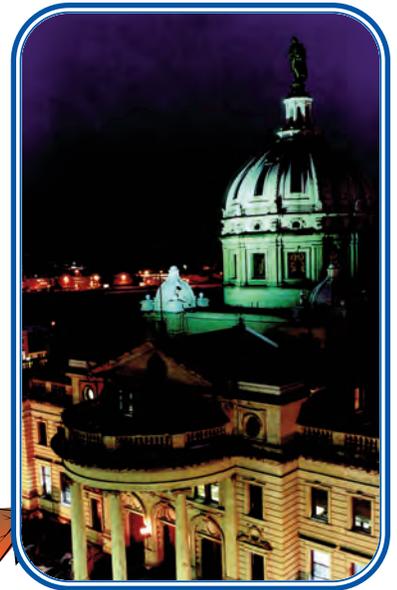


# Washington County Highlights

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## Honor Guard Established at Washington County Correctional Facility

By *Laura L. Radcliffe*

On August 26th, an elite few members of the Washington County Correctional Facility marched onto the turf at Lew Hays Pony Field. They were not alone. Joining them were dozens of other corrections officers from across the state, coming together to honor the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Team. Together, they formed an impressive composition of officers known as the Honor Guard. For the members of the Washington County Honor Guard, it was more than just a show of solidarity. It was a moment in history.

First established in 1790, the original Washington County Jail was little more than a simple log structure. Prior to that, inmates were housed in a stable. And

although the facility has seen great change over the past 223 years, it has never been home to an honor guard. Comprised solely of volunteers, its members are men and women who earn their living patrolling the correctional facility as we know it today.

Just a few short months ago, each of these members responded to a flyer posted in the break room by Michael King, one of the facility's captains. A former Marine, King spent his military career serving as an instructor and saw the need to have a more specialized unit representing the facility. He inquired as to why one had never been established. The answer? Well, that came in the form of an assignment. The response "They do now. And you're in charge!" So, Captain King worked to organize the first-ever honor guard at the WCCF. Together, with fellow administrators and other community law enforcement agencies, he began the task of gathering equipment and raising funds. It wasn't long before the team acquired rifles, harnesses, and flags necessary for drilling. For several hours each week, the unit could be seen marching through the parking lot of Trinity High School as they perfected their cadence, turns, calls to order, and other commands. For many, it was their first time participating in such a military-like capacity. After several weeks of drilling, they were ready for their inaugural event – the charity softball games



Members of the Honor Guard present arms during opening ceremony of the Wounded Warriors Amputee Softball Game. From left to right: Officer Matthew Henderson, Officer Joseph Miller, Officer Darlene Jones, Officer Karen Goetz, Officer Laura Radcliffe, Officer David Coddington, and Officer James Hughes.



Captain Michael King



# Activities Keep Us Going...

*By Cindy Zubchevich*

As always, the Washington County Health Center is in full swing and lots of activity programming is at the top of everyone's list. The summer ended up with lots of smiles on the residents' faces... lots of picnics (even though we had to dodge the raindrops), a trip to PNC Park to see those awesome Pittsburgh Pirates, and of course, the Washington County Fair, which 70 residents were able to attend. Needless to say, everyone had a GREAT time this past summer!

Next, we turned our thoughts to those exciting and upcoming holidays and Halloween was one of them. There were lots of "spooky" characters throughout the building that week. On the 31st, the Halloween Parade was a sight to behold. Also, on Oct. 23, lots of little "Trick or Treaters" visited our house and residents and staff made sure that all of them received plenty of candy...all 200 of them!

As we move on, Thanksgiving is approaching and Christmas will not be far behind. Lots of festivities will be planned with special concerts provided by local school groups and perhaps a visit from old Santa himself. No time to rest, lots to prepare for...and that's exactly what the Activities Department has in store.

So, stop by for a visit and check out our Christmas vendors in the lobby on Monday through Friday, December 2-24 from 10:00 am. - 3:30 pm. Jewelry, candles, candy treats, food items and beauty products are just a few available items in our one stop-shopping. All proceeds benefit the Washington County Health Center Auxiliary. We're always looking for volunteers for Activities, too. Give us a call at 724-250-7084. We'd love to meet with you.

So, as you can see...2013 will go out with a bang!!!





## Honor Guard *(continued from front cover)*

against SCI Greene and Pittsburgh. Side by side, the officers took the field in order to pay tribute to those who had been wounded in combat.

When asked why he felt the need to create an honor guard, King quickly responded, "The reason I did it was mainly for the morale here at the facility....for the betterment of the facility." But he continues by emphasizing the role the unit will have within the community- funeral processions, parades, and other services to honor the men and women in uniform, any uniform, who have fallen. "I am willing to lend ourselves out to the people who need it," he says. "Traditionally, every police department has an honor guard. I'd like to recognize corrections officers as part of that."

Wendy Bauer, the Pennsylvania field representative for the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation echoes King's sentiments. Bauer sees to it that corrections officers killed in the line of duty receive a proper burial, flags that fly at half-staff, and other accolades that are often absent when a corrections officer dies. She refers to them as the "unsung heroes of law enforcement," often forgotten about once they disappear behind the walls of their facility. And so, she pushes to ensure that after giving the ultimate sacrifice, they are not forgotten. Whether she is standing in a jail among officers to discuss the unthinkable, or storming the Mayor's office to demand that flags be lowered, the petite blond is passionate about seeing that

corrections officers are recognized for the work that they do and the risks that they take. It was no surprise then, that she was quick to take the newly minted Washington charter group under her wing. She is equally quick to praise the unit, all units, for banding together to honor the soldiers just a few weeks ago. "Usually the only time you guys see each other is when we've lost one of our own," she reflects. "It's only when bad things happen that we come together as a unit." She pauses a moment before continuing, "It's great to do for good things." Bauer gushes that Washington's first event raised nearly \$65,000 for wounded veterans and their families and was reportedly the largest gathering of honor guards for any event outside of a parade or funeral.

One may wonder what's next for the honor guard here at the Washington County Correctional Facility. "We're still learning," King says, "[but] I hope it'll stay here when I continue on. [People] are very excited about this."



Members of the Honor Guard receive instruction from Captain Michael King



Pictured above: Members of the Honor Guard practice their formation





# Angel Tree Project - Christmas Gifts for Children and Adults

By Irene Farabee

During this season of giving in Washington County, it is a tradition to place the Angel Tree cards on the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Courthouse Square building. Formerly a United Way program, the Angel Tree Project is now sponsored and coordinated by Catholic Charities.

This year Catholic Charities delivered the Angels so that the tree was decorated with the Angel card ornaments once again. Beginning the week of November 18, the names of needy children and adults of all ages were placed on the tree. These individuals and/or their guardians made a list of items they wanted or needed, along with the hope that caring and generous people will make their wishes come true. (Our employees will make lots of wishes come true this year – the ornaments are going fast!)

Gifts purchased for each Angel card should be placed unwrapped in a gift bag or bag with the Angel card attached. Rolls of gift wrap are also welcome. Please, no gift cards. Friday, Dec. 6th is the deadline for gifts to be dropped off at the following locations only:

Courthouse Square – Treasurer's Office or Building and Grounds Office (level C) or Courthouse – Court Administrator's Office

***(PLEASE DO NOT PLACE GIFTS UNDER THE TREE THIS YEAR!)***

Together we will make the season of giving a happy one for those in our community who are less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your giving spirit! Merry Christmas to all!

## A Quick & Easy Decoration

By Debra Richey

With the holidays fast approaching, here's a quick and easy, yet stylish, decoration that would be a great addition to your holiday dinner table or your coffee table, or wherever else you decide to set these little beauties. Take a clean jar of some sort, like a quart size canning jar.

- ✦ Glue on a paper or thread doily.
- ✦ Tie on a piece of ribbon(s) around the neck of the jar.
- ✦ Add embellishments, such as small pine cones, jingle bells, holly and such where you have tied the knot.
- ✦ Place a battery powered tea light in the jar.

Stand back and look what you've made! Make several and place together as a centerpiece, or place around the room for a touch of the Christmas spirit.

*(By the way...you can also make these for party favors for any occasion. Just decorate them accordingly.) Have fun and enjoy!*





# Wellness Program Partnership Gets Exercise Equipment

By Pat Maxon

Washington County W.E.L.L. program and the Washington County Commissioners are pleased to announce that Highmark offered a wellness credit to the County to be used for the purchase of equipment and Highmark programs. Notices were sent to department directors and the elected officials of the opportunity to have equipment in their departments for use by employees during lunch, break, or before and after their starting time. Highmark worked diligently with the County wellness coordinator to assist with the ordering of quality equipment. The items ordered were exercise balls, exercise bands, free weights, steppers, scales, and posters.

Kendra Boni of the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Center conducted training for the employees on the proper use of the equipment. Each employee who attended the training will instruct his or her co-workers how to use the equipment in a safe and proper manner. The equipment will be placed in a common area where everyone will have the ability to use it.

Major Chris Cain, a member of the W. E.L.L. committee and the staff at the correctional facility, expedited the delivery, unloading and distribution of the equipment. Once again team effort on the part of the County workers proves to be the reason wellness works!

For information on ordering equipment please contact Pat Maxon at 6933 or speak to your department head of your interest. In early 2014, another order of equipment will be placed.



The Krepps Bridge in Washington County yielded some "larger than life" entertainment this year with an oversized pumpkin accompanied by a matching chair. You could take your chance at becoming your own, "Lily Tomlin" (pictured at right for those of you too young to remember,) and getting your photo taken on this giant chair! Pictured to your left is our own Debbie Rea, Graphics Supervisor with the Washington County Planning Department.

**Don't forget to stop by next year and enjoy the fun!!!**



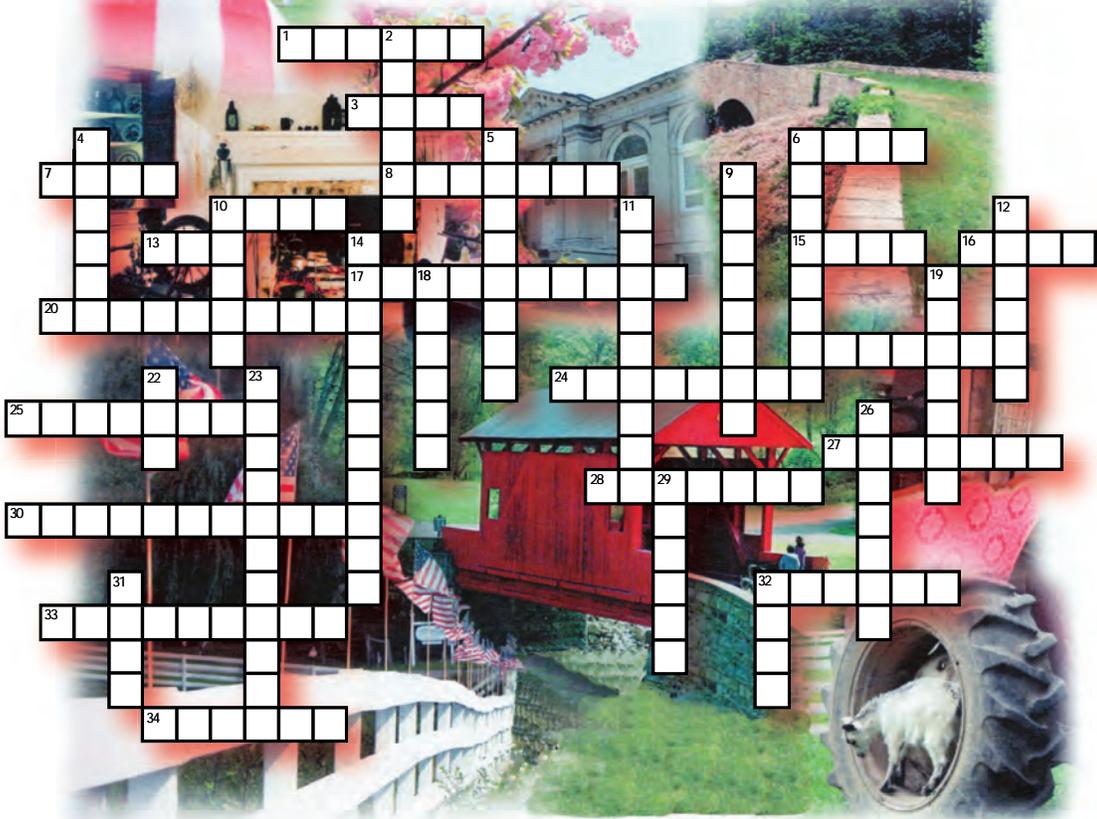
Actress and Comedian: Lily Tomlin





# Washington County People & Places

BY BRACKEN BURNS



## ACROSS

- 1 County's Oldest Mayor
- 3 County Assessor
- 6 County Fair Chugging Contest
- 7 Singing Barber
- 8 Badger Coach
- 10 Number of Singing Coins
- 13 New Judge in Town
- 15 Former County Political Chair  
Now Supervisor
- 16 Justice Lucas
- 17 Courthouse Architect
- 20 Owned Land in W&J Front Yard
- 21 Father Son duo Labor Leaders
- 24 Famous Cavalry Unit
- 25 Purchasing Staple
- 27 Offer Visited by President Grant
- 28 Third Customer at  
LeMoyné Crematory
- 30 Minor Business
- 32 Alleged Perp in  
1980's Courthouse Fire
- 33 Tulip Town
- 34 Father Son Duo  
Held Different Offices

## DOWN

- 2 Doctor Congressman
- 4 Chamber President
- 5 Tax Office Chief Volunteer
- 6 Town Straddles County Line
- 9 Press People
- 10 Father Daughter Duo Office Holders
- 11 Northwest Sector of County
- 12 Guntown Crooner
- 14 Original Name of Washington's  
Main Street
- 18 Aged Director
- 19 Fighting Irish QB
- 22 PJ to BFF
- 23 Tourists Have Been Coming for  
16,000 Years
- 26 Donora Baseball Great
- 29 United Way Exec
- 31 County Detective and Medal of  
Honor Recipient
- 32 Protect Our Nation's Youth  
(Baseball)





# Enjoy Our 30th Annual Christmas at the Courthouse Concert Series!

## Washington County Courthouse

12/3/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Beth Center Middle School Choir
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Faith Christian School
12/4/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Burgettstown High School Choir
12/5/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Ringgold High School Choir
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Ringgold High School Jazz Ensemble
12/9/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Calvary Chapel Christian School
12/10/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Chartiers Houston High School Choir
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Chartiers Jazz & Small Ensembles
12/11/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Trinity High School Chamber Choir
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Trinity High School Wind Ensemble
12/12/13	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Washington High School Brass
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Washington High School Choralaires
12/13/12	12:00-12:30 p.m.	California University of Pennsylvania
	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Avella Steel Pan Ensemble

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# County Personnel Changes...

County Personnel Changes from  
March 1, 2012 through August 1, 2013

## RESIGNED:

Jordan Parker Aloia  
Raymie Jo Arroyo  
Tricia R. Ball  
Cameron Michael Banasick  
Evan Thomas Banasick  
Benjamin John Baran  
Wendy Jean Briant  
Robert V. Caldwell, III  
Anthony Michael Cancilla  
Marcus Dillom Chadwick  
Jennifer Marie Chmiel  
Mark L. DeRosa  
Forest Tanner Donahue  
Judith A. Dreistadt  
Jacob Bryan Dunston  
Gail Miranda Falcione  
Chelsea Jo Fonner  
Jacquelyn Michelle Fratini  
Andrew Robert Funtal  
Andrew R. Guley  
Chad Jeffrey Gwynn  
Zachary Wills Hamilton  
Brian Seamus Haney  
Kathy Joan Hartzell  
Sarah A. Hixson  
Dean Eric Hodgdon  
Timothy R. Hornak  
Daniel Lawrence Hutchko  
Lindsay J. Keene  
Lori Ann Kelley  
Catherine N. Levers  
Hunter David Lohr  
Terry J. Luko, Jr.  
Kristine M. Malchano  
William Allan Marnich, Jr.  
Christine M. Martin  
Kelly A. McGowan  
Marcia Marie McKay  
Jessica Kathleen McKean  
Amy L. Menzer  
Ashley M. Milcheck  
Kelly J. Milliken  
Cameron James Nutter  
Cindy Lou Parks  
Ronald James Peters, Jr.  
Stephanie Louise Rodgers  
Alex James Roner  
Frances S. Sauer  
Crystal A Sienkiel  
Erin Elizabeth Skrabski  
Julia F. Sprowls  
Chad William Taylor  
Katelyn Carol Thomas  
Lauren Anne Wagner

Airport Operations  
H.C.-Nursing  
Children & Youth Program  
Community Services  
Community Services  
E&M-Parks  
Children & Youth Program  
Juvenile Probation  
Sheriff  
Liquid Fuels  
District Attorney  
Tax Revenue  
Airport Operations  
Prothonotary  
Court Administrator  
H.C.-Patient Activities  
H.C.-Social Service  
E&M-Parks  
H.C.-Maintenance  
Information Technology  
E&M-Parks  
Liquid Fuels  
Court Administrator  
H.C.-Laundry  
H.C.-Dietary  
E&M-Parks  
Tax Revenue  
Juvenile Probation  
Emergency Telephone-911  
H.C.-Nursing  
H.C.-Nursing  
E&M-Parks  
Children & Youth Program  
Domestic Relations  
E&M-Parks  
Children & Youth Program  
H.C.-Patient Activities  
H.C.-Business Office  
H.C.-Nursing Admin.  
H.C.-Laundry  
Children & Youth Program  
H.C.-Nursing  
Information Technology  
H.C.-Nursing Admin.  
H.C.-Maintenance  
Children & Youth Program  
Jail Security  
H.C.-Nursing  
H.C.-Nursing  
H.C.-Business Office  
Jail Administration  
FITS  
Solicitor  
Booking Center

## RETIRED:

Georgiann Janney  
Cynthia Louise Kraeer  
Karen L. Metz  
Marjorie D. Ruschel  
Paul Allen

H.C.-Nursing  
Treasurer  
H.C.-Laundry  
Children & Youth Program  
Parks

## NEW HIRES:

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Courtney Aloncher Frain  
Christina Nicole Thompson  
Bradley Boone Poland  
Aaron Thomas Pascazi  
Cheryl Ann Conroy  
Megan Ann Marsteller  
Paulette M. Daniels  
Tina Marie McFall  
Joseph Michael Reinke  
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Cynthia Dawn Shrontz  
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Children & Youth Program  
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Children & Youth Program  
Clerk of Courts  
Coroner  
Coroner  
Coroner  
E&M-Parks  
E&M-Parks  
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H.C.-Dietary  
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