the following dates: June 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16 and 21. For more information please call Tracie Wilson Tobacco Control Coordinator for the Tobacco Control Program at 724-852-5276. (This program is a collaborative effort with the Community Health Challenge of Southwestern Pa.)

### **WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

#### *Board of Commissioners*

Westmoreland County Community College is now conducting registration for summer credit courses. Students may register by phone at 1-800-262-2103. For a complete schedule of summer classes, call the above number or visit their website at <http://www.wccc4me.org>. Twelve and six week sessions began on May 16<sup>th</sup> and another six-week session will begin on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations are in order to the 16 students from Greene County that graduated with associates degrees from Westmoreland County Community College on May 5<sup>th</sup>.



**WEST NILE VIRUS**

*Emergency Management Agency/Conservation District*

The state is still monitoring West Nile virus. For more information check out their website at <http://www.westnile.state.pa.us> (dead bird sightings can be reported online) or call the Pennsylvania Department of Health at 1-877-PA-HEALTH or locally to our state health department at 724-627-3168 or Martin Niverth, Greene County Conservation District Manager, at 852-5278.

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