



The Board Walk

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BRIDGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION CHECK PRESENTATION

Greene County Commissioners, Bridge Educational Foundation and Distinguished Guests



Pictured above: Check presentation to Rainbow's End

On Tuesday, September 12, 2006 representatives from the Bridge Educational Foundation, CSX Transportation, Motorola, Unison Health Plan and RBC Capital Markets, along with Greene County Commissioners (Pam Snyder, Dave Coder and John R. Gardner), PA House Representative William DeWeese and Joyce Popovich (Senator Barry Stout's Representative), announced that \$55,000 in scholarships that will be awarded to families in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This check presentation took place at Rainbow's End Learning Center (Host School), located in the East Franklin School Building in Waynesburg. The other schools involved with this project include: Echo Child Development Center, All Saints School and Calvary Chapel Christian School. Through the generous donations of these businesses and through the Pennsylvania's EITC (Educational Improvement Tax Credit) Program, low-income families are aided with scholarships statewide. This year the foundation is poised to beat its first year fundraising record by an additional two million dollars. The website for the foundation is: www.bridgeedu.org.



ART BLAST ON THE MON CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL

Greene County Commissioners , Department of Economic Development & Representative DeWeese

The *Art Blast on the Mon Conference and Festival* was a great success. The Conference hosted seventy people from the Southwestern Pennsylvania region, West Virginia, and from as far north as Bedford, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Conference was to build the capacity of community leaders and artists to advance the arts as an economic development strategy. For artists there were workshops that focused on developing their art as a small business enterprise, funding, and access to artist residencies that pay. For community leaders there were workshops for developing a plan to support the arts in a community, advancing art as a relevant economic development strategy, and marketing your community as an arts destination. Art is a quality of life initiative which research shows adds to a community's livability. The Creative Communities aspect of the Conference focused on art education, its impact on at-risk youth, and the importance of art in a community as jobs in the biosciences and information technology are developed - to satisfy and enhance the creative side of each of us. Commissioners Pam Snyder and Dave Coder delivered opening remarks and Representative Bill DeWeese opened the luncheon presentation. Conference attendees were impressed by the interest of the Commissioners and our State Representative in the arts and several speakers referenced the importance of elected officials being involved in the arts. Without their support the arts will suffer. Their presence at this conference demonstrated their progressive thinking and their willingness to consider all aspects of small business development, job creation, and economic development in Greene County.

DIGITIZED YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Greene County Commissioners and Human Resource Department

For several years, the Greene County Commissioners and other county employees have been hard at work on very important, very special project. In an effort to preserve our history, an initiative has been underway to scan each and every yearbook from each of the county's five school districts. Recently, the County Commissioners presented Ruth Craft and Marilyn Kerr (Representatives from Cornerstone Genealogical Society) with a complete, digitized copy of the yearbook project. These materials will be preserved in the society's library. The Genealogical Society is planning on selling the digital CD's Yearbook as a fundraiser. Anyone interested in purchasing one can contact Cornerstone at 724-627-5653. There will also be a link on the county website to access the Cornerstone Genealogical Society for more information on these materials. Thank you again for all who contributed to the project and especially to the Cornerstone Genealogical Society.



Pictured above: Dave Coder-Commissioner, Ruth Craft and Marilyn Kerr-Cornerstone Genealogical Society and Pam Snyder-Chairman.



DIVERSITY IS THE KEY TO LAND USE

Greene County Commissioners and Conservation District



This ground is good for many things. It is a good site for a shopping mall, a residential subdivision, a factory, a solid waste landfill, a golf course, and, as pictured here, a farm. All these land uses play an important part in our society. Trouble arises when one, any one, of the above uses becomes so important that the others cannot be accommodated. Some people look at this picture and consider this land as undeveloped. This is not the way to initiate a planning process. Good planning involves accommodating diversity in the interest of lessening the environmental and economic impact of adversity that may occur within the context of any given land use. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" is an old saying. It is still popular because it is still a smart thing to do.

ELECTION INFORMATION

Greene County Commissioners and Election Department

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Hours of Operation at the polls: 7:00AM to 8:00PM (standard time)

- ❖ **October 10, 2006** – LAST DAY to REGISTER before November election
- ❖ **October 31, 2006** – LAST DAY to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.
- ❖ **November 3, 2006** – LAST DAY for county boards of elections to receive voted absentee ballots.
- ❖ **November 7, 2006** – MUNICIPAL ELECTION
- ❖ **November 8, 2006** – FIRST DAY to register after the November election.





GREENE COUNTY EMA DEPLOYS AUTOMATED NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Greene County Commissioners and Emergency Management

During preparation for the possible impact of Tropical Storm Ernesto in Greene County, the EMA Office deployed an automated system for warning special needs facilities. The system is called the Evoxis System. The system is web based and is usable by any members of the EMA staff. The system will also be distributed to the 911 Dispatchers at their next training session. Prior to the deployment of this system, the 911 Dispatcher and/or EMA staff would make up to 55 calls to special needs facilities in an attempt to warn them of weather watches, warnings or other emergencies. This process could often take up to 30 minutes, depending on the quantity of other emergencies the office would be addressing at the time. The Evoxis System is capable of placing all of the necessary calls in only a few minutes. Notifications are made to medical facilities, large congregation areas/events, public safety community, water/sewer authorities and other sensitive populations. With the deployment of this system, the list will now be able expand. By increasing the speed at which warnings are distributed, individuals will have more time to prepare and respond. The Evoxis System was made possible for our use by the County's collaboration with Region 13 and the other Counties in Southwestern PA. A grant from the Federal Department of Homeland Security purchased the contract for this system. The Evoxis Team is a Southwestern PA business.

GREENE COUNTY 911 BEGINS WIRELESS 911 TESTING

Greene County Commissioners and Emergency Management

The process started 6 months ago and should be completed by early October. Cellular telephones provided a challenge to a 911 Dispatcher prior to Wireless 911. In the past, when a person used a cell phone to call 911, the call was forwarded to a 10-digit emergency number. If lucky, the only information you would receive in the 911 center was the caller's telephone number, if that itself was not blocked. Individual towers and providers had their systems designed to forward calls to the nearest 911 Center. However, your cell phone is simply searching for available service. It is not uncommon for Greene County 911 to get cell phone calls from Interstate 68 in Maryland. By early October, Greene County will have completed Phase 1 of this project. Phase 1 service will provide the 911 Dispatcher with the caller phone number, name of the cellular provider and the cellular infrastructure (Sector) they are using. This information will tell us what general area the call is coming from. Phase 2 deployment will begin immediately after Phase 1 is completed and accepted. Phase 2 service will provide the latitude and longitude of the caller. That information will then be plotted on a computer screen next to the 911 Dispatcher. The dispatcher will have the ability to validate the position of the caller, as needed, so long as they are still on the cellular phone with the 911 Center. Greene County expects Phase 2 deployment to be completed by late 2007. This project is funded by the \$1 monthly surcharge placed on cellular telephone bills.



GREENE RIVER TRAIL RUN/WALK

Greene County Commissioners and Department of Recreation

Do you want to enjoy a beautiful autumn morning with a fantastic view of our county's natural beauty? Do you want to help support our county children through the Summer Day Camp program? A fantastic way to do both is to walk/run in the Greene River Trail Run/Walk on Saturday, October 7, 2006 at 8:30 AM. The funds collected from this event are being used to fund the Greene County Day Camp Program. The starting will be the Greene River Trail at Greene Cove, Yacht Club between Brownsville and Carmichaels on Route 88. The entry fee will be \$18 for those that pre-register by September 30th or \$20 on the day of the race. Those that participate will receive a quality, long sleeve race shirt on Race Day (Sizes and Quantities may be limited). You can register, or pick up your information packet if you have already pre-registered, between 7:00AM-8:15 AM at the starting point. The course is 5500 meters of crushed limestone along the beautiful Greene River Trail. Miles of Smiles Timing Service (Herb and Bonnie Crotty) will be the official timer of this event and the results can be found on www.smileymiles.com. To ensure the safety of all participating, there will be no strollers, dogs, roller blades or bicycles permitted on the course. There will be awards, random drawings and refreshments at the end of the event. At the end of the race we will honor the top three male/female runners and walkers overall, as well as the top three male/female runners and walkers in the following categories: Runners- 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-28, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-68, & 70+: Walkers- 19 & under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, & 70+. A thank you goes out to all those who have contributed to making this event a great success: Sponsors- Greene County Commissioners, First Federal Savings and Loan of Greene County, Waynesburg College, Greene Cove Yacht Club, Baily Insurance, WANB 103.1 FM and Albie Rinehart, who is organizing this event. For more information, please contact the Greene county Department of Recreation at 724-852-5323, Albie Rinehart at 724-627-5541 or email arinehart@alltel.net. Application Below.

Greene River Trail Run/Walk

Entries are to be mailed to Greene County Department of Recreation, Trail Run, 107 Fairgrounds Road, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Please make checks payable to: Greene County Department of Recreation

Name: _____ M _____ or F _____ Age as of 10/7/06 _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

RUN _____ WALK _____ Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL XXL

Waiver: "In consideration of this entry being accepted, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, for myself, my heirs, Executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the County of Greene, its agents, sponsors, the State of Pennsylvania for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have been successfully trained for the completion of a race of this distance and difficulty

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Waiver must be signed in order to participate. Parent or guardian must sign if the applicant is under the age of 18. All registration fees are non refundable.

Greene County Department of Recreation
107 Fairgrounds Road
Waynesburg, PA 15370



GREENE COUNTY HISTORICAL FALL SCHEDULE

It's that time again. Time to look ahead at some of the exciting just around the corner. The Greene County Historical Society recently released their fall schedule and it is packed to the brim with community events and activities. The fall schedule kicks off on October 14 with an all you can eat pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon at the Greene County Museum. Adult admission is \$6. Admission for children ten and under is \$3. Later that month, the Historical Society will hold their 35th Annual Harvest Festival. The festival will take place on Oct. 21 & 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The traditional craft exhibitors, re-enactors, food and entertainment will highlight the event. New to the festival schedule this year will be a talent show. Admission will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and children 6-14 and no charge for children 5 and under. Also, on October 27 the Historical Society will hold a very special Wine Tasting evening. Details have not yet been released. For further information, please contact 724-627-3204 sometime in late September. The final Historical Society event in 2006 will be the Christmas Open House at the Greene County Museum on November 24 & 25 and December 1, 2, & 3. Open House dates that fall on Friday evenings will feature hours from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and those dates that fall on weekdays will run from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The first floor period rooms are festively decorated for the Open House and the museum gift shop is open for your holiday gift giving needs. Patrons will find unique items for sale that includes the work of local artisans. Admission is free. Please come join the Historical Society this fall for family fun and the chance to indulge in a bit of our local history.

MULTI-AGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT BAR SWEEP RESULTS IN ARRESTS

Greene County Commissioners and Probation Department

On Saturday, September 2, 2006, the Greene County Adult Probation office participated in a "Bar Sweep". Four Officers from Greene County Probation, four from the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, two Pennsylvania State Troopers and one Waynesburg Borough Police Officer collaborated in the sweep. Beginning at 10:00pm, nineteen local bars and clubs were visited in an attempt to locate individuals on probation or parole who would be in violation of the law should they be in any establishment that serves alcohol. Three individuals were found to be in violation of their probation during the course of the evening, resulting in one arrest. Also during the evening, an anonymous tip to 911 that juveniles were drinking at the residence of an individual on Adult Probation, led to her arrest for a probation violation and additional charges for Endangering the Welfare of Children, Furnishing Alcohol to Minors and Drug Possession. The three juveniles received Underage Drinking citations. It is the hope of local law enforcement officials that having an increased visibility in bars and clubs through periodic sweeps will raise the risk of detection for offenders and parole or probation violations. The majority of criminal offenders suffer from alcohol and/ or substance abuse problems. Keeping them sober and free of drugs can reduce future criminal behavior. It is anticipated that another collaborative bar sweep will occur before the end of the year.

PARK READY FOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Head out to Ryerson Station State Park in Wind Ridge on September 23rd and 24th for the annual "Arts in the Park" Festival. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This special weekend is an opportunity to enjoy an assortment of activities that we rarely are exposed to, including: apple butter making demonstrations, Native American displays and demonstrations, a colonial period military encampment, chain saw carvings, horse-drawn wagon rides, craft vendors, musical entertainment and, of course, great food. For further information, please call 724-428-4254.



PENNSYLVANIA PRIVATE WELL RESEARCH SURVEY
Greene County Commissioners and the Conservation District

Pennsylvania is home to over one million private water wells and over 20,000 new wells are drilled each year. Pennsylvania is also one of only three states that have no guidelines on the location, construction or maintenance of private wells. Research has shown that more than half of private wells fail to meet the requirements of at least one drinking water standard. Penn State and the Pennsylvania Water Resources Research Center are conducting a statewide survey of homeowners with private wells. The purpose of this research is to determine the characteristics and management of private wells along with opinions of homeowners with wells. If you use or own a private well, we need your input! Click on the link below to take this 10 minute survey.

Private Well Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=71482275593>

PROCLAMATION READ FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH
Greene County Commissioners and Department of Human Services

The Greene County Commissioners (Pam Snyder-Chairman, Dave Coder and John R. Gardner) have proclaimed September as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. The Greene County Human Services Department has been active in distributing the needed tools and information to our community in an attempt to help these individuals in crisis. We offer our thanks to the Human Services Department and all of the highly trained members of their team who have worked hard to help educate the public and promote a positive message. It takes the efforts of our entire community to fight this battle and aid our fellow citizens in their recovery. For more information on the available programs, please call: 724-852-5276.



Pictured above: Dave Coder- Commissioner, Cheryl Andrews-Drug and Alcohol Supervisor and Pam Snyder-Chairman

SECOND ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS
Communities That Care

Carmichaels Communities That Care will be hosting the 2nd Annual “Concert in the Square” Battle of the Bands event on September 30th from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Carmichaels’ Town Square. Bands will be competing for a top prize that includes studio recording time. Food, craft and entertainment booths will be set-up for everyone’s enjoyment. The event will take place rain or shine. Please come and enjoy the show! Communities that Care is a comprehensive, research-based community mobilization and planning process that fights youth health and behavioral problems by reducing risks and establishing bonds between young people and their families, schools, communities and their peers. CTC provides the framework for communities to mobilize schools, families, community agencies and organizations, local media and young people themselves to work toward the common goal of creating a safe, supportive environment for all you.



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 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, Past National Commander for the American Legion - Robert Conley. The services end with the Post Everlasting Ceremony. In Waynesburg, the parade will be sponsored by the Greene County Veterans Council. 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 1:30pm until 2pm 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.

VETERANS OUTREACH PILOT PROGRAM

Greene County Commissioners and Human Service Department

The Greene County Veterans Office under the direction of the Greene County Commissioners will be instituting a Pilot Program starting in October of 2006. The program will enable Chris Christy, the Veterans Director to set up office at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Carmichaels, PA. This outreach is to assist the veterans in this area and make it easier to get help with their claims. More information as to date and time will be forthcoming in the near future.

WHAT DOES THE TITLE "C.P.E." STAND FOR?

Greene County Commissioners and Assessment Office

It stands for "Certified Pennsylvania Appraiser Evaluator." In 1992, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania adopted Act 28, which provides that all assessors within the Commonwealth must meet certain requirements in order to be certified and licensed to assess real property in the Commonwealth. The requirements include the completion of a minimum of 90 hours of courses of study approved by the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers, at least two years of assessing experience and the successful completion of a comprehensive examination covering all phases of the appraisal process and assessment law. Additionally, every person holding the title of C.P.E. must complete a minimum of 28 continuing education hours every two years. The continuing education hours include 7 hours of education in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices (USPAP) and Assessment Law. The Certified Pennsylvania Appraiser Evaluators in the Greene County Assessment Office are H. John Frazier, Mary Ann (Lou) Lewis and Rhonda Kerr. Should you have any questions concerning the Certified Assessors Act or assessment in general, please call the office at 724-852-5211.



2006 4-H BUYERS BANQUET

Greene County Commissioners, Fairgrounds and Penn State Extension

On August 26 the 4-H Market Lamb and Market Steer Clubs held their annual buyers banquet at the Greene County Fairgrounds. There were approximately 226 buyers, leaders, 4-H'ers and family members in attendance. Each 4-H'er presented their buyers with a framed picture of the buyers and 4-H'er from the Livestock sale at the Greene County Fair. The dinner was exceptionally delicious. The market steer club leaders, and their parents, prepared the roast beef. The lamb was prepared and cooked by Keith Martin, owner of Elijah Farm in Ruff Creek. Great job, everyone! We would like to thank everyone that has supported the 4-H, in all its endeavors, especially the buyers who continually come out and support our 4-H program year after year. We also encourage you to come out and support our youth program next year. Thanks again!



SECOND ANNUAL BENEFIT FEST

Greene County Commissioners and Human Resource Department

The Board of Commissioners and Human Resource Department are coordinating the Second Annual Benefit Fest to be held on September 28, 2006 on the Courthouse Lawn from 11 a.m. 1 p.m. The following vendors have confirmed their intent to attend: Highmark BlueCross/Blue Shield, National City, Community Bank, First National, AFLAC, Mazzitti & Sullivan (EAP), Waddell & Reed, Prudential, and Southwest Regional Medical Center. Employees will be provided lunch free of charge and an opportunity to visit with the vendors to gather benefit information, discuss claims, financial opportunities and enjoy a break from their daily routine in the outdoors. Employees are encouraged to attend. According to HR Director, Tracy Zivkovich, "The initial Benefit Fest was quite successful last year and both the vendors and employees have communicated an eagerness to repeat the event. We are finalizing the menu and let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!"

Greene County Web Site: www.co.greene.pa.us

Greene county MAGIC Web Site: www.greencountymagic.org

Greene County Find Out Web Site: www.greenefindout.org

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