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Publisher's Message

Welcome to the introductory issue of Ohiopyle Life magazine. As the digital world looms and daily newspapers dwindle, there is something very grounding about holding a local publication in your hands. One less screen in your life is a healthy thing!

I am Marci Lynn McGuinness, screenwriter, historian and author of 37 books, largely on Ohiopyle area history, legends and mysteries. At six years old I began two lifelong endeavors, writing and working out. This year marks 57 years of writing and 37 years of publishing. In the 1990's and early 2000's I produced a black and white, five-times-per-year newspaper, The Yesteryear Press. This new magazine, Ohiopyle Life, will be distributed in print and digitally, twice each year, in color.

Through interviews with the locals, I strive to share our culture and uniqueness with travelers and want to thank all advertisers for their support in this endeavor.

The most-often asked questions in Ohiopyle are:

Where can we eat? Where can we stay? Where can we buy wine and beer?
What does Ohiopyle mean? What does Youghiogheny mean?

In Ohiopyle Life, I will answer these questions, for although there are many fabulous destinations in America, there is only one Ohiopyle.

Ohiopyle means "White frothy water and beautiful falls". It was named by Shawnee Indians who hunted and fished here.

Youghiogheny means "River that runs in a roundabout course" due to the Ferncliff Peninsula. (Shawnee named.). Paddlers refer to the white water route around the peninsula as the "Loop". There is no shuttle needed to run the Loop!

Enjoy the magic of Ohiopyle and the Youghiogheny River,
Marci Lynn McGuinness, Publisher

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Ohiopyle's New Fire Chief



Jimmy Sproul of Ohiopyle has been a fireman since he was 18 years old. After 25 consecutive years of service, he became a life member at the Farmington Fire Department. Sproul was Fire Chief from 1994 through 2001 at which time he became a Police Officer at the Uniontown Hospital. He likes working the evening shift, "I would say I have seen it all, but something crazier will come through the doors tomorrow," he shook his head.

Ohiopyle's new Fire Chief has been a member at the Ohiopyle station for seven years. He was approached by Dale Leonard, Fire Chief at the time, to join in his home town due to his experience. "My grandfather Corristan was Chief here from 1951 to 1962, the year he died," Sproul recalled. "I told the guys I did not want to be an officer. I would do as much as I could. I help out a lot at the Buckwheat Supper. I held the Second Lieutenant position for three years. I was the only 50 year old 2nd Lieutenant in Fayette County," he laughed.

Sproul then became the safety officer, overseeing incidents. When Mike Smithburger decided to step down Sproul was the obvious choice. He has the experience needed. Much of the membership is aging. "So, here I am," he said. "On a whole the Ohiopyle-Stewart Fire Department is strong. We couldn't do it without the Buckwheat Suppers.

"To put the suppers on, it takes about 30% fire department members and their families, and 70% community volunteers. They really come out to help with those suppers. It's a reunion in the fall. Our whole family rents the guest houses from around here. They come from all over.

"Basic fire essentials class now takes around 160 hours. It used to be 60 hours. It is hard for people to have time to do the classes. You have to be 18 years old to do that, but Junior Firefighters can join at 14 years old. They help out at the fire house. It's best to get

them interested while they are young. They learn responsibility and how things work."

BECOME A FIRE PERSON

"Campaigning for members is difficult. The young people need to know they are welcome here, both female and male. The other mountain departments have women members and there are many women in the ambulance crews. We have safety programs at the schools in October. It helps. Our young members often leave for college.

"I hope to take the next fireman under my wing for a few years, and if he is still around, pass the torch." Jimmy is 63.

"At our meeting Monday there were the three executive officers that it takes to run the meeting, and me. That was it and that is average. I worry where the fire department is going to be in a few years. If our young people don't step up.

"When we grew up as kids this is where the kids were. Not now," Sproul reminisced. "My mother would let us stay in town after school and tell me to get a ride home, at seven years old. I would go sit on the bench at Hostettler's Store and try to bum a ride by dinnertime. Just don't be late for supper!" We laughed.

"Then we would come back in the evenings and visit everybody on the front porches. That was your evening. The porches are still here."

To younger firemen Jimmy Sproul implores to you, "Please join. Get involved. It is a great learning experience and good atmosphere. It keeps younger people out of trouble. I say this to the parents. Let your kids be fire people. It keeps them off the street, they learn skills and the rules.

"We house one of only two or three Air trucks in the county. We take the breathing apparatus to mutual aid calls. During the summer months the 6 x 6 rescue truck stays busy due to the influx of tourists on the river, Meadow Run slides, the bike and hike trails. We get more calls to Meadow Run than anywhere," he laughed.



The 6 x 6 rescue truck stays busy due to the influx of 2 million tourists.



Kecksburg - The Movie By Local Filmmakers

On December 9th, 1965, a UFO crashed near the small town of Kecksburg, Pennsylvania. Reporter John Murphy risked his life to discover the truth.

Auditions for acting roles in Kecksburg will be held at the Preston County Community Arts Center, 123 S. Price St., Kingwood, WV 26537, Sunday, May 7, 2pm. All ages especially children are needed. Crew positions also being considered.

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Marci McGuinness' script, "Just One More Time" is seeking two male actors in their fifties and sixties.

Local History Mysteries

Two questions I have not been able to answer for researchers are:

1. In Tim Palmer's book, "Youghiogheny" Cora Jackson Mitchell claimed to be a relative of Stonewall Jackson. Does anyone have proof of this lineage?
2. Why was Martin Mitchell moved from the Mitchell Cemetery on Thorpe Knob and placed with his wife in the Homewood Cemetery in Pittsburgh? (Mary Jane).

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Books to Film by Marci Lynn McGuinness

When I am out and about, people always ask, "What are you working on now?"

In addition to this magazine, I am writing and pitching a feature screenplay, a mini series and two television pilots, each inspired by true stories to which I own the rights:

SPEED KING

Twenty four years ago antique collector Jim Boyd of Jockey Hollow, PA contacted me. He asked that I come to his home, so I met him in his treasure trove of a basement. In his arms he held a stack of old newspapers, framed panoramic photographs, programs and the like.

Jim said, "Promise me that you will do something with this."

"What is it?" I asked.

"Promise me. This is important."

We stared at each other until I promised. He smiled broadly and sat his armload on an already cluttered table. The elderly man introduced me to the Uniontown Speedway board track of 1916 – 1922 fame and the Summit Mountain Hill Climbs that preceded the early auto record setting proving ground.

Since then I have published two books on the subject (Yesteryear at the Uniontown Speedway and Speedway Kings), wrote a short video, have given many talks and pitched the story to a couple dozen Hollywood producers. Last year I took the ScreenwritingU Pro Series from Hal and Cheryl Croasnum and rewrote the Speed King story into a feature length screenplay. I recently outlined a mini series based on Speed King and am also pitching to television producers and managers. I belong to several strong film associations and will be pitching steadily until I sell this film. (Below is a 1930 clip from the Evening Standard, Uniontown).

Should the Uniontown Speedway Be Rebuilt?

In all circles, particularly the automotive, local discussion drifts at times to the question: "Should The Uniontown Speedway Be Rebuilt?" One thing is certain—from the standpoint of publicity for good old Uniontown few innovations have been brought forward that could equal it in ability to gather newspaper space in even the leading dailies of the country. And who can forget those "speedway day" crowds that thronged the city—leaving their trail of dollars with local merchants. And the thrill of the burning rubber as the gas demons ploughed their way 'round the boards. In all probability discussion on the Uniontown Speedway will be doubled Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, for Paramount is bringing to the State theater the first all-talking picture of the roaring track—"Burning Up," starring Richard Arlen and Mary Brian. Harry Hartz, 1926 champion of the A. A. A. acted as technical director for the production which, in addition to being the first speedway talkie, is also rated as one of the most entertaining pictures of the year.

Those Who Had a Part in the Construction of the First Uniontown Speedway . . .

as well as the thousands who watched it during the course of construction and while the various races were in progress, will find added enjoyment at the State starting tomorrow. As a special feature in connection with the showings of "Burning Up" the management of Fayette's Foremost theater has brought from its film vaults original "movies" taken years ago at the Uniontown Speedway during construction and at several of the races. These "Bits From the Past" have been assembled into a prologue reel to "Burning Up" and will contain many surprises as well as dozens of laughs. Just imagine local movies made a decade ago! You may see yourself as you looked while watching a thrilling race at the speedway long ago! Scenes of the carpenters building the speedway; officials in charge of the construction; well-known the speedway; officials in charge of the construction; well-known Uniontown celebrities; thrilling accidents on the wooden saucer! All of them were caught by the lens of Charley Basley's camera—and are brought back to you from the past! A treat not to be missed in connection with the showings of the first speedway talkie, "Burning Up."

NIGHT AGENT

A few years ago several boxes arrived on my doorstep. They were from Kansas. I was very curious. A boy I knew in Ohiopyle as a child sent them, Ross Rogalski. He had cleaned out his parent's basement in Connellsville and found the original manuscripts, journals, diaries, and letters left behind by author and Western Maryland Railroad Agent, Lillian McCahan.

Since then I published the book, Ohiopyle, That Little Town, WWII, crediting her work. Since publishing the book, I have deciphered some of her shorthand written diaries and learned a few things about the inner workings of her life, her motives when she took it upon herself to call in Pittsburgh conservationists to preserve Ferncliff Peninsula and Ohiopyle. She was a church lady by day and someone else by night. Her revenge against a town that would not heel to her wishes backfires on her in my screenplay, Night Agent, inspired by this story. Her married lover loses his coal mines and property and they close her beloved Ohiopyle Railroad Station, ending her job. As the conservancy plans its grand opening, someone burns the beloved Ohiopyle House Hotel with a family

inside. The scenes for this film are outlined and in July, I hope to have a finished thriller to pitch. I have been advised by several producers to write my true stories for television as the opportunities there have opened up. . .and so I am.

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

In August I am writing a comedy pilot, *You Can't Do That!* about my life as a creative female. In September, I head to New York City . www.ohiopyle.info

Ohiopyle Vacations & Weddings

Rhonda and Fred Zeigler started Ohiopyle Vacation Rentals in 2010. “Dad had been buying properties over the years. He decided he wanted families to be able to come enjoy the area in nice places to stay. Today we have 35 rentals. The newest is Timber Ridge, which is also a wedding venue,” daughter Jordan DeGusipe smiled.

“All 35 houses are used as venues. We cater to anyone from families to major corporations and provide rentals from cabins to Fernstone Retreat that sleeps up to 50. Reunions, weddings, meetings, and celebrations of all sorts are held, large and small. They set up tents, bring in the caterer of their choice. People come from Dayton, OH, Pittsburgh, Washington D. C., Cleveland, Cincinnati, North Carolina, and Michigan.

“Eisenhower and Nixon stayed at Fernstone years ago.” she said. “It was a hidden exclusive retreat. We have kept it authentic, 1940 built. We have had celebrities. Denzel Washing had RSVP'd to a wedding held here while working on the movie *Fences*, but had a family emergency in LA.,” Jordan said excitedly. “Dad originally bought the property for the family but today it is booked for 2017 weddings unless they want it on Tuesday and Wednesday.”

The homes include linens, kitchen utensils, firewood delivery, butler and sitting service, catering, and, discount tickets to rafting.

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Wedding, Reunion Weekends

The Fernstone property is one of five large year round wedding and conference venues. It offers hiking, a waterfall, and a fishing stream. The new Tree House opens May 1, 2017. “It was hand constructed from high end woods and rough cut lumber. It is a luxury tree house, a Honeymoon Suite or any occasion. It offers a king bed, kitchen, outdoor deck overlooking the creek. The largest wedding held at Ferncliff to date had 400 guests. Most range from 200 – 250, but they can

accommodate 500 with plentiful parking.

Timber Ridge Lodge & Event Barn accommodates 300 people, Whispering Pines is Dutch Village style with a stream and bridge holding 250 guests and the Granary welcomes 400.

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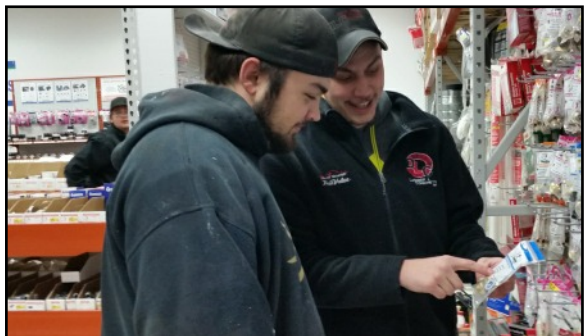
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When I spoke with Jennifer Margroff and assistant, Stephanie Plume, Jennifer said, “Jubal’s crew has done a lot of the remodeling work here. He is a General Contractor-electrical based. When his brother, Tim, mentioned the business was for sale, we decided to revamp and grow it for the community. We are excited about the chance to bring more jobs to the area.

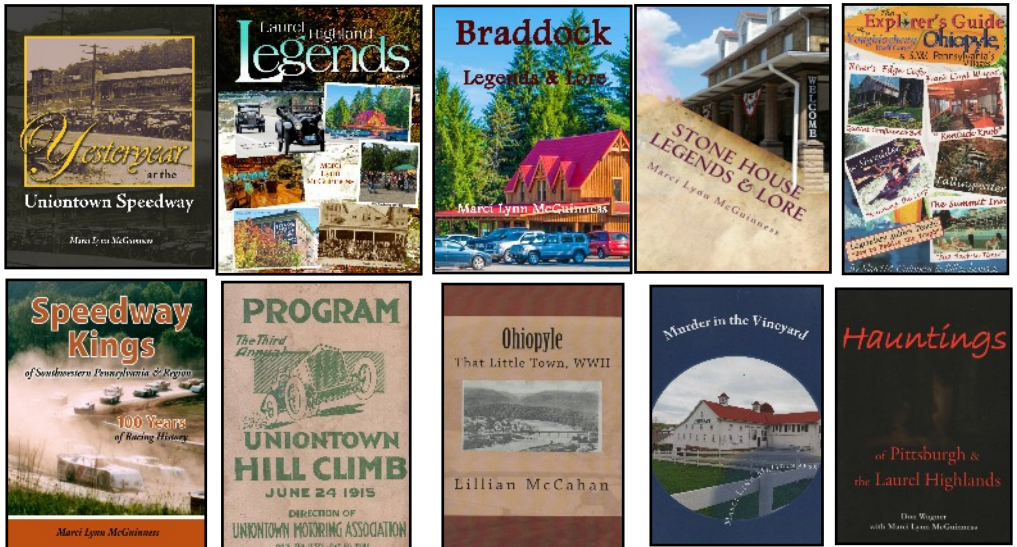
“We are working on the store, have remodeled Wanda and Tim's offices, and a conference room. We will announce a new division soon. The store is getting a refresher and we are stocking more hardware, less convenience items.

“We are employing 30 families and want to create more jobs, give back to the community. Jubal was born and raised on Mae West Road. Our ten year old can't wait to run the registers and work. Our teenage daughter will be in the office.

“We appreciate the community's business and the are excited to serve them. We are passionate about employing locals so they do not need to leave the area for work.”

Stephanie added, “Jenn decided to do an Angel Tree for Christmas last year. It was wonderful and the schools really appreciated it. It was done confidentially. Locals could come in and donate to their Angel. We were really excited to do something locally and hope to do it again this year.” www.dennislumber.com.

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Lord Palumbo's Kentuck Knob

Celebrates 20 Years Open to the Public



Lord Peter Palumbo chats with author Marci Lynn McGuinness about Kentuck Knob, the Frank Lloyd Wright home he fell in love with in 1985.

The Hagans had the property on the market for three years. He felt he must do something about it.

"Fate was waiting in the wings,"
Lord Palumbo

When Lord Palumbo first arrived at Hagan's Kentuck Knob, the Frank Lloyd Wright house above Ohiopyle, there was no one there. "The house was waiting for me," he told McGuinness. "Fate was playing its hand. You should always go along with it in total agreement."

It was 1985. A long time art collector and owner of architecturally outstanding homes, he strongly felt, "The property should be loved, cherished and maintained as far into the future as anyone can see." Six weeks later, he purchased the home and lived there several months each year for a decade.

Wright never visited the site of Kentuck Knob before designing. The 86 year old had Bernadine and I. N Hagan visit him in 1954, interviewed them and said, "I'll shake a design out of my sleep." In 1956, they moved into the one story sandstone home with a breathtaking view.

In 1997, Peter and Hayat Palumbo opened the masterpiece to the public. At first students were requesting visits. Today 33,000 to 35,000 tour the home each year. A repository for Lord Palumbo's pottery, artifacts and artwork, the home is so welcoming that many say, "We love this house. We feel we could bring our pj's and settle right in."

Our region has become dear to the Palumbo family.

"Pennsylvania is a most magical state," he shared.

At 82, he is hoping to spend more than the usual four months per year at their beloved abode.

"It is a great privilege and pleasure to own Kentuck Knob. It is very special, a work that is representative of the Usonian category of house by the United State's best architect."

The family dog, Lilly, spent the afternoon with us, often greeting visitors. Kentuck Knob has a euphoric feel to it, a soft openness.

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Grooviest Shops in Ohiopyle Celebrate Ten Years!



Left: Kathy Hagan of Oddly Enough. Right: Vicki Marietta of Backyard Gardens.

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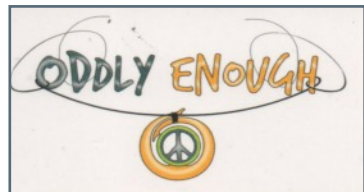
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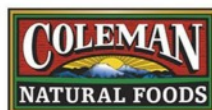
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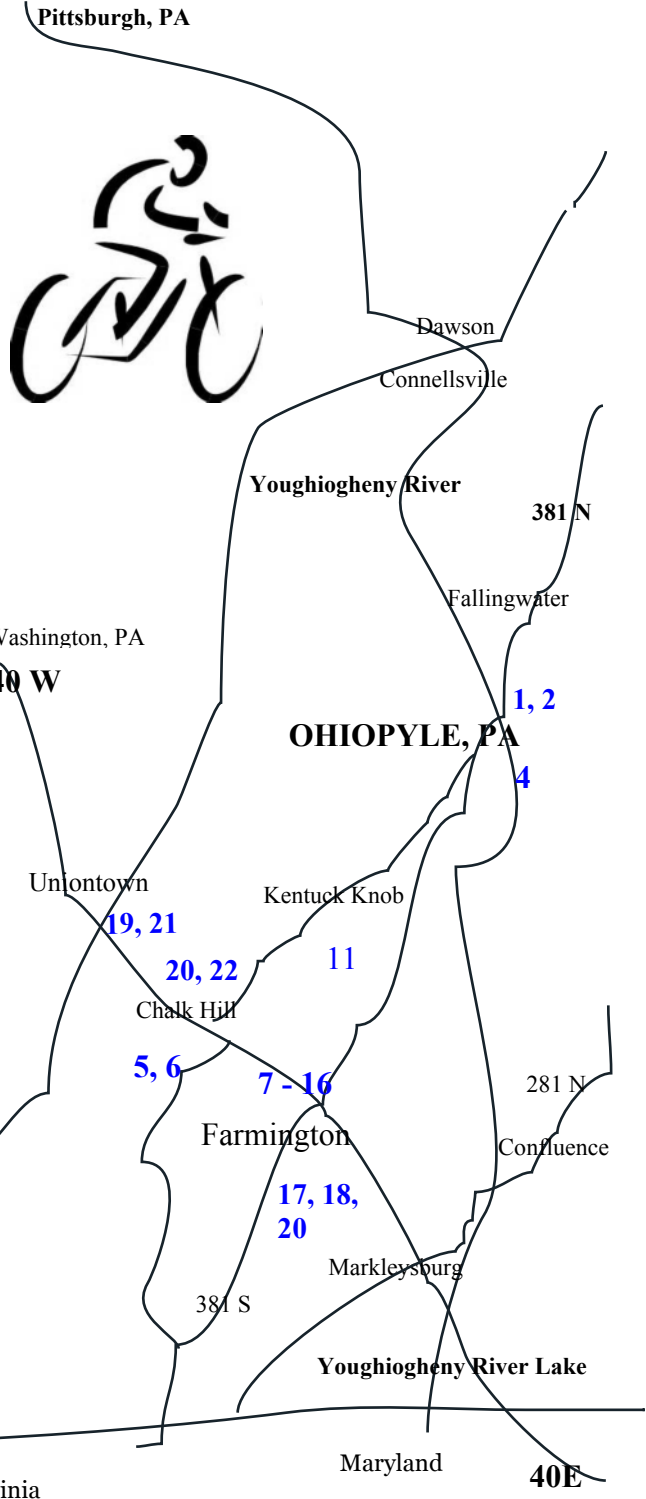
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