

Fayette County Cultural Trust Annual Report 2023



On May 19th, the Connellsville Canteen hosted the 5th grade class from Hatfield Elementary School. During their visit they learned about WWII.



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Cover: 5th Grade Hatfield Elementary School
visiting the Connellsville Canteen.

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The Fayette County Cultural Trust is a 501(c)(3) and its mission is to enrich the area's quality of life by promoting our cultural, artistic, historic and natural assets and by creating partnerships to revitalize communities and further economic development. The Downtown Connellsville initiative focuses on the historic preservation of Downtown Connellsville as well as promoting Connellsville as a great destination within the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. The Connellsville Canteen preserves the history of the Fayette County men and women who served not only in the War but at the homefront. The Rural Arts Collaborative was formed to place local professional artists into a classroom setting. The Fayette County Cultural Trust brings all walks of life together in the Fayette County area to preserve the history and collaborate working relationships with other like minded organizations.

The Connellsville Canteen is the only WWII Museum in Southwestern Pennsylvania. It is also the home of Harry Clark's Indian Creek Valley Railroad Display. Since opening, it has received the Pennsylvania Downtown Center award for community enhancement. The Canteen has also been visited by the *Travel Channel*, *Mysteries at the Museum* and News Center 4 from Cleveland, Ohio.



ConnellsvilleCanteen.org



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It is my privilege and honor to present this year's annual report, a testament to the remarkable journey of our organization over the past year. As we reflect on our achievements, challenges, and the path ahead, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who have contributed to our success.

2022 was marked by unprecedented challenges, from the ongoing global health crisis to economic uncertainties. Yet, despite these obstacles, we persevered and continued to make significant progress toward our mission and vision.

Our financial performance remained resilient, a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team. We continued to demonstrate our commitment to financial stability and sustainability, ensuring that our resources are well-managed and directed toward our strategic goals.

Our impact on our community is a source of pride. We undertook numerous initiatives to give back and make a positive difference. Whether it was through our community outreach programs or charitable partnerships, we strived to be a responsible and caring organization.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our employees, partners, and stakeholders. Your unwavering support and commitment have been instrumental in our success. I want to express my deep appreciation for your contributions, creativity, and resilience.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that 2023 will bring. We are well-positioned to build upon our achievements, adapt to changing circumstances, and achieve even greater milestones. We will continue to prioritize the values that define our organization: excellence, integrity, innovation, and a strong sense of purpose. Together, we can make a positive impact that resonates far beyond our organization.

Once again, thank you for your continued trust and support. It is an honor to serve as your president, and I am excited about the journey that lies ahead.

J. Michael Edwards
President

I would like to thank Somerset Trust, Tri State Capital and PNC Bank for supporting the Fayette County Cultural Trust through the Neighborhood Partnership Program. This is a great state program, administered through DCED, which provides so many different opportunities that help with the economic development of Connellsville! Connellsville has progressed over the years as we see more and more local entrepreneurs establish businesses here. The Great Allegheny Passage is one of the major economic drivers in this area as we have seen many visitors using the trail coming from all around the world.

I would also like to thank the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation for supporting the Rural Arts Collaborative Program. Through this initiative we have put many rural artists in local schools giving students a different perspective on being creative, the arts and culture. Would also like to thank those artists, teachers, students and schools who continue to make this initiative successful, and Carmelle Nickens for managing the program.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Fayette County Cultural Trust board members for their continued support. We could not be successful without your support and input.

As we progress into 2023 I see our future as being bright. We will continue pushing our economic initiatives, art programs and most importantly making the Connellsville Canteen WWII museum a premier WWII learning experience in southwestern Pennsylvania.

Daniel Cocks
Executive Director



Neighborhood Partnership Program

The Partnership is funded through the Pennsylvania Neighborhood Assistance Program, which is a tax credit program offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The program offers tax credits of 80% against applicable Pennsylvania business taxes to businesses who commit at least \$50,000 per year for over 6 years for an approved program.

The Fayette County Cultural Trust has three Neighborhood Partnership Program corporate partners which include PNC Bank, Somerset Trust Company and TriState Capital.



Allegheny Conference on Community Development Continued Support

The Allegheny Conference's Strengthening Communities Partnership (SCP) program assists communities to achieve stronger momentum in their economic transformation. Leaders representing communities, business and government are working collaboratively to create truly transformative economic development. Their program was created to concentrate private investment and help address disparities in many of the region's neighborhoods.

Since the program's inception in 2012, they have seen the tremendous impact these partnerships have, not only the buildings and vacant lots in these communities, but also, in the restoration of pride and hope in these communities.

The Conference helps build strong relationships between business and community leaders and has committed resources to assist our community partners. The Conference currently assist 16 communities. These communities are Beaver Falls, Bloomfield, City of Butler, Braddock, North Braddock, Rankin, Swissvale, Fineview, Perry Hill-top, Hazelwood, Hill District, Penn Hills, Homestead, W. Homestead, Munhall, Connellsville, Homewood, McKees Rocks, Mount Oliver, Knoxville, Sharpsburg, City of Washington, and Wilkinsburg.



Neighborhood Partnership Program Check Presentation



On January 23, 2023, the Fayette County Cultural Trust provided funding totaling \$23,500 to 7 Connelville Non-Profit Organizations. This funding comes from the State of Pennsylvania's (DCED) Neighborhood Partnership Program. We are very thankful to the businesses that support this program, especially Somerset Trust Company, TriState Capital and PNC Bank. We are also grateful to UPMC Health Plan for helping to fund this program through our first 6 years. Together, over the past 9 years we have given out a total of \$236,950 to these organizations which include: Connellsville Parks & Recreation; Connellsville K-9 Unit; Wesley Health Center; Connellsville Carnegie Free Library; Alternatives.Yes.

Neighborhood Partnership Program Partners

Connellsville Community Ministries

The Connellsville Community Ministries serves low income individuals and families. They operate a Care & Share Boutique and currently run the largest food pantry in the area. The Connellsville Community Ministries is managed by an executive director and a board of directors.



Neighborhood Partnership Program Partners

Connellsville Carnegie Free Library



The library opened its doors on April 30, 1903, thanks to the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, who believed that education is the cornerstone of success. At that time, Connellsville was the leading coke producer in the world and immigrants were flocking here to work in the mines and coke works. Built of sandstone in the Italianate manner, the building housed books and magazines and offered early patrons both educational and recreational reading, as well as musical evenings in the second floor auditorium. The library was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1981. Library patrons now have access to more than a million volumes including magazines, e-books, audio books, music and movies through the WAGGIN network.

Wesley Health Center



Wesley Church Health Center, Inc. (WHC), a mission of Wesley United Methodist Church, was founded in 1993 by the Rev. Eugene Ankeny and parishioner Dr. J. Miller Oppy. WHC has been in continuous operation since that time and is the only clinic in southwestern Pennsylvania that provides free primary health care for individuals without health insurance or who are underinsured. WHC is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors and a volunteer Executive Director. Part-time paid staff consists of a Nurse Practitioner, Office Manager, and a Medical Assistant. Dr. Mouhanad Al-Fakih is WHC's Medical Collaborator and, over the years, WHC has added services through collaborative agreements including those with Connellsville Counseling and Psychological Services for counseling, Dr. John Ellis for eye care, Dr. Francis Jacobyansky for dental care, and Excelsa Health's Frick Hospital for blood analysis. An elevator makes WHC's second floor accessible for additional services such as dental and vision screenings, patient education and health classes.

Connellsville Parks & Recreation

The Connellsville Parks & Recreation Board is responsible for enhancing community wellness through recreation, open space and natural resources. The Connellsville Recreation Board provides quality recreation opportunities for all citizens of Connellsville.



Neighborhood Partnership Program Partners

Connellsville Police Department

K-9 Unit

The Connellsville Police Department K-9 is a “dual-purpose” dog that is trained for patrol and narcotics detection. They also provide demonstration visits to the local schools.



Alternatives.Yes

Alternatives.Yes Pregnancy Support Center is a non-profit charitable organization that has been serving the community since 1987. They provide FREE and CONFIDENTIAL services to women and men experiencing a pregnancy or caring for an infant. Their trained client advocates and staff provide information to help you make an informed choice about your pregnancy. Feeling pressured? This is a big decision. Don't let anyone rush you. Give yourself the time to make an informed decision. They listen without judgment and offer a calm voice of understanding in the middle of your situation. Ours is a caring environment where you will feel comfortable and supported.



The Learning Lamp



The Learning Lamp's mission is to engage all children in the support they need to succeed. They believe success in the classroom is the foundation for success in life – and that no child should go without the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. Founded in 2003 with a single program, The Learning Lamp now serves thousands of children each year, working with families and schools to meet the needs of students.

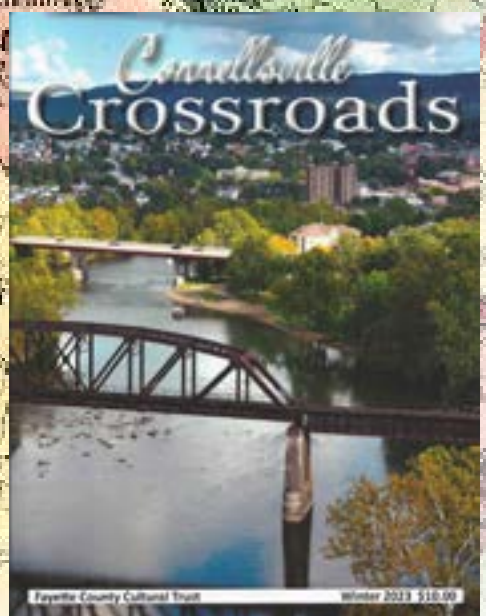
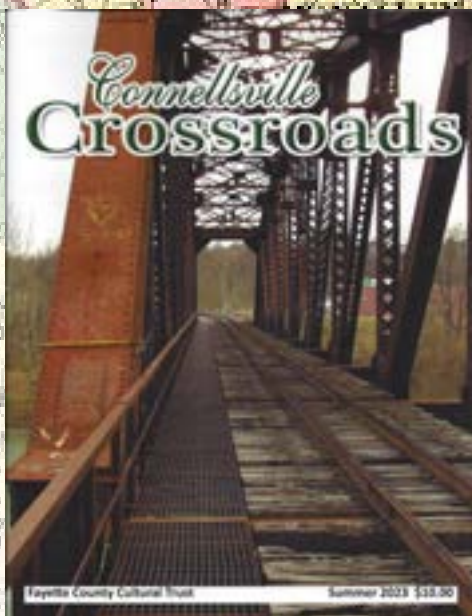
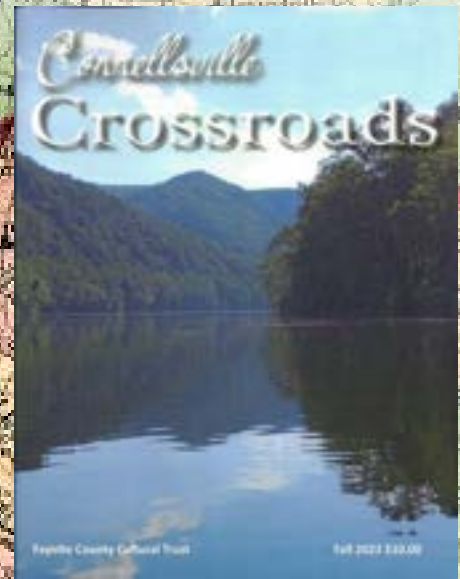
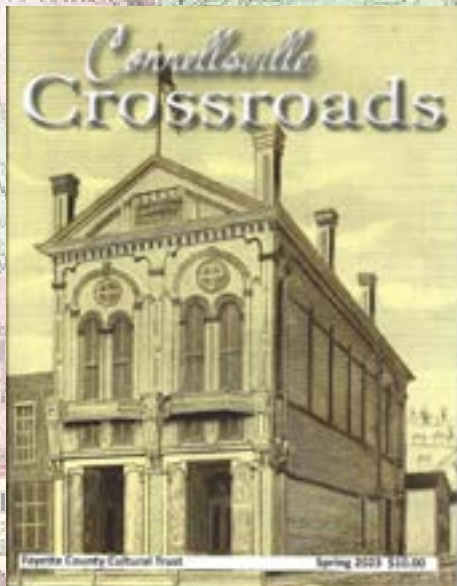


Fayette County Cultural Trust Better Together Initiative

The Fayette County Cultural Trust's Better Together Initiative brings together several local non-profit organizations every quarter. The goal of the program is to build and share knowledge through open dialogue and deep reflection around issues or problems—with a sharp focus on creating meaningful, measurable partnerships over time.

Connellsville Crossroads Magazine

The *Connellsville Crossroads* Magazine was first published in the Spring of 2009. The *Connellsville Crossroads* is printed quarterly. The magazine covers stories relating to the area's past, present and future. This year the magazine had a subscription base of 225 people from all around the country.



Fayette County Achievement in the Arts - 2023



16 April 2023
Penn State Fayette

The Fayette County Achievement in the Arts mission is to recognize, encourage and reward the advancement and achievement in music, theater and visual arts among high school students in Fayette County. The Achievement in the Arts program recognizes 3 students excelling in Music, Theater and Visual Arts from each of the school districts in Fayette County. The schools participating are Albert Gallatin High School, Brownsville Area High School, Connellsville Area High School, Frazier High School, Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School, Laurel Highlands High School and Uniontown Area High School. This initiative is a collaboration between the Fayette County Cultural Trust and local Rotary organizations. 2023 marked the 9th Annual.



Thank you to Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus for hosting this year's Fayette County Achievement in the Arts program at the Maggie Hardy Magerko Auditorium.

Thank you to this year's sponsors
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FayetteTrust.Org/Achievement-In-The-Arts.html



2023 student award winners include:

Albert Gallatin High School

Music - Seth Springsteen
Theater - Kaelyn Rozgony
Visual Arts - Madison Foley

Brownsville High School

Music - Brock Allen Vasbinder Jr.
Theater - Alysee Teeter
Visual Arts - Casey Moats

Connellsville Area High School

Music - Alexandra Huffman
Theater - Sophia Hamilton
Visual Arts - Payton Cooley

Frazier High School

Music - Trystan Strickler
Theater - Maura Eckman
Visual Arts - Nathaniel Chamberlain

Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School

Music - Gracie Rodriguez

Laurel Highlands High School

Music - James Ainsley
Theatre - Thomas Bradley
Visual Arts - Balley Lemansky

Uniontown Area High School

Music - Malcolm Patton
Theater - Avery Lax
Visual Arts - Sadie Harvey

Fayette County Train Day - Saturday May 13, 2023

The Fayette County Cultural Trust sponsors Fayette County Train Days. Visitors on this day can tour 7 scratch built train displays located throughout this area for free.

MONONGAHELA RIVER, RAILROAD & TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
412 Church Street
Brownsville, PA 15417
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The free museum will be featuring a diverse display layout by the Pittsburgh Eastern Railway Society.



MILLSBORO RAILROAD MUSEUM
Rear 119 Lark Avenue
Millisboro, PA 15340
724-664-4910
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1486 Victorian styled station built using a variety of original 19th century. Displays include a model of the Conrailville R&D train station (crafts from the West Penn Railway), and more.





The 2023 Fayette County Train Day will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

If you have a display located in Fayette County you'd like to include in the tour, please contact:

Fayette County Cultural Trust
139 W. Crawford Ave.
Cornellville, PA 15425
Email: fctrust@comcast.net
or call 724-320-6392

Thank You Bill Sechler for taking all the photographs.

FAYETTE COUNTY Cultural Trust
ART-CULTURE-HISTORY-EDUCATION

The Mission of the Fayette County Cultural Trust is to enrich the area's quality of life by promoting its cultural, artistic, historic, and natural assets and by creating partnerships to facilitate communities and further economic development.

Connellsville Canteen
café & museum

Connellsville Canteen Café & Museum
Cafe open Mon-Fri, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
World War II Museum



139 N. Duane Ave., Cornellville, PA 15425
724-320-6392 - fctrust.org

Fayette County TRAIN DAY

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Open Houses
FREE ADMISSION!




HARRY CLARK'S INDIAN CREEK VALLEY RAILROAD DISPLAY
Connellsville Canteen
131 West Crawford Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-625-3213 | ConnellsvilleCanteen.org
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If took Harry Clark 40 years to produce the phenomenal display. Everything is scratch-built, including the tracks! Seeing his 32 x 55 display will take you back to a simpler time.



HOGO CLUB RAILROAD DISPLAY
West Virginia Northern
Connellsville Community Center
201 East Fairview Avenue, Room 112
Connellsville, PA 15425
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Hogo Club started in 1985 and the display at the Connellsville Community Center is 7 1/2 ft. The track layout depicts the typical businesses and scenery from communities to which it ran.



HISTORY OF THE NATIONAL LOCOMOTIVE WORKS - CORNELLVILLE, PA

In the 1870's the National Locomotive Works, of Connellville Pennsylvania was formed by JOHN T SMITH. John was not new to locomotive design and construction having co-founded the firm of Smith & Butler in 1844 (precursor of the famous Pitler & Co.).

In 1870 John Smith formed a new alliance with George Dawson and the firm reorganized as "Smith & Dawson". The partnership was short lived as John withdrew from the firm a year later. The new reorganization brought William Bailey into partnership to form the new firm of "Bailey & Bailey". B&B was founded with a view to entering into the lucrative narrow-gauge market, in competition with Pitler, Bell & Co. and the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Pitler built narrow-gauge locomotives for industries as well as marine purposes. B&B focused on the growing narrow-gauge boom associated with maritime narrow-gauge development.

Through the 1870s, the firm of B&B became known as the "National Locomotive Works" or "National Locomotive & Machine Works" of Connellville.

National locomotives were generally small machines, of size consistent with the work of other, but with 2 axle of iron and swagons it keeping with the carrier shown and equipped firm on the star gear. Through the 1870s the most firm subcategory some 10-12 locomotives per year. It took during the slowest years of 1875, 74 and 77. National turned out more narrow-gauge locomotives than Lehigh, Grant and Conrail Combined. In 1875, Dawson left the firm amidst financial troubles, when the firm's major financial supporter fell on hard times. Bailey reorganized the firm as "B. J. Bailey & Co." and maintained business under the National Locomotive Works banner. At this time narrow-gauge markets began to rise and the financial stability of the firm was never again in issue. The firm ultimately failed in July 1878.



DAVID GARLICK RAILROAD DISPLAY
HO Scale
201 W. Allegheny Ave.
Basement (above town's Pub & Grub
Connellsville, PA 15425
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Although still under construction, the train are running on David Garlick's HO scale street. See Dave's different methods or techniques for supporting the track right-of-way on his layout.



TRE TOWN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
S SCALE
201 Main and Howell Streets
Dawson, PA 15428
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Scale-S modeler Tom Powers modeled his display after Southeastern Pennsylvania, donated by his family. The layout was created from connecting W&O to Dawson in 1878.





June 25 - June 28, 2023



PENNSYLVANIA
Downtown Center
• Since 1987 •

The Fayette County Cultural Trust attended the Downtown Pennsylvania Center’s Making Room - Housing for a Vibrant Community Revitalization Conference held in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

MAKING ROOM
Housing for a Vibrant Community

PA'S PREMIER REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE
JUNE 25-28, 2023 | SCRANTON

40+ Educational Sessions

NETWORK WITH HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AND PARTNERS FROM ACROSS PA



The Fayette County Cultural Trust has been working with the Pennsylvania Downtown Center on the Downtown Connellsville initiative. A blighted property survey was conducted and a Nature Based Placemaking program was discussed.

New Building Acquisition 139 West Crawford Avenue Fayette Entrepreneurship and Education Center



The Fayette county Cultural Trust saw the need for a multipurpose educational center equipped with a black box academy that would offer a versatile space for various activities and initiatives aimed at fostering learning, creativity, and community engagement. In 2023 the Trust bought the building next to the Connellsville Canteen, 139 West Crawford Avenue, with the intention of establishing the Fayette Entrepreneurship and Education Center. Some potential uses for the Trust's facility includes:

Youth Programs: The center offers youth programs and initiatives aimed at fostering creativity, self-expression, and confidence among young people. These programs may include after-school theater clubs, summer camps, and mentorship opportunities, providing a

safe and supportive environment for youth to explore the performing arts.

Cultural Exchange: The center serves as a venue for cultural exchange programs, hosting performances, workshops, and exhibitions featuring artists from diverse backgrounds and traditions. It promotes cross-cultural understanding and appreciation, enriching the cultural fabric of the community.

Professional Development: The center offers professional development opportunities for educators, artists, and arts administrators, including training sessions, seminars, and networking events. It supports the growth and development of individuals working in the performing arts field, fostering innovation and excellence.



Before the renovation
of a classroom



Same room
during renovation

Collaborative Projects: The center facilitates collaborative projects and partnerships between educational institutions, arts organizations, businesses, and community groups. It serves as a catalyst for creative collaborations, interdisciplinary projects, and community-driven initiatives that address local needs and priorities.

Educational Workshops: The center can host a wide range of educational workshops and classes, covering topics such as acting, directing, playwriting, set design, lighting, sound production, and stage management. These workshops provide hands-on learning experiences for participants of all ages and skill levels.

Community Events: The multipurpose center serves as a hub for community events, including lectures, panel discussions, film screenings, art exhibitions, and cultural festivals. It offers a welcoming space for residents to gather, connect, and celebrate the diverse talents and interests of the community.

Theater Productions: The black box theater provides a flexible space for staging theatrical performances, including plays, musicals, and experimental productions. It serves as a platform for students, local theater groups, and professional artists to showcase their

talents and entertain audiences.

Performing Arts Training: The center provides training and rehearsal space for performing arts groups, including theater companies, dance troupes, and music ensembles. It offers state-of-the-art facilities and equipment to support rehearsals, rehearsals, and performances, enhancing the quality and professionalism of local productions.

Overall, a multipurpose educational center with a black box theater serves as a dynamic and inclusive space for artistic expression, lifelong learning, and community enrichment. It fosters creativity, cultivates talent, and strengthens connections within the community, contributing to the cultural vibrancy and vitality of the region.

In 2023 renovations started and the Trust was able to renovate one of the rooms housing the Fayette Entrepreneurship and Education classroom. This classroom is equipped with a large screen TV, laptop computer and internet access. This room can hold up to 40 people. The Trust also moved the Native American Centers artifacts to the front of this space making easy access for visitors.



This photo shows the new space for the Native American display donated by WestPenn University of Pennsylvania and Fay Penn Economic Development. Because of this facility the artifacts were able to be displayed in the area that they were found.



Newly created classroom

An NAP was obtained to help with funding for this project which covered partial renovations. The NAP was funded by Tri-State Capital.



Downtown Connellsville



Downtown Connellsville Vision & Mission Statement
 Downtown Connellsville is an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust

Downtown Connellsville Vision Statement:

Connellsville is a community of rich natural and historic resources where all embrace: local history, the benefits of tourism centered on the Great Allegheny Passage and the Youghiogheny River, the beauty of the environment, the advantages of local services, businesses, artists and crafters; so that both the quality of life and vitality of businesses are improved through increased visitors and active members of the community.

Downtown Connellsville Mission Statement:

With the current business community, natural and historic resources and our cultural diversity as a solid foundation, the Downtown Connellsville Program will provide opportunities for existing and future businesses to expand and flourish by encouraging economic development and revitalization through the promotion of our heritage, the arts and tourism.

Downtown Connellsville produces two publications. The Welcome to Connellsville walking map which is placed in all overnight lodging facilities in Connellsville. This document has a map inside and lets visitors know how far participating restaurants and shops are to walk from the Hotel. The First City News is published each year. This publication keeps businesses informed of events and funding opportunities.



First City News
 Downtown Connellsville
 Downtown Connellsville is an initiative of the Fayette County Cultural Trust
 www.DowntownConnellsville.org
 Spring 2023

Thank you to those who have assisted in Downtown Connellsville this year!

Andy Cafe Braker Insurance Brad Marple's Restaurant Connellsville Chamber of Commerce Daughters of the American Colonies (DACL) Double Dragon Chinese Restaurant Elko BP 523 Rex's Glass Company Lattley Construction Co. SAC Consulting	T.A. Nelson Bar Lites Trinity Lutheran Church Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11	Gerry & Judy Howell Charles Haines Judy Fain Linda Galardi Karen Hinkle Ted & Hylin Kozell Alan Kuben Ron Shaffer Marilyn Werner
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UCC Building Permits Bill Whetzel 724-277-6201
 Permits can be obtained at City Hall or online.
 Occupancy Permits & Building Permits
 Connellsvillearc.com/permits-occupancy-permits

Please Welcome The New Downtown Business:

- Happy Foot Shoewear - 401 West Crawford Avenue
- The Mason Jar - 405 West Crawford Avenue
- Frederic Dance Center - New Location
126 West Crawford Avenue
- The Stars Center - New Location
156 West Crawford Avenue

Ribbon Cutting

Downtown Connellsville offers new and existing businesses located in the downtown area, that are not Charitable Members ribbon-cutting events. If you are a new business and want to attract more attention at your grand opening please contact us at 724-216-4516.

In addition to ribbon cutting events we also offer signage and facade matching funds. We will match up to \$250 on signage and up to \$1,000 on facade work. This year we are also matching up to \$1,000 for sidewalk improvement projects in the designated downtown area. Applications must be received before any work is started. Please check with the city of Connellsville for their Sign Ordinance and get their approval before contacting us. Everyone that receives funds from Downtown Connellsville is required to fill out a W-9. For more information please see our web page at DowntownConnellsville.org/signage-and-sign-matching-funds

FIRST FRIDAYS

Emily Koltun, from Y10, the Mind & Body Exchange, has started a First Friday's Initiative. If you are a business in the Connellsville Community and would like to join in the First Friday fun please contact Emily at ekoltun@mindandbody.com.

Downtown Connellsville maintains many concrete planters located throughout the designated downtown area along Pittsburgh Street and Crawford Avenue.



Thank you to Angie's Flower Garden, located at 1108 Springfield Pike, Connellsville for donating some of this year's plants for the downtown planters.

In 2023, Downtown Connellsville matched up to \$1000 for facade work, and up to \$250 for signage.

Downtown Connellsville Youth-Ville Initiative

Downtown Connellsville created a page just for the youth of the city on the Downtown Connellsville web site. This page lists all sorts of thing for the younger generation to do in the city and the surrounding areas.

DowntownConnellsville.org/youthville

Downtown Connellsville provided two new downtown businesses with a ribbon cutting ceremony in 2023



Basinger Rehabilitation and Wellness

Please join us on
Friday, 19 May 2023 - 12:00 pm
for a Ribbon Cutting

650 West Crawford Avenue
Connellsville



Please join Downtown Connellsville in welcoming
Appalachian Creativity Center
to their new location!



More than just an art gallery!!!

136 South Pittsburgh Street, Connellsville, Pennsylvania

Please join us for an Open House / Ribbon Cutting on
Saturday, 08 July 2023 at 9:00 am



Downtown Connellsville - Soup Walk & Chili Walk

Each year Downtown Connellsville hosts a spring Soup Walk and fall Chili Walk. This year marked the 8th annual for both events. These events raised money for Downtown Connellsville initiatives as well as encouraged people to walk around downtown to visit shops and restaurants.

Downtown Connellsville Simply Soup – Soup Walk

		Soup
1	Connellsville Community Center 201 East Fairview Avenue	Bacon & Bean Kickstand Kitchen
2	Christian Church 212 South Pittsburgh Street	Broccoli Cheddar & Chicken and Rice (Sandwiches Available) Stone House Restaurant
3	Fox's Pizza Den 121 North Pittsburgh Street	Wedding Soup
4	Wavie & Janes 121 West Apple Street	Beef Vegetable
5	Clubhouse Pizza 130 West Crawford Avenue	Homemade Potato Soup
6	Connellsville Canteen 131 West Crawford Avenue	WWII Wedding Soup
7	O'Donnell's Pub 128 South Arch Street	Irish Cabbage & Bacon Soup
8	Keedy's Pizzeria 512 West Crawford Avenue	Sicilian Chicken Soup



**Downtown Connellsville
8th Annual
Chili Walk**

Saturday, 04 November 2023

11 am – 2 pm

**Tickets Available At:
Participating Establishments
\$10 Each**

Clubhouse Pizza – Pizza Supreme
- 130 West Crawford Avenue

Connellsville Canteen – Foxhole Chili
- 131 West Crawford Avenue

Fox's Pizza Tavern – Homestyle Chili
- 121 North Pittsburgh Street

Keedy's Pizza – Sweet & Tangy
- 512 West Crawford Avenue

Kickstand Kitchen – White Chicken Chili
- 507 West Crawford Avenue

O'Donnell's Pub – O'Donnell's Sweet Chili
- 128 South Arch Street

Wavie & Janes – Korean Chili
- 121 West Apple Street

Appalachian Creativity Center – Sweet & Spicy
- 156 South Pittsburgh Street

Money raised benefits Downtown Connellsville Initiatives

Downtown Connellsville Events

Downtown Connellsville Promotions Committee

The Fayette County Cultural Trust has been working with Punxsutawney Amish donut makers. They have been coming to Connellsville for over 4 years making fresh donuts during the summer. This event draws hundreds of people to downtown Connellsville.



H&R Block Parking Lot
Downtown Connellsville

The Amish will be making

Toasted Coconut
Maple Glazed
Vanilla Glazed
Cinnamon Sugar
Sugar
Plain



Saturday's
June 6, 27
July 18
August 8, 29
September 19
October 17, 31
8 am – 4 pm

2023



It's a Connellsville Christmas



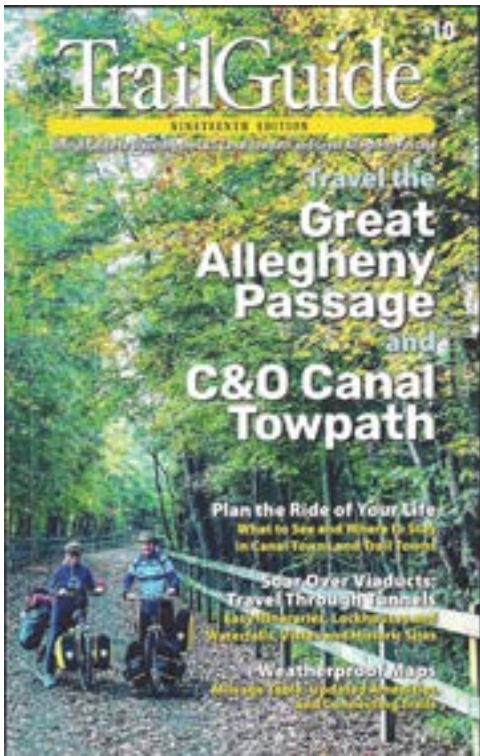
At the end of each year, the Downtown Connellsville Promotions Committee plans It's a Connellsville Christmas. This event is a city wide open house and encompasses Breakfast with Santa, a Christmas Parade, Non-Profit Cookie Sales, Church Tours, Live Nativity, I'll be Gnome for Christmas Scavenger Hunt, and other activities for children.

BREAKFAST WITH Santa
December 2 & 16 - 2023
9 am – 11 am
\$15 Adults - \$10 Children (10 and under)
(plus tax)
Enjoy a scrumptious buffet style breakfast and a visit with Santa!
Reservations only
Limited to 40 people per breakfast
To secure a seat payment must be made in advance.

Connellsville CANTEEN
café & museum
131 W Crawford Ave, Connellsville, PA 15425
724.603.2093 ConnellsvilleCanteen.org

Downtown Connellsville Advertising

Downtown Connellsville advertised the city of Connellsville in the Trail Guide. This Trail Guide is published for users of the Great Allegheny Passage.



CONNELLSVILLE HAS IT ALL

History and Museums	Bike and Gift Shops	Hospital
Restaurants and Lodging	Art and Antiques	Concerts and Events

2023 LOCAL EVENTS

Polar Bear Jump - January 7	Red, White and Beers - July 12 and 13
Downtown Connellsville Soup Walk - March 11	St. Rita's Festival - July 6, 7 and 8
Tough River Trail Race - April 15	Woodruff 5K Run - July 21
Connellsville Yard Sale - May 4	Temple of the Brew - October 7
Artists Bonnets - May 6	YEC Fall Foliage Walk - October 7
Links Club Rubens Clinic - May 10	Downtown Connellsville Club Walk - November 1
Fayette County Train Day - May 11	It's a Connellsville Christmas - December 1
Tough River Rally - June 2, 3 and 4	
Links Club Concert Series - September, October, November	
Bradford's Grilling - June 24-25	
Somerset Trail Car Show - June 27	

www.connellsville.us
www.downtownconnellsville.org

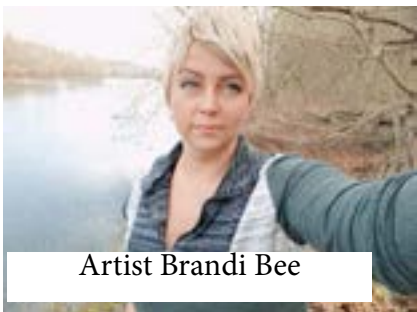


A project of the Fayette County Cultural Trust, the Connellsville Canteen has been operating since 2012 and is the only museum in Southwestern Pennsylvania dedicated to preserving the history of WWII. Since opening, the Canteen has hosted several school field trips, mystery tours from out of state tour groups, the *Travel Channel*, news teams from Ohio, and has received an asset enhancement award from the Pennsylvania Downtown Center. The Canteen continues to be the hub of education in the area with its programming to include Lunch & Learns, Dinner & Dialogues, educational partnerships with the Heinz History Center and other organizations. In 2017, the Connellsville Canteen was awarded the Asset Enhancement Award from the state through the Pennsylvania Downtown Center.

On May 19, 2023 the Connellsville Canteen hosted the 5th grade class from Hatfield Elementary School. During their visit they learned about WWII.



The Connellsville Canteen New Roof & Dormers



Artist Brandi Bee

In 2023 we were able to put a new roof on the Connellsville Canteen and also make the building more architectually correct by adding 6 dormers on the roof to make the building look more like a victorian train station. In the dormer windows we hired a local artist, Brandi Bee, to paint 1940's themes in each window. The funding from the Trust for this project was matched by the Allegheny Foundation.



Connellsville Canteen before the new roof and dormers



Harry Clark's Indian Creek Valley Railroad Display at the Connellsville Canteen

Connellsville Canteen - Educational Programming

FREE
GARDEN WORKSHOP:
WATERSHEDS & RAIN BARRELS

SAVE MONEY by watering your garden with RAIN WATER!
 Conserve water & value resources
 #WATERSHED AWARENESS

Saturday, March 18, 2023 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Workshop by Pennsylvania Resources Council Education staff
 Community environmental program sponsored by
 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

Connellsville Canteen
 131 W Crawford Ave
 Connellsville, PA 15425

Open to Connellsville area residents only

Cost: FREE, includes 55-gal rain barrel
 Limited space. Register at prc.org/connellsville-free

A Garden Workshop: Watersheds and Rain Barrels Workshop was hosted at the Connellsville Canteen on Saturday March 18th. The presentation was given by Nancy Martin - Education Program Coordinator with the Pennsylvania Resources Council.



Breakfast with the Colonial Easter Bunny

Saturday – 1 April 2023
 8 am – 10 am
 Adults - \$18.00
 Bunnies 4 – 8 \$12.00
 Baby Bunnies 3 and under \$3.00
Connellsville Canteen

Buffet Menu Includes

- Pancakes
- Syrup & Whipping Cream
- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon & Sausage
- Stir Fried Potatoes
- Toast/Butter
- Orange Juice
- Milk
- Coffee



Take your own photos with the Bunny!!
 RSVP: 724-603-2093
 Payment must be received prior to event



Lunch & Learn sessions at the Connellsville Canteen

Lunch & LEARN **Connellsville Canteen**
 cafe & museum
 131 W Crawford Ave, Connellsville, PA 15425
 Tuesday, January 17, 2023 - 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

What's in store for 2023?

Accounting Solutions for 2023

Bryan Kead with **Kead & Associates PC** will discuss what's in store for 2023. Accountancy speaking.

At Kead & Associates PC, our mission is simple: to support your business at every stage of success. Our combination of accounting, tax and technology expertise enables us to create unique solutions that help clients improve profitability, expand into new markets, and make better business decisions. We value long-term partnership with our clients, and have relied on Kead & Associates for over twenty years.

As 2023 begins with continued uncertainty and volatility in government and the stock market, businesses and individuals need to contemplate how to plan for another year that promises to bring another set of challenges. More so than ever, navigating this post-pandemic economy, the key to success and financial stability is being proactive and adaptable. Changes to individual, business and retirement taxation, retirement and estate planning, business and individual tax compliance and planning are all to play. It is never too early to begin preparing for minimizing taxes and maximizing financial performance.

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023 • 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Open to Opportunity: Harness the Power of Openness for a Year of Growth

With Mj Callaway



"Are you Open to Opportunity?" In today's competitive and rapidly-changing business environment, an open mindset becomes essential. Without openness, you face three risks that could harm your professional development and innovation. Discover the advantages of being "Open to Opportunity" and what can happen when you designate the word "OPEN" as your acronym theme for the year. You'll get three simple strategies you can implement daily to cultivate an open mindset for a productive and prosperous year.

About Mj Callaway, CCMS, CSP, CVP

Corporate trainer and motivational speaker Mj Callaway is an award-winning author of 12 books and founder of the Bounce-Up® Concept. During the last seven years, she's consulted with the amazing leaders of Fayette County Non-Profit Partnership. Mj's sales experience includes selling three times her annual quota as the only female sales executive in the Top Five for a national builder. She's a certified Change Management Specialist, Certified Sales Professional, and Certified Virtual Presenter. She's earned a Holistic Excellence certificate from Point Park University. Her popular book, Bounce-Up: Out-power Adversity, Boost Excellence, Refocus Higher, has been endorsed by the Healthy Workplace Institute's CEO.

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Cybersecurity with Brandon Eckert



Brandon will discuss common social engineering tactics that cyber criminals use against victims, and how to avoid them. Social engineering is the term used for a broad range of malicious activities accomplished through human interactions. It uses psychological manipulation to trick victims into making security mistakes or divulging sensitive information.

Brandon is the Senior Vice President, Information Security Officer at TriState Capital Bank in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In this role, he is responsible for implementation and management of the bank's information security program. Brandon has nearly 20 years of experience across multiple roles in information technology and cybersecurity.

Brandon holds multiple industry certifications such as Certified Chief Information Security Officer (CCISO), Offensive Security Web Expert (OSWE), Offensive Security Certified Professional (OSCP), GIAC Cyber Threat Intelligence (GCTI), GIAC Information Security Professional (GISP), GIAC Certified Forensic Examiner (GCFE), CEAC Certified Incident Handler (CCEI), and GIAC Security Essentials (GSEC). He is a member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Infragard, a co-op between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and critical infrastructure. He is also on the Global Information Assurance Certification Advisory board.

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Tuesday, May 23, 2023 • 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

SECURING SOCIAL SECURITY
Presented by the Laurel Highlands Wealth Advisory Group of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC and Victor Koppen with Franklin Templeton.

As you near retirement, deciding on a strategy for claiming social security benefits might not be as simple as you have needed long enough to earn the required number of credits and never married. However, when you will have two-income couples, divorce, retirement income planning and many other factors factor into the mix—the decisions become very complicated. Making the wrong choices can result in less income for the rest of your life.

With the Laurel Highlands Wealth Advisory Group of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC for a presentation to learn more about potentially complex situations including:

- When to consider claiming Social Security benefits
- How being married, divorced, or widowed can impact your benefits
- How to potentially give your Social Security a boost
- How benefits for one spouse can be affected with when and how the other spouse files

This presentation will help to educate you on the many decisions involved in claiming Social Security benefits.

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023 • 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Your Business



The Good, the Bad & the Really Exciting!

- How non-tech firms are using AI
- What even "Mom & Pop" shops need to know
- How to survive if you are "not a techy" person

Let will share case examples of how AI has impacted nearly every industry and why now is the time to get on board and stay informed. Ready or not: AI is here and it is coming for your business!



Iyana Marshall, MBA, Doctoral Candidate, Doctor of Business Administration Assistant Professor of Business Director, Wulrich Center for Entrepreneurial Opportunities Seton Hill University

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Tuesday, July 18, 2023 • 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Get Designated with Sustainable Pittsburgh!



Rebecca Byloski
Senior Program Manager, Sustainable Pittsburgh
SustainablePittsburgh.org/recognition-programs/





Join nearly 300 southwestern PA businesses and organizations being recognized for their efforts to build more vibrant, equitable communities and support a healthy environment.

Come learn how Sustainable Pittsburgh can help you...

- Manage resources more efficiently.
- Source products more responsibly.
- Attract more satisfied employees and customers.
- Reduce costs and increase visibility with customers.

Rebecca will share information about grant opportunities available through Sustainable Pittsburgh's recognition programs, explain how the programs work, and show you how earning designation can benefit your business.

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Tuesday, September 19 2023
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Reach More Customers Online with Google

Joshua Miller | PA Digital Coach

Grow with Google



Learn how your business can be found online with Google. This workshop explains how Google Search works and how you can improve a website's visibility with Search Engine Optimization (SEO). The session also introduces products like Google Business Profile, Google Trends, Search Console, Google Ads, and more.

In this workshop we'll discuss best practices for:

- Improving your website's visibility in Google's organic search results, on all devices
- Creating a free Google Business Profile
- Advertising your business on Google

Presentation will be from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
Presentation is FREE, but you must RSVP.

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Get Your Local Business on Google Search and Maps

Joshua Miller | PA Digital Coach

Grow with Google



Showing up when customers are searching online is more important than ever. Ensure customers can find accurate, updated information about your local business on Google Search and Google Maps, no matter which device they use. In this workshop, you will learn how to create and manage a Google Business Profile from start to finish.

In this session we'll show you how to:

- Create or claim your Google Business Profile
- Manage your business info across Google Search and Maps
- Use your Business Profile to connect with potential customers

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Tuesday, November 21, 2023 • 12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.


**Global Economic Trends
The Key Indicators of Progress**

Dr. Debasish "Deb" Chakraborty
Dean, School of Business
Seton Hill University





An Economist by Training. Dr. Debasish earned a Ph.D. in international finance from the University of Pittsburgh. Teaching and Research interest lies in the area of international trade and finance. Before coming to Seton Hill, he worked for Central Michigan University, as a Professor of Economics, Director of MBA Program and Assistant Dean. He consulted for General Motors, Chrysler Corporation and Tata Consultancy Services. His recent research interest lies in the area of Big Data and Internet of Things on managerial decision making.

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WWII Drug Use Display



Book Signing
 Larry Buttermore – Over & Back
 Donna Defelice – Amen, Amen, Amen
Saturday, 19 August 2023
 11 am – 1 pm
 Connellsville Canteen
 131 West Crawford Avenue

The Canteen Café will be open
Saturday, 19 August
 8 am – 2 pm

A chance encounter with a former high school acquaintance leads to a mystery that twists and turns through history, draft dodging, and a murder plot. Larry and Barb are a typical American couple who love their family, travel, and each other. Their life together is a series of ups and downs, career changes, the uncertainty of living through the Vietnam War era, children, and the joy of living.

Until one day, they were on vacation in Petoskey, Michigan, when Larry hears a familiar voice coming from the high booth directly behind him in a local pub. He gets up to investigate and finds Tony, a high school classmate, from Connellsville, Pa. When he tries to reconnect with him, Tony denies knowing him and becomes agitated. Larry decides to take a photo, which totally sets Tony off. A dozen coonerd' cooh things down and that seems to end things.

Puzzled, they head back to their campsite, only to strike up a conversation with a young man in a neighboring site. They exchange pleasantries and start showing each other photos on their phones. Inadvertently, the photo of Tony appears and the young man sees it. This sets off a series of events that pull Larry and Barb into a web of deceit where Tony seems the bad guy, but ends up being a victim.

A fictional mystery that draws its background from the author's own travel and life experiences, Over and Back will take you on a thrilling adventure as Larry and Barb work to solve a mystery and stop a murderer.

God has a promise for you! This book provides a powerful message from a journey into the supernatural. Learn the keys to overcoming your trials! Start your life journey toward a peaceful mind today! Inside this book, you will experience my path to my purpose through prayer and revelation. God has a promise for everyone, no matter where you are in life. After reading this book, I am very confident that you will walk away with a better understanding of the supernatural and the tools to overcome every battle you encounter here on out. Non-stop excitement and battles will keep any reader feeling engaged throughout! Try not to read this book in the library; by the end of this novel, you will be overcome with joy and shout, "Amen, Amen, Amen!"



Larry Buttermore



Donna Defelice



Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC hosted a free Veterans Appreciation Breakfast at the Connellsville Canteen on 10 November 2023. This breakfast was attended by over 100 area veterans.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast

Free Breakfast for one veteran and a guest

Veterans Day

10 November 2023

Connellsville Canteen
131 West Crawford Avenue
Connellsville, PA 15425

THANK YOU!

2 Seatings Available: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Please RSVP by calling the Connellsville Canteen at 724-603-2093



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Rural Arts Collaborative Placing teaching artists in schools.

Started in 2012 and after a year of conversations and planning with funding from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, the Rural Arts Collaborative (RAC) Arts Education Project was formed. The premise behind the RAC project approach was to recruit Teaching Artists to work in school districts in Southwestern Pennsylvania counties, with the intent to infuse a diverse arts education approach into existing curriculum, enhance social and cognitive learning for students, and contribute to sustained partnerships amongst educators, artists and students in the region, particularly in those schools which were experiencing cut-backs or entire elimination of their arts programs.

The Fayette County Cultural Trust has been the force to build a strong home for the RAC on that original foundation, and the project continues to flourish in Southwestern Pennsylvania school districts with continuing support from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and additional funding from the Community Foundation of Fayette County, Chevron and EQT. We are ever grateful to our funders, supporters and schools for believing in this project that has made a difference for so many students in our region.



Rural Arts Collaborative
Founder and Manager
Carmelle Nickens



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Participating artists include:

Diane Adams
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Michael McKowen
Laura Jean McLaughlin
James Moore
Frank Morgan
Jess Reger
Michelle Sophia Sabol

James Simon
Heather Snyder
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Nancy Tirone
Codi Yoders Vanata
Robert Villamagna

Art Organizations

Attack Theatre
Bricolage



Rural Arts Collaborative - 2021 - 2022 Participating Schools

2021-2022

Bobtown Elementary, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021 - 2022
Carmichaels Middle School, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021- 2022
Waynesburg Campus School, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021- 2022
Margaret Bell Miller Middle School, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021- 2022
West Greene Elementary School, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021- 2022
West Greene High School, Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2021- 2022
Washington High School, Washington County, Pennsylvania - 2021 - 2022
Fayette County Career & Technical Center, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2021 - 2022
Johnstown High School, Cambria County, Pennsylvania - 2021 - 2022
Capital City HS, Kanawha County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Notre Dame HS, Harrison County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Capon Bridge Middle School, Hampshire County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Stratton Elementary, Raleigh County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Monongah Middle School, Marion County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Berkley Springs High School, Morgan County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022
Paden City HS, Wetzel County, West Virginia - 2021 - 2022 (Full Year)

2022 – 2023

Jefferson County Elementary School, Jefferson County, West Virginia - 2022
Albert Gallatin School District, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Brooke County Middle School, Wellsburg, West Virginia - 2022 - 2023
Brownsville School District, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Frazier School District, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Fayette CTI, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Laurel Highlands, Fayette County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Contemporary American Theatre Festival (CATF) - Jefferson County, West Virginia - 2022 - 2023
Southeast Greene - Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Central Greene- Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Jefferson - Morgan - Greene County, Pennsylvania - 2022 - 2023
Greensburg - Salem Middle School - Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 2022 - 2023

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50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War Bringing “The Wall That Heals” to Fayette County



Hosts
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This year we started planning for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. 49 soldiers from Fayette County were killed in action during that war.

The Fayette County Cultural Trust and Penn State Fayette have partnered together to host The Wall That Heals at Penn State next year. The Wall That Heals is a project of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund out of Washington DC.



50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War
Come and visit THE WALL THAT HEALS
Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus
October 12 - 15, 2023
FayetteTrust.org/wall-that-heals-2023

Volunteer Opportunities
Would you like to volunteer to help set up the Memorial, Give Tours & Greet Visitors? Opportunities are available from October 11 - 15 This memorial will be open to the public 24 hours a day.
VolunteerSignup.org/R4Y4RQ

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The Fayette County Cultural Trust (“FCCT”) uses the calendar year for IRS 990 and audit reporting purposes. As such, FCCT incorporates two financial cycles in this annual financial report. The IRS/audit calendar year reporting runs from January 1st through December 31st and Pennsylvania’s fiscal year for grant management is a 12 month period that runs from July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the following year. Pennsylvania’s Neighborhood Partnership tax credit program is based on the state’s fiscal year. The financial information reported in this annual financial report for this program only reflects a portion of the income/expense from each state fiscal cycle (the 2nd half of the 2022-23 cycle and the first half of the 2023-24 cycle). Annually, this may result in some years showing a surplus or a deficit resulting from timing differences related to expenses incurred that do not match up in the same calendar year as the receipt of the related grant funding. Any questions may be directed to the FCCT office.

The official registration and financial information of the Fayette County Cultural Trust, Inc. (EIN: 65-1283985), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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