

The Open Arms Drop-In Helpful Center News

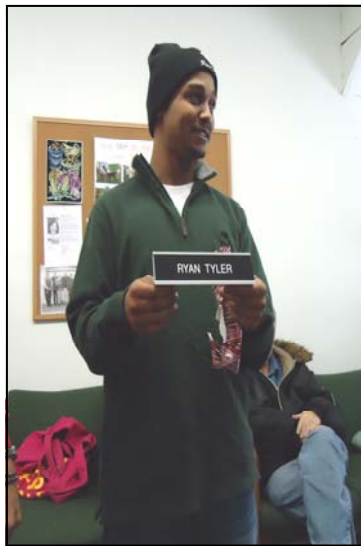
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Special points of interest:

- July 8— WRCSP
- July 18—CSP Meeting
- July 21—Steering Committee Meeting @ DIC
- July 29—Rain Day Celebration
- August 12—WRCSP
- August 15—CSP Meeting
- August 18—Steering Committee @ DIC

Congratulations to Our Greene County Leadership in Recovery Award Winner



Congratulations to **Ryan Tyler**, who was the recipient of this year's Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania's Leadership in Recovery Award for Greene County. Ryan was nominated by Jim Womeldorff. Value Behavioral Health would also like to recognize **Charles Crawford** and **Earnest Lancaster**, who were nominated for this award. Congratulations, and may you have continued success in your recovery journeys!



Submitted by Jolene Loncaric

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On May 23, 2011, the Drop-In Center moved from 24 N. Washington Street to 30 N. Washington Street. Since the move we have welcomed seven new members! Having more space helps us gain new members and expand our business. Angela, our newest employee, asked some of our members what they loved about the new center.

I love the whole thing. - Donniss

It's beautiful inside and I like Sharon and Wilma.

- Janet T.

It's bigger and has two bathrooms. - Robin

It's bigger and brighter because of the color.

- John L.

More space and I just love being here. - Nellie



Submitted by Angela Blouir and Jolene Loncaric

Open Arms Drop-In Center Updates

☞ We moved into our new space at 30 N. Washington Street and we love our new center! It is twice as big, with a lot of room for activities. Stop and see us Tuesday through Friday, 11am to 4pm.



☞ The Recovery Rally and our Second Annual Picnic was held at Lions Club Park. It was a beautiful day until 3pm when it started to storm. We had a blast and 42 people attended.

☞ The Steering Committee met and planned details for our Open House on June 24th. **Walk Works** will also begin July 8th from the Drop-In Center.

I will give you an update in each publication of our newsletter. Check us out on the web at: <http://www.wix.com/openarmsdropincenter/openarms>.

Look for our newsletter next month for more updates!

Submitted by Sharon Marchaza



Rain Day Celebration

It has been predicted as far back as 1874 to expect rain on July 29th. According to public records, it has rained 112 times out of the past 136 years.

Downtown Waynesburg is where all the Rain Day festivities are held. They have dancing, Battle of the Bands, Miss Rain Day, and many other activities.

I like to walk around High Street and explore different booths. I try different booths and sign up for

different things. I have even worked at a couple of booths throughout the years. I haven't missed a year since 1991... well, maybe two at the most. One should NEVER give up an annual tradition!

Submitted by Daniel S. Latanation Jr.



July and August Birthdays



The Helpful Center News would like to congratulate all the consumers who have a birthday in July and August. Following is a list of the birthdays:

Crystal D. - July 6
Doris T. — July 13
Daniel L. - July 24

Bill S. -- July 22
Karissa B.—August 16
Betsy R.—August 26



What Independence Day Means to Me

As a child, I can remember my older sister Deanna taking her three children and myself to watch the fireworks at Hills Department Store in Star City. I used to love and enjoy the beautiful colors, arrangements and designs of the fireworks and watch the fireworks on the news. We always had cookouts on the July 4th holiday.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed.

It was signed by many important people, including Presidents of the United States.

On July 4, 1826, two famous Presidents died on Independence Day at the same time—John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, 50 years after they signed the Declaration of Independence.

Independence day is still celebrated with fireworks, picnics, concerts, etc.

*Submitted by
Daniel S Latanation Jr.*



Save the Date for
Value Behavioral
Health of
Pennsylvania's 5th
Annual Family Forum
on October 13, 2011 at
Westmoreland County
Community College!
*More details will follow
soon ... stay tuned.*

11th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum

Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania hosted its 11th Annual Consumer Recovery Forum on Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Pittsburgh Marriott North. This year's forum featured an inspiring keynote address by Randy Overly, various educational workshops, and the Leadership in Recovery Award Ceremony.

*Submitted by
Jolene Loncaric*



Greene County Fair



The initial Greene County Fair was held about 1867. It took place where the Waynesburg University Stadium currently is. They had livestock, home and garden exhibits and gambling.

From 1902-1910 there was no fair in Waynesburg. In 1911

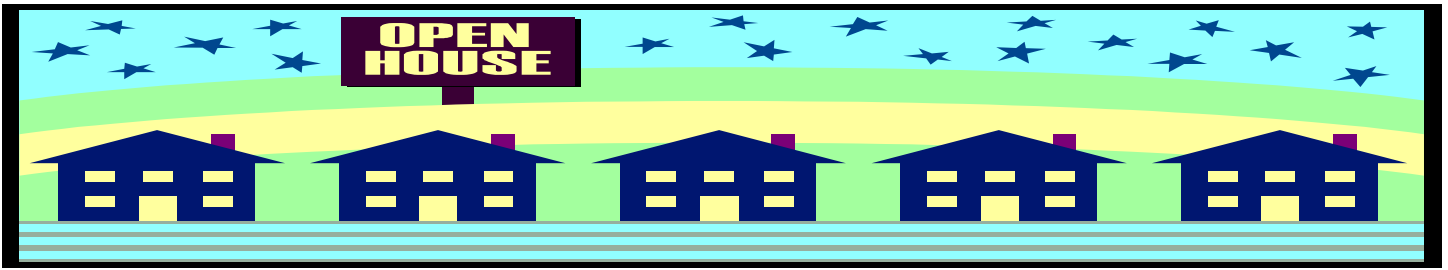
the fairground that we have now was bought from R.S Sayers. The fair then was held in October.

Today the fair is the first week in August. There are a lot of exhibits, livestock, horse racing, bull riding and roping

competitions as well as carnival rides.

*Submitted by
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Open House

On June 24, 2011, the Open Arms Drop-In Center had our Open House. Overall it went very well and we had a lot of success! A lot of providers and members attended. Snacks and refreshments were served. Members had their usual day eating their lunch, socializing with other members, and playing bingo and Wii. The Open Arms Drop-In Center would love to thank Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania for our beautiful, spacious center. Also a special thanks to Dick Peltier, CFO of Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, for his efforts in helping us get a bigger center.

Submitted by Angela Blouir



The door to the Open Arms Drop-In Center in Waynesburg opened on February 3, 2004, thanks to Value Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania and Greene County Human Services. Now Greene County residents 18 years of age and older, who currently have or have had a mental health issue, can socialize and learn. There are games, puzzles, bingo, and just a chance to chat. Members have the opportunity to improve social skills and to develop and maintain healthy relationships in a safe and friendly atmosphere.