

Washington County *Highlights*

STUDENT EDITION

VOL. 11 ISSUE 6
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015



The staff of the *Washington County Highlights* is pleased to bring you our first Student Edition. This summer we were privileged to have several talented and hard-working summer employees who were willing to write stories and take photos for the September issue of the newsletter. Enjoy!

Save the date:

Come join the fun!

Washington County Employees 7th Annual Fall Festival

When: Saturday, September 26, 2015
3pm – Closing

Where: Mingo Park, Shelter 10

Food, Hayrides, Face Painting, Music, Star Party at Dusk in the Observatory, Pumpkin Decorating, Bonfire, and More!

Contact the Commissioner's office for tickets at ext. 6724

Adults -\$5
Children (4-12 years old) -\$2

In this issue...

- Pirates Game in Review (Pg. 2-3)
- Wash. Co. Mascot Winner (Pg. 3)
- Speech Therapy at the Health Center (Pg. 4-5)
- Working for the Commissioners Office (Pg. 6)
- Journey to Success (Pg. 6-7)
- Foster Care Picnic (Pg. 8)
- Perfect Attendance (Pg. 9)
- Summer Lunch Program (Pg. 9-10)
- Working at 911 (Pg. 10-11)
- Historic Photo Bomb Contest Winner (Pg. 11)



Spotlight:

County Activities Committee

By: Ella Schaltenbrand, Washington County
Children and Youth Services



Saturday, July 11 was a wonderful day for the county employees to take a trip to the Pittsburgh Pirates game. It was a beautiful sunny day without a drop of rain, which was a rare sight this summer. Two busloads of County employees and their families and friends arrived early to the North Shore that afternoon, for some good old fashioned tailgating. After enjoying some good food and drinks, a very exciting game between the Pirates and the St. Louis Cardinals followed. The game lasted 14 innings and ended with a 6-5 win for the Pirates.

The Pirates game was just one of several events that the Activities Committee organized for this year. The committee is responsible for the very popular summer lunches that take place from 11:00-2:00 on Thursdays, and feature some delicious lunch and dessert options. Summer lunches are being extended into September this year, which is good news for all of you who can't get enough of those Chatty Cupcakes.

The annual Fall Fest will be held Saturday, September 26 at Mingo Park. A live band, pumpkins and hay rides are a few of the fun things to look forward to at this event. December 12 is the tentative date set for the County Christmas party, and it will be held at the Elks Lodge in Washington.

The Activities Committee has also planned a daytrip to the Amish Country in Sugarcreek, Ohio for Saturday, November 7th. The trip will be a chocolate, cheese and wine tour. There will be 55 seats available on the bus, and it is open to Washington County employees and their family and friends. Tickets for the trip are \$96. For more information about this trip contact Randi Marodi at marodir@co.washington.pa.us.

The Activities Committee is made up of about 10 members, with officers Hillary Burchett (president), Randi Marodi (secretary) and Barry Clark (treasurer). In addition to all the hard work they do for the County, the members of this Committee make the time to plan fun activities that give back to those who work for the county. They meet on the second Thursday of each month. New members are welcome, and can find out more by contacting one of the officers of the committee.



I would like to thank everyone who I worked with at CYS this summer, especially the clerical department, for being so kind to me. I really enjoyed getting to work with them this summer, and have so much respect for the work that they do.

Check out these photos from the Pirates game...



Washington County Mascot Winners

Two guests named Rosie and Winston were a little disruptive during the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance at the August Commissioners' meeting. But that didn't seem to bother Rev. Steve Dunlap, who quickly improvised and included the pets in his prayer.

Rosie, who is owned by Lisa Wood, of the District Attorney's Victim Services office, and her husband Jim, attended the meeting so that she could be named the 2015 Mascot. She won the title after her owners collected the most money for the Washington Area Humane Society. Winston, the runner-up and is owned by Cathy Goans of Adult Probation.

Representatives of the Washington Area Humane Society also attended the meeting and they were presented with the \$400 that was collected during the contest.



Pictured in the front are Cathy Goans and Winston; Rosie and Commissioner Diana Irey Vaughan. Pictured in the back row are Commissioner Harlan G. Shober, Jr., Lisa Wood & Commissioner Larry Maggi

Speech Therapy at the Washington County Health Center

By: Abigail Marodi, Washington County Health Center
Business Office



Within the past couple of decades, nursing homes, hospitals, and health centers have seen the use of various therapies grow tremendously in their settings. At the Washington County Health Center, residents are offered the three major fields of therapy: Physical, Occupational, and Speech.

While most people know what Physical and Occupational Therapies consist of, the background and scope of Speech-Language Pathology often goes misunderstood. According to Kathy Backner, the Director of Speech-Language Pathology at the Health Center, “The field has evolved so much over the years that it is difficult to define exactly what the job consists of.”

When the field of Speech Therapy was first established, therapists mainly identified and treated deficits in speech and communication. However, with the field’s expansion over the years, the speech therapist’s scope of practice has begun to include services related to language, cognition, and swallowing.

When residents enter the Washington County Health Center, they are required to have a Speech-Language screening, which helps determine the patient’s strengths, weaknesses, and what area of therapy is needed to work on. After this initial test, therapists continue to give the residents quarterly screenings in order to detect any changes in their abilities. “Our main goal is to have patients either improve or stay at the same level they were at when entering the facility.” Kathy said. “We do not want any patients to decline.”

Even though Speech Therapy has grown to include many more areas, the original detection and treatment of speech disorders is still very prevalent in an SLP’s daily work. This area of the field consists of anything related to the motor production of speech. An example of speech disorders would be stroke patients, whom speech therapists work with frequently.

Depending on the severity of the stroke, these individuals can have an extremely hard time communicating efficiently.

“These patients might have difficulties with their speech intelligibility, so an SLP would help them with articulation exercises in order to increase their ability to speak without issues,” Kathy said.

As Speech Therapy continued to develop over the years, the area of language began to be included in an SLP’s scope of practice. Language is a very broad field and an SLP can help work with both receptive and expressive language areas. Receptive language is the ability to process auditory signals and understand them through ways of the brain.

“This area deals greatly with safety, because patients have to be able to follow directions, such as being told to not get out of bed by themselves,” said Kathy. In addition, an SLP would also work with a patient’s expressive language, which is their ability to express themselves to others. This is crucial to a resident’s best quality of care, because they need to communicate with the nursing staff and other residents. “These patients might have word-finding problems, which means they know a word, but are unable to say it in a sentence. While they can think of the word, they often can’t move their muscles to actually say it.” In order to help with both expressive and receptive languages, SLPs carry out exercises and techniques with patients to make communication easier, such as giving picture boards with common words on them that they can point to and help them better communicate with staff and others.

A little later in it’s history, speech therapy began to include working with cognition. For this area,



Photo: Kathy Backner, the Director of Speech-Language Pathology at the Washington County Health Center, works with a patient

SLPs work with their patients on remembering things pertinent to daily life. This usually consists of remembering the names of family members, daily tasks, how to get out of bed, and finding their way around their home/facility. Similar to language, one of the main goals for cognition is safety. According to Kathy, working with patients on cognition allows for collaboration with other fields like Occupational Therapy.

“One interesting activity we do is work with the residents on tasks such as kitchen safety before they are discharged,” she said. “The Occupational Therapists helps teach the technical tasks, like using pots, pans, and other materials. The SLP focuses more on the cognitive side, such as teaching tips for remembering the ingredients, sequencing of cooking, and how to work safely in the kitchen. Our main goal is to help make the patient as independent as possible when returning home.”

Lastly, swallowing is also an important area in Speech Therapy, especially in facilities like the Health Center. Upon entering the facility, residents are given a Modified Barium Swallow at Washington Hospital. This test, also called a “cookie swallow,” involves placing barium on different consistencies of food and taking an X-ray to show the patient’s entire swallowing process. This test can detect swallowing difficulties like aspiration and can determine if a patient’s diet needs a change in terms of consistency. If a patient has difficulty swallowing regular food, the MBS can then test nectar and honey consistencies, which allows for easier and safer digestion.

“When patients come to the health center, the SLP works with them in maintaining their adjusted diets and performing bedside evaluations to make sure their diets are still safe and effective. SLPs can use swallowing exercises and strategies, like a chin tuck, to make it easier when swallowing thin liquids,” Kathy explained.

As displayed by Kathy and the rest of the

therapy staff at the Health Center, the field of Speech-Language Pathology is very diverse, includes many different areas of communication, and works closely with patients. She said the ability to interact with patients daily is her favorite part about her job.

“In order to improve, patients need to be motivated. So if you have a good relationship with them as a

therapist, then they will have a better chance of improving,” she said.

Most SLPs, when asked about their jobs, say that their field is extremely rewarding because of their ability to help with a patient’s communication and see progress over time. With Speech-Language Pathology’s good reputation, the field is predicted to continue to grow rapidly, which is good news for health and rehabilitation centers everywhere.

We Thank You...

Mitchell and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for the heartfelt love and support that was shown to us throughout Mitchell’s illness within the past year.

In late November, Mitchell was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Diffused Large B Cell Lymphoma of the bones, which was aggressively treated with various types of chemotherapy. We feel blessed that Mitchell has now been in remission and is in the process of laying the groundwork for his future. He is currently working as a security guard at a local gas well site and has plans to join the police academy in January of 2016.

We greatly appreciate your love, support and continued prayers.

Sincerely,

Hollie & Mitchell Zavallo



Working for the Commissioners' Office was a Great Experience

By: Lexi Myers, Washington County Chief Clerk's Office



Working at the Washington County Commissioners' Office over the summer has been a great experience for me. Each and every day, there was a variety of tasks to be completed, issues to be resolved, and phone calls to be answered. I never quite knew what each day would bring, making it feel less like a job and more like an adventure.

When I began working at the Commissioners' Office for my first summer in 2014, I was unsure of many things. Are the other workers up there easy to get along with? Is it a strict working environment? What will be expected of me? The past two summers have helped me answer those questions. Everyone in the office is easy to get along with. I would not hesitate to ask work-related questions or even questions related to topics outside of the workplace. As far as expectations and strictness go, it is mostly a relaxed working environment. I was expected to get done what needs to be completed but not to push myself beyond my capabilities.

To me, the ability to work during the summer at the Washington County Commissioners' Office has been a rare opportunity for me to enhance my resume, build relationships, and become better prepared for work after college.



Barbara Gibbs & Phyllis Ranko Matheny: Their Journey to Success

By Anna and Maria Strnisha, Prothonotary's Office

Washington County Clerk of Courts, Barbara Gibbs, and Prothonotary, Phyllis Ranko Matheny have a few things in common. They both have a long history of hard work in the county, as well as the fact that they are both retiring at the end of this year. We had the opportunity to sit down with these successful and determined women to discuss their past, present, and future. We would like to thank them for everything they have done and accomplished in their offices and we truly wish them the best!



Barbara Gibbs:

Q: How long have you held this position?

A: I was elected in 1983 and I have been successfully re-elected for eight terms.

Q: What did you do before holding office?

A: I was in high school! My neighbor had previously worked here and asked if I would be interested. I worked part time at first and once I graduated, I was employed full time. I have been here ever since 1961. Every day has been interesting.

Q: What made you decide to run for the office?

A: I never thought about it at first, but when the opportunity presented itself, I thought, "I can do that." I can do the job, I know the work, and I know I can be successful. All I wanted to do was to make a difference. I had a very good mentor who taught me all about the office functions. If I didn't know the answer, which was rare, I knew exactly where to look for a resolution.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your job?

A: I guess thinking about new technologies and thinking about how we can implement them and how they are paid for can be challenging. We just recently installed a cutting-edge RFID system, which is a radio frequency tracking system for office files. When you have thousands of files you need to know their exact location.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: The satisfaction that I'm doing a good job. When I do get some criticism, I feel it can be a good thing to help me grow and improve. I love when I can be helpful to people and they remember the little things I did for them over the years.

Q: What is your favorite memory while working here?

A: We had some funny things happen! When we cleaned out the vault we found these whiskey bottles on ropes that apparently someone, years ago, may have kept and used as something along the lines of a bar. I remember the fire and flooding and coming to work in a horrific snowstorm when the courthouse was locked. It's never been work for me. It has always been a pleasant and rewarding experience. I also appreciate the lifelong friends I have made working here.

Q: What do you plan to do after you retire?

A: Travel, and spend more time with my granddaughter who is now into soccer and swimming. Visit my sisters. I love to read and write, and I think it's important to always be learning new things. I'm sure other things will come up and I will meet those challenges as well.



Phyllis Ranko Matheny:

Q: How long have you held your position?

A: It will be 20 years at the end of the year.

Q: What did you do before holding office?

A: When I got out of high school, I started working at Mellon Bank and I worked in the bookkeeping department on

a bookkeeping machine, eventually becoming head bookkeeper. When they took bookkeeping to Pittsburgh, I became a teller. Then, I got married and had three children. I did go back to work for the bank for two years after having my first two children. Then I decided to go back to work when Susan, my youngest was two, and I went as a clerk typist to the Prothonotary's office. I worked there for eighteen years and I lost the first election. I held many positions with two financial institutions and the housing authority before running for office again.

Q: What made you decide to run for this office?

A: I'd been operating the office under Mr. Franks' supervision for nine years. And I knew all of the different duties and functions of the office and that's why I ran to begin with. I had worked there for eighteen years, nine as deputy.

Q: What is the most challenging part of your job?

A: It would be the fact that rules change suddenly and sometimes overnight. The Supreme Court decides we should do something a little differently. So keeping up with the changes and rules can be challenging.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: Being able to do something that I really enjoy, something that I learned from the bottom up, so to speak, and now being able to put all of that knowledge into the actual overseeing of the entire office. It's just something that I have really enjoyed, with each day bringing a different challenge.

Q: What is your favorite memory while in office?

A: Probably the campaign where I won by seven votes!

Q: What do you plan to do after you retire?

A: Spend quality time with my family that sometimes had to be pushed to the side while campaigning.

Annual Foster Picnic – Hot Time in the City

By: Marie Higgins

Our annual Foster Picnic was held on a hot, humid evening after work on Friday, July 17. This event is a chance for foster children, foster parents, biological families and CYS staff and their families to enjoy a fun, family-style picnic. We were happy that some special guests joined us: Commissioner Larry Maggi, Judge Katherine Emery, Judge Gary Gilman, Lynn Sylvis from CASA and Mitzie Miller, who helps collect clothes for needy children. This event has gone on for many years and was started by past Foster Care Supervisor, Mary Heaton, as a way for foster kids to enjoy summer activities and relax.

We enjoyed all of the usual picnic food consisting of: hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, macaroni salad, baked beans, pasta salad, fresh fruit and veggies, cake, assorted cold drinks, and ice cream.

Children enjoyed an assortment of activities, such as riding the train, The Gunnar Express; getting their faces painted, having crazy colors put in their hair, picking out a custom-made balloon, playing and climbing on the playground, dancing and enjoying the music provided by our DJ, playing the frog catapult game for a prize; visiting and exploring the fire truck, meeting two service dogs, Jade and Gypsy; and helping themselves to an assorted selection of cold treats from the ice cream truck. An assortment of gift cards to nearby restaurants and kid friendly places were given to foster families and water cannons were given to the kids as parting gifts.

The Foster Unit at Washington County consists of Supervisor Frank Allen, Clerical Assistant Julie Yusko, and Foster Unit Caseworkers Kate Grant and Marie Higgins.

We would like to thank all of the foster parents for the work they do and the love they provide for the Washington County foster children; Butch's Rat Hole and Anchoring for the delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans and for the great grilling techniques; the Tencer foster family for the wonderful selection of cold drinks; Specialty Ice Distributions for all of the ice, Rice Energy for the ice cream truck (a new addition and crowd favorite!) ; and the Axton foster family for the water cannons given to the kids as a parting gift. Also special shout outs to Jim, Shane, Alexa, Vanessa, Nicole, Becky, Mark, Susan, Mike, Matt, Lee, Sydney, Lynn, Spaz, Veronica, Julie, Kate, Marie and anybody who set up, cleaned up, helped in any way or attended.

The Foster Care Unit always looking for people from all walks of life to become foster parents. If interested, please call the Foster Unit at 724 228-6884. We are willing to speak at no charge to various organizations in the community and offer training for interested foster parents, as well as continuing foster parents. Also, we are always looking for volunteers and corporate sponsors to help us with our fundraising and children's activities.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.



Summer Lunches are a Great Treat for Employees

By: Hannah Smereczniak, Washington County Correctional Facility

During short lunch breaks, it can be hard to find a good meal when pressed for time. Thanks to the Activities Programming Committee, a successful solution has been found. The summer luncheon program, which brings local food vendors to the plaza, has been satisfying county employees since last year.



The summer luncheon program was started with a simple notion; to provide quick, delicious lunches to county employees who want a change in their normal lunch routine. Every Thursday, local vendors show up to the plaza in front of the Correctional Facility to sell their foods. From 11 am to 2 pm, county employees, as well as the public, can choose from a variety of options offered in the plaza. One local vendor, *Bad Azz Barbecue*, provides county employees with barbecue options such as pulled pork sandwiches, roasted chicken, and racks of ribs. Another vendor, *Tim Wu's Shaved Ice*, brings a sweet summer treat to employees. This vendor offers flavors such as birthday cake, pomegranate, and mango. Other vendors include *Wild River Kettle Korn*, *Pitaland*, *Chatty Cupcakes*, *Hometown Hotdogs*, *Caustelot Creamery*, and *Mr. Gyros*, bringing a variety of tasty meal options to lunch goers.

The vendors love this program as much as the customers do. A business owner who frequents the Summer Luncheon program, Jim Allen, who owns *Wild River Kettle Korn*, has been selling his kettle corn for 14 years. He sells year-round in multiple places around the Pittsburgh Area. Jim says that the only time he's closed is "when it's -25 degree weather." Another luncheon vendor is *Bad Azz Barbecue*. They have been in business for 5 years and have recently won the Heinz Field Rib Fest award for best ribs and barbecue sauce. Mike, an employee of *Tim Wu's Shaved Ice*, celebrates the summer luncheon program for another reason. He credits the program for providing

(continued on page 10)



During the July 16 meeting, the Commissioners honored the employees who had perfect attendance at work. Listed below are the names of the employees who achieved this goal. Congratulations!

Perfect Attendance

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Stephen Joseph | Amy Hurey |
| Erik Parks | Zelda Pirt |
| Joel Walsh | Michelle Ringer |
| Angelia Deal | Kimberly Peters |
| Glenn Burbee | John Bungard |
| Deborah Hammond | Charlotte Mesic |
| Desiree Leaver | Kathryn Shaner |
| Dolores Blosnich-Gooden | Amy Hamilton |
| Marie Higgins | Cynthia Orndorff |
| Kimberly Rogers | Julie Pattison |
| Joyce Anne Wise | Kathryn Dice |
| Clifford Warnick | Michael Naylor |
| Shelly Wehrer | Timothy Kimmel |
| Heather Carter | April Jones |
| Nancy Christner | Ryan Anderson |
| Sherilyn Lienard | Jack Buckholt |
| Kristi Wyke | Kevin Spragg |
| Debora Belcastro | John Temas |
| Gerri Pennline-Restivo | Paul Krajacic |
| Rene Crow | Terri Litten |
| Lori Wade | Christian Tiano |
| Lori Catlett | Cassidy Miller |
| Frances Huffman | Ethan Cline |
| Denise Brown | Joshua Hanley |
| Carolyn Walters | Christina Munshower |
| James McElhaney | Julia Pintola |
| Paul Schneider | Nathan Seraly |
| John Sweeny | Susan Patrino |
| Robert Abrams | Judith Hynok |
| Chad Teagarden | James D'Alessandro |
| Kevin Garrison | Branden Frankie |
| Kathy Ross | Wesley Hartman |
| Jared Jenkins | Enoch Parry |
| Rawl Harris | Larry Spahr |
| Vickie Carlisle | |

the company with additional opportunities such as birthday and graduation parties. When asked if Mark likes working the ice stand, he is quick to say that he absolutely enjoys it.

The luncheon program has welcomed new vendors as well. On July 2, the program welcomed two new businesses: *Mr. Gyros* and *Hometown Hotdogs*. The owner of Mr. Gyros said that his first day was very successful. Hometown Hotdogs saw a lot of business on their first day as well. Paula Sims, owner of Hometown Hotdogs said, "Today was very successful and a lot of fun. It was definitely busier than I thought! I really enjoyed it." Both vendors relayed that their first days provided them with more success than the farmers market and even exceeded their usual earnings.

The Summer Luncheon Program has been a big success. Washington County employees look forward to Thursday summer lunches. Some employees are even luncheon regulars, trying a new vendor out every week. It's safe to say that the Luncheon Program will be returning next summer, bringing even more delicious food to the bellies of county employees.



Working at 911 is a Mix of Compassion & Multitasking

By: Shawna Stein, Washington County Chief Clerk's Office



While interviewing the director of the 911 dispatch unit, Jeff Yates, I got a few key takeaways and insights about what it's like to work for the public safety department.

I started off by asking why he chose this career field and Yates stated that it makes a positive impact on the community and that he knows he is helping people. I also learned that if someone wants to be a dispatcher it takes an excellent multitasker who is compassionate and is computer savvy.

Yates explained that these employees must also take part in a quite rigorous and time consuming training program. It takes approximately four months of schooling with classes that are four nights a week and four hours long. Then the student spends one hundred hours with a mentor for on-the-job training. The training process also has its ups and downs since a lot of multitasking and learning is involved.

But the real test to see if they are ready is the first time on the job. Once the new dispatcher starts they can sometimes be overwhelmed and may not be able to handle such a stressful environment and leave, which is why it takes a special person to do this job.

Now how stressful is the job exactly? The 911 dispatch unit will get approximately 400 calls in a day and the level of the emergency will vary. Some emergencies can be minor, or some can be major. Once the call is received a dispatcher will ask the caller general information such as location and what the emergency is. As soon as the dispatcher knows what kind of emergency it is, they will notify the appropriate service, whether it would involve police, fire or EMS. *(continued on page 11)*

According to Yates, there are also busy shifts throughout the day. These shifts are in the morning when people are starting their day and on the weekends between 7:00 pm and 2:00 am.

He said advances in technology have made an impact for this unit. For instance, Yates spoke about how cell phone calls make it more challenging or confusing for the dispatcher because they could get multiple calls for the same emergency. But, the use of cellphones has made it easier for people to call 911 when being stranded. Cell phones have also made it easier for the dispatcher to track the caller's location since all cellphones have an internal GPS. Technological advances were also made within the 911 center such as all of the equipment used; it takes a lot of work to keep things functioning properly.

I was then able to check out the control room and get a glimpse of what happens within this unit. When I walked in it looked like a scene out of a movie. It was a dark room filled with computer stations where each of the dispatchers would sit. At one of the stations there were a few computer screens mounted, this is where the multitasking comes into play. Each monitor displayed something different. One screen had the information of someone's driver's license; another showed a map of the tri-state area. The two other computer monitors had a display of previous calls as well as coordinates to their location, name and phone number. When it comes to maintaining the equipment, monitoring the IT, and connecting calls to where they need to go it takes a network of people to do so in order for this system to run like a well-oiled machine.



Top left to bottom: Jeff Yates, Director of Public Safety, Felicia Butts and Robert Whiten Jr.

Historic Photo Bomb

By: Mary Helicke & J. Bracken Burns

Congratulations to Tim Swango of the Tax Revenue, the winner of the first Historic Photo Bomb Contest. Tim is the proud winner of a \$50 gift card. The newsletter committee would like to thank Tim and all of the other historically-minded contestants who entered.

Here are the clues for the next contest:

1. Made from trees by a man of the cloth.
2. A "West of the Alleghenies" first.
3. Not 15301

Here are the rules:

- All submissions must be received by Nov. 20, 2015.
- They can be emailed to helickem@co.washington.pa.us or submitted by mail to: Mary Helicke
100 W. Beau Street, Suite 702
Washington, PA 15301.
- Only clear, reproducible pictures will be accepted.
- Consent to have photo included in the next newsletter is understood when entering. (Please note that a limited number of photos will be selected.)
- One entry per employee or retiree who must be in the photo at the site. Only correct photos will be entered into the drawing.
- Photos will not be returned.



Tim Swango, winner of the first Historic Photo Bomb Contest



Bracken Burns



Ella Schaltenbrand, CYS



Tara Wilson & Lori Dominick, C.C.I.S



Dawn Vandergraft, Health Center



Mike Black, Retired Building & Grounds

County Personnel Changes

By: Pat Maxon & Regina Osko

New Hires:

Hannah Allender, Health Center Dietary
Kathryn Ardeno, Health Center Dietary
Katherine Bacher, Public Defender
Julie Bakewell, Health Center Nursing
Linda Bamford, Children & Youth
Evan Banasick, Community Service
Donald Barrett, Information Technology
Amanda Behanna, Health Center Nursing
Carrie Betarie, DJ 27-3-06
Anthony Bibbo, Children & Youth
Blake Birchmeier, Court Administrator
April Bowen, Juvenile Probation
Dajour Bryant, Health Center Maintenance
Abigail Butterfield, Parks
Laren Caletri, Children & Youth
Alex Calvert, Health Center Nursing
Camryn Carter, Health Center Nursing
Dallas Cosgray, Liquid Fuels
Robert Crouch, Motor Pool
Hayden Crow, Children & Youth
Derek Damich, Maintenance
Stacey DeGarmo, Children & Youth
Robert Dennis, Public Safety
Haverly Detrick, Health Center Nursing
Wade Donahoo, Health Center Nursing
Jessica Dorazio, Controller
Tiffanni Downey, Children & Youth
Angela Duncan, Children & Youth
Jacob Dunston, Courts Data Processing
Nathaniel Garrett Ecker, Courts Data Processing
Thomas Elchin, Health Center Maintenance
Daniel Farquhar, Courts Data Processing
Sandra Ferry, Public Safety
Amy Fish, Children & Youth
Jacob France, Juvenile Probation
Timothy Fraysier, Parks & Recreation
Emily Fries, Children & Youth
Nathan Funk, Juvenile Probation
Elizabeth Gatta, Children & Youth
Keith Gembarosky, Correctional Facility Administration
James Gray, Health Center Nursing
Kayla Guta, Juvenile Probation
Kodie Hanley, Health Center Maintenance
Rhonda Hiller, Health Center Nursing
Jamie Huff, Health Center Nursing
Aimee Hvizdos, Juvenile Probation
Christopher Jursa, Information Technology

Lisa Kelley, Child Care Information
Richard King, Health Center Nursing
Elizabeth Kinsella, Judge Gilman
Joshua Kozak, Juvenile Probation
Diane Kuntz, D.J. Kanalis
Tonya Link, Health Center Nursing
George Liptak, Jr., Health Center Dietary
Abigail Marodi, Health Center Business Office
Andrew Matthews, Domestic Relations
Cassandra McFarland, Public Safety
Scott McFarland, Liquid Fuels
Michael Mihalov, Public Defender
Michelle Miller, Children & Youth
Tanner Moffa, Controller
James Musgrave, Juvenile Probation
Shari Musser, D.J. Kanalis
Alexander Myers, Chief Clerk
Michelle Myler, Children & Youth
Nathan Necciai, Parks & Recreation
Sara Necciai, Judge Emery
Sean Novotney, Sheriff
Marsha O'Hare, Health Center Nursing
Amanda Parsons, Public Safety
Taylor Patton, Children & Youth
Alison Pierson, Child Care Information
Trudy Polonoli, Public Safety
Amanda Puskarich, Clerk of Courts
Angie Reed, Health Center Nursing
Nicholas Roberts, Public Safety
Abid Rohail, Children & Youth
Tracey Rossa, Health Center Dietary
Daniel Royall, Parks & Recreation
Joshua Ruffing, Parks & Recreation
Ella Schaltenbrand, Children & Youth
Hannah Shaner, Health Center Social Services
Lisa Skidmore, Health Center Nursing
Erin Skrabski, Health Center Nursing Administration
Daniel Smith, Health Center Maintenance
Hannah Smereczniak, Correctional Facility
Administration
Shawna Stein, Chief Clerk
Anna Strnisha, Prothonotary
Maria Anne Strnisha, Prothonotary
Laura Sulikowski, Public Safety
Amy Szymanski, Children & Youth
Moffa Tanner, Controller
Trevor Tokach, Parks & Recreation
Danielle Tustin, Public Safety
Trisha VanWinkle, Children & Youth
Teresa Vandermark, Children & Youth
Mary Jane Vasko, Public Safety
Daniel Walnoha, Maintenance
Sean Walters, Domestic Relations
Nikaylin Weldy, Parks & Recreation
Adam Werhel, Community Service

Thomas Wilt, Correctional Facility Administration
Connie Wise, Health Center Rehab. Therapies
Macen Zavallo, District Attorney

Resigned:

Skakira Aitken, Correctional Facility Administration
Hannah Allender, Health Center Dietary
Krista Almo, Correctional Facility Security
Kyle Appleby, Correctional Facility Security
Evan Banasick, Community Service
Blake Birchmeier, Court Administrator
Ashlee Bossi, Public Safety
Shnesha Bout, Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
Dajour Bryant, Health Center Maintenance
Abigail Butterfield, Parks & Recreation
Camryn Cater, Health Center Nursing
Sylvia Cavallo, District Attorney
Dallas Cosgray, Liquid Fuels
Robert Crouch, Motor Pool
Derek Damich, Maintenance
Kathleen Dicks, District Attorney
Jessica D'Orazio, Controller
Angela Duncan, Children & Youth
Nathaniel Ecker, Courts Data Processing
Andrew Gallagher, Coroner
Joseph Gilbert II, Correctional Facility Security
Brian Gorman, Public Defender
Michelle Greenawalt, Children & Youth
Ashley Hahner, Juvenile Probation
Kodie Hanley, Health Center Maintenance
Marie Elizabeth Hatalowich, Children & Youth
Rhonda Hiller, Health Center Nursing
Dean Hodgdon, Parks & Recreation
Ashleigh Holmes, Health Center Nursing
Ashley Johnson, Health Center Nursing
Clay Johnson, Correctional Facility Security
Nadirah Joseph, Children & Youth
Thomas Keller, Children & Youth
Robert Leitsch, Information Technology
Terry Lesjak, Health Center Nursing
Tracy Long, Juvenile Probation
Jonathan Madaras, Public Safety
Abigail Marodi, Health Center Business Office
Andrew Mathews, Domestic Relations
Scott McFarland, Liquid Fuels
Julie McGee, Children & Youth
Sean McKnight, Juvenile Probation
Becky McQuillan, Health Center Housekeeping
Alexandra Myers, Chief Clerk
Nathan Necciai, Parks
Adam Nozum, Correctional Facility Security
Sarah Pagan, Judge Gilman

Manuel Pihakis, Sheriff
Carol Popielarczyk, Children & Youth
Amanda Puskarich, Clerk of Courts
Debra Richey, Parks
Joshua Ringer, Correctional Facility Security
Joshua Ruffing, Parks & Recreation
Alyssa Sauter, Children & Youth
Ella Schaltenbrand, Children & Youth
Hannah Shaner, Health Center Social Services
Erin Skrabski, Health Center Nursing Administration
Hannah Smereczniak, Correctional Facility Administration
Daniel Smith, Health Center Maintenance
Shawna Stein, Chief Clerk
Cody Stonesifer, Correctional Facility Security
Gina Straffin, Children & Youth
Maria Anne Strnisha, Prothonotary
Anna Strnisha, Prothonotary
Trevor Tokach, Parks
Keith Watson, Correctional Facility Security
Thomas Webster III, Correctional Facility Security
Nikaylin Weldy, Parks & Recreation
Adam Werhel, Community Service
Macen Zavallo, District Attorney

Retired:

Gregory Bagay, Correctional Facility Security
Deborah Borck-Chapman, Children & Youth
Gayle Dewolf, Health Center Housekeeping
Matthew Henderson, Jail Security
Lesa Hizenbaugh, Health Center Housekeeping
Mark Husak, Public Service
Thomas Jones, Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
Nancy McGee, Health Center Nursing
Darla Miller, Aging
Deborah Puskarich, Child Care Information Services
David Scott, Correctional Facility Security
Beverly Seich, Health Center Nursing
Beverly Wilson, Health Center Nursing

Newsletter Staff

Randi Ross Marodi, Commissioner Shober's Office
Stacey Allen, Adult Probation
J. Bracken Burns, Retired County Commissioner
Jeff Donahue, Parks & Recreation
Mike Edgar, Human Resources
Mary Helicke, Chief Clerk
Marie Higgins, Children & Youth Services
Abigail Marodi, Health Center
Pat Maxon, Human Resources
Lexi Myers, Chief Clerk's Office
Regina Osko, Human Resources
Wes Parry, Elections
Laura Radcliff, Correctional Facility
Abbey Rugola, Planning Department
Sandy Sabot, Child Care Information Services
Ella Schaltenbrand, Children and Youth Services
Hannah Smereczniak, Correctional Facility
Shawna Stein, Chief Clerk's Office
Anna Strnisha, Prothonotary
Maria Strnisha, Prothonotary
Cindy Zubchevich, Health Center

Reminder Events:



Washington County
**WELLNESS &
BENEFITS FAIR**
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

COURTHOUSE SQUARE
Rooms 103/104
11:30am - 1:30pm

WASHINGTON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER
Terrace Room
2:30pm - 4:00pm

For more information please contact:
Pat Maxon at maxonp@co.washington.pa.us
or 724.228.6933

All employees are encouraged to bring their
invitation to enter into a prize drawing.



Washington County

Highlights

STUDENT EDITION

Washington County
100 West Beau Street
Washington, PA 15301

