YWCA Dragons Girls Field Hockey Team, winners of the 2020 Sportswomen of the Year Award for Girls Sports Team of the Year (Grades 6-8).

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Mission: We are dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

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STRONG ALONE, FEARLESS TOGETHER

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Vision: We live and work in a community that embraces equity, acceptance, and diversity and in which women and girls have opportunities for enrichment and advancement.
MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Serving as interim executive director through COVID-19 has been quite an experience! Everyone has been forced to make changes in their lives due to this pandemic. The YWCA is also making positive changes that will support our mission and welcome people to be a member of our YWCA family.

Our doors are open to the public as we continue to follow the CDC’s guidelines. We welcome everyone back to the YWCA. The Thrift Shop is open and overflowing with donations! Our first cohort of YWCAmakers graduated on June 3rd and their items are for sale in the Makers Corner at our Thrift Shop. The book shed is beyond full! We will be having a Summer Used Book Sale in the mansion on July 30, 31, and Aug. 1. Our technology and health and wellness classes are back in session, the details are in this newsletter.

The board and the staff have been working together to restructure many of our programs and introduce new ones. We will announce our new programs and fundraisers in our newsletters, website and social media.

I want to thank you for the support you have extended to the YWCA. You are an important part of our family. The next time you visit us, please stop in my office to say hello. I am interested in your thoughts on how we can better serve you and our community.

Respectfully,

Gina McGrath

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Census 2020

You may know that the census is used to decide the number of seats each state is allotted in the U.S. House of Representatives, but did you know that $883 billion in federal funding is allocated to municipalities based on census results? In addition:

- **Residents** use the census to support community initiatives.
- **Businesses** use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and these create jobs.
- **Local government officials** use the census to ensure public safety and plan new schools and hospitals.
- **Real estate developers and city planners** use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods. (Source: Census.gov)

To make sure Westmoreland County gets our share of these critical funds and support for our communities, it’s important that everyone participates in the Census in 2020!

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Census’ self-response phase has been extended with a new deadline of October 31, 2020. Visit the YWCA Westmoreland County during regular business hours if you need assistance in completing the census form online using our computers or completing the mail in copy.
Since its inception, the annual YWCA Sportswomen of the Year Awards remains the only awards program in the area recognizing solely female athletes and teams. To date, we have honored over 1,000 sportswomen through this program! Congratulations to our 2020 winners!

- Girls Sports Team of the Year (Grades 6-8): YWCA Dragons Field Hockey Team
- Teen Sports Team of the Year (Grades 9-12): Greensburg Central Catholic Girls’ Golf Team
- Outstanding Female Coach Award: Jeanne Kaylor
- Women’s Health and Fitness Award: Aubrey Worek
- Sportswoman with Special Needs: Jessica Welch-Mussori
- Sports Girl of the Year for Individual Excellence (Grades 6-8): Tiffany Amber Zelmore
- Sports Girl of the Year for Excellence in a Team Sport (Grades 6-8): Rory Pallone
- Sports Teen of the Year for Individual Excellence (Grades 9-12): Kasey Storkel
- Sports Teen of the Year for Excellence in a Team Sport (Grades 9-12): Jane Garver and Tatum Hoffman
- Sportswoman of the Year for Individual Excellence (Women 18years or older): Megan Erfley
- Outstanding Sportswomen Team of the Year (College or Adult Team): Westmoreland Community College Cross Country Team
Do you want to turn your hobby into a business so you can earn money from creating what you love?

In March 2020 the YWCA Westmoreland County launched the first cohort of the YWCAmakers Program. The mission of the Program is to foster economic development for Makers in Westmoreland County. Members of the cohort completed business skill workshops to help grow their entrepreneurial skills.

These workshops were taught by local small business experts and covered a variety of skills from marketing and branding, finances, selling both online and in person, and networking.

Our first cohort included:
Nicole Craig, GypsySoul, smudge sticks + home décor
Linda Eaglehouse, Stained Glass Sales (Etsy Shop), stained glass artist + supply sales
Bobbi Fink, Bedeck, home décor + refinished furniture
Chelsea Gross, Pieces of the Moon, custom artwork + free hand calligraphy

Shop the YWCAmakers Corner!
We have created an exclusive YWCAmakers Corner in our YWCA Thrift Shop. Makers in the program are given the opportunity to consign their one-of-a-kind, handmade goods in this space.

Advice from Nicole Craig, GypsySoul

JOIN THE COHORT!
Check out our new 9 week hybrid curriculum!
The next cohort begins September 2, 2020!
For more information and to apply to the program, visit ywcamakers.org
ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Our Best Wishes to Maggie O’Leary on Her Retirement!

Maggie has held several positions at the YWCA in the past 20 years that she has worked here. In her most recent role as ESL Instructor she grew the ESL program to great heights while creating lifelong friendships with her students.

Maggie’s dedication to the ESL program and her love for the students exemplifies the mission of the YWCA.

We wish Maggie and her husband Dan many happy years of enjoying retirement together.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S GROUP

The YWCA’s International Women's Group welcomes women of all nationalities to Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

The International Women's Group provides an opportunity for women to meet each other and develop friendships, to share and learn about the United States (particularly the new area in which they are living), improve their English, and become a part of their new community.

Meetings will resume in Fall 2020, please check our Fall Newsletter for dates and details.

Fall ESL Classes

We will be offering classes in the Fall. Beginner’s Classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Intermediate Classes meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Classes are held at the YWCA Westmoreland County, 424 N. Main Street, Greensburg. Information on registration and the cost of the classes and textbooks will be announced in our next newsletter.

The classes focus on English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills as well as grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation. Students also learn about American culture and holidays. Students are from many different countries and cultures and the teacher creates a respectful and friendly classroom.

ESL Tutor Training

Tutor training is offered online through ProLiteracy. Anyone interested in tutoring, please call the YWCA Westmoreland County at 724-834-9390 for more details.
YWCA Thrift Shop News

What a spring it was in Pennsylvania and at the YWCA Thrift Shop! New words in our vocabulary include pandemic, COVID-19, and social distancing! Hopefully, by the time this newsletter arrives, we will be back to a better way of life.

Check out our important dates below for the rest of the summer. Don’t miss our $3.00 bag sale July 18!

A new addition for the Thrift Shop is Senior Savings Tuesdays! All customers 55 years and older will get 10% off their entire purchase every Tuesday.

Our annual volunteer party was cancelled due to the virus. Thank you to our 40 plus volunteers that keep the Thrift Shop up and running. They are the heart and soul of our organization!

PA WORKWEAR

PA WORKWEAR, a program of the YWCA Westmoreland County, provides women with free professional clothing for job search, training, and employment. Clients are referred by the County Assistance Office (CAO), Private Industry Council (PIC) as well as other county agencies.

We welcome and appreciate your tax deductible donations of:

- Clean business clothes including maternity wear
- Khakis, blue and black denim jeans, polo shirts, sweatshirts, and medical scrubs
- Flat, wedge or low heel, closed-toe professional shoes
- Unopened trial/hotel sizes of hygiene products
- Professional purses that are black or neutral
- Bras
- Clothing store gift cards
- Monetary donations

Designate your items for PA WORKWEAR and drop them off at our Thrift Shop. For more information or to set up a drop-off, contact Ramona Kocinski at 724-834-1383 or email ramonak@ywcawestmoreland.org.

Important Dates!

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The Huff Mansion is a historical landmark in Westmoreland County and features a:

- Fully Equipped Kitchen for your Caterer
- Beautiful Portico and Porch
- Elegant Spiral Staircase
- Perfect Venue for Showers, Parties, Family Gatherings, and Meetings

For our business community the main building provides:

- Wireless Internet Access
- Podium and Microphone
- Projector Screens and/or Dry Erase Boards for your Presentations

The entire main floor of the mansion is available for your special events. Call 724-834-9390 for more information and rental rates.

MEMBERSHIP

What does it mean to be a member of the YWCA?

We are frequently asked this question and we are happy to let you know we are adding one more perk to membership! Women, men and teens are welcome to become members. YWCA Members have a strong and unified voice to support women’s rights, oppose racism, and to create public awareness of social and political issues affecting women.

In addition, a membership to the YWCA Westmoreland County supports all of our programs and you will receive our newsletter that is published 3 times a year. You also receive a discount on many classes. For example, members receive a $10 discount on a 4-week technology class.

Effective July 2020, when you join the YWCA or renew your membership you will receive a membership card. This card can be used at other YWCAs. Call us if you have a current membership and would like to receive a membership card.

Now, we are adding another benefit to membership. When you show your new membership card at our Thrift Shop, you will receive an extra punch on your YWCA Thrift Shop Bag Lady card when you spend $10 or more in a single visit. A fully punched card is worth a $10 gift certificate towards your next purchase. Our Thrift Shop offers affordable clothing for men, women, and children and also small household items. It’s not unusual to find items with the original tags on them!

Become a member today, it’s quick and easy! Enclosed is a membership form to complete or you can call our office at 724-834-9390 or go to our website www.ywcawestmoreland.org.

RENTALS

Top right: Dining Room
Bottom right: Living Room

The Huff Mansion is a historical landmark in Westmoreland County and features a:
YWCA SUMMER BOOK SALE

NEW DATES
JULY 30, 31, AND AUG. 1, 2020
THURSDAY - SATURDAY 9 AM - 8 PM

NEW LOCATION
YWCA WESTMORELAND COUNTY
424 N MAIN ST, GREENSBURG, PA 15601

BRING YOUR OWN BAG!
You're encouraged to bring your own sturdy shopping bag!
Join us @ the YWCA for a Celebratory, Educational & Interactive, COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE!

With Drummer/Educator Matt Mikeska

Learn about rhythm, other cultures and have fun playing the provided drums, (or bring your own)!

Open to the public, families and kids!

$10 Members
$20 Nonmembers
$10 Kids 8-18 yrs

*All skill levels welcome, beginners encouraged*

Saturday August 29th, 6pm-8pm
YWCA Westmoreland County
424 North Main Street, Greensburg 15601

Call to Register (724) 834-9390

YWCA IS ON A MISSION
Our YWCA TechGYRLS were very busy preparing for a Space Challenge scrimmage that was going to be hosted at the YWCA Westmoreland County in April. We had to cancel the scrimmage due to COVID-19 when the schools closed. The girl’s hard work and perseverance will not be dismissed because we plan on continuing the preparation when schools reopen.

We were excited to do things differently this year by hosting our own scrimmage and inviting other teams in the future. This would enable teams that could not attend the competition to be able to compete in a more relaxed environment. We also wanted to establish a scrimmage where teams could learn by helping each other with difficult challenges on the board.

Our YWCA is proud it has been helping girls build their self-confidence in STEM for over 20 years. YWCA TechGYRLS is an after-school program in five schools: Ligonier Valley, Monessen, and Yough middle schools, Jeannette McKee Elementary, and Ketterer Charter school in Latrobe. When the schools reopen, the girls will continue their work on the Space Challenge and we are looking forward to a scrimmage in 2021!

YWCA Dragons Field Hockey Summer Camp was canceled due to COVID-19.

We are currently working on scheduling for the Fall 2020 season.

For more information call 724-834-9390.

Young Wonders Summer Camp was canceled due to COVID-19, but that does not mean we are taking the summer off.

We are using this time to restructure our children's education programs. There will be more information shared with you soon.
If you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter and would prefer to have it sent via email, please let us know by sending an email to info@ywcawestmoreland.org with the subject line “Email Newsletter.”

YWCA’s
Girls in Pearls Fashion Show
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Women’s Suffrage Movement

Monday, October 26, 2020