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DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

Donations for the Arthur, Eddy, Blake Family Fund can be made to the First Baptist Church, 303 West High Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370 or at any Community Bank. (Carmichaels Office, 100 North Market Street, Carmichaels, PA 15320; Waynesburg Office, 30 West Greene Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370; Greene Plaza Office, 100 Miller Lane, Waynesburg, PA 15370) Checks are to be made payable to Waynesburg Ministerium. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful contributions.

AVIATION 101 WINS AN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Pictured above: Plane owned by John Lovingood

Congratulations to Greene County and Director of Recreation, Jake Blaker for receiving the 2007 Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society Awards Program for AVIATION 101 in the category of Excellence in Programming Family. Director Blaker will receive his award at the banquet at the annual PRPS Conference on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey. The Aviation 101 Class was hosted by John Lovingood, a retired Captain of US Airways and a Certified Flight Instructor. The participants in this class were taught what makes aircrafts fly and instructed on the rules and regulations that govern both the planes and the airports. Participants were able to sit in, buckle up and observe what pilots see and do firsthand. They were also able to talk on radios, work the GPS system and operate other navigation systems on the aircrafts. The participants were able to tour a Full Motion Simulator and be part of a take off and landing. The class provided a wonderful experience for all who attended. We once again offer our congratulations for this award winning program, Aviation 101.



COMMUNITY BUILDERS



COMMUNITY BUILDERS OF GREENE COUNTY

"This program can open doors for you that you never knew existed" ~Barb Wise, Past Participant

Classes Begin March 19, 2007

Two tracks to choose from:

- **Certified Community Builder: Nonprofit Leadership Track (9 sessions)**
- **Certified Community Builder: Community Leadership Track(9 sessions)**

For More Information Contact
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREENE COUNTY
 P.O. Box 768 • Waynesburg, PA 15370
724-627-2010 or visit www.cfgcpa.org




Once again the Community Builders Classes are being offered by the Community Foundation of Greene County. The cost for all nine sessions, materials and graduation is \$150. There will be a limited number of scholarships available. The classes will be held at the Center for Research & Economic Development at Waynesburg College from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. A light meal will be provided each week. The classes meet on the third Monday of the month with the exception of April 2nd. The schedule is listed below. Please contact the Community Foundation at 724-627-2010 with any and all questions.

Date	Nonprofit Leadership Topics **	Community Leadership Topics**
March 19	Introduction to Nonprofits	Community Development and Key Stakeholders
April 2 *	Board Development	Identifying Assets of a Community
April 16	Effective Communication	Forces and Trends Impacting a Community
May 21	Strategic Planning- Creating a Vision	& Plan For the Future
June 18	Marketing Your Success	A Community's Economy as Part of the System
July 16	Fundraising & Event Planning	Networking/Collaborations/Strategic Alliances
August 20	Grant Writing- Develop and Manage	Resources, Private and Public Dollars
September 17	Finance Management	Facilitate Effective Meetings/Leading Groups
October 15	Technology-Information Technologies	/GIS and the Web

October 22, 2007, Graduation

** The sequence of some classes may be changed to schedule guest speakers.



DEALING WITH CRISIS

Karen Bennett, Human Service Administrator, announced that a Free Educational Forum is being offered by Greene County Human Services Department and Centerville Clinics Inc. to help deal with the tragic event that occurred in our community over the weekend. The forum will cover tips and coping skills to help children affected by crisis and tragic events. The Human Services Department invites all friends, family, teachers, parents and community members who wish to take part. Child care will be provided on site. The forum will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 PM at the Waynesburg Central High School Auditorium at 30 Zimmerman Drive, Waynesburg. If you have any questions, please contact Centerville Clinics Inc. at 724-627-8167 or Greene County Human Services Department at 724-852-5276.

GREENE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

On January 29, 2007, Greene County Human Services held an orientation for new Advisory Board members who were appointed by the Greene County Commissioners in December 2006. The staff provided an introduction to board by-laws and department programs and budgets. The new members who attended were: Donna Downing, Laura Walters, Linda Bradley, Desetta Palmer, and Sharon Marchaza. Current members who attended were: Pat Lemley (Chairperson) and Rev. James Cherry. Greene County Humans Services Advisory Board will meet in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Fort Jackson Building at 5:30 PM on the following dates: March 5, 2007, May 7, 2007, June 4, 2007, August 6, 2007, October 1, 2007 and December TBA. The public is invited to attend. For more information please call (724) 852-5276 ext. 506.

GREENE COUNTY TOURISM PAGEANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

It's that time again. The Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency are pleased to announce the details of this year's Miss Greene County Pageant. The event will take place at the Central Greene High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 29. Applications are now being accepted for all age groups (Tiny, Petite, Junior, Young and Teen). The application deadline is March 30, 2007 at 4:30pm. This year's competition will include judging in sportswear, formal wear, talent and interview. Additionally, the Miss Photogenic prize and Remo C. Bertugli Memorial Award will be given to worthy contestants. All entrants must be Greene County residents. The organizers and sponsors of the pageant are excited to once again bring this positive and encouraging event to life for the children of our county. It is a satisfying experience to watch our community come together in support of our promising and talented youth. For more information about this event, please contact the Greene County Tourist Promotion Agency at 724-627-8687.

ELECTION OFFICE BUSTLING ABOUT

This is a really busy time for the Election Office. The packets we've been preparing are now being given out to candidates and potential candidates. The packet contains the PETITION which is what every candidate is having signed to get them on the ballot. It has to be back in our office by March 6 – so there is an end in sight. We have had candidate classes, numerous phone calls, requests for street lists, questions, candidates picking up packets, requests for street lists, candidates filing petitions, requests for street lists and a few other requests (oh yea, did I mention street lists?). The dates for circulating petitions is February 13 – March 6. Ballot position will be determined for the candidate on March 14. The spring primary election date is Tuesday, May 15.



GREENE COUNTY'S BEACH BLAST '07

Join Southwest Regional Medical Center for a night of finger foods, drinks and dancing on Saturday, March 3rd from 6 PM until 11 PM at the Carmichaels Fire Hall. The event is being held to raise money in support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Greene County. Tickets: \$20.00 per person and \$40.00 per couple. Raffles at \$2.00 per ticket or \$20 per arm length. For more information, or to order tickets, please contact Sarah Bedison at 724-627-2623 or Joy Eggleston at 724-627-2656.

FLASH DANCE?

The Greene County Commissioners would like to relay a special thank you to Congressman John Murtha, State Representative H. William DeWeese and Senator J. Barry Stout for their continued support of the Greene County Recreation Department. It is the contributions of these generous supporters that enable the Department of Recreation to continue to enhance their programs. Is there a social event in your future and you need to know the latest (or not so latest) dance moves? If so, come to our **Survival Dance Course** at the Greene County Fairgrounds and learn the newest must-know dance moves. This class will not only be entertaining, but tons of fun! Come alone or bring a partner. Saturday, February 24 from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. (\$25 per person / \$40 per couple) Pre-registration is required! Call 724-852-5323 to reserve a spot on the dance floor. One of our newest classes is a **Digital Photography Class** with instructor Gretchen Graham. Come and learn the basics of digital photography and how to operate your digital camera in simple, easy to understand terms. Bring your camera and find out what all those buttons mean and when to use them. Don't have a digital camera yet? -- Come and learn what camera might be best for you. Learn more about exposure, cropping, design and printing. The class will be held on Wednesdays from February 21 through March 14, 2007 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. Pre-registration is required. Please call 724-852-5323 for more information.

KENNEL UP

The Black Diamond Cluster (Mountaineer and South Hills Kennel Club) will be having their third AKA All-Breed Show which includes Obedience and Rally at the Greene County Fairgrounds on June 21-24, 2007. Admission is free but there is a \$3.00 per car parking charge. It gives everyone a chance to see all the 167 AKA approved breeds up close and personal. A white toy Poodle aka Vickie was Best In Show winner at our show last year on Sunday. She also was a Group I winner at the Eukanuba Classic and Westminster again competing for Best In Show. Several other dogs, including Costello, the Alaskan Malamute who won Best In Show at Eukanuba two years, competed in Group competition at Eukanuba and Westminster and were in competition at our show. This year will average about 1,000 entries each day. It is great spectator sport. For more information, call Bill Guappone (724-366-1645) or Vince Grlovic (412-965-2198) or the Department of Recreation at 724-852-5323. You can also go to their new website at: www.blackdiamondcluster.org. Our name for the show is in honor of our coal heritage and the role working dogs played in mining. It is well documented that teams of working dogs were pulling coal out of the mines in the Carnegie and West Mifflin areas before the use of ponies.

MOV VIEW PARK RENOVATION ON SCHEDULE

The Mon View Park Roller Rink interior demolition is now complete. We are very pleased thus far with the progress they've made in the renovation process. The outside restoration of this building should begin Monday, February 26th. Everything remains on schedule and a planned reopening for summer 2007 is still planned.



OLD CITIZEN MOVES BACK

The bobcat (*felis rufus*), pictured here displaying annoyance at being interrupted from a warm nap on a pile of hay, is once again looking upon rural Greene County as a nice place to live. Once common here, habitat destruction, a reduction in the population of prey species, and hunting caused a near extirpation of the bobcat. Now, however, public and private wildlife-oriented management of woodlands have resulted in the re-population of species commonly used as food by the bobcat, such as the wild turkey. Give this attractive feline the food and shelter that Greene County once provided and he'll gladly move back. Although his numbers are on the increase here, don't expect to see this reclusive cat on a regular basis. His lifestyle involves staying out of sight and away from confrontation with his most feared neighbor, man. Enjoy the view if you're ever lucky enough to see him and, as with all wild animals, keep a respectful distance and an unobtrusive profile. He'll only be a danger if he feels threatened or trapped.





RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM UPDATE

The Greene County Relay for Life Team meet on Wednesday, February 14th their regularly scheduled meeting time. Chris Hardie, chairman, was pleased to announce the fundraising totals to date were hovering around \$2,762.45. The committee was excited because they still have quite a few projects and events to complete before the annual Relay for Life Event in May. There is a joint BINGO event scheduled for April 1st with the Greene County Humane Society. An Easter “Egg Stravaganza which is a door to door selling event where a plastic egg with either candy or other prizes is also scheduled in the near future. The committee has also offered their assistance at the Bachelor Auction on March 31st. Chris has an open door policy with volunteers and would be delighted if you would want to assist in these coming ventures. Thank you to all that have given their time and energy to date.



RELAY FOR LIFE-CHRIS CROSS THE COUNTY

County resident, Chris Hardie, is preparing for an incredible feat in the name of the Relay for Life project. He will cross the county on foot going north/south along Route 19 from the Greene County Fairgrounds to Mount Morris and then cross east/west along Route 21 from Carmichaels to Ryerson Station State Park. **The route is 50 miles long!!!** **DATE:** Sunday, April 15, 2007 **TIME:** Kickoff Pancake Party at 8:00 AM (*Chris will leave at 8:30 AM*) **WHERE:** Greene County Fairgrounds **HOW CAN I HELP:** Contact Chris Hardie at 724-852-5300 or at chardie@co.greene.pa.us. Together we can all make a difference in cancer research.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

<p><u>OPTION 1</u> Donate by the mile: <input type="checkbox"/> \$.25 per mile = \$12.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$.50 per mile = \$25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$.75 per mile = \$37.50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 per mile = 50.00 I pledge to donate _____ (amount) for each mile completed.</p>	<p><u>OPTION 2</u> Donate at a set level: I choose to pledge at one of the following levels: <input type="checkbox"/> BRONZE = \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> SILVER = \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> GOLD = \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> PLATINUM = \$350 Other: _____ please note what you are willing to donate</p>
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STORMWATER-TIME TO PAY ATTENTION

What is stormwater? It's just what the name suggests...the volume of water generated by a precipitation event (rain, snow, sleet, hail, or combinations thereof). The effect that stormwater has on our lives is controlled by several different factors, including: 1) The size of the storm producing the water. This affects the volume of water that we have to deal with. Waterways, whether natural or man-made, have a capacity that can be exceeded. All that's needed for flooding is a big enough storm. Nature's waterways are designed by prevailing weather over many years. Man-made waterways (swales, ditches, culverts, ponds, and pipes), even when designed properly, are a compromise. The design must be good enough to accommodate all common storms and some severe storms, but a point comes when it is simply too expensive to accommodate the most severe weather and flooding will occur. 2) The force of the storm. Obviously, an inch of rain falling in a half-hour is going to generate more runoff more rapidly than the same rain falling over a period of two days. Just as obviously, snow is going to generate runoff volume less rapidly than rain since it has to melt first. 3) The condition of the land. Undeveloped land (consisting of trees and grasses) will use 50% of the rain that commonly falls in Greene County in the evaporation / transpiration process, and another 33% will seep into the ground and recharge our well water. Obviously, this 83% will never leave the site as runoff. Put asphalt and concrete on this same land and you now have to deal with this 83% as stormwater. Quite a change, don't you think? 4) The existence of development in flood prone areas. Floods should be respected not as events that CAN occur, but as events that WILL occur. A good municipal planning process will identify flood prone areas, prohibiting development therein or supervising engineering controls that will reduce the likelihood of flood damage, thus reducing the destructive potential of the flooding. Greene County can expect development in the near future. It is important that we develop. It is also important how we develop. Stormwater management is an integral part of wise development, and its proper implementation will help to ensure that Greene remains green, diverse, and attractive both to residents and those seeking residence.

WORKING ON YOU TAX RETURN ?

Pennsylvania's Workforce Development Agencies want to make it easier to help taxpayers understand the rules and eligibility requirements to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a tax credit for people who work, but do not earn high incomes. This program can greatly benefit needy families. Those that qualify and claim the credit could pay less federal tax, pay no tax or even receive a refund beyond the amount of tax withheld. However, many workers may be unaware of the EITC or may not claim it because they don't know how. New parents, grandparents raising grandchildren and foster parents may not realize that they qualify. Some families, such as those in the military and those raising children with disabilities, may not realize that there are special rules which may help them qualify such as EITC qualifications. An easy to use IRS toolkit (<http://www.irs-eitc.info/SPEC/>) contains relevant and timely Tax Year 2006 information. Its five sections include a brief overview of the EITC; information on taxpayer segments; collateral and downloadable tools that can be customized and used by partners; links to valuable IRS resources; and cumulative national and state statistical information. For more information on this program, please call the office of Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, PA Department of Labor & Industry at (717) 705-2630.



WELLNESS PROGRAM HELD AT JEFFERSON MORGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT



Pictured above: Jake Blaker-Director of Recreation with Emily Ozohonish, Tony Barbetta-Teacher and Pam Snyder-Chairman



Pictured above: Angi Vandune-D&A Prevention with Amy Switalski-Coordinator, CTC



Pictured above: Jake Blake-Director of Recreation, and Emily Ozohonish, granddaughter

Jake Blaker, Director of Parks and Recreation, represented the County of Greene at the Jefferson Morgan Wellness Program at their high school facility on Friday, February 9th, 2007. Mr. Blaker said, "I am very impressed on how seriously the junior and senior high students were concerned about their wellness." Many students were interested in the Department of Recreation sign ups for lifeguard positions in the summer 2007. There was also information available concerning the other programs that the Greene County Department of Recreation has available throughout the year. Commissioner Pam Snyder (Chairman) attended the event to help Mr. Blaker, and his granddaughter Emily Ozohonish, promote these county programs. Director Blaker said, "The event was a great success and we hope to be invited back again."

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