



## *The Board Walk*

from  
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### A CLOSER LOOK AT DUKE LAKE

#### *State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources*

The current condition of Duke Lake at Ryerson is still under examination by the DCNR. The Lake was drained on July 28th due to serious structural problems. After the lake was drained they found it to be in worse shape than previously expected and it was decided to remove a 100 foot section of the spillway. This was done to prevent a back up behind the dam if there were heavy rains. The DCNR also plans to do preventative maintenance to secure the lake bed in the event of a heavy downpour. There is an engineering firm under contract to determine what caused the existing condition of the dam. The Greene County Commissioners; Pam Snyder-Chairman, Dave Coder & John R. Gardner, sent letters of support for our State Park to Rep. DeWeese and Senator Stout.



(Picture courtesy of Observer-Reporter)

### BLUEPRINT COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION

#### *Greene County Board of Commissioners , Planning & Development, & Governor Rendell*

Members of various departments of Greene County government along with other Waynesburg business and community leaders received an award from the Governor giving them praise for developing a Blueprint Community. Congratulations for a job well done.

*Pictured (Ryan Hartley, Manager of National City Bank - Connie Burd, Executive Director of Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful - Governor Ed Rendell - Darlene Garrett, Greene County, Community Development Manager John Bokat -Greene County, , Student Intern - Commissioner Chair Pam Snyder – Barbara Wise, R J LeeGroup, Inc. Blair Zimmerman, Mayor of Waynesburg, Commissioner Dave Coder)*



*Blueprint Communities Presentation  
Pennsylvania State Capitol...August 9, 2005*



### **CENTRAL POOL HAS GONE TO THE DOGS**

*Greene County Parks & Recreation and Greene County Humane Society*

The dog days of summer had their finale at the Waynesburg Central Pool with a Best Bikini Contest and last dip in the pool on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This special event was for pooches only and boy did they have a splash. The winner of the contest was Tammy Policz's, black lab named Char. She was quite a looker on this last pool event of the season.



*Pictured to the right :Char, the winner*

### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES EVENING**

*Greene County Human Services*

Greene County Human Services Early Intervention Program will be hosting a "Community Resources Evening" for the families of young children in Greene County. This event will be held on September 21, 2005 from 4-7 PM in the Lower Level of the 4H Building at the Greene County Fairgrounds. During this evening, we will have available informational displays of a variety of the resources/programs available in Greene County to assist our families in areas of need before the winter and holiday season. These needs may include, but are certainly not limited to; housing, heating, food assistance, proper clothing, social/recreational opportunities, education, transportation, parenting, drug and alcohol, child care, mental health needs, etc. For additional information, please contact the Early Intervention Dept. at 724-852-5276.

### **DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM**

*Greene County Emergency Management*

As you know, Greene County employees are a microcosm of the county as a whole. With this in mind, it has been suggested that we would be the perfect compliment to the Greene County Disaster Response Team. Let it be known that we are not looking for substitutes for first responders but people who can assist in our endeavor to document and evaluate disaster situations. A common example would simply be the taking of pictures of flood, rain, wind, or snow damage in your neighborhood or your travels. Your cooperation as a member of the Greene County Team is appreciated. If you feel you are unable to assist us; your pictures can still be e-mailed to [jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us) or [gleanthers@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:gleanthers@co.greene.pa.us).



### **FIRST GREENE COUNTY OPEN**

*Greene County Commissioners, Rohanna's Golf Course, G. C. Country Club & Carmichaels Golf Course*

The First Annual Greene County Open was held Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at all three county golf courses. This proved to be a successful event with all participants having a very rewarding weekend. Pictured are the winners of the event.

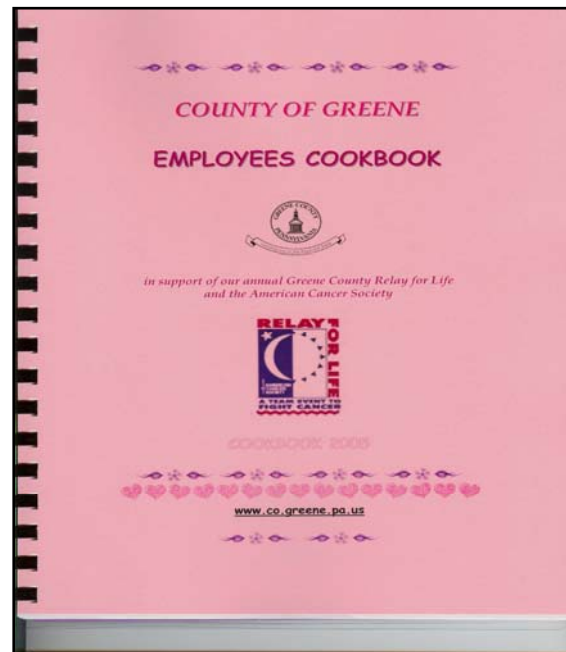


*Pictured from left to right: Commissioner Dave Coder; Commissioner Pam Snyder; Bob Dean, First Flight Winner; Joe Boguki, Second Flight Winner; Brian Shimeck, Championship Flight Winner; and Commissioner John R. Gardner.*

### **GREENE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM**

*Greene County Commissioners*

Our Relay for Life Greene County Team is well on their way on fundraisers for the upcoming year's relay. Our June Hoagie Sale was a big success; we also have placed boxes of Sarris' chocolate-covered pretzels in various offices throughout our county offices; and our collection of county employee's special recipes for our Cookbook has had its first printing. We have filled 50 orders so far and we are continuing to take orders for \$10 each (plus \$1.50 for any mailings); but as we get closer to Christmas, the cost may go up, so get your orders in now. We ask that you pay in cash if possible- and remember, all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society at our annual Relay for Life next May. Our cookbook, which is almost 100 pages, is filled with good, personal touches from many Greene Countians. For orders, please contact either of the team captains, Ruth Thornberg on 724-852-5384 ([rthornberg@co.green.pa.us](mailto:rthornberg@co.green.pa.us)) or Cathi Franks on 724-852-5328 ([cfranks@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:cfranks@co.greene.pa.us)).



Please send any new recipes or ideas for the next edition to either Cathi or Ruth.



**GREENE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES PUBLIC MEETINGS  
FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

***Greene County Commissioners Greene County Planning & Development***

The County Commissioners and Greene County Planning Commission are seeking participation from the residents of Greene County to create the desired vision for development, municipal services, transportation, housing, and economic development. Residents will have the opportunity to share their vision for the future of Greene County at a series of public meetings that will be held in five regions of the County – maintaining school district boundaries for the convenience of residents. Residents, business owners, and interested parties can attend any or all of the Public Meetings, which will be held throughout the month of September, as follows:

- Monday, September 12th at West Greene High School
- Tuesday, September 13th at Jefferson-Morgan High School
- Wednesday, September 14th at Mapletown High School
- Tuesday, September 20th at Carmichaels Elementary School
- Monday, September 26th at Waynesburg High School

All of the public meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and are expected to last approximately one and a half to two hours. Commissioner Pam Snyder stated that "the Greene County Comprehensive Plan is extremely critical to the future growth, development, and sustainability for Greene County. This plan must be community driven to be successful and we encourage people to participate." Citizen participation is essential to the planning process and will lend to the identification of strategies that reflect the wishes and needs of the people who live and work in Greene County. Executive Director for the County of Greene Department of Planning and Development, Robbie Matesic emphasized that "this plan will help us understand current population and economic trends as well as our infrastructure capacity and needs. Our goal is to come together as a community to decide what steps we are going to take to make Greene County an even better place to live, but to do that we need people from the villages, boroughs, and townships of Greene County to come to our meeting and tell us what they think is important." Mackin Engineering Company (Mackin), the firm retained by Greene County to guide the comprehensive planning effort, believe that the series of public meetings will serve to kick off a very intensive public involvement process. Project Manager, Amy Senopole states "we have established a Steering Committee, comprised of community residents, business owners, and elected officials, who will oversee our efforts during this process. Stakeholder interviews will be conducted with community service providers such as EMS, police, code enforcement officials, and municipal infrastructure providers. Focus groups will be meeting regularly throughout the planning process to help us gather detailed information on issues related to Housing, Economic Development, and Social Services/Education." Focus groups are organized to address the complexities of each planning element. One additional focus group will be organized to address the concerns of local elected officials, planning commissions, and zoning hearing boards. To date the Housing Focus Group, Transportation Focus Group, and the Water/Sewage Focus Group have met. Other focus groups to meet in the near future include Economic Development, Utilities/Energy/Extractive Industries, Agriculture, Environmental, Community Services/Healthcare, and Historic Resources. The plan is anticipated to be completed in 18 months. Ultimately, the plan will provide direction and strategies to prevent the degradation of natural resources, preserve prime agricultural land, protect historic buildings, maintain a commercial and economic base, provide good public facilities, and improve the quality of the housing stock. As a public document adopted by the government, the comprehensive plan will provide a statement of the past and present conditions of the county, while expressing the county's vision for the future.

For more information regarding the Comprehensive Plan, please contact Greene County Department of Planning and Development at (724) 852-5300.



**JACKSON TOWNSHIP CHECK PRESENTATION**

*Greene County Commissioners, Greene County Conservation District & Jackson Township*

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Board of Commissioners and representatives from the Greene Co. Conservation District (Thomas Headlee, Conservation District Board Treasurer and Jennifer Doerr, District Resource Specialist) presented two checks, in advance capital totaling 50 percent of the contracted amount, to Jackson Township Supervisors Raymond Kiger and Leroy McGlone. During the 2004 program year, the Greene County Conservation District and the Jackson Township Supervisors signed 2 project agreements to upgrade cross drains, storm water inlet and outlets, culvert pipes, and driving surfaces on Keyhole and Falling Timbers Roads in the amounts of \$ 19,500.00 and \$12,500.00, respectively. The municipality offered in-kind materials, labor, and equipment to increase the project's total value without increasing the grant allocation amounts, allowing for more work to be accomplished. The Dirt and Gravel Roads Maintenance Program (DGRMP) provides over 4 million dollars annually from the state Motor License Fund to the State Conservation Commission for distribution through the Commonwealth's 65 county conservation districts to municipalities. Each conservation district establishes a local 4 member Quality Assurance Board (QAB) to assist in the allocation of the conservation district's DGRMP grant funds. Each grant application is ranked according to a number of factors including water pollution prevention, road condition and use, drainage, and value added. The Greene County Conservation District funds as many dirt and gravel road projects as their annual state allocation allows.



*(Pictured from right to left: Jennifer Doerr, Do Pam Snyder, Raymond Kiger, Leroy McGlone, Headlee, and John R. Gardner)*

**KING COAL FESTIVAL A SUCCESS**

*King Coal Committee*

The Annual King Coal Festival was kicked off with their Golf Tournament at the Carmichaels Golf Club and the Cheerleading Competition at the Carmichaels Area High School football field on Saturday, August 20th, 2005. The annual Coal Queen Pageant was held at the CAHS Auditorium on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> with Ronni Marie Kramer from Waynesburg Central High School being crowned queen. The week was full of activities including the Mine Rescue Competition, Pet Parade (100 participants), Bike Parade, Prettiest Baby Contest, the Bituminous Coal Show Parade, and the Finale of a new contest called King Coal Idol with Chelsea J. Malone winning the overall. The weather was nearly perfect for the entire week of the celebration and all that attended enjoyed themselves

*Top Picture: Dave Coder-Commissioner, Mia A. Howard-King Coal Princess- Winter Covermodel, Carol Howard-Greene County Tourism Director, and Pam Snyder-Commissioner Chairman at the King Coal Parade*

*Lower Picture: John R. Gardner- Commissioner & Mia A Howard-Winter Covermodel at the King Coal Parade.*





**RELIEF EFFORTS FOR KATRINA VICTIMS**

***Greene County Emergency Management***

Relief efforts are underway to help the thousands of victims from the horrific hurricane “Katrina” Thousands have perished and been displaced this past week because of storm waters and winds in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. Through the efforts of the Emergency Managements Teams and non-profit organizations help is on the way. Jeff Marshall the county’s Director of Emergency Management gave us this information if you would like to help these victims. They are asking not to travel south on your own because they are trying to have an organized effort. Please log on to this web site for information: [www.pema.state.pa.us](http://www.pema.state.pa.us) and click on the first title; this will lead you to endless sources to contact. The American Red Cross (724-627-3834), Salvation Army (724-852-1479) and Catholic Charities (724-627-6410) are currently taking monetary donations. Be cautious with whom you donate because there is always a chance of fraud. Please contact Jeff Marshall with any questions at: 724-627-5387. or [jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us). Thank you for caring.

**SENIOR HEALTH FAIR**

***Greene County Commissioners, Representative DeWeese & Southwestern Area Agency on Aging***

The annual Senior Health Fair sponsored by Greene County Commissioners, Representative William DeWeese and Southwestern Area Agency on Aging will be held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M. The location of this event is the Greene County Fairgrounds in Waynesburg.

**WHITE COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL**

***Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency & White Covered Bridge Association***

The magnificent colors of fall will be upon us shortly along with the celebrations of our many covered bridge festivals. The White Covered Bridge Festival will be held September 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at Robert’s Run Road in Garads Fort. As always this will prove to be a wonderful experience with a Civil War Reenactment, and many varied musical performances throughout the Festival. We look forward to seeing you there.



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