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We are back!

Community News has re-started publication with this Monday, April 15, 2024 edition. Thanking friends, readers, subscribers, and advertisers for their understanding and patience due to health issue of owner/publisher. Don't let anyone tell you COVID isn't real. Thanks for the prayers, cards, and get well wishes.

Community News is kicking off with a salute to local businesses and owners, noting their years of service and products to the local communities and families.

Community News missed out celebrating our anniversary issue of February 10, 1987 - but celebrating with our friends, readers, subscribers, and advertisers in this issue!

30 retiring from school district

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

With Conneaut School District's upcoming school year's merger of the two middle schools into one, and the return of 5th grade to the elementary schools, the school district is looking at retirement of some 30 employees aided by an early retirement benefit of paid health insurance.

About half of the 30 retirements will be filled by new hires at lower salary ranges and insurance premiums. Those savings look to allow the school district to hold the line on real estates taxes for the upcoming year.

Among those teachers retiring are F. Bizak, D. Challingsworth, K. Conti, B. Dilley, T. English, R. Freysinger, P. Gould, A. Haggerty, C. Heberle, M. Hoenes, P. Jacobs, M. Mihoci, D. Pollard, M. Ray, R. Rea, J. Smith, D. Sorice, T. Tomp-

kins, B. Vaughn, C. Walters, and C. Zimmerman.

Aides retiring are C. Braden, A. Lewis, P. Van Dusen; secretary B. Loucks; cafeteria workers R. Hepler and D. Welker; CASH athletic director John Acklin [50 years service], and CVMS principal D. Maskrey.

Salary and benefit savings with the retirement differences based on next year's salaries and benefit levels range near \$1.2 million.

The school district school setup for the 2024/25 school year will see two elementary schools of K - 5 [was K-4] - Conneaut Lake and Conneaut Valley, and one middle school, grades 6 - 8 at Conneaut Lake as Conneaut Valley will close, and one high school, grades 9 - 12 at Linesville.

Conneaut Lake Middle School will be known as Conneaut Area Middle School [CAMS], the grade changes and closing of the one middle school and returning 5th grade to the elementary level, leads to a better balance of number of



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students in classes. Ninety day enrollment figures showed Lake Middle with 288, grades 5 - 8 students and Valley with 236, grades 5-8 students.

In the 2012-13 school year, Lake Middle had 360 students and Valley 360, the 2023-24 figures above about 1/2 of each building's capacity.

The school district is currently advertising for 12 teachers across the board ranging from 3 elementary teachers to 3 math teachers, from a health and physical education teacher to a social studies teacher, and from an ELA teacher to music teacher.

Besides looking for a CASH athletic director, a maintenance technician is needed as is a PT autistic support paraprofessional.

Linesville appoints Barry Chapin to council vacancy

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Linesville Borough Council, meeting in April session last week, appointed Barry Chapin to fill the vacancy created at March's meeting when Katie Wickert, citing restrictions of a newly taken job resigned.

Chapin was the only applicant for the opening and was sworn in by Mayor David Hoogstad Sr., with assistance from retired District Judge Rita Marwood who was present to raise questions about mosquito swarms in her residential neighborhood.

Chapin will serve through the 2025 year when elections take place for local positions.

Chapin, a retired teacher, and his wife spend time in Florida during winter months but promised to attend meetings through video connections.

Other appointees to the council in the last several months include Greg Peters and Jeff Wiemer, they joining Kevin McGrath, Michael Chance, Mike Heaney and Kelly Connor on the board.

Council voted to hold a town wide clean up day for May 4 - see details on page 3.



C.A.S.H. winter sports teams recognized

Over the past few weeks, the winter sports teams, boys' basketball, girls' cheerleading, and wrestling each held their banquets in the C.A.S.H. cafeteria.

Likewise, in all cases the head coaches gave remarks about their teams before handing out varsity letter winners as well as certificates to those who were unable to earn a varsity letter.

Scott Mondy was named the new boys' basketball coach this past season. With the new coaching staff there was a great deal of enthusiasm and Coach Mondy was successful in having a great season compared to the past few years with an even 11 and 11 season.

Also, he decided to reinstall the 9th grade program with Bob Uzelac being named their coach. Coach Uzelac named Aiden Ford as his Most Valuable Player.

Samaritan's Offerings

CONNEAUT LAKE - The Samaritans' Holy Ground Thrift Shop has the usual inventory of clothing for all ages, household goods, small appliances, crafts and much more at bargain prices.

The shop is located at 155 S. Ninth Street, Conneaut Lake, behind Our Lady Queen of the Americas Church.

Call 814-382-4487 during store hours for more information.

Hours are Thursdays, 9:00am-6:00pm; Saturdays, 10:00am-1:00pm [summer only]; and Mondays, 9:00am-noon and 5:30 - 7:30.

Scott handed out a number of special awards for their outstanding play: Senior Award – Hunter Suchy; Rookie of the Year – Alex O'Grady; Defensive Player of the Year – Pheonix Humphreys; Sharpshooter Award – Alex Brady; and his Most Valuable Player – Shakir Jordan.

Basketball Cheer coach Amanda Harper also discussed her program and named Karlie Urey – Outstanding Performer.

The wrestling banquet was held on March 21st. Junior High coach Greg Dinsmore discussed his program which had a total of four 7th graders and two 8th graders.

Varsity Coach Kevin Welsh was once again limited in victories due largely in part to having only 10 team members and finishing his season with a 1-6 record.

However, there were many highlights in the season as Lock Haven University-committed senior Hunter Gould placed 2nd at Districts and at Regionals and brought home a 7th place finish at the PIAA State Championships.

He is the first CASH wrestler to be a 4 time state qualifier, and a 3 time state medalist at states.

During the first tournament of the season Hunter picked up that illusive 100th victory and finished with a career-record high of 137 wins.

This was also the first year that the PIAA added girls' wrestling to their tournament and CASH was blessed with a great sophomore in Daylee Watson who won the District crown, followed by Regional Championship and finally a 4th place finish at Hershey.

She now is in a tie with Peyton Hearn for the highest place medal at states.

Coach Welsh named the following special awards: Coach's Award – John Sandau; Most Improved – Chase Stewart; 4D Award for Drive-Determination-Dedication-Direction to Daylee Watson; and finally named this year's Most Valuable Player – Hunter Gould.

The girls' basketball banquet will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024.

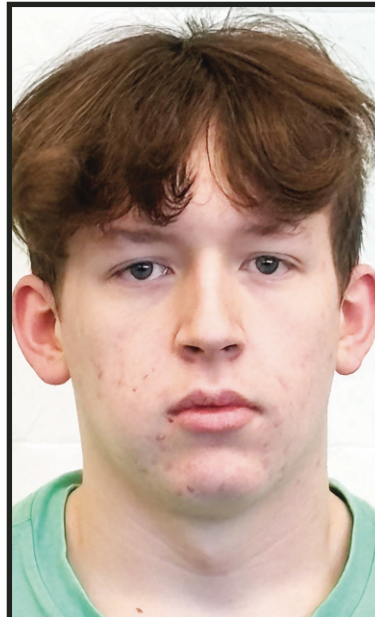
CASH February 2024 Students of the Month



**Gregory Klink
Senior**



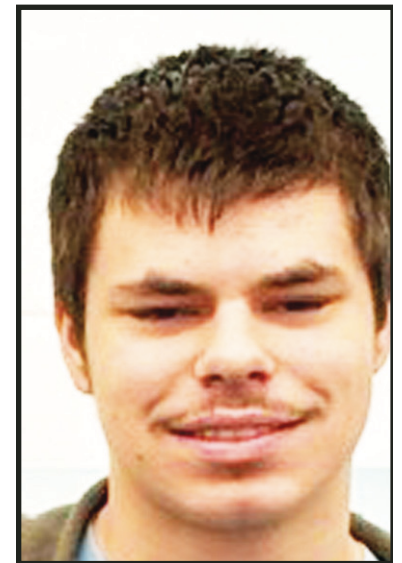
**Natalie Samuels
Sophomore**



**Gage Long
Junior**



**Jennings Zimmer
Freshman**



**Garret Ward
Junior**



**Daylee Watson
Sophomore**

CASH January 2024 Students of the Month



**Hayden Simas
Freshman**



**Hunter Gould
Senior**

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Due to health issues, the Atlantic Community column as written by Christy Lindsay has been suspended. Prayers and best wishes are welcome.

Active Aging

Bair Family Center

237 South Pymatuning St., Linesville, PA
- Janet Wasserman, Center Manager

LINESVILLE - The Active Aging Bair Family Center is your local source for information and services for those in the community who are at least 60 years of age or married to someone who is at least sixty. Call the Center at 814-683-4959 for information on services/programs or to schedule a tour.

Welcome back David Schaefer! Welcome back to all Community News readers!

Even though this channel of communication has been dormant for a few months, The Active Aging Bair Family Center has not! The Center is bustling with activity and there are new programs and activities since the Community News was last published.

And now that we have all survived the event of a lifetime in the Solar Eclipse, the staff at the Center are eager to provide even more opportunities for the community.

We are excited to announce the introduction of our Adult Art Adventure happening every Tuesday from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Grab your paints, paintbrushes, canvas, paper and whatever else you want to use and bring it to the Center for a chance to meet with other artists both experienced and novice to share stories, techniques and company while you let your creativity explode!

There are limited supplies available at the Center just in case you forget to bring something.

The cost is just \$2.00 per class, which helps us to keep the lights, heat/air conditioning on for you for a more comfortable experience.

This is an intergenerational class that is open to adults of any

age.

Another new opportunity for intergenerational encounters is our collaboration with The Shine Bright Preschool for our Kids of All Ages group.

It is no secret that many families are not centrally located like they were in the past when children and their grandparents had opportunities to interact with each other. Since a family today can be spread out over a wider area, sometimes over several states, the opportunities to get the generations together are much less frequent than before.

To provide a venue for intergenerational encounters, The Bair Family Center and the Shine Bright Preschool have formed a collaboration and on the third Wednesday of every month the participants at the Center host the staff and children from the preschool for an interactive pursuit.

Our first event happened in March when we dyed Easter eggs with nine preschool children, and this month we will be engaging in playing corn hole and other active games.

In May, we will read a children's book and do a related craft activity.

During the summer months, the program will extend to school-age children enrolled in Shine Bright's School-Age program.

The last Kids of All Ages group activity was on April 12. Watch for the May date.

A gift you can give to anyone who is 60 years and over is the gift of lunch!

The Bair Family Center has coupon booklets good for five lunches for \$12.50. Purchase as many as

you want and give them to family members, friends, neighbors, whomever you like!

Redeem a coupon for any regular lunch (does not apply to special event/holiday meals).

We have these available throughout the year, and they come in handy when you are trying to think of a meaningful gift for your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends, etc.

While we are on the topic of lunches, are you looking for a tasty meal for a reasonable price?

The Bair Family Center has **hot lunches available every weekday for takeout or dine in for anyone in the community.**

Order lunch at least 2 days in advance by 10am, with orders for Monday and Tuesday meals due the preceding Thursday.

Lunches are available for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for individuals who are at least 60 years of age and \$4.50 for younger community members.

If you have a neighbor who could use a hot meal but is unable to go out to get one for themselves, you can place an order and pick up lunch for them.

Curbside meals are available at 11:30am and Dine-In Meals at 11:45am.

Every meal purchase contributes to the continued services and programs offered at the Bair Family Center.

Call today and order your meals for April 17, 18, and 19: Parmesan Chicken over Lemon Asparagus Pasta, Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice, and Sloppy Joe with Baked

Potato.

Please note that the menu is subject to change based on availability.

If you do not care for the main menu item for a particular day, you can pre-order an alternative sandwich (roast beef & cheese, turkey & cheese, tuna salad or egg salad).

Remember to check the Community News, The Active Aging ECHO, COOL 101.7, and our Facebook page (The Active Aging Bair Family Center) for updates about the Center or better yet, connect with us in person!

If you are on Facebook, please be sure to "Like" our page and posts and share us with your contacts and groups so that we can spread the word about what we have to offer the Community.

Listen to COOL 101.7 Tuesday mornings at 8:30am for updates on activities at all Active Aging Centers in the county.

Linesville sets

May 4 clean up day

Residents of Linesville have a clean up day set for Sat., May 4, which will cost the borough \$1,400 for a half truck or \$1,800 for a full truck. Drop off time at the parking lot behind the borough building is 8 am until noon.

Residents who have large items to dispose of can take advantage of this service at no cost to them.

Not accepted are tires, rims, yard waste, oil, grease, liquid paints, biohazard materials, and large construction debris.

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others every day - [Fr & Sa shows
only]

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Maxine Rendulic

LINESVILLE - Dorothy Maxine Rendulic, 95, of Linesville, passed away Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

Born September 18, 1928 in Conneaut Township, she was the daughter of

Fred and Mabel (Penfield) Lester. She married Stephen Rendulic

August 3, 1956 in Conneautville. He preceded her in her passing June 28, 2010.

Maxine was a loving and devoted homemaker. She worked at Ohio Rubber Co., Conneautville, for ten years and also provided child care



in her home for many years.

She enjoyed cooking, canning, gardening and tending to her flowers. Maxine loved her friends, her family and cherished spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include three sons, Stephen Rendulic Jr. of Linesville, Robert (Tracy) Rendulic of Conneaut Lake, and Richard (Lorie) Rendulic of Shermansville; three grandchildren, Jake (Nicole) Rendulic of Conneaut Lake, Seth Rendulic (fiancé, Kierstin Skelton) of Conneaut Lake, and Becca (Chris) Burge of St. Louis, Missouri; great-grandchildren, Connor, Travis and a future great-granddaughter; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; husband; and siblings, Isabelle White, Jake Lester, Wilbur Lester, Marybelle Lausch and Melba Lester.

Calling hours and her funeral

services were held Saturday, March 30, 2024, at ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 6028 U.S. HIGHWAY 6, LINESVILLE, with Pastor Brenda Loucks officiating at the funeral service. Burial was in Linesville Cemetery.

The family thanks the Lakeland Hospice nurses and her caregiver, Michelle Moats, for the wonderful, loving care they provided for Maxine.

Memorial contributions can be made to Lakeland Area Hospice, 4635 E. Lake Rd., Erie, PA 16511.

Please share a condolence or memory of Maxine for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Irene Cole Schambach

LINESVILLE - Shirley Irene Cole Schambach, 98, a lifelong resident of the Linesville area, passed away Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at Juniper Village in Meadville.

She was born June 8, 1925, the daughter of Janet Havens Cole and Guy Sidney Cole.

Her mother wanted to name her June Rose, but her father prevailed, and she was named Shirley for a character in a book he was reading, *The Valley of the Giants* by Peter B. Kyne.

She was born and grew up at the family home on what is now Cole Road, near West Center Road between Conneautville and Linesville and attended the one room school at Center Road and later Linesville High School.



On March 2, 1944, Shirley married Harold Edward Schambach. He preceded her in passing on March 3, 1989.

Their home for many years was outside Linesville on the Irons Turkey Farm. In the mid 1960s, they moved to the property of her maternal grandparents, the Haven's farm, on Townline Road.

She was a farm wife, mother, and grandmother and an excellent self-taught cook. Not many families had Baked Alaska as a weeknight dessert in the 1950s!

She loved roller skating and was frequently seen at Joy Land Roller Rink. She was a reader and valued reading—getting books by mail for her girls.

One of her accomplishments was her work in genealogy. Even without a computer or other resources, she was able to accumulate much material about her family. Word of mouth and family papers were invaluable in this hobby.

Survivors include two daughters, Lynda Waring of Dayton, Ohio, and Leila Francisco of Sandy Lake; her grandchildren, Lisa Cates and her husband, Toby, Patricia Sherretts Davis and her husband, Kelly, and Guy Sherretts and his wife, Kay; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and six nieces and nephews, Judith Vukmer, Geraldine Conley, Nancy Lawrence, Carol Gadley, Vincent Bruno and Gloria Verdugo. Shirley was especially close to her granddaughter, Patti Davis, who attended to her needs for many years and cannot be thanked enough.

Shirley was preceded in her passing by her parents, husband Harold, sisters, Charlotte Cole Whitney, Ruth Cole Linder, Alice Cole; brother, Ralph Cole; grandson, Douglas Sherretts and his

wife, Lisa Buzzard Sherretts; and great grandson, Austin Sherretts.

Arrangements were entrusted to Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville. There will be no viewing.

Graveside services will be at Linesville Cemetery on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 11 am.

The family is extremely appreciative of the care Shirley received over the last seven and one-half years and suggests donations can be made to the Juniper Village of Meadville Staff Appreciation Fund, mail to Juniper Village 455 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335.

Please share a condolence or memory of Shirley for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Norma Evelyn Nesbella

LINESVILLE - Norma Evelyn Nesbella, 96, formerly of Linesville and Conneautville, and most recently Swanton, Ohio, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2024.

She was born June 29, 1927, in Wisconsin, PA, to Eugene and Kathryn (Rig-dosh) Sabin.

She graduated from Glenville High School in Cleveland where she was a member of the National Honor Society.

Norma married Andrew T. Nesbella April 14, 1951. He passed away November 6, 2001.

She was employed at Kightlinger Electric, Espyville, the Stable Pit & Pub restaurant in Conneaut Lake and Rolling Fields nursing home in Conneautville.

She was a member of St. Philip Roman Catholic Church in Linesville where she taught catechism for 12 years.

Norma enjoyed crocheting, gardening, picture puzzles, and was an avid reader. She cherished spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Judith Smith (Richard) of Swanton Ohio; a son, Andrew M. Nesbella (Dolly) of Meadville; 5 grandchildren, Carrie Brown, Richard Nesbella, Alyssa Edwards, Daniel McQuiston, and Andrea Meehan; 17 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Teresa Sanford; and many nieces and nephews.



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She was preceded in her passing by her parents; her husband; a sister, Kathleen Etzweiler; and brother, Eugene Sabin.

Services were private. Inurnment will be in St. Philip Cemetery in Linesville at a later date.

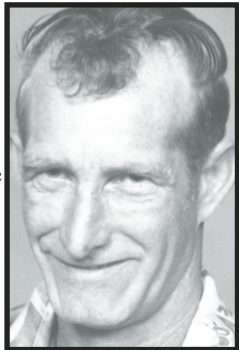
Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's (stjudememorialfoundation.org) or to the EWTN Catholic Television Network (ewtn.com).

Please share a condolence or memory of Norma for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Jerry S. Farley

LINESVILLE - Jerry S. Farley, 83, of Linesville, passed away unexpectedly surrounded by his loving children at his residence on Monday, March 18, 2024, after a long battle with COPD.

Born November 22, 1940, in McKeesport, he was the son of Hubert and Cora (Davison) Farley.



He married Ruth Ann Grinnell September 28, 1965 in Meadville. She passed away October 13, 2008.

He served in the United States Army from 1958-1962 in the 169th Engineering Corp.

Jerry was employed at Avtex for 20 years in service and delivery. He then worked for Ferrellgas for over 20 years until his retirement.

During retirement he volunteered as a driver for the Disabled American Veterans.

He enjoyed hunting, mechanical work and cherishing time spent with his family.

Survivors include his children, Terri Lynn (Terry) Robison, of Meadville, Jeffrey Hubert Farley of Linesville and Denise Peters of Meadville; grandchildren, Diana Jolene Robison, Rachel Robison, Chaz Robison, Sonja (Jesse) Rossey, Fauna (Daisy) Roblandza, Laniah (Matt) Robey, Jerry H. Farley, Monica I. Farley, Bethany Farley, Nevada Peters, Benjamin Peters, and Joseph Peters; many great-grandchildren; sister, Judy (Paul) Dougherty; brother, Raymond Farley; two sister-in-law's, Bonnie Farley and Margaret Grinnell; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing

by his parents, Hubert and Cora Farley; wife, Ruth Ann Farley; sister, Esther (Bud) Beach; and brother, John Farley.

Calling hours were held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 6028 U.S. HIGHWAY 6, LINESVILLE, where his funeral service was held Friday, March 22, 2024, with Pastor Terry Smith officiating.

Burial with full military honors was conducted at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Meadville.

The family suggested memorials be made to the American Lung Association (www.lung.org).

Please share a condolence or memory of Jerry for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

E. Jane Stewart McDermott

LINESVILLE - It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our sister and aunt, E. Jane Stewart McDermott, 89, of Linesville and Lakeland, FL, on Friday, March 15, 2024.

She was born May 3, 1934, the daughter of Robert N. and Irene Shellito Stewart.

She married Philip John

McDermott on September 14, 1996, in Longmont, Colorado.

Jane was a Class of 1952 graduate of Linesville High School, a 1956 graduate of Grove City College with a Bachelors in Music Education and a Masters of Education from Kent State University.

She was employed as an elementary music educator in Conneaut, Ohio, for one year and then Linesville, Summit and Graham Elementary schools and Shafer Elementary in Linesville for 35 years. Every year she involved her students in wonderful Christmas plays and spring musical concerts mostly with standing room only.

She took pride in the achievements of her music students and enjoyed their visits as adults later in life. Every student today has a fond memory of Miss Stewart.

As a young girl on her farm, she enjoyed her pony, Babe, and adored her grandpa, Fred B. Stewart. Her first job was delivering milk before school on the Stewart Dairy milk



wagon.

Throughout her career, she was choir director, organist and pianist at the Linesville Presbyterian Church where she was a member close to 80 years. She played for many weddings.

She enjoyed golf, socializing, and her travels to Panama Canal, Bahamas, Europe, most all states especially Colorado and her winter home in Lakeland, Florida.

A kitchen party of family and friends was always enjoyed by Jane where she told stories, shared family history, and much laughter was enjoyed by all. Her taco Tuesday outings were the highlight of her week.

She is survived by a brother, Fred H. Stewart; 15 nieces and nephews, who were true to her heart and with whom she spent many special times with Ken (Renee) King, Robert King, Ron (Karyn) King, Alan (Chris) King, Linda King Grinder, David (Debra) Stewart, Kathryn Stewart Wielobob (Dave), Paul (Lisa) Stewart, Thomas (Carolyn) Stewart, John Stewart, Jennette (Roger) Martenson, Sandra (Patrick) Swift, Ron Mika, Fred Stewart, Robert (Corrine) Stewart; and many great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her husband; her parents; two sisters, Shirley King and Sue Stewart Mika; and a brother, James R. Stewart.

Jane will be forever loved and forever remembered. Life is a song - sing it.

The family truly appreciates and thanks her caregivers, Linda, Janet, Maureen, Marilyn, Lisa, Megan, Carla, Krystal and the advice and compassion of her good friend, Laura Ann.

Calling hours were held Friday, March 22, 2024, at ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 6028 U.S. HIGHWAY 6, LINESVILLE, with an additional calling hour Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the funeral home.

Her funeral service was conducted Saturday, March 23, 2024, at the Linesville Presbyterian Church, 206 Erie Street, Linesville, with Rev. David Fugate officiating.

Burial was private in Linesville Cemetery.

The family suggested memorial contributions be made to the Linesville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 235, Linesville, PA 16424.

Please share a condolence or

memory of Jane for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Myrna Young

LINESVILLE - Myrna Young, 83, of Linesville, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, following a long battle with cancer.

Myrna was born November 12, 1940, in Conneaut Township and was the eldest daughter of the late M. Alex



and Arlene (Maloney) Young.

After graduating from Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School in the Class of 1958, Myrna started her career as a secretary at the school that lasted for 53 years, retiring in 2011.

She was a member of the Penn Line Church of Christ in Pierpont, Ohio, and was a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years.

Myrna enjoyed crocheting, reading her books, making ceramics,

attending church, and spending time with her family.

Myrna will be remembered as a loving aunt. She loved and adored her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She will be remembered for her courage and strength during his illness, her willingness to continue life during her battle with cancer, never wanting to be a burden to her family.

Myrna is survived by nieces, Nicole (Robert) Long of Ashtabula, Julie (David, preceded) Randolph of Kingsville, David (Amy) Young of Pierpont; the late Thomas Young and his wife, Cathleen, of Linesville, a sister, Sandra Morrison of Ashtabula; many great-nieces and great-nephews, and a countless number of friends and family.

She was preceded in her passing by her father and mother, M. Alex and Arlene Young, a brother, Thomas and two nephews, Raymond and Thomas.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 17, 2024, at ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 6028 U.S. HWY 6, Linesville, PA 16424.

The family received friends on that Sunday - See Obituary page 6

Area Bingo Calendar

WEDNESDAY

THE ACTIVE AGING Foundation Bingo Every Wednesday Night at the Community Center of Crawford County! Doors open at 4:30 pm; Games begin 6:30 pm. \$50 on singles - \$100 on Doubles. Win over \$2,000 in Jackpots; 4 guaranteed Jackpot games: 1- \$1,100; 1- \$400; 1-\$300; 1 - \$250! 2 additional extra games sold on floor only. Red, White & Blue Triple progressive Early bird jackpot game and the Count Down Game. 5 for 5 jugs included in all admission packets. 9 card admission packets start at \$25, extra books available at \$5 per book.

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Reserved seats are not required in order to play bingo - Walk-ins are always welcome!

Community Center of Crawford County, 1034 Park Avenue, Meadville. 814-336-1792.

Proceeds benefit Active Aging, Inc., programs & services. Person in charge - Joel Oertly, Development Director.

Bingo license # BNG22017; small games of chance license # SCG22100

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from 1 to 2 p.m. before the service.

Private internment was in Penn Line Cemetery.

Myrna's family asks that memorial donations in her name be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Penn Line Church of Christ.

Please share a condolence or memory of Myrna for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

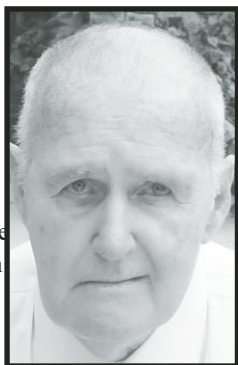
Kenneth R. Garland Sr.

HARMONSBURG - Kenneth R. Garland Sr., 88, of Harmonsburg Rd, Conneaut Lake passed away March 13, 2024, at home surrounded by family.

Ken was born November 28, 1935, in Ehrenfeld PA, a son of the late James J. and Anna Ryan Garland.

The family relocated from Ehrenfeld to near Conneaut Lake while Ken was a child. He grew up and graduated from Conneaut Lake High School in the Class of 1954.

Ken had a desire to attend Edinboro University to study history and become a teacher but life happened and he took work as a ma-



sonry laborer in the International Brotherhood of Laborers in Erie Local 603. A ferociously hard worker, he quickly set a high standard of work throughout his life until retirement in 1995.

While walking down the Midway at Conneaut Lake Park one day, Ken noticed a girl that he had met walking with her aunt, and he stopped them and asked the girl to give him a chance. That girl was Patricia Ann Jacobs; they were married January 2, 1959. Pat predeceased Ken on May 7, 1996.

Ken was drafted into the US Army where he rose to the rank of Sargent. He served in Germany during the Berlin Crisis and the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was honorably discharged in 1964.

After his discharge, Ken and family settled along Harmonsburg Road near Conneaut Lake. He spent several years building a home for his family. Ken and Pat greatly enjoyed the process of building their home together.

The important things in Ken's life were to be a good husband and father and to work hard every day. He loved to be outside working on or around his home.

An avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan, Ken could be heard every Sunday cheering for them from his favorite armchair. In the last few years of his life, he took great pleasure in being with the staff and people at the Active Aging Bair Center in Linesville, spending many hours reading and talking and laughing. Ken will be missed greatly.

He is survived by a dear friend, Marilyn Penfield of Linesville, son Kenneth Jr. (Patty) of Franklin, son Rich (Rena) of Murrysville, son Michael (Connie) of Meadville and a daughter Cheryl (Steve) Litwiler of Conneaut Lake, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, a sister, Beatrice G. Stiles of Fort Myers, FL, and sister-in-law, Betty Garland of Union City.

In addition, to his parents and his wife of 37 years, Pat, Ken was preceded in his passing by his 3 brothers: James J. Garland, Albert Garland, Thomas H. Garland, and sisters, Bernice Cutshall and Linda Denison.

Family and friends attended calling hours Saturday, March 16, 2024, at ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 6028 U.S. HIGHWAY 6, LINESVILLE, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with his funeral service at 12pm and a lunch served at the Active Aging Bair Center,

237 S. Pymatuning St., Linesville immediately following the service.

A private internment was planned to be held in Evergreen Cemetery, Harmonsburg, at a date determined by the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Active Aging Bair Family Center, PO Box, Linesville, PA 16424.

Please share a condolence with the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Reba Joyce Keller

ESPYVILLE - Reba Joyce Keller, 91, of Espyville, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at her residence.

She was born March 17, 1932, in Newport, TN, the daughter of Daniel Webster and Della Zola (Trentham) Blazer.

She married John Samuel Keller January 31, 1950, in Newport. He passed away on May 12, 1993.

Reba was a loving and devoted homemaker. She was a member of the Church of God in Erie. In her spare time, Reba enjoyed crocheting, coloring and diamond art. She loved being outdoors and enjoyed gardening. Reba will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Thomas of Dahlonega, Georgia and Cynthia Collins and her husband, Timothy, of Espyville; five grandchildren, Melissa Jenkins, Crystal Collins, Tammy Collins, Tabatha Collins and John Vance and his wife, Melissa; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

She was preceded in her passing by her husband, John Samuel Keller; her son, John Daniel Keller a great-granddaughter, Ricki Jenkins; and four siblings.

Graveside services were held Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Faubian Cemetery Parrottsville, TN.

Arrangements were under the direction of Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U. S. Highway 6, Linesville.

Memorial contributions can be made c/o of the family in care of the funeral home.

Please share a condolence or memory of Reba for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Laurie Stefik Bryer

ESPYVILLE - Laurie Stefik Bryer, 67, of Espyville, formerly of Pleasant Hills, PA, passed away at her residence on Monday, April 1, 2024.

She was born July 10, 1956, in San Antonio, TX, to the late Dr. Leonard and Marilyn (Byerly) Stefik.

Laurie was a Class of 1974 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Jefferson Hills, PA. She was employed as an Executive Administrative Assistant at All Clad Metalcrafters for 27 years until her retirement.

She enjoyed camping and she loved her cat, Annie and her dog, Coco.

Laurie is survived by her twin brother, Lenny Stefik and his wife, Lisa of Apalachin, NY; her brother-in-law, Arthur Skoff of Tarentum, PA; her nephews, Ryan Stefik and Jason Stefik and her niece, Megan Petro and her husband, Mike; her great niece and nephew, Eva and Lucas Petro; her cousin, Chris Stafford and his wife, Pamela and her longtime best friend, Carol Miller.

In addition to her parents, Laurie was preceded in her passing by her sister, Susan Skoff; her former husband, Keith Puza and her nephews, Brian Foster and Patrick Foster.

Calling hours for family and friends were held Saturday April 6, 2024, at Dickson Funeral Home, 130 N. 2nd St., Conneaut Lake, PA 15330.

Memorial contributions can be made to Washington Area Humane Society, 1527 PA 136, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

Please sign Laurie's online guestbook at www.hatheway-tesesco.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Dickson Funeral Home and Crematory, 130 N. 2nd St., Conneaut Lake, Rocco R. Tedesco III, Supervisor.



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In and Around ...

The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

James A. Stone Memorial Library

CONNEAUTVILLE - "At Stone Memorial Library, we are exulting in spring! As the weather warms and summer nears, we hope to see many new faces here at the library. And speaking of new faces, we would like to remind that we have a new director here at Stone. We are sad that our former director, Ms. Lauren Lowery, had to move on to another position at the public library in Saegertown. Lauren served our library with dedication, kindness, and creativity, and she will certainly be missed. Stepping into Lauren's place is Conneautville local, Mrs. Dare Gillette, assisted by Mrs. Jerrie Williams, also of Conneautville. Stop by soon to say hello!

Even though the staff is changing, we are maintaining our current programs for the community. Once a month, we host a Pokemon Club for kids ages 6-12. Bring your cards to trade!

We enjoy a weekly story time for our preschool-aged friends, presented by our resident children's librarian, Ms. Morrighan Lee. Story time is held here at the library each Thursday at 10 am. Join us for a good time of stories, crafts, songs and activities.

Stone's adult book club meets monthly. As always, we happily serve our community with print, copy and fax services, free WiFi and access to computers, and a welcoming atmosphere. We have a cozy play area for children, games and puzzles to enjoy, and of course a large selection of books, movies, magazines and more to lend out. While you are here, you can even peruse our shared copies of The Meadville Tribune and, of course, The Community News!

As always, if you have any questions for us, please feel free to reach out to us by calling (814) 587-2142. You can also visit our website at stone.cclfs.org, and our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/StoneMemorialLibraryConneautville](https://www.facebook.com/StoneMemorialLibraryConneautville)). We will be posting updates for new books, programming, reading challenges, services changes, and other offerings. Keep an eye out for announcements regarding some crafting events we will be adding to our calendar very soon.

Stone Memorial Library is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10-6, Friday from 9-3, and Saturday from 9-4. See you at the library!"

Stop in and get a new library card with one of our TWO new available card designs. Your library card gives you access to the physical library collections at all of the Crawford County Federated Library System (CCFLS) member libraries! This includes a multitude of materials - physical books, Large Print books, graphic novels, audiobooks, wonderbooks, DVDs, magazines, and more!

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- A Gold Level Library -

SPRINGBORO - Springboro Public Library is at 110 S. Main St., Springboro, PA.

Come see us - Library Director Abby Hanson and Assistant Librarians Cheyenne Paris and Courtney Banks are happy to help patrons in any way we can. We have new books monthly! Come see what's new! Let us know if we don't have the book you want. We have a suggestion box available and we have an Inter-Library Loan System.

We appreciate all of the partnering libraries for loaning us their library materials! We have some long awaited projects completed!

We are so excited about our new security system, our lights fixed in the adult collections room, and having our stairs added out front of the library to make it more accessible for our patrons.

Because of our director Abby's hard work, we received a grant for the

stairs. A big thank you to her and Fuller's Building Group for completing the work, and also to all our patrons and others who gave to make these projects possible! It is so appreciated.

We offer three story-times with snacks each week. Mommy & Me Story Time is on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for children, birth to six years old,

Home School Hour is at 10:00 am on Wednesdays for ages six and up, and Story Time on Saturdays at 10:00 am for children of all ages.

Virginia Rendulic led Story Time for a number of years but has taken a leave of absence due to her health. She is very missed by us all!

Courtney Banks started filling in for her in November of last year. We are excited she is a part of our library now!

Come buy some raffle tickets! We have new raffles each month. Right now you could win a Mother's Day Photo shoot. Tickets are \$1.00 each or three tickets for \$2.00.

We also have a summer raffle. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. You could win a fire pit and lots of other camping items! Come check it out in our display window! The drawing for the fire pit is June 29th, 2024.

The months have been flying by. In February, we had a Valentine Party for the children. We had about thirty patrons attend. The children made very cute boxes and bags for their valentines. It was fun sharing valentines, candy, playing games, and visiting with friends.

We've had some special Home school Hours with Miss Marsha. She taught a music lesson and the children decorated drumsticks.

Miss Linda had a science experiment making bouncy balls.

Each month on the second and fourth Thursday 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm we have craft night for children of all ages and an adult and teens craft as well.

On March 14th, the children made rainbow froot loop necklaces. The kids enjoyed the craft and having it as a treat after it was made.

The adults made beautiful lace crosses for Easter. On March 28th, the children made stained glass windows and the adults enjoyed book club. Interested in book club? Each month we have a new genre. Ask us at the library what the next genre is.

A children's game night was on Thursday, April 11, at 6:00 pm.

Come play some board and card games with friends in the area.

The adults are making birdhouses. On Wednesday, April 17, at 10:00 am, we have a special Home School Hour planned with Miss Linda.

On Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 pm, the children's craft is melted crayon butterflies and we also have the adult book club. If you can,

please let us know if you plan to come to our events by commenting on our Facebook post when it becomes available or call us so we are prepared with supplies. If you can't sign up, no worries! Please still come!

We love to see new and regular patrons! Check out our Facebook page for updates and more info about our upcoming events!

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Margaret Shontz MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CONNEAUT LAKE - From woodblock painting and beach glass art to floral design and card making, spring is in full swing at the Shontz Library! Check out our upcoming classes below!

PLEASE NOTE: registration for classes and presentations will begin four weeks prior to each event. Some classes or events have fees. If you need to cancel, please call 24 hours in advance. Visit the library or call for more information or to sign up: 814-382-6666.

Library is open M-TH from 10 AM - 5 PM, Fridays from 10 AM - 4 PM, Saturdays from 9 AM - 4 PM, with evening hours on Tues. and Thurs. from 6 - 8 PM.

Beach Glass Project was held Sat., April 13th AND one is set for **Thurs., April 18**, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. Create a beautiful spring-time shadow box picture made with beach glass. \$25 per person - all materials provided.

American Sign Language class: Monday, April 15, from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill! This class is free and open to the public.

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, April 22, from 1 - 3 PM. Create beautiful handmade cards to give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Floral Design with Blossoms & Blooms: Monday, April 29, from 2 - 3 PM. Create a beautiful bouquet to bring home or give away! \$40 per person.

Spin Your Yarn: Thursdays AND Saturdays at 11 AM. Bring your project and join us for an hour of knitting and chatting! This program is free and open to the public.

Story Hour: Tuesdays from 10 - 11 AM. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and babysitters: bring your children and join us for an hour of games, songs, crafts, snacks, stories and fun every Tues-

day morning!

Friends of the Library: Are you interested in joining the "Friends of the Library" group? The Shontz Library Board of Directors is seeking innovative thinkers and doers who are interested in supporting the library in a variety of ways. Call us

Whether you are a year-round or seasonal resident, the Margaret Shontz Memorial Library in beautiful Conneaut Lake is the place to go for whatever interests you. We have books, dvd's, books on CD, Playaways and Wonderbooks, a birdwatching kit with two pairs of binoculars for you to check out. We also have some exciting events and programs planned, so read on to find out what we have in store!

Shontz E-newsletter: Want to stay informed about our upcoming events? Sign up for our e-newsletter at the library and we'll add you to our monthly e-newsletter list. It's a great way to stay in the loop about everything going on at the Margaret Shontz Memorial Library in Conneaut Lake!

Route 618 Bridge Replacement Project

OIL CITY, PA - Work to replace the bridge that carries Route 618 over a tributary of Conneaut Creek in Sadsbury Township, is expected to begin April 15.

The project will replace the existing bridge, which is located between Ellis Avenue and the Sunset View Motel with a box culvert. Work will also include minor roadway work near the bridge as well as new pavement markings.

Construction is expected to begin April 15, 2024, weather permitting, and is expected to be completed in July 2024.

The project will require a detour at the start of the project, which will be posted using Route 18 and

Route 6. It is expected to be in place for one and a half months.

The existing corrugated metal pipe culvert bridge was built in 1980. It is classified as poor condition. Approximately 1,900 vehicles a day use the bridge, on average.

The contractor is Horizon Construction Group, Inc., of Seneca, PA. The contract cost is \$617,700, which is to be paid entirely with federal funds.

This project is funded at least in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In 2024 alone, the BIL is bringing approximately \$25 million in additional funding to the northwest region to be allocated by the department and its local Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) partners. In the northwest region, the planning partners are the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Shenango Valley MPO, and the Northwest Rural Planning Organization (RPO), for projects in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties.

This year, PennDOT's Northwest Region expects to do work on more than 100 projects. To see a full listing of all the anticipated work, check out the 2024 Construction Book located under the Resources tab online at www.pennDOT.pa.gov/District1.

\$265,000 grant to rehab

Conneautville Dam

HARRISBURG - Conneautville Borough will receive a \$265,000 grant to repair the Conneautville Dam so it meets federal and state safety requirements, according to a recent news release from Sen. Michele Brooks (R-50).

Both the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection identified the dam as a high hazard potential dam.

"These repairs will help protect the families and businesses of Conneautville," Brooks said. "Utilizing this grant will help to defray costs and move us closer to completing this project."

Funding will be used to realign the auxiliary spillway channel, expand the training dike to comply with NRCS criteria, install a sheet pile wall to prevent auxiliary spillway flow from entering the gully

next to the exit channel and reconfigure the eight-inch diameter embankment drainpipes.

The grant was awarded by the Commonwealth Financing Authority under its Flood Mitigation Program.

Crawford County Historical Society event planned

The Crawford County Historical Society has released their list of April programs and events.

Tickets to all Society events may be purchased online at crawford-historical.org or by calling the Society office at 814-724-6080.

April 20th: 1 - 4pm - Wine and Wildflowers: Paint and Sip at Mount Hope - The Baldwin-Reynolds House Museum!

Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres as instructor Jan Lauer leads an

afternoon that includes everything needed to create a spring masterpiece. Cost is \$35 and includes the supplies (which you may keep afterwards!) as well as food and instructor fee.

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Linesville Library

LINESVILLE - We would like to give a huge thank you to all the businesses and community members who helped to make our 3rd Annual Spring Egg Hunt a success!!

Book Club will be meeting May 1st. We will be discussing Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus and handing out the next book, The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison.

Pokemon Club will be meeting May 13th at 4 pm. Bring your cards to trade as well as join in some pokemon activities!

Construction Crew will meet May 27, at 4 pm to build with legos, blocks, etc.

Story Hour is every Wednesday at 11 am. Come join in every week with a new story, song, crafts, and activities!

Art with Paula will be May 18, for a Lighthouse Scene. Everything included is \$10. Space is limited so please sign up ahead of time.

Mead and Read is April 18, at Nucleus Mead, 158 West Erie Street, Linesville.

This is a **BYOB** (Bring your own book) book club. Bring a book each month and tell us what you think about it and if you desire, order a flight of mead to try! What better way to find your next book to read.

This book club will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 pm at Nucleus Mead!

Dungeons and Dragons meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10 am - April 27th is when they meet next!

Are you struggling with using our online resources that we offer? Come into the library the last Wednesday of every month at 1 pm and let us help you figure out how to use Libby the best!

We have a **Thumbprint Memorial Tree** - Anyone can donate to put a thumbprint on our tree in memory of someone and it will hang with our Memorial Plaques. Leaf colors are chosen based on donation: Red \$1, orange, \$3, and Yellow \$5! Come in and add a thumbprint and the loved one's name to our tree!

PUZZLE SWAP SHELF! We started something new! We now have a shelf by our Sharing Shelves to bring in puzzles and take a new one! With the cool wet spring season, this will make it easier to share puzzles and get a new one to put together during the blustery weather!

Getaway pamphlets/brochures are set up just inside our door as well. This display is full of different getaways flyers and brochures. Come in to see where you can plan your next road trip! All of them are free and updated almost monthly so if you looked at it when we first got it, there are new getaway brochures to give you some new ideas for vacation!

Can't make it to the library? Remember to check out our online resources free of charge to you. Libby has a huge selection of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines.

You can also access Craftsy, Universal Class, Kovels, and LawDepot free of charge through Libby as well! Consumer reports are also available with your library card using the following link: <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,cpid&custid=s5531391&profile=crco>

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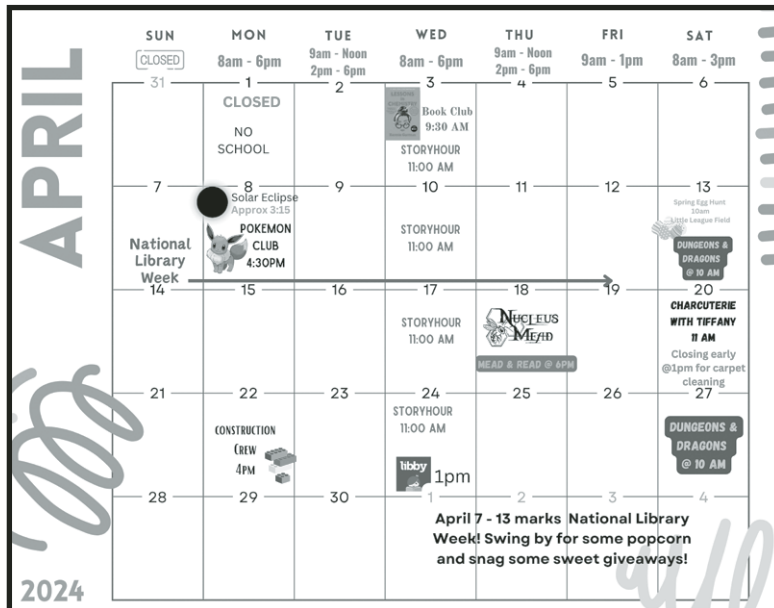
West Center Road Bridge replacement

OIL CITY - The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) notes the public can view the online plans display for a project to replace the West Center Road bridge over Paden Creek in Conneaut Township, near Linesville.

The bridge is located on West Center Road (Route 4004) just west of its intersection with Beaver Center Road (Route 4001).

The project will include removal of the current steel bridge and construction of a new single span, concrete structure, waterproofing, minor asphalt paving near the bridge, as well as updates to the drainage and guiderail. Work is expected to occur during the 2025 construction season.

A detour will be required during construction and is expected to be in place for approximately four months. The proposed 5.8-mile detour route will be posted using Beaver Center Road, Route 6, and Partch Road (Route 4006).



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On average, approximately 230 vehicles a day use West Center Road. The bridge is rated in poor condition.

The plans display for the West Center Road Bridge Project, which will be held online only, includes a handout, digital plans, and an online comment form. It can be accessed by visiting the PennDOT District 1 website, www.penndot.pa.gov/District1.

Those unable to access the information online may give feedback by contacting PennDOT Project Manager Michael R. Hunkele, P.E., at mhunkele@pa.gov or 814-678-7173.

This project is funded at least in part by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). In 2024 alone, the BIL is bringing approximately \$25 million in additional funding to the

northwest region to be allocated by the department and its local Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organization (MPO/RPO) partners.

In the northwest region, the planning partners are the Erie Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Shenango Valley MPO, and the Northwest Rural Planning Organization (RPO), for projects in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango and Warren counties.

The purpose of the plans display is to introduce the project and receive public input regarding any questions or concerns with the project. It is also an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the project's potential effect upon Cultural Resources pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's 36 CFR Part 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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School board changing gate prices

The Conneaut School board meeting in April voting session last week voted 6-2 to change gate prices for those attending sporting events in the district.

The changes were recommended by the district's athletic ad hoc committee largely following one person's complaint he had spent over \$300 during the fall and winter sports seasons to watch family members take part in activities.

High school and middle school students will now be allowed into games at no charge, while those students under age 13, must be accompanied by an adult.

Active military and military veterans will be charged \$1.00 to attend games as will senior citizens.

A 2-person gate pass can be purchased for \$50 with that pass good for the entire school year.

Those attending from other schools will be charged \$6 adults, and \$4 students.

GW Hall, chair of the board's athletic committee had argued at a previous meeting that doing away with charging students to get into games - football, basketball, volleyball primarily - should fill the home school stands thus showing support for the home team playing.

Typically gate receipts help pay for expenses in running the various sports programs, the cut in prices and lower gate revenues now to be made up by the taxpayer.

Gate revenues were not discussed at the recent athletic committee meeting held recently and from which the recommendations of price changes came from.

Board member David Schaefer, who voted no on the proposed changes, was joined by John Burnham in the 6-2 vote with Hall, Ryan Klink, Ed Williamson, Steve Nader, Adam Horne, and Dot Luckock voting for the changes.

Schaefer questioned whether stands would be filled by a declining student enrollment, noting successful teams draw support from fans, noted past efforts at selling season passes that drew little support and wondered about the supervision of lower age students.

No mention was made if charging people to get into stage and musical performances would change as well.

North Shenango citizens complain of quad noise, note fear of teen driver at meeting

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Some 30 residents filled the meeting room when North Shenango Township held their monthly voting meeting last week.

Several of those residents spoke of ongoing, hours long noise from a 14-year old fellow resident running a quad up and down that area's roads and the loud noise the machine puts forth.

One lady said it is hours of daily noise] and she noted safety concerns for area children and pets. She said that talking to the father and the 14-year old resulted in both responding with foul language.

Supervisor Dan Dickey said it was the first time he had heard of this problem, Dickey in attendance with fellow supervisor Eloise Settlementyre. The third supervisor was absent.

Dickey said the township does not have a noise ordinance and asked if the police had been called. The township is served by both State Police and the Conneaut Lake Regional Police Department.

The lady responded that yes, police were called and suggested that the fines had been one result, but added the residents are afraid of the individual.

Dickey said the township is working on revised ordinances and urged residents to call the Regional Police for the better results.

A man saying he represented those in the neighborhood, said some residents feel like prisoners in their homes, suggested regional police were called without response and handed in a list of names of people who had concerns with the quad/noise issue.

One lady said she was chased by the guy on the quad while out walking, she went into woods so she went into the nearby woods with the individual following and that individual followed her onto her property.

The male resident said all the neighborhood wanted is peace, noting the father of the quad driver is a good man, but has changed, people wanting to remain friends.

Dickey said again about this being the first time he has heard of the problem and asked for a chance to try to work out the matter.

In other matters that came before

the board, supervisors heard complaints and questions about RVs, the need for permits for RVs, if water and sewer hookups were require for RVs, a generator running all night because an RV had no electric, with the code official saying he had just taken that matter to court with the person charged given 3 days to respond. Another lady resident urged a need to look at the RV ordinance especially in light of Tuttle Point camping area, run by the state re-opening. More control is needed, she said.

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The reflections of one man ...
- By George P. Nowack

A BLESSING OF SHOWERS...

(As many Friends know, my Life has teetered on the Edge of Existence for more than a year now. However, with the tremendous assistance of several teams from

AHN in Erie, I am still here. AND NOW...after speaking with David a few days ago, I have agreed to resume the writing of my articles for the Community News. The invitation was MORE than a true "gift"... it awakens within my Soul a reason to continue to exist. I cannot thank you enough, David...you are, to

me, an Angel in Disguise.

SO...without further hesitation... HERE WE GO!!)

A few years ago, 2019 to be exact, one of my weekly articles during the late Summer of that year indicated that the Spring and Summer seasons had been MORE than torrentially wet. The article went on to describe the tremendous negative effects that all the downpours of that year had upon my desperate attempts to raise a crop of veggies. Furthermore, I commented that all the wet weather had the following effects:

"Tomato plants are showing the signs of unusually diseased leaves...zucchini leaves are huge, but the fruit has yet to appear...roses are hanging in there, and fighting for their lives...lima beans are MORE than pathetic. Grape vines seem to be doing well...growing beyond every expected boundary.

HOWEVER, the most prolific crop on our property are the weed beds...growing beyond comprehension!"

In addition, I briefly described how the saturation of 2019 brought into memory recall the year of I and Carolyn's wedding in 1983.

We wed on Saturday, the weekend before Easter Sunday in 1983. Both being employed, at that time, by the Pittsburgh Public Schools, we were looking forward to enjoying our week-long Easter vacation on our new Espyville property. In fact, this respite is what we planned as our Honeymoon Vacation. What better way to celebrate our new Life together, than camping on our future homeland? Spending every moment of every day and night together planning how we would transform our "wetlands" into a residential PALACE! WE were more than excited and overcome with Joy!

BUT...

The day of our wedding was beautiful! The weather was perfect...we couldn't have asked for a better Time. The following day, was also exceptional. After a brief morning hike in the local State Park near where we were living at that time, we hustled back to our residence and started to pack for our Honeymoon. After what seemed like an Eternity of hours, we were

finally "all set."

Early the next morning, we climbed into our little truck and headed to our beloved property.

As we drove further Northward on Interstate 79 just outside of Zellenople, tiny drops of moisture began to decorate the windshield of our vehicle. NO BIG DEAL! The Pittsburgh weather reports indicated that no foul weather was in sight for the balance of our Honeymoon...at least that was true for Pittsburgh. NOT SO for the Northwestern part of the Commonwealth, including Erie, Meadville, and, of course, Espyville.

Nevertheless, we proceeded on our trip, never pausing to reflect upon the worsening circumstances, nor to cater to the whims of Mother Nature. Eventually, we pulled up to our land.

WETLANDS??? WETLANDS?? NAHH...more like the Everglades!

Once again, being undaunted and totally mesmerized with the Joy of our Future together, we unpacked...opened our tiny Coleman pop-up camper...and proceeded to try to stay dry. GOOD LUCK!

No campfires for the week of our Honeymoon. AND, the most unexpected result: the Coleman would NOT keep out the torrential downpours.

So...with little recourse, we decided after a few days to head back down to our home outside of Pittsburgh.

Disappointed? Naturally...but, not completely dismayed. For the Easter Holiday week would be simply the first of innumerable

weekends we would have as precursors to the approaching Summer season.

HA...HA!!!

Nope, it simply didn't work-out the way we expected. For the next twelve weekends after our Easter Vacation/Honeymoon escapade, it rained...buckets, after buckets for nearly three succeeding months. Did we "give-up?" NOPE!

So what if the weather was uncooperative! Why should that stop us, or anyone, from experiencing the wonders of our Region? IT DIDN'T.

The farmers continued to prepare their fields. The boats of folks fishing our great Pymatuning still continued to enjoy their days on the water. And us??? Well, we threw some tarps over the Coleman pop-up, and cozied into our new Life.

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We also learned (only TOO well) the complications and dire wet consequences of allowing our contractor to install a basement area in our new home.

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This season, similar to the one years ago, has been extremely wet. The rains seem to be around wash-

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MEMORIES from George and Caroline dealing with life, weather, and friendly support from their pet German shepherd, Macs!

ing us nearly every day.

Perhaps, my actions during several of these showers could be described as somewhat "interesting."

On more than a few of these days, I have ventured outside and attempted to simply stood beneath the downpours. In fact, on one of the most recent occasions, I was successful in stepping onto the side deck of our front porch and into the showers. As the gentle drops caressed my face and closed eyes, I reflected not only upon those days back in 1983, but also upon the experiences of many, many years.

The drops seemed to somehow wash away and eradicate the worries and problems that I have faced...as we all have faced throughout our Lives.

The rain??? A Gift??? Perhaps... but, so is the Sunlight which follows the downpours.

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 I'll walk down the lane with a happy refrain
 And singin' just singin' in the rain."

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Sadsbury April meeting routine

- By DAVID SCHAEF

Community News

Sadsbury township supervisors Lyle Hoover and Bonnie Smith conducted a rather routine April voting meeting with three guests present. Supervisor Kevin Van-Honk was absent.

Following a no comment period from visitors, supervisors listened to Dave Hubbard update on road work who noted some beaver activity in a couple locations and that the work on back stops on the recreation complex had been completed. Certain bids were opened on seal coating of roads for the upcoming season with Suite Kote getting the winning lower bid, the

other bid at more than double .

Supervisors thought the higher bid company did not really want the work, thus the higher price.

Hubbard reported on the township's sale of a Concord Conveyor for \$400, and a winning bid of \$230 for a power roll tarp.

Supervisors reminded that residents can take part on Sat., May 4, in a Yard Waste Clean-up Day.

Residents can bring yard waste material to the township building between 9 a.m. and noon that day and empty their yard waste debris into the dumpster that will be there.

Bags have to be emptied as bagged material will not be accepted. Yard debris can be no longer than 4-foot logs and no more than 4

inches in diameter.

The township will sponsor their Annual Clean-Up Day [household waste] on Sat., May 11, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Among items accepted are tires from car or light truck at \$4.00 per tire, refrigerators/freezers/AC with a \$5.00 fee for freon; no electronics or propane tanks will be accepted.

Hubbard reported on roof work being done on the pavilion at the Rec Complex and the township is waiting on delivery of doors for the office building.

Zoning officer Joe Chriest reported on issuing 7 permits last month for a total value of \$371,000.

He reported that the demolition of the former Sunset View Motel was near.

Attorney Joe Ferguson reported a court date set for April 10, relating to clean up on of a property which has been an ongoing effort to get the property clean up from various items sitting around for a long, long time. Township Secretary Rose Mumau and Hubbard said some things had been moved but very small amounts. Photos were reported to have been taken to aid in the court case.

Work on building a cell tower at the Rec property was reported as bids going out this month, award bids in May with a start date no sooner than June 15, when Little League's regular season will be done.

The cell tower work will preclude any playoff games at the site this summer.

Supervisors approved a permit for the Color Me Conneaut Lake 5K run/walk to be held June 15.

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West Fallowfield Fire/Rescue holding public meeting April 25, money concerns

- By DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

West Fallowfield Township supervisors learned that the Fallowfield Fire & Rescue company will hold a public, community meeting on Thursday, April 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fallowfield Fire & Rescue station in Atlantic to discuss and review having the township add a Fire and EMS tax as part of township taxes, and the placement of fire apparatus at the Hartstown fire department building as opposed to all being at the Atlantic building.

Announcements being posted in the township indicate the future of the community's fire department and fire and ambulance coverage will be portion of the public meeting.

The Fallowfield Fire & Rescue, like many in the state is grappling with how to continue to provide emergency coverage in these days of limited funding and dwindling volunteer support.

Fire /Rescue representative Jessie Walker noted the company responding to 87 calls recently where the average is 51, that including 23 ambulance/rescue calls and a lot of support to nearby areas.

Walker noted of all the calls that came into Fallowfield that only 2 could not be responded to in that time period.

Walker also noted a mailing sent

to residents was blunt and the Fire/Rescue received a lot of flake on the mailing

Membership rates to Fallowfield are \$35 for an individual, \$45 for a couple, \$60 for a household of 2 adults and up to four under age 18, plus a business membership of \$150 covering unlimited employees at the business' physical address.

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Fallowfield took over primary ambulance service in the township October 14, 2023. Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance had been the previous ambulance provider with the plans being CLAAS will continue to assist Fallowfield.

The recent mailing pointed out it costs over \$300,000 to buy and equip a new ambulance and over \$1-million to buy and equip a new fire engine.

Pancake breakfasts and gun raffles just can't support the needs of a Fire/Rescue setup.

Walker said a question is that is the community willing to support a 3.5 tax mill increase to help support the Fire/Rescue unit.

Former township supervisor M. Scullin expressed concern over a 3.5 tax increase while noting the township provided some \$6,600 in support in 2023.

Walker said a 1-mill increase was a drop in the bucket and the Fire/Rescue unit was willing to discuss all items with the community.

We don't have time to do a lot of fund raisers, Walker said, pointing

to the volume of calls handled, administrative requirements, etc.

Walker noted that he as a volunteer puts in 40 hours a week. He works up towards Erie with his volunteer time around his work schedule.

One man in the audience noted a tax increase could be detrimental to the elderly in the township while noting the many requirements for having fire/rescue protection.

Walker, despite his work and volunteer schedule, was appointed code enforcement officer, he saying he was willing to serve.

The previous code enforcement officer resigned from the position, pay being \$15 an hour plus mileage. Walker also will training paid for.

The previous code official was effective in getting an area south of Hartstown on Rt. 18, pretty much cleaned up among other places.

One resident present noted what he called the old Murphy property getting junked up again and burning taking place there.

Supervisors Jon Loreno, Steven Luciani and James Saulsbery approved the resignation of township secretary/treasurer Brenda Braden who has accepted a position at Conneaut Lake Borough with Braden saying she is willing to help train a person to take over her position.

Supervisors seemed ready to appoint someone as they had done interviews but held off when Scullin suggested someone to interview.

There were no new updates on the Rocky Glen Road project.

Next meeting is May 2, at 6:30 p.m.

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APRIL 9 - CASH baseball team fell to Sharon 15-5 at Sharon, in five innings.

CASH had 7 hits including 2-for-2 from Ashton Headley and 2-for-3 from Alex Wilpula, both scoring a run each. Klink, Perrine, and Kornman had the other hits.

APRIL 11 - CASH baseball

dropped to 0-4 on the season, losing to Grove City, 10-3, at GC.

Gavin White was 1-for-2, with RBI and walk; Aldrich walked in the third and scored a run. Wiplula scored a run as did Headley who was 1-for-3. Kornman went 1-for-2 and scored a run.

APRIL 9 - CASH boys volleyball team lost to homestanding Saegertown 25, 25-20, 26-24, the team looking for that first win.

Pacing CASH were Brevin Klink with 13 assists and Carson Alsdorf with 6 kills.

SCHEDULE -

Baseball - April 15: CASH at Oil City 4 pm; April 17: CASH at Slippery rock, 4 pm

Girl's Lacrosse - April 15: Cathedral Prep at CASH, 6 pm;

Softball - April 16: CASH at Meadville, 4:30.

Boy's Volleyball, April 16: CASH at Cathedral Prep, 7pm;

Brooks' bill to protect kids, conserve emergency response resources passes

HARRISBURG – Legislation sponsored by Sen. Michele Brooks (R-50) to introduce felony criminal penalties for falsely reporting threats at school entities and institutions of higher education in Pennsylvania passed the Senate last week.

Senate Bill 975 would make it a

felony of the third degree to knowingly report a false threat at a school or educational facility. In addition, it would allow courts to sentence anyone convicted to pay the costs of an evacuation or response that resulted from the threat.

These costs may include supplies, equipment or materials to respond to the threat, food that went unused because of the evacuation or diversion from standard operations of a school, and salary and wages – including overtime pay – for those who respond to the threat and any teacher, administrator or other educational facility employee who was paid despite the diversion.

“Last year, hoax callers falsely alerted law enforcement agencies of active school shooter situations across the state, including schools in Crawford, Mercer, and Lawrence counties.

These calls triggered a massive emergency response, causing tremendous stress for students their families and teachers, and using up valuable public safety resources,” Brooks said. “If we don’t take action to punish threats made to our schools, they will inevitably result in accidents, injuries and worse. This bill sends a clear message to perpetrators that reporting a false threat to schools and higher education institutions will result in serious criminal and financial consequences.”

Having received bipartisan Senate support, the bill now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Springboro seeks ok on emergency center

Six of seven members of the Springboro council were in attendance at the April meeting along with the mayor who announced she was going to meet with an individual as council looks to have the Community Center declared an emergency use center.

Council gave an okay to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to cross borough property between April 24 - and may 2, as they enter and exit Conneaut Creek as they study and work on controlling sea lamprey populations in the Great Lakes.

The request noted staff from the U.S. office found larval population of sea lampreys in Conneaut Creek which feeds into Lake Erie, part of the Great Lakes system.

Periodically U.S. Fish and Wildlife service applies lampricides to help control the invasive species.

Council is setting May 18, as clean up day in the borough.

Linesville Food Pantry open

The Linesville Food Pantry continues to operate and hand out needed food items on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at St. Philip's Social Center, Linesville, to those in need of assistance.

The Food Pantry is run by volunteers from the Linesville Presbyterian Church, St. Philip RC Church, Linesville Baptist Church and the Linesville Methodist Church with financial and other support by various businesses and organizations in the Linesville community.

Donations are always welcome. Families and individuals in need of assistance can contact any of the churches listed above.

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