

Older Americans' Month Proclamation

Whereas the older residents of Greene County represent a wealth of knowledge and experience and are one of the county's most valuable resources; and

Whereas the Greene County Legislature is committed to supporting its senior citizens by means of a vast array of programs and services offered by the Department of Human Services, Aging division; and

Whereas, over one-fifth of the County's total population is comprised of citizens 65 years of age or older; and

Whereas, a growing number of baby boomers are rapidly becoming older citizens, and the number of individuals providing care to family members and friends is expanding significantly; and

Whereas, Greene County benefits greatly from the dedication and community awareness of its senior residents; and

Whereas, the month of May is nationally recognized as Older Americans Month and this year's theme is "Make Your Mark", which encourages and celebrates countless contributions that older adults make to our communities. Their time, experience, and talents benefit family, peers, and neighbors every day. This year's theme highlights the difference everyone can make – in the lives of older adults, in support of caregivers, and to strengthen communities.

Now therefore, we, the members of the Greene County Legislature, hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as:

GREENE COUNTY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

And forever with great pleasure, we honor our senior citizens and encourage them to continue to play a vital role in the Greene County community.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2020

Greene County Legislature

CONGRATULATIONS

WHEREAS, Greene County is indeed fortunate to have numerous older residents who contribute their talents and energies on behalf of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Older Americans' Month this year is *"Make Your Mark"*; and NOW, THEREFORE, we the members of the Greene County Legislature, in recognition and appreciation of the commitment and dedication to fellow citizens, do hereby commend:

WILLIAM VONATZINGEN, 2020 GREENE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LULA ANDERSON, 2020 OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A SENIOR CITIZEN

WHEREAS, William VonAtzingen, 86, has lived in Greene County since 1957, and has made his mark. Bill has been an active member of the Norton Hill United Methodist Church since moving to Greenville; and he has been a member of the Greenville Rotary since 1959, and was recently honored for sixty years of service. Bill has achieved Life Membership with the Greenville Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter and served sixteen years with the Greenville Rescue Squad. He has volunteered for the Greene County Department of Human Services delivering Meals on Wheels, from 2016 through 2019. Additionally, he has served as a Babe Ruth Coach from 1972 – 1976.



AND WHEREAS, Lula Anderson organized and ran a food pantry at the Windham-Ashland United Methodist Church, as well as serves as a lay speaker by preaching in the Pastor's absence, is a weekly Bible Study teacher, serves as a church trustee, and has organized fundraisers to benefit the church community. As a member of the Windham Eastern Star, she was elected District Deputy, overseeing ten other chapters, as well as is Past President of the Windham VFW Ladies Auxiliary; and has served as treasurer for the Ashland Cemetery Association. Lula has been an active member of the W-A-J-P-L Golden Age Club helping with various activities from craft classes to fund raisers, and currently serves as President. She has been the Editor of "Ashland Speaks", a weekly column in the area newspaper, for over twenty years; and in 1999, was honored by Greene County, as well as by NYS, for her outstanding effort and dedication to the task of improving the quality of life for fellow citizens.



WE FURTHER COMMEND **Duncan Macpherson, Richard Muggeo, Jan Schane and Susan VonAtzingen** in recognition of and appreciation for their outstanding contributions to the people of Greene County.



We congratulate all these county senior citizens for this achievement and thank them for their tireless and unselfish volunteer service in upholding the highest standards of humanitarianism and fellowship toward our community. We offer our best wishes for happiness and contentment in the coming years.