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2nd ANNUAL CARMICHAELS BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Greene County Commissioners and Human Services Department



Pictured above: Bands performing at the Battle of the Bands in Carmichaels Pictured above: M. Balogh & K. Grimm

Carmichaels Communities That Care hosted the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bands event on September 30th in the Carmichaels Town Square. The square was packed with fans who were out to support their favorite bands and to enjoy a variety of music, despite the dreary day. Six bands competed for a grand prize of fifteen hours of studio recording time and a second place prize of five hours of recording time. These prizes were courtesy of the House of Sound Studio in Carmichaels. The grand prize winner was *Identity Crisis* and the runner up was *Core of Confusion*. The winner was determined by a panel of judges and by audience participation through the purchasing of tickets. Last year's winner, *A Struggle Within*, returned for a special performance at the end of the competition. **Thank you to everyone who made this event possible!** Communities That Care (CTC) is a state-funded process that identifies risk factors affecting our youth and implements free programs that provide healthy and safe alternatives to these negative behaviors. These alternative activities include various school and community based programs that are currently being implemented in Carmichaels through CTC funding. Many of these programs have already experienced a great deal of success. Carmichaels CTC is part of the Greene County Human Services Department and is sponsored by the Greene County Commissioners. For more information, please call 724-852-5276.



ASSESSMENT OFFICE STATISTICS

Greene County Commissioners and the Assessment Office

The Greene County Assessment Office has processed over 3,738 changes in assessed value during 2006 for the 2007 Assessment Year. There have been over 200 Assessment Appeal Hearings adjudicated and two court cases settled. During the year, we have processed over 300 Clean and Green applications. The transfer agent has processed 1,496 ownership changes. Additionally, there have been over 1,500 address changes. The statistics are an increase over previous years and the Assessment Office continues to be abuzz with activity. For additional information, please contact the office at 724-852-5211.

COMMISSIONERS OF THE PAST & PRESENT

Greene County Commissioners

The Greene County Board of Commissioners has taken up the task of presenting framed photographs of all past Commissioners. These documents, honoring our important Greene County leaders, will be placed in the Greene County Office Building at 93 East High Street, Waynesburg. We are asking for any pictures that you may have of our past Commissioners so that they may be scanned and utilized in our framing process. The staff will handle the pictures with great care and return them back in the same condition in which they are received. We thank you in advance for your help.

CORNERSTONE CARE BREAKS GROUND FOR A NEW DENTAL CENTER

Greene County Commissioners, Pam Snyder and Dave Coder, were pleased to attend the ground breaking ceremony for Cornerstone Care's new Dental Center on Thursday, October 26th. The anticipated date for the facility's grand opening is the spring of 2007. Cornerstone Care has developed strategies to inform the public of healthy oral care and the importance this can have for your general health and well-being. They are grateful to their community partners for all of the support they've received and look forward to continued success in helping the citizens of Greene County attain the best possible health care coverage.

COUNTY PRISON CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SHORTLY

Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Prison

Construction on the new building at the Greene County Prison is expected to begin in the next few weeks. The metal building will house approximately sixty medium to minimum security inmates and will boost the prison's total bed capacity to 196. The Greene County Prison was built in 1980 to house a total of 27 inmates. Many improvements have been added over the years to make the prison safe and secure for staff, inmates and the general public. Community Service Officer Paul Neligh and his inmate work crew have been busy completing various projects throughout the county. These tasks have been completed for many local organizations and at various local locations including: Holbrook Christian Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Carmichaels, Springhill Twp. Municipal Building, Greene County Historical Society, Game Commission and the Greensboro borough to name just a few. The Inmate Community Service Crew is made possible because of the desire of our Greene County Commissioners to help non-profit organizations with their projects while allowing minimum security inmates to give back to the community.



ELECTION TIME!

Greene County Commissioners and Election Department

It's that time again... ELECTION TIME! The polls will be open for all registered voters in Greene County on November 7th from 7AM to 8 PM. We have 44 voting precincts and 25,334 registered voters in Greene County (of which 17,022 are registered Democratic and 6,659 are registered Republican). In the General (Fall) Election, it does not matter with which party you are registered. This election process allows all voters select the candidate of your choice, regardless of party. However, if you don't vote you have no voice! We are currently searching for one registered Republican and one registered Democrat to work on our district Election Board in Cumberland #4 (they vote at St. Hugh Church). If you know someone who might be interested in filling these vacancies, please have them call the Election Office ASAP 724-852-5230.

FREE CPR TRAINING PROGRAM

Greene County Commissioners and Emergency Management

The Duke Fayette Energy Facility, in cooperation with the Fayette and Greene County Emergency Management Agencies, will be offering free first aid and CPR training to area residents and emergency responders. The WVU Center For Emergency Medicine will conduct three classes, all of which are free of charge, with help from grant funding that has been secured through the Duke Energy Foundation. Students will receive a two-year American Heart Association certification in First Aid, CPR and Automated External Defibrillators upon successful completion. Classes will be held in Masontown, McClellandtown and Carmichaels at the fire stations and are open to all area residents who are 12 years of age or older. Class size is limited. All residents who wish to participate must pre-register with Ann Herrington at aherrington@hsc.wvu.edu or by phone at (304) 293-6682. **COURSE DATES AND LOCATIONS – Three Different Offerings** : Masontown Volunteer Fire Department - Saturday November 4 at 9:00 AM, one day course; McClellandtown Volunteer Fire Department - Monday November 6th and Thursday November 9th at 6:30PM; and a two day course at the Carmichaels Volunteer Fire Department – Wednesday November 15th and Thursday November 16th at 6:30 PM.

HARVEST BALL 2006

Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation

Greene County Commissioner Chairman, Pam Snyder, is pleased to announce her involvement with the 17th Annual Harvest Ball. This most prestigious event is being sponsored by Southwest Regional Medical Center. This year's gala will be held at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort and Spa in the Horizon Point Ballroom. The Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation is happy to announce that Saturday, November 4th, 2006 is the day for this important fundraising effort. For more information or tickets please contact Sheila Elliot Barger at 724-627-6126 or Joy Eggleston at 724-627-2656.





HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM SPONSORS A BLANKET DRIVE

Greene County Commissioners and Greene County Human Services

The Greene County Housing Options Partnership has formed to address the housing needs of priority populations in Greene County. The Partnership is comprised of concerned professionals and community members focused on the housing needs in our community. 140 households experience a housing related crisis every month, as reported by the Housing Support Services Program of Community Action Southwest. The Partnership meets monthly to prepare strategies and coordinate efforts to meet the needs of those struggling with housing crises. The Partnership is sponsoring a Blanket Drive this winter, which will begin 11/13/06, and will run through 1/25/07. New blankets will be collected at 5 locations in Waynesburg, and will be distributed to those most in need. Last year, the Blanket Drive collected over 60 blankets in one short month. This year, the Partnership hopes to significantly exceed that number. Blanket Collection Sites: **Fort Jackson Building /Army** -19 South Washington Street; **CareerLink**-4 West High Street **Salvation Army**-131 West 1st Street; **Catholic Charities**-72 East High Street and **Community Action Southwest**-58 East Greene Street with all sites being in Waynesburg. To volunteer or learn more about the Partnership, please contact: Kathleen Gregg at 724-852-5276 or Jeff Fondelier at 724-852-2893.

HUNTING WE WILL GO

Greene County Commissioners and Treasurer Department

The weather is cooperating. The hunters are prepared to go. But wait... Will the deer and turkey be waiting for the season to get underway? We bet not. If you are an avid hunter, please take note of the following locations where you may register for this season's hunting licenses. Greene County Treasurer's Office (724-852-5225), Joe Rigg's Sporting Goods (724-627-5010), Pochrons True Values Hardware (724-592-6893), Ozie's Store (724-592-5009), Walmart locations, KMART stores, Gander Mountain stores and Cabella's Sport stores. Remember to dress appropriately, adhere to safe hunting practices and enjoy the beautiful Greene County countryside.

PENGUINS TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Greene County Commissioners and Human Recourse Department

In cooperation with the Pittsburgh Penguins organization the following dates have been declared Greene County Hockey Night. Anyone from Greene County interested in participating can obtain tickets through a special discount offer at the www.pittsburghpenguins.com/schedule. Select the November 28th or February 14th game and click the "T" in the box. In the Specials and Promotions box, enter the number of tickets you want and your exclusive Greene County password: **GREENE**. Select either C End Zone, D or E Level in the Section Box 5.). Proceed to order your tickets and enjoy the game.



JOB FAIR 2006 A SUCCESS

Greene County Commissioners and Human Resource Department



The Eighth Annual Job Fair was held on Tuesday October 24 from 10am to 3pm at the Greene County Fairgrounds. 41 employers were on hand to receive resumes and interview potential candidates. According to Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, HR Director, there were times during the day in which the lines for interviews were 10 to 15 people deep at several of the employers. Commissioners Snyder, Coder, and Gardner were in attendance to show their support and discuss the local economy and workforce needs with residents. Commissioner Snyder stated, "I am pleased we can make an event like this happen. It is wonderful to have these many employers at one site for people who are looking for employment opportunities." The Job Fair is a cooperative effort between the Greene County Commissioners, State Legislature H. William DeWeese and the Greene County Pennsylvania CareerLink Office.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S CONCERT WILL BE RESCHEDULED



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES COURSE

Greene County Commissioners and Emergency Management

The new public health emergency course is entitled, “**What All Rural Responders Must Know About Public Health Emergencies.**” The purpose of our Rural Preparedness Training project is to develop and deliver training to rural responders who may be called upon to fulfill public health emergency functions in support of, or in lieu of, governmental public health workers. The specific deliverables include a training textbook, curriculum and the delivery of training to all of Pennsylvania’s rural counties. The purpose of the coursework is to heighten the understanding of critical public health emergency functions and services, identify key partners in community-based disease surveillance, to develop an understanding of early warning systems, to examine the role of local hospitals and laboratories in supporting disease control, to enhance communication related to basic infection control practices and to protect yourself, family, patients and others. The target audience of this course is the Emergency Medical Service Personnel, Law Enforcement, Fire Services, Hazmat Members, Red Cross, Salvation Army Members, VOAD Members, Public Works, School Nurses, Hospital and Health Care Providers, Municipal and other Government Administrators, School Administrators and Nurses, Elected Officials, Veterinary Service Staff, Dispatchers and other Public Safety Communications Staff, as well as other appropriate community-level response partners. The course will be held on November 17, 2006 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. at the Hopwood AMVETS on 123 Buttermilk Lane in Hopwood, PA 15445. There is no cost for attendance of this course. Anyone interested should submit his or her name, address and phone number to the Greene County Emergency Management Agency at 724-625387 or by email at jmarshall@co.greene.pa.us. Please do so ASAP. The registration deadline is November 10, 2006 @ 4:00 P.M.



THE GREENE COUNTY HOUSING OPTIONS PARTNERSHIP

Greene County Commissioners and Human Services Department

Homelessness and housing crises exist in Greene County. A partnership of Human Service Providers and concerned citizens has recently been created to address these problems. It is known as the Greene County Housing Options Partnership. Low-income individuals and families are experiencing homelessness or housing crises at an alarming rate. Community Action Southwest reports that over 400 crisis calls for housing related support are logged each month and they expect more during the coming winter months. On January 25, volunteers will conduct a 'Point in Time Survey' of homeless individuals and families in Greene County. This survey will identify the depth of the homeless situation in the county, and will connect those experiencing this problem to appropriate resources. The Greene County Housing Options Partnership will initiate two programs in the coming months in an effort to combat the problem. The first is a Housing Resource Manual, which will include a listing of all housing related providers in the county and the services they provide. This manual will be used by providers to more effectively, and more efficiently, assist individuals and families in need. The second initiative is a Blanket Drive, which will begin on November 13 and run through January 25. *New* blankets will be collected at five locations throughout Waynesburg. The Salvation Army will then distribute them to those most in need. Last year the Blanket Drive collected over 60 blankets and we hope to greatly exceed that number this year.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Greene County Commissioners and Department of Recreation

Greene County Department of Recreation, Director Jake Blaker, is excited to offer the **Mommy and Me Christmas Cookie Class** on Saturday, December 9th from 1:00pm to 3 pm. The class will be held at the Greene County Fairground 4H Building. Every child's eyes light up at the mention of Christmas cookies, especially sugar cookies that come in many shapes with frosting and decorations...but there is more! In this Christmas cookie class we will make several other types of cookies that you and your children can make together this holiday season. They will feel a sense of pride as they show off these delicious treats that they have helped create. What a great way to make Santa jolly on Christmas Eve! The cost for this class is only \$20, with an additional cost of \$5 for each additional child. The **3rd Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with Santa** will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9am to 11am at the Greene County Fairgrounds 4H Building. Come have breakfast with the Department of Recreation and their special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cost is \$8, which includes breakfast, a picture with Santa and a treat. Please remember to call the Department of Recreation Office to reserve your tickets. A quick reminder --
- The Department of Recreation still has **Discount Ski Tickets** available for Seven Springs. To make reservations, obtain tickets or if you have any other questions, please call 724-852-5323. * Don't forget that every Tuesday and Saturday there is a **Flea Market** held at the Greene County Fairgrounds and every Sunday at 6 P.M. is **Bingo Night!**



VETERANS DAY PARADE

Greene County Commissioners and Human Service Department

Veterans Day is just around the corner and we have new information concerning the very special events that will occur to honor our local veterans. The Jefferson Veterans Day Parade will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11, 2006. The parade line forms at the Jefferson Fire Hall at 10:30 a.m. It will then proceed through town and arrive at its final destination at the Jefferson-Morgan High School. The program will begin at 11:45 a.m. with a distinguished speaker, Representative H. William DeWeese. The services end with the Post Everlasting Ceremony. In Waynesburg, the parade will be sponsored by the Greene County Veterans Council on Saturday, November 11, 2006. The assembly will be on N. West Street between 12:30 and 1:45 p.m. The parade will start at 2 p.m. from 1:30 pm until 2:00 pm. There will be featured entertainment on the Courthouse steps provided by the Daughters of Grace choir. The parade's guest speaker will be Colonel Kurtis Huffman, son of Donna Huffman. Following the parade, a meal will be provided by American Legion Post 330 in Waynesburg. Please come out and join us in celebrating the service and sacrifices of our local veterans.

WESTMORELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On Wednesday October 25, 2006 Westmoreland Community College advanced their presence in Greene County when they cut the ribbon on their new state of the art Greene County Education Center at Evergreene Technology Park. The standing room only event was a momentous occasion for our county and the ribbon cutting exemplified how relevant and appreciated this new facility is to the County's future. Speaker's included Dr. Nancy Davis, Coordinator of the Center, Senator J. Barry Stout, Representative William Deweese, Board of Trustees member of Westmoreland Community College, Jeffrey Imbrescia, and President of the College Steven C. Enders. Commissioner Snyder spoke of the relevance of the Community College and how important it is to the development of our work force and to students who still might lack direction as they embark upon their college career. Commissioner Snyder gave special recognition to Commissioner Dave Coder and past Commissioner Farley Toothman who had the vision to understand the need to have the presence of a Community College in Greene County and who set in motion the processes necessary to move this vision to reality. Dr. Nancy Davis was given special recognition by the President of Westmoreland Community College for tireless commitment to this project and as an educator who, "talks the talk and walks the walk." The Center currently has 238 students enrolled.

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