



## *The Board Walk*

from  
Greene County Board of Commissioners  
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**WAYNESBURG, Pennsylvania – Wednesday, January 17, 2007**

### **ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES**



*Pictured above: Bob Parker-Angel Food Ministries, Reverend Jerrad Peterman-Angel Food Ministries, John R. Gardner-Commissioner, Pam Snyder-Chairman, Phyllis Rhodes-St. Ann's Church and Dave Coder-Commissioner.*

The Greene County Commissioners are pleased to announce that the Angel Food Ministries distribution center in Greene County will now be at the Fairgrounds. The day designated for pick up will be the last Saturday of each month. This month's pickup will be on Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 10:30 AM to Noon. The organization's motto is, "If you eat, you qualify." AFM has lofty long-term goals for their operations. These include, but are not limited to, no income restrictions to quality, to work with the Deputy of Food Stamps of USA to establish an on-site booth for new food applications to receive immediate approval or denial at each AFM location prior to ordering, to have hand held IPOD machines for every site to enable easy swiping of the EBT cards for automatic deduction and deposit into AFM accounts in GA (no more paper trail) and to build future warehouses in California, Pennsylvania and Texas. Angel Food Ministries is the third largest ministry in the world. Their first host site was formed in 1996 and they are currently opening over 60-80 new host sites a month. Since their humble beginnings, AFM has grown to over 2000 host sites as of August 2006, operating on a food budget of \$5 to \$7 million in

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that month. The organization employs 35 full time working staff members and employs an additional 600 part time employees for distribution. The Angel Food Ministries started in Monroe, Georgia and has now expanded into thirty-two states. The AFM is motivated by volunteers and they are currently recruiting young individuals from Greene County to help with the cause. The agency is currently looking for a warehouse that is approximately 383,000 square feet. Each month brings a different menu with the basic box costing \$25.00. There is no set limit on the amount you can purchase. AFM also offers a variety of specials. The order sites in Greene County are St. Ann's Church (**Contact** - Phyllis Rhodes at 724-852-4123), Waynesburg Nazarene Church (**Contact** - Bob Parker at 724-883-2482) and the Oak View Methodist Church (**Contact** - Joelle at 724-627-7580). You can also order through the mail by including a self-addressed- stamped envelope for your receipt mailing your request and payment to Waynesburg Church of the Nazarene, Attn: Bob-AFM order, 115 Deerfield Lane, Waynesburg, PA 15370. Only money orders payable to the Nazarene Church will be accepted via this method. When paying at the distribution site you can pay with cash, food stamps or money order. What a wonderful service the Angel Food Ministry provides and the Greene County Commissioners are proud to be associated with them. Good Luck!

### Angel Food Ministry in Greene County

Deadline for Orders	Distribution Day
Friday, January 12, 2007	Saturday, January 27, 2007
Friday, February 09, 2007	Saturday, February 24, 2007
Friday, March 16, 2007	Saturday, March 31, 2007
Friday, April 13, 2007	Saturday, April 28, 2007
Friday, May 11, 2007	Saturday, May 26, 2007
Friday, June 15, 2007	Saturday, June 30, 2007
Friday, July 13, 2007	Saturday, July 28, 2007
Friday, August 10, 2007	Saturday, August 25, 2007
Friday, September 14, 2007	Saturday, September 29, 2007
Friday, October 12, 2007	Saturday, October 27, 2007
Friday, November 02, 2007	Saturday, November 17, 2007
Friday, November 30, 2007	Saturday, December 15, 2007

### BOWL WITH SOUL A BIG HIT

On January 12, 2007 the County of Greene Relay for Life Committee hosted an event called Bowl with Soul. The event mixed karaoke, courtesy of committee-member John Buchanan, with a night of bowling at Yanak Lanes in Jefferson, Pennsylvania. The Greene County Department of Economic Development donated the food for the event. The committee was also very successful in gathering up door prizes for the event. Every fifteen minutes a ticket was pulled and a participant would win random prizes. Sponsors for this event were County Commissioner Pam Snyder, County Commissioner Dave Coder, Long John Silver's, Wal-Mart, Burger King, First Federal, Community Bank, Waynesburg College, Auto Zone, Rohanna's Golf Course, Prudential, Erie Insurance, National City, Garfield's Restaurant, Olive Garden, Waynesburg Moose, and Angelo's Restaurant. The committee was very happy with the final turnout. Over forty tickets were sold for the event, most coming at the door that night. In all, the committee (under project coordinator Justin Kubicar) raised \$561. All of these funds go towards the County Relay for Life and ultimately will help in cancer research. With this very successful event the County has gone over the \$2,000 mark for the year and are inching closer to their ultimate goal of \$5,000.



**ELECTION OFFICE OFFERING A CLASS FOR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES**

The list below reflects the offices to be on the May 15, 2007 ballot. The Election Office will be offering a class for potential candidates on Monday, January 29 at 6:00 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Commissioner's Meeting Room. They have been busy preparing packets with information for each candidate. Packets will be handed out to each person attending the class (hopefully the petitions will arrive from the printers by this time). The first day to circulate and file petitions is February 13. The last day to circulate and file these petitions is March 6. *FYI:* There are 3 Magisterial Districts in Greene County. 13-3-03, which is on the ballot this May, is comprised of: Carmichaels Borough, Cumberland Township, Dunkard Township, Greene Township, Greensboro Borough, Monongahela Township and Rices Landing Borough. There are five School Districts in Greene County. The three Districts that elect boards "at large" are: Carmichaels Area, Jefferson-Morgan and Southeastern Greene. The two Districts that elect boards by "region" are: Central Greene and West Greene.

**OFFICES ON THE BALLOT**

**MAY 15, 2007**

**COUNTY WIDE**

Three County Commissioners  
One County Clerk of Courts  
One County Treasurer  
One County Controller  
One Register and Recorder  
One District Attorney  
One Prothonotary

**MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT**

One Magisterial District Judge 13-3-03

**TOWNSHIP**

One Supervisor  
One Auditor

**SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

5 Directors - Carmichaels Area  
5 Directors – Jefferson-Morgan  
5 Directors – Southeastern Greene  
5 Directors – Central Greene  
5 Directors – West Greene

*\*The number of offices to be elected in Townships, Boroughs, and School Districts will be provided by the Secretaries of each municipality in January. Some appointments may be elected for unexpired terms.\**



**EXCLUSION ON THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The Greene County Commissioners reported in the November 15, 2006 Board Walk that the Department of Revenue was going to require all Pennsylvania Counties to impose a six percent (6%) sales tax on the sale of taxable merchandise. As we stated: the six percent sales tax currently is imposed on purchases made by consumers on major items, but was not required to be collected by political subdivisions. The departments most affected by the collection of the six percent sales tax are the offices of Register and Recorder, Clerk of Courts, Prothonotary, and Assessment due to the demand for document copies. On November 29, 2006, Governor Rendell signed into law Senate Bill No. 1331, as Act 189 of 2006. This bill excludes the following from sales tax: “The sale at retail or use of copies of an on official document sold by a government agency or a court.” “A ‘court’ includes an appellate court, a court of common pleas, a minor judiciary and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC). ‘Government Agency’ means ‘agency’ as defined by the Right-to Know-Law. An ‘official document’ means a ‘record’ as defined in the Right-to-Know law, including notes of court testimony, deposition transcripts, driving records, accident reports, birth and death certificates, deeds, divorce decrees and other similar documents. Accordingly, the sale of copies of official documents now is excluded from the imposition of sales tax. This would include films, compact disks, videocassettes and similar materials that are merely duplicates of official documents maintained by the government agency, as well as mailing lists and similarly generated lists. However, please be aware that all other sales of taxable tangible personal property are still subject to sales tax. The county is responsible for the collection and remitting of the sales tax to the Commonwealth.” (Gregory C. Fajt-Secretary of Revenue) The implementation of the sales tax took effect on January 1, 2007. A paperless application form, PA 100, can be found on the Department of Revenue website at [www.revenue.state.pa.us](http://www.revenue.state.pa.us).

**GREENE COUNTY’S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM UPDATE**

At their latest meeting, the Greene County Relay for Life Committee discussed the various events that are planned for the near future, including the Chris Cross the County, Sarris Pretzel Rod sales, Corbi Cookie sales and a Silent Auction that will be held for county employees in March (more details will be forthcoming). The group also discussed camp site preparation for the main event on May 5-6, 2007. With this year’s theme being vacation spots, the Committee chose a Mount Rushmore theme for the main campsite. Lastly, the group discussed the need to have more members in place for the upcoming committee meetings. All county employees are invited to attend and join us for discussion and decision making. The next meeting is Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2007 at 12:30 PM. The group will meet in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room of the County Office Building.





**GREENE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE**

**CHRIS CROSS THE COUNTY**

April 15, 2007- ONLY 100 DAYS LEFT



**TOTAL GOAL:**  
\$2,000 in sponsors

**AMOUNT TO DATE:**  
\$702.50

**SPONSORS:**

- \*Foundation Coal
- #Brad Westin, L. R. Kimball and Assoc.
- #David and Rebecca Salosky
- #Brenda Howard, UPMC
- \*Jeff McCracken, McCracken Pharmacy
- \*\*Representative H. William DeWeese
- #Commissioner Pam Snyder
- \*Bronze Level
- \*\*Silver Level
- \*\*\*Gold Level
- \*\*\*\*Platinum Level
- #Other Donation
- #Larry Brugh, Mount Aloysius College
- \*EAA Chapter 978
- \*Don Chappel, Greene Co. IDC
- #Chuck Baily, Baily Insurance
- \*Senator Barry Stout
- #Pat Bristor, Waynesburg College
- \*T. Reed Kiger, Franklin Township

**HOW CAN I HELP?**

You can help in one of two ways:

Please detach and send to the address listed below (payments will be collected following the event):

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make checks payable to American Cancer Society  
MEMO: County of Greene Team

Greene County Department of Economic Development  
CO: Chris Hardie  
Fort Jackson  
49 South Washington Street  
Waynesburg, PA 15370



## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT MAKES IMPROVEMENTS**

The IT Department recently purchased two new Barracuda devices to replace the Watchguard Firebox. The Watchguard had been in place for over three years and had been upgraded several times during this period, but in the end, it could not handle all of the web and mail traffic while simultaneously doing anti-virus, anti-spam, and web filtering. In keeping with the tradition of the IT Department to name devices after something in Greek Mythology, the first Barracuda device was put into operation in early December on a trial basis and is designated as Hermes. Hermes looks at all incoming email connections, and the emails themselves, to decide if either the connection or the email carries spam. Hermes performed very well and was fully implemented in early January. This device allows spam to be tagged, quarantined, or blocked using Blacklists, Rate Control (if someone tries to flood us with spam and “force” the mail through), Domain blocking, Email Address blocking, Keyword blocking or quarantining, Intent filters (that analyze the content of a message for URL’s that lead back to spam sites), and Spam Scoring. In conjunction with our Symantec Anti-spam/Anti-virus package for Exchange, we now have the capability to block or quarantine about 95% of the spam mail people try to send into our system. The true test for Anti-spam, however, is not blocking what needs blocked – it is letting through legitimate email. Hermes performance in that respect is outstanding and was a key factor in the County’s decision to purchase it. After initial testing and setup, where we added all the known white-listed addresses for the county, we have had an extremely low false-positive rate. Hermes accepts and delivers (or blocks) messages at a rate of about 600 per hour and each one is examined and either rejected or delivered in under 6 seconds. It does this 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone else would need winged boots to keep up this pace. The second Barracuda device, tentatively named Pandora, is a web-filter and was again purchased on a trial basis. While testing is not yet complete on the Web Filter, it is also performing quite well thus far and IT expects to complete the trial period and purchase this device in early February. A Web Filter is much harder to set up than a spam filter because we are trying to limit access based on the content of the entire internet and not limit access to one point – our mailbox. You would think that we, as a county, could have a cut and dried rule like “No access to porn, drug use, or terrorist sites whatsoever.” But we cannot – The DA and PD offices may have a legitimate need to access porn sites when working on a case that involves this, Drug and Alcohol in Human Services has a need to access information about illegal drugs and the 911 center may at times need access to terrorist-related websites. The Web Filter works on many different fronts to address these situations. Filtered categories are defined (like “Violent Images”) and we can allow or deny access to those, then groups (i.e. “DA’s Office”) can be added to as exceptions to the rule. The Web Filter also blocks known Spyware and Phishing sites or any site that may contain viruses. It is important to remember that opening any page on the internet is like opening Pandora’s Box. Everyone is confident in the improved security and productivity that these new devices will bring to our office. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact IT.





**PLANNING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES MEETING DATES**

Donald P. Boord, Chairman of the Greene County Planning Commission, announces the 2007 Meeting Schedule for the Greene County Planning Commission. The meetings will be held at 7PM in the second floor meeting room of the Greene County Office Building, 93 East High Street, Waynesburg, PA. The Planning Commission Board will reorganize and elect officers at the February 5, 2007 meeting. The regular meetings of the Greene County Planning Commission for the year 2007 will be held on the following days/dates:

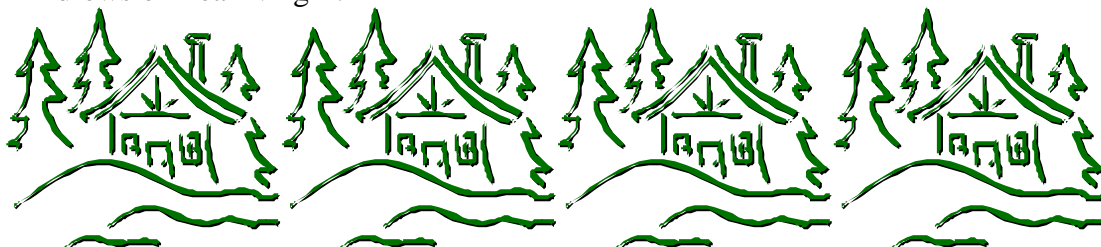
- Monday, February 5, 2007
- Monday, March 5, 2007
- Monday, April 2, 2007
- Monday, May 7, 2007
- Monday, June 4, 2007
- Monday, July 2, 2007
- Monday, August 6, 2007
- Monday, September 10, 2007
- Monday, October 1, 2007
- Monday, November 5, 2007
- Monday, December 3, 2007

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM**

Greene County Human Services and Connect, Inc. are looking for participants for the Greene County Permanent Supportive Housing Program. To qualify a person must be:

- 1) actively involved with your agency
- 2) actively participating in a service/treatment plan developed by client and the agency
- 3) have an on-going relationship with the sponsor
- 4) demonstrate a need and willingness to participate in intensive case management services
- 5) have a documented long-term disability
- 6) homeless by HUD's definition
- 7) a resident of Greene County of Greene

POTENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST BE SPONSORED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM A SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY! If you would like to request an application for a potential client, please contact the Greene County Human Services Department at 724-852-5276 and speak with Cheryl Andrews or Dean Virgili.





**SALVATION ARMY WILL DISTRIBUTE COLLECTED BLANKETS**

Community Action Southwest will conduct a Blanket Drive from Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be five collection bins strategically located throughout our community so that all who wish to donate NEW blankets for those in need can do so. Locations: Fort Jackson Building, Careerlink, Catholic Charities, Community Action Southwest and Salvation Army. All blankets collected will be given to the Salvation Army for distribution.

**SWEET DEAL THAT YOU CANNOT PASS UP!**

The Greene County Employees first Weight Watcher Series is about to end. In order to continue, they need fifteen people to register. However, if twenty individuals register the series will be able to extend for a longer period and actually cost less. All potential members are invited to a free meeting on January 18 to see what we are all about. Registration will also be held on that day. Payroll deduction makes it so easy. They meet on Thursdays. They start weighing in at 11:45 and are usually done so that the meeting can begin by 12:05. Generally the meeting ends between 12:25 and 12:30 so that you can have time for lunch. If, during the next series, there are fifteen members, the cost will run \$144 for 12 weeks. Thus the next series would end on April 12. If there are twenty or more members, the cost will be \$176 for 17 weeks. In which case the series would end on May 17, just in time for summer! Anyone can join this meeting, not just Greene County employees. If you are interested in the next series, please email Tracy Zivkovich at [tzivkovich@co.greene.pa.us](mailto:tzivkovich@co.greene.pa.us) so that everyone can plan accordingly for the number of interested parties. Thank You! *Information from Vicki Greene- Weight Watcher Leader*

Greene County Web Site: [www.co.greene.pa.us](http://www.co.greene.pa.us)

Greene county MAGIC Web Site: [www.greenecountymagic.org](http://www.greenecountymagic.org)

Greene County Find Out Web Site: [www.greenefindout.org](http://www.greenefindout.org)

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