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• **CASH STUDENTS SIGN COLLEGE LETTERS!**

No tax increase seen in Conneaut School District

BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Taxpayers in the Conneaut School District will not see a real estate tax increase in the budget set to begin July 1, based on review of the proposed budget at the board's work session last week.

Financial workshops have been held since early February as the school board finance committee of Dot Luckock, Steve Nadar and David Schaefer worked with business manager Christine Krankota, superintendent Jarrin Sperry and other staff members.

A tentative budget approval has been set for the May voting meeting and a final approval given at the June voting meeting.

Only 4 times have real estate taxes been raised in the school district going back to the 2008/2009 school year, including a 2-mill increase in this current year's budget.

The 16-year average of tax increases averages out to a .34 yearly increase in the rates, the last raise a 1-mill increase in 2018/2019, before this year's 2-mill rate increase.

Expenses in the proposed budget shows expenses at \$43,916,606 with revenue at \$43,627,089, a \$289,519 difference.

That difference will be made up by drawing from the district's fund balance.

This year's budget showed expenses at \$44,901,942 and revenue

at \$45,149,562 including federal stimulus money that is no longer available.

Reduction in expenses is largely driven by the merger of the two middle schools into one middle school, and an offering of an early retirement incentive for staff that is seeing about 30 retiring and being replaced by about half that number - most new hires at lower rates than those who are retiring.

Health insurance rates in the district are projected to go up about 4.9% after July 1, a nearby school district projecting a 17% increase in their rates. Adjustments to sick day incentives and reallocation of building improvements show a drop of some \$114,329 in earlier budget expense projections.

Revenue projections show the district increased its assessed real estate valuation from \$304,991,281 to \$306,777,735, meaning increased values on property brings in more tax revenue from such as new homes.

The district is expecting to receive about \$200,000 more in secondary career and technical education and transportation from the state - a revenue increase of some \$356,995.

No increases in state basic education funds or special education funds are projected in the budget beginning July 1, as state support is unknown until state leaders adopt their final budget that begins July 1.

Any increases in state support enhance budget revenue figures. The district saw a \$591,157 increase

in basic education funding in this year's budget as well as a \$195,730 increase in special education funding over the previous year.

CASH Co-Principal Matt Van-

noy advised school board members at the work session that, after applying and filling out a 15 page application, the district is being recognized as a Great Pennsylvania

School noting the district is among a select few of the 499 school district setup in the state that provide students with access to rigorous programming. - **To Tax page 2**

Conneaut Lake police efforts work to update communications to meet new regulations

- **By Kaleigh White**
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Regional Police Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at the Sadsbury Township Building. Persons present included Kevin VanHonk and Bonnie Smith, Sadsbury Township Supervisors; Jim Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake and Vice-Chair of the Commission; Dick Holabaugh, Conneaut Lake Borough Council president; Eloise Settlemire, North Shenango Township Supervisor; Todd Pfeifer, Chief of Police; and Rose Mumau, Secretary. Lyle Hoovler, Sadsbury

Township Supervisor, was absent from this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with a salute to the American flag.

Motion for minutes from March 20th, 2024, to be approved was brought forth by VanHonk, and seconded by Smith; the board approved this unanimously. Motion to approve payment of bills and payroll for March 21st through April 17th was brought forth by Smith, seconded by Tigri, and also unanimously approved by the board. The motion to approve Financial and Budget reports was brought by Holabaugh, seconded by Smith and

also approved by the board.

A guest at the meeting brought up the issue of repainting some of the road lines in the borough. Pfeifer said that they need to coordinate road repainting with Vernon Township and that the matter was being worked on.

Settlemire said she would like to thank Pfeifer and all of the CLRPD for keeping the area safe and the roads relatively clear during the solar eclipse, as there were a lot of tourists in the area, and as such, a lot of traffic.

Pfeifer also discussed a grant the CLRPD received in conjunction with the - **See Police page 11**

Conneautville West Street lots have interested buyers

Conneautville Borough Council met April 8, with the meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President William Ingols. Members present were Ken Hoovler; Jessica Loughner; Sheila Mahoney; Tim Prince; Amanda Scott; Gary Clark; and Mayor Allen Clark. Visitor was Aletha Samuels.

CNCL Clark moved to accept the minutes of March 14, 2024, meeting as written by Secretary Deana Seitz, second by CNCL Loughner. Motion carried.

Aletha Samuels came to the meeting to talk about how to help those in need. There was good conversation among everyone. Aletha will do some more research and put a plan together. She thanks every-

one for their input.

A Mayor's report was provided.

- Facebook is updated daily with essential information.
- The next planning meeting for the July parade was set for April 22.

- A date needs to be decided for the borough clean-up and what projects to be seen done.

- Fellows' Club has responded to 33 fire and rescue calls, and 54 EMS calls to date.

- May 11, 2024, will be the annual rabies clinic at the fire station.

- Download the app Pulse-Point to receive 911 center information and if you are trained in CPR, you can receive alerts of

someone in a public location within a half mile of you.

Under Administration and Finance: CNCL Mahoney reported 39 people were 30 days behind in payments, letters were to go out on 4/12/24, and shut offs were set for 4/18/24.

The lead and copper inventory has been completed and needs sent to DEP.

Craig will be attending a training session in Milton, PA.

The storm sewer drains and catch basins continue to be cleaned out.

Stop signs were put up at Rectory Drive on High Street due to increased traffic. Watch children signs have - **See Lots page 12**



CASH
March 2024
Students of the Month



Debella Durkin
Freshman



Alex Brady
Sophomore



Jillianne Haeck
Junior

CASH
April 2024
Students of the Month



Jeanne Juracko
Senior



Keegan Hershberger
Sophomore



Dylan Quade
Junior



Daelynn Johnson
Senior



Averi Wolf
Freshman

State Play-off.

With only 1 senior being lost to graduation, Coach Krankota is looking forward to even better things next season.

J.V. awards were passed out for each girl and notable ones were; Offensive Player of the Year - freshman Abby Potts, Most Valuable Player of the Year - freshman BreAnn Dendis.

As for the varsity; BreAnn Dendis was named Rookie of the Year; Most Relentless - Hailee Morini; Most Inspirational - Courtney Perry; Teammate of the Year - Kaitlyn Crabb; Defensive Player of the Year - Morgan Poff. Lainie Harrington and Hannah Brady were named Most Valuable Players of the Year.

Hannah set a record for blocks

with 48. Lainie and Hannah were named to Region 5 1st Team All-Stars while Lainie was named as Region 5 Player of the Year for the second straight year.

Coach Krankota just finished her 4th year as head coach and had two assistant paid coaches this year - Lori Lyman and Rylee Jones, and also had volunteer coach Mark Ruttenberg.

Each of the past 4 years, the Lady Eagles have continued winning more games.

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are community-centric, demonstrate financial well-being and display resilience.

The district will receive a banner to hang noting the recognition with Vannoy to explain more about the award in June.

At the work session, two residents questioned the planned cut back in instructional hours at the elementary schools come next school year, that cuts about 20 minutes per day or about 360 instructional hours in the year.

One resident said the elementary teachers want more instructional time, the other saying she liked the current busing schedule of elementary/middle school on separate runs from the high school. The resident noted there are not enough child care facilities in the area to accommodate taking care of students getting out much earlier next year than they do now.

Proposed for next year is a bussing schedule that picks up all students in the first run in the morning while efforts are made to keep most bus routes to an hour or less on bus rides. School starting and ending times are proposed earlier next year than this year.



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Girls basketball
players recognized

CASH - The CASH girls' basketball team held their banquet Friday April 19, with approximately 70 in attendance.

The girls' team continued to make positive strides forward with this year marking the highest finish in Region play with an 8-2 record; with the most wins in a season with 16; and tied with the most games in a season 26, and a game, once again, played in the PIAA

Active Aging

Bair Family Center

237 South Pymatuning St., Linesville, PA

- Janet Wasserman, Center Manager

will be leading a DIY class on **June 7 at 9:30am** right here at our Center. This class is open to anyone of any age in the community, and the cost is \$45.00.

A \$10.00 discount is available to anyone who is at least 60 years of age, and all payments are due by May 31. Please call the Center at 814-683-4959 for reservations.

Looking for a meaningful gift for someone who is over 60 years of age? Give the gift of LUNCH! The Bair Family Center has coupon booklets good for five lunches for \$12.50 available for purchase. 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, and friends. This is especially nice for a neighbor or relative who does not get out much. Depression is on the rise in the over sixty population, and isolation is one of the leading causes of depression in this age group.

Simply getting out of the house and engaging with others is a vital first step to fighting isolation and related depression, and what better way than to share a meal with friends?

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. Call today and order your meals for next week: Baked Cabbage Casserole, Baked Pollock with Mac&Cheese, Roast Pork and Sauerkraut, Swedish Meatballs, and rounding out the week is Taco Bake. 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 preorder 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.

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.

Spring is finally here after the tease of warm weather followed by snow and cold. Sometimes we need the teasers to give us a glimpse of what is to come and to offer hope for a fresh start.

It is easy to get bogged down in the day-to-day routines while life is happening around us, often right in front of us. Take a stroll in the woods over the next few weeks and see how the landscape changes with each day. If the plants growing made sounds audible to the human ear, we would hear a cacophony! The birds returning from migration as well as the ones who grace us with their presence year-round have been announcing the changing season for weeks, and even on rainy days, they still sing. We should take a lesson from the birds and sing no matter what.

The **big event** for this month is, of course, our **Pasta Dinner and Craft Fair** that accompanies the Bair's Corvettes Cruise-In that will occur on **May 18**. A special treat this year will be homemade meatballs to accompany the spaghetti!

This is a major fundraiser for the Center which has benefited from the generosity and ongoing support of the Bair Family. As a 501(c)3 organization, we depend on the support of our local community to provide year-round services and programs to the over sixty population. Thank you to all of those who have already contributed support to this event through donations of time, talents, and resources. We are grateful for all of you.

Our new **Adult Art Adventure** happening **every Tuesday** from 12:30p-2:30pm has brought together a group of people who share the love of painting. This group is

open to the public to anyone 18 years old and up. Just as paint colors are more interesting when mixed, interacting with people of various ages provides a more interesting perspective on life. 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.

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

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. On **May 15** at 9:30am, we will share a story and a craft. This is an enjoyable time to enjoy the energy and the inquisitiveness of the little ones while they absorb knowledge and skills through contact with their "more experienced" friends at the Center.

On **May 16**, The Bair Family Center will host a meeting of the **Coffee Connections Group**. This is a time for service providers to meet with each other, share resources and network both professionally and personally.

This is an opportunity for The Bair Family Center to show a wider community what we have to offer, and through networking, increase our visibility and draw more participants to the Center. There will be no Bingo on May 16 so that we can accommodate our guests.

If **flower arranging** is on your bucket list, **Blossoms and Blooms**

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Flashback cinema - The Dark Night - 4/14 & 4/17 3:00 & 6:30/

* Some shows Fr-Sa-Tu only, all others every day - [Fr & Sa shows only]

OBITUARIES

Lewis Raymond Andrews Sr.

ESPYVILLE - Lewis Raymond Andrews Sr., 87, formerly of Espyville, passed away Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Rolling Fields in Conneautville.

He was born October 15, 1936, in Erie, the son of Clifford and Helen (Lammers) Andrews. He attended Academy High School in Erie.

Lewis served our country in the United States Marine Corp.

He worked as a truck driver for Gejon Inc. and Millis Transfer.



He was a member of St. Philip Church in Linesville.

Lewis enjoyed hunting, fishing and NASCAR racing.

He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and his dogs.

Survivors include five children, Christine Andrews of San Antonio, Texas, Mark Andrews (Brenda) of San Antonio, Texas, Cathleen Lore of Conneautville, Timothy Andrews of Kendallville, Indiana and Lewis Raymond Andrews Jr. (Cindy) of Linesville; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; his ex-wife, Gloria Luper of Conneautville; and his special nurse who cared for him at Rolling Fields and granddaughter, Ariel VanDusen and her husband, Shane Burchfield, who also worked at Rolling Fields and was his fishing buddy.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, significant other,

Margaret Brace, and a brother, Herman Andrews.

Calling hours were held Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, May 3, 2024, at St. Philip Church, 401 S. Mercer St., Linesville with Father Chris Hamlett as celebrant.

Burial with full military honors followed in St. Philip Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org).

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

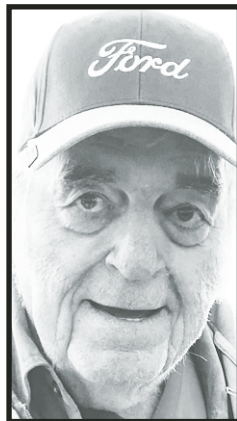
Earl L. Abbott Jr.

CONNEAUT lake - Earl L. Abbott Jr., 76, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the Meadville Medical Center after a one and a half year courageous battle with liver cancer caused by the Camp LeJeune water contamination.

He was born June 14, 1947, in Ash-tabula, Ohio, the son of Earl and Gertrude (Weddle) Abbott. He married Carol AnnHenderson

January 23, 1967. She preceded him in his passing on July 2, 2012.

He attended Conneaut Valley High School and received his high school diploma from CASH in 2015 through a program for war



veterans that were not able to finish high school.

Earl served our country during the Vietnam War as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp from 1964 until he was honorably discharged in 1968.

He worked his whole life as a truck driver and retired in 2018 from Lakeland Sand and Gravel.

Earl loved riding his motorcycle and driving his truck.

He spent his winters at Pensacola Beach in Florida. He cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include two daughters, Paula Whalen and her companion, Ron Bone, of Conneaut Lake and Connie Walker and her husband, Darry, of Greenville; a son, Earl Abbott and his wife, Melissa, of Linesville; son-in-law, Dan Whalen of Linesville; four grandchildren, Racheal Goodman of Meadville, Brittany Abbott of Meadville, Anthony Abbott of Erie and Zackery Abbott of Linesville; two great-grandchildren, Amaya and Ian; four siblings, James (Pete) Abbott and his wife, Judy, of Meadville, Donna Badger of Sheffield, Roger Abbott and his wife, Melody, of Conneautville, and Albert Abbott of Fairview; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in passing by his parents, his wife, and a brother, Roy Abbott.

The family offers a special thanks to Earl's son-in-law, Darry, and his grandson, Zackery, for the loving care they provided during his last few months.

Calling hours were Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville, where his funeral service was held Thursday, April 25,

2024.

Burial with full military honors was held in Evergreen Cemetery in Harmonsburg.

Memorial contributions can be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

Elizabeth (Betty) Mae Garlick

LINESVILLE - Elizabeth (Betty) Mae Garlick, 88, of Linesville passed away Saturday, April 20, 2024 at The Grove at Greenville.

She was born January 19, 1936, in Adamsville, the daughter of Howard Phyllis Sr. and Bernice (Snow) McGrath.



She married Wayne Garlick on June 8, 1956 in Springboro. He preceded her in passing on November 12, 2018.

Betty worked at the former Albro Packing Company in Springboro and then as a cook at the original Driftwood Restaurant in Linesville for over 30 years.

She was a member of the Linesville United Methodist Church.

Betty enjoyed working in her yard and tending a garden each year with her husband, Wayne, decorating her home for every holiday, watching game shows, and doing her word searches.

Survivors include two children, Cindy L. Robinson of Linesville and Timothy W. Garlick and his significant other, Elaine Roberts, of Andover, Ohio; five grandchildren, Betsy Owen and her husband, Eric, of Philadelphia, Chuck Robinson of Linesville, Stephanie Garlick of Meadville, Sam Garlick of Pittsburgh, and Tina Smith-Armour and her husband, Jim of Meadville; two step-grandsons, Carl Robinson and his wife, Sonya, of New Castle and Michael Robinson and his wife, Monica, of Bedford, Texas; step-granddaughter Lori Stevens of Brookville, Florida; her sister Rosalie Merchant of Linesville; a special niece, Peggy Rozalski; and countless other nieces and nephews.

In addition to her loving husband of 62 years and her parents, she was preceded in her passing by her



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step-father, Paul McGrath; son-in-law, Thomas Robinson; her three brothers, Howard Phyllis Jr., Robert McGrath, and Harry McGrath; niece, Patty Buttrice; and nephew Randy McGrath.

The family offers a special thank you to the incredible staff of The Grove at Greenville, Gentiva Hospice of Meadville, Dr. Rebecca Lashbrook and her staff, Chris Stein, Kevin McGrath, Dan Whalen, Geo Rusnak II, Madeira Paraskos, Becky McGlynn, Tracy Chess, Matt & Christine Barnes, and Jeff Weimer for their care and compassion in Betty's final days and months.

As per Betty's wishes, cremation was chosen and no services will be held at this time. Burial was private in Evergreen Cemetery in Harmonsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linesville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 55, Linesville, PA 16424 or Conneaut Lake Area Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 546, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316.

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

Please leave a condolence or memory of Betty for the family at www.royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Alan Bain Wolfe

ESPYVILLE - Alan Bain Wolfe, 91, of Espyville, and a resident of St. Paul's in Greenville, passed away Friday, April 5, 2024, at UPMC Hamot in Erie.

Born January 28, 1933, in Indiana, PA, he was the son of Walton and Anna (Weddock) Wolfe. Alan graduated from Indiana High School in the Class of 1951 and then graduated from Indiana State Teachers College in 1955.

He served as a quartermaster in the United States Army from 1956 until he was honorably discharged in 1958.

For 30 years, Alan was a music teacher and band director at Nor-



win East High School in North Huntingdon, PA. After retirement, he purchased land in Espyville where he built his home near Pymatuning Lake.

He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church where he served as an acolyte and played the organ. He was involved with the Kiwanis in the community.

As all of his family members know, he loved the Wesdock family reunions and was passionate about providing family facts for the Wesdock family tree.

Survivors include two nieces, Rebecca Turley (David) of Frederick, MD and Barbara Polonsky of Columbia, MD; a nephew, Bruce Wolfe of Irwin, PA; great nieces and nephews, Megan (Jared) Cole, Christopher Turley, Alex (Heather) Polonsky and Noah Polonsky; great-great nieces and nephews, Cameron, Kaia, Addy, Levi, Claire and Max; and many cousins.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents and brother, Jerome Wolfe.

Calling hours were held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, April 20, 2024, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 165 Beach Ave., Cambridge Springs.

Committal service was held Monday, April 22, 2024, at Calvary Cemetery, 444 S. Main St, Punxsutawney, PA.

Memorial Latin Mass was also held at St. Hedwig Church, 521 E. 3rd St., Erie.

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

Vera M. (Jones) Sickles

CONNEAUT LAKE - Vera M. (Jones) Sickles, of Conneaut Lake, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 23, 2024, at UPMC Horizon in Greenville, at the age of 101.

She was born May 10, 1922, to Morgan and Amy (Atwood) Jones in Linesville, the youngest of three children.

Vera married Raymond M. Sickles on January 31, 1941.

He preceded her in passing in



1998. Vera and Ray were parents of six children.

Vera is survived by four children; Richard Sickles (Judy), Nancy Hamilton (Ned), Robert Sickles (Gaynel) and Lori Shorts (Ed). She is also survived by daughter-in-law, Danielle Sickles; grandchildren, Amy Durovey (John), Robert Oliver Jr. (Anneka), Matthew Sickles, Sonya Jo Storll (Scott), Mike Robel (Karin), Rebecca Gardner (Jason), Bob Sickles Jr. (Jessica), Andrea Corner (Mike) and Suni Loucks (Kevin); 20 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; husband, Ray; son, Mark Sickles; daughter, Linda Robel; and two sisters, Hazel Mickle and Edna Rudler.

Vera was the "beloved matriarch" of a very large family and was loved, respected and cherished by all whose lives she touched. She spent most of her life dedicated to her family, but was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel with Ray and friends throughout their marriage and later in life traveled with her children to Hawaii, California, Florida and North Carolina.

For many years she was an active member of Linesville Pleasant Hour Club, Linesville Women's Club, Worthy Matron and District Matron of Eastern Stars, was the longest living member of the Linesville Baptist Church and flower committee chairman for the church, past member of Red Hat Club and current member of Watson Run Women's Club.

Her family will always cherish the memories of her fried chicken, potato salad, homemade pies and cream puffs. But most importantly, her beautiful smile, laugh and loving nature will always be remembered.

The family thanks the entire staff at St. Paul's for the wonderful care Vera received during her time there.

Calling hours and funeral services were held Thursday, February 29, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville. The funeral service officiant was Pastor Terry Smith.

Burial was private in Linesville Cemetery.

The family suggested memorial contributions be made to the Linesville First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 387, Linesville, PA 16424.

Please share a condolence in memory of Vera for the family at

royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Bonnie (Wooten) Blanford

ESPYVILLE - Bonnie Jean (Wooten) Blanford, 79, of Espyville, passed away Monday, February 19, 2024, at Cortland Healthcare Center in Cortland, Ohio.

She was born June 17, 1944, in Jeffersonville, IN, the daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Stein) Wooten. She married Ronald



L. Blanford March 28, 1970. He passed away December 13, 2014.

She was a graduate of Jeffersonville High School in Indiana.

Bonnie and her husband, Ron, co-owned and operated the Causeway Lounge, Beer Depot and Propane in Andover, OH, since 1985.

In her spare time, Bonnie loved going to the casinos. She was involved with the Red Hat Society.

Bonnie cherished her family and loved spoiling her grandchildren.

Survivors include her son, Shane Blanford and his wife, Amy, of Andover; her grandchildren, Katelyn and Emily; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; her husband, Ronald; and two brothers, Norman Wooten and Lawrence Wooten Jr.

As per Bonnie's wishes, there will be no services.

Memorial contributions may be made in Bonnie's name to the charity of the donor's choice.

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

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

Charles "Chuck"

Edward Grace Leech Sr

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA - Charles "Chuck" Edward Grace Leech Sr., 90, of Huntington Beach, CA, passed away January 25, 2024.

Chuck was born November 3, 1933, in - See Obituaries 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 seat requests must be submitted from noon the day before until noon the day of at 814-336-1792, ext. 158 and will be held only until 6 p.m.

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

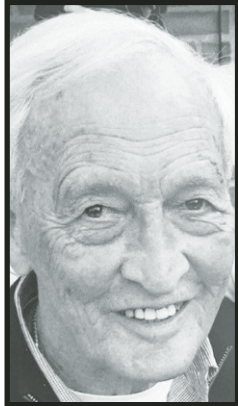
Community Center of Crawford County, 1034 Park Avenue, Meadville. 814-336-1792.

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

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

Obituaries - from page 5

Oil City, PA, to the late Theodore and Trenna Leech. Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Rose-



mary Leech; sons, Chuck Leech Jr. (wife, Kelli), Dave Leech (wife, Edie); daughter, Lindy Leech Painter (husband, Kelly); grandchildren, Trent Painter, Lauren Meyer, Kate Painter, Sarah Aucutt, Dylan Painter, Eliza-

beth Morini; 7 great grandchildren and beloved dog, Belle.

As a career decorated officer and pilot in the Air Force, he served his country proudly.

His family was his biggest source of pride and joy. In retirement he loved traveling with his wife, was an avid Penn state fan, played and excelled in numerous sports and enjoyed hunting. We love you forever, Cheers Papa.

A Mass was held February 1, 2024, at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Huntington Beach.

Private services with full military honors were held at St. Agatha Cemetery in Meadville.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, Linesville.

Judy Ann Garbinski

LINESVILLE - Judy Ann Garbinski, 80, of Linesville, passed away peacefully Friday, January 26, 2024, at her home.

She was born September 1, 1943, the youngest of three siblings and only girl to Donald and Helen (Swaney) Custer.

She is survived by her son, Jeffrey; daughter Sherri (Tim) Brown; eleven grandchildren; two great grandchildren with another on the way; brother, Ronald Custer; sister-in-law, Kay Custer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her husband, Frank; son, Gregory; brother, Robert; and sister-in-law, Elaine.

Judy was born and raised in Johnstown, PA. She graduated from Westmont High School, the University of Pittsburgh where she received her master's in education - a member of Sigma Theta Tau and Alpha Tau Delta. While a professor at Kent State University, Judy finished all the educational required classes for her Doctorate in Education.

Throughout her life, she was a practicing registered nurse, professor, and finally the Vice President and provost for learning and student success at the Community College of Beaver County, PA, for over 24 years touching the lives of thousands of students who have become nurse, physician assistants, and doctors in the community.

Judy has a scholarship award in perpetuity in her name at the Cyber School in Pennsylvania.

Judy was an active member of St. Philip Church, assisting in the annual Lenten fish fry as well as other activities and fund-raising events.

Judy enjoyed boating on Erie and Pymatuning lakes with her husband, Frank, as well as a frequent weekend shopper at the many thrift and yard sales in the Pymatuning area.

Judy was an excellent cook and loved to host annual holiday events at her homes in Beaver Falls and eventually in Pymatuning. Friends

and family anticipated her famous nut rolls every year around the holiday season that she gratefully handed out. Judy loved the beach but the sun didn't like her. Most of all she cherished spending time with her family.

Visitation was on Thursday, February 1, 2024, at the Royal-Coleman Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville, with an additional visitation Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, February 2, 2024, at St. Philip's Church, 401 St. Mercer St., Linesville with Father Chris Hamlett as celebrant.

Burial was in St. Philip Cemetery.

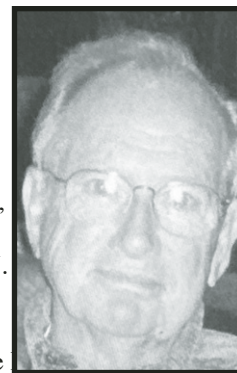
Please share a condolence of memory of Judy for the family at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.



William Paris, Jr.

CONNEAUT LAKE - William J. Paris, Jr., 91, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Thursday, February 8, 2024.

He was born October 10, 1932, in Homestead, PA, a son of William J. Paris, Sr. and Anna Johnstone



He married his best friend's little sister, Janet Lee Sloan, February 21, 1959. She preceded him in passing on October 30, 2005.

Bill was a Class of 1951 graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School, where he excelled in mischief.

He was a Veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1957. He circled the world several times and was proud of his time in the Navy.

Bill was employed as a U.S. Steel worker for Continental Can Company and later worked with his wife, Janet, for Cutter's Wholesale in Meadville.

Survivors include a son, BiLLy Paris (Gina) of Conneaut Lake; a daughter, Jami Jo Morinville (Joseph) of Imperial, PA; and four grandchildren, Charlie Paris, Riley Paris, Dr. C.J. Predix (Jarrett), and Paris Morinville.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents; wife; and a grandson, Brady Paris.

What BiLLy and Jami want everyone to know is what a truly great father and husband he was. He provided the absolute happiest childhood possible for us, constantly filled with fun, adventure, and love.

Calling hours were held Monday, February 12, 2024, at WAID-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, 12422 CONNEAUT LAKE RD, CONNEAUT LAKE where a celebration of Bill's life followed.

Interment was in Our Lady Queen of the Americas Cemetery with military honors provided by VFW Post 2006.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.waidcolemanfh.com

Dorothy Ann Granda

CONNEAUT LAKE - Dorothy Ann Granda, 72, of Conneaut Lake, passed away peacefully with her husband by her side at UPMC Hamot, Erie, Monday April 22, 2024.

She was born May 3, 1951, in Meadville, to the late Alba and Dorothy Conner.

She married James Granda October 29, 1981. He survives.

Dorothy graduated from Meadville High School. She worked as a secretary for Granda Janitorial Services.

She enjoyed traveling and going to car shows with her husband.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Ernie Granda and his wife, Lona of Conneaut Lake, Robert Granda and his wife, Brenda of MS, James Granda Jr. and his wife, Sandra of FL, Jeremy Granda and his wife, Sarah of Conneaut Lake, and Mark Granda and his wife, Kim of Conneaut Lake; 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in her passing by her twin brother, Donald Conner and her brother, Bruce Conner.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Please sign Dorothy's online guestbook at www.hatheway-tedesco.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home and Crematory, 614 Baldwin St., Meadville, PA 16335.



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Springboro Library happenings

- 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

Monday, May 6, 2024, The Community News - 7

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.

Interested in book club? Each month we have a new genre. Ask us at the library what the next genre is.



In and Around ...

The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

James A. Stone Memorial Library

We at Stone Library would like to offer our heartiest WELCOME BACK to Dave at Community News. We have missed you!

The library is a busy place. Thank you to all the members of our community who visit us, attend our programs, and help us out in so many ways. It's always a wonderful day in this neighborhood.

Preschool Story Time is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by our boisterous Children's Librarian, Mrs. Cheryl Cameron. Mrs. C has been with us for several months and is doing a wonderful job! The preschoolers have explored all kinds of topics in recent weeks with books, crafts, snacks, and activities. We have also observed some amazing dance moves at preschool story time! Story time will continue through the end of the school year.

After-School Specials are every Tuesday at 4, through June 4. This program is designed for kids 6-12, though we have had participants that are both older and younger. Every week we do something different. Everyone is welcome. Coming up, we have May 7 - The Stars, with Dave Samuels; May 14 - PA Game Commission: bears and bear trapping May 21 - Jerrie Williams: fossils; May 28 - Jared McGary from Pymatuning State Park: fish of Pymatuning; June 4 - Safety with Dogs (with real dogs as our guests!), with Aletha Samuels.

Book Club meets once per month on the third Saturday of the month, at 1 pm. Our current read is Force of Nature, by Jane Harper, which we will discuss on May 18. The book for our June meeting (to be held May 15) is Tara Road, by Maeve Binchy. We have copies available at the library for anyone who would like to join in!

Pokemon Club meets once per month on the second Saturday of the month, at 11 am. Bring your cards and be ready to discuss and trade! Each participant receives a new Pokemon card.

Drum Club is something new here at the library! Designed for kids 6-18, and led by Mr. Jason Gillette, assistant marching band director from CASH, drum club meets every Saturday morning at 9 to learn and practice percussion skills. We have had a great turnout so far, and are excited to see our drummers progressing so fast! We plan to march as a club in the Conneautville Corn Festival parade on July 27.

Diamond-Dot Painting with Sharon meets once per month on the second Friday of the month. Our next meeting will be Friday, May 10 at 10 am. Bring your own diamond-dot painting kit to work on with friends.

Summer Reading will soon be upon us! We are planning a slate of fun programs to be held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. We will have age-appropriate reading challenges for kids and adults, with prizes to compete for, and plenty of incentives along the way. Signups for Summer Reading will begin on June 10.

As always, we have plenty of new books for readers in search of the latest titles in fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens and kids. One of the most fun things we have available is a selection of Play-Aways, which are audiobook devices. You just plug in a set of earbuds, and you're ready for portable listening! Perfect for those springtime strolls. You can also use your library card to log in to Libby, the online reading app, where you can download e-books and audiobooks for free.

Stone Memorial Library is located at 1101 Main St., Conneautville.

We are open 10-6 Monday through Thursday, 9-3 on Friday, and 9-4 on Saturday.

Library Director: Dare Gillette; Assistant Librarian: Jerrie Williams

Children's Librarian: Cheryl Cameron

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Margaret Shontz MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CONNEAUT LAKE - Spring-time is in full bloom at the Shontz Library, and we have some great classes lined up for the month of May! The library is open M-TH from 10 AM - 5 PM, Fridays from 10 AM - 4 PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM - 4 PM, with evening hours on Tues. and Thurs. from 6 - 8 PM. 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.

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, May 6th from 1 - 3 PM. Create beautiful handmade cards to

give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Painting with Paula: Thursday, May 9th from 1 - 3 PM: Participants will create a floral picture with acrylic paints. \$10 per person.

Student Art Show: Between May 10th - 17th, the Shontz Library will be displaying the artwork of our young artists from Conneaut Lake Elementary School! Stop by and have a look!

American Sign Language class: Monday, May 13th from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill! This class is free and open to the public.

Floral Design with Blossoms & Blooms: Monday, May 20th from 2 - 3 PM. Create a beautiful spring-time bouquet! \$40 per person.

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

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

snacks, stories and fun every Tuesday 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 or stop in to learn more.

AG HALL OF FAME & AG INDUSTRY NOMINEES SOUGHT

Agricultural organizations and former recipients of the Hall of Fame and Ag Industry awards are reminded that nominations are due to Susan Tau, Crawford County Pomona Grange Secretary, by Friday, May 31st.

Two nominations for Hall of Fame and one nomination for Ag Industry may be submitted by each organization or former recipient of the award. Ms. Tau's address is 14687 West Road, Saegertown, PA 16433.

Selection of the recipients will be made on Tuesday, June 4th, at 7:00

p.m. at Hayfield Grange, 19935 Grange Center Road, Saegertown. Sponsoring organizations and former recipients are encouraged to participate in the selection process.

The awards will be presented on Sunday, August 11th, at 2:00 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church, Leslie Road, Meadville. Light refreshments will follow the program.

Agricultural organizations and former recipients of the awards wishing to participate in the financial sponsorship of the awards are also requested to return the sponsorship form sent with the letter they received in March. The cost for the awards will be divided equally among the sponsors following the presentation of the awards.

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TO COLLEGE - CASH senior J.J. Gowetski, [C, front] signed a letter of intent to attend John Carroll University this fall with plans to major in Biology in order to pursue a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine at LECOM, Erie. At John Carroll, she plans to compete in NCAA Division 3 Swimming. During her high school career at CASH, she competed on the Meadville Area High School swim team. In photo are parents Brad [L, front] and Amber Gowetski [R, front], and in back are CASH Principal-Ed Pietroski; swimming coaches-Pete Coppel and Don Erdley; and CASH Athletic Director - John Acklin.



Dandelion Days

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

A garden of eternal blossoms...

APRIL 5, 2024... MACS, Carolyn, and I sat on our front porch observing and enjoying the essence of Life.

As we sat there throwing MACS his Frisbee, he drew my attention to the first Dandelion Blossom of the year.

Although the day is now behind us, the remembrance of what that date symbolizes remains FOREVER within my Spirit. The Fifth of April was designated many years ago by the Old Farmer's Almanac as the NATIONAL DANDELION DAY.

Some People wonder why I SO strongly believe in the Dandelion, and why I choose to share my Belief in my DANDELION DAY messages.

The following article "touches" upon my reasons.

You might curse it as a weed when it pops up in your lawn, but the Dandelion is, nonetheless, beautiful and full of symbolism

This cheerful little flower can grow practically anywhere there is a pinch of soil or a crack in the sidewalk. Even if you think of the plant as nothing more than a pest, understanding some of its use as a symbol could give you a new appreciation for those flowers you keep pulling up as you weed.

WHAT DOES THE DANDELION FLOWER MEAN?

The common and humble Dandelion has a surprising amount of different meanings. The Dandelion means:

- Healing from emotional pain and physical injury alike
- Intelligence, especially in an emotional and spiritual sense
- The warmth and power of the rising Sun
- Surviving through all challenges and difficulties
- Long lasting happiness and youthful joy
- Getting your wish fulfilled.

Since the Dandelion can thrive in difficult conditions, it is no wonder that people say the flower symbolizes the ability to rise above Life's challenges.

ARRIVAL

Dandelion History...

It is hard to believe but at one time there were no dandelions in North America. Dandelions originated in Asia Minor and quickly spread throughout Asia and Europe.

The Vikings brought dandelion seed with them to Iceland and Greenland where the plant still thrives today.

The Chinese call it "nail in the earth" for its long taproot which draws nutrients and moisture from deep in the ground.

In medieval times, dandelions gathered on St. John's Eve—June 24—were believed to repel witches. The milky sap, given the name "devil's milkpail", was used to cure warts and pimples.

Seeds were brought here by the Puritans to plant in their herb gardens and the plants soon escaped, making their way across the country. However, for many early settlers, this plant made a life-saving spring tonic.

You can curse dandelions all you want but, what is now considered a noxious weed, fed and healed us for thousands of years. Every part of this plant is edible!

And dandelions aren't only healthy for humans. The dandelion is one of the first flowers that bees and other pollinators can depend on for food in the early spring. It's not the ideal source of food compared to native flowers, but for

those urban folks with few plants in their yard, leave some flowers for the bees!

WHAT DOES THE DANDELION'S NAME MEAN?

The Dandelion name first developed in the 15th century. It was derived from the Medieval Latin phrase "dens lionis," which refers to the jagged shape of the leaves by calling them a "lion's tooth".

This transformed into "dent-dalion" in French, and then became Dandelion in Middle English.

We still use the same name today because it's easy to remember, and definitely still applies as a description of how the plant looks.

WHAT DOES THE DANDELION SYMBOLIZE?

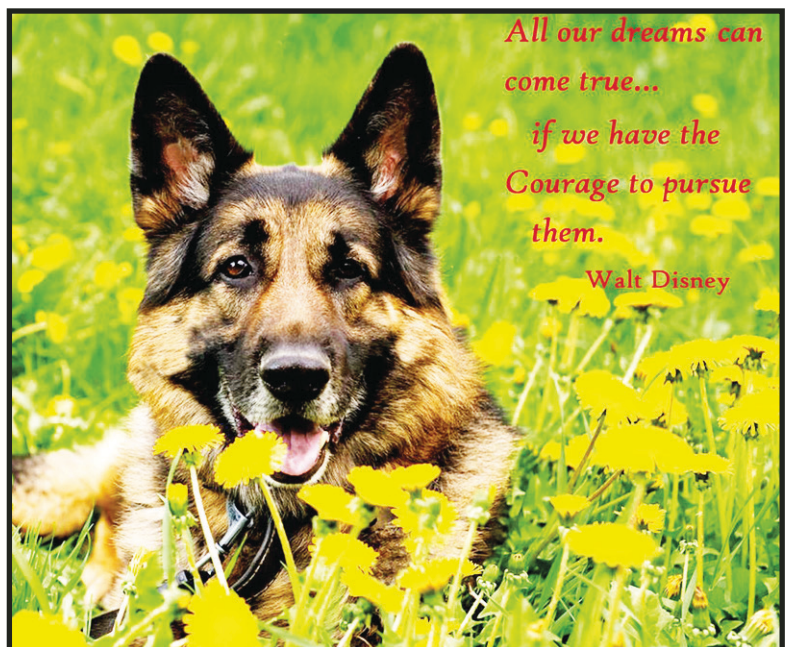
Viewed as a common weed, the Dandelion didn't even merit a mention in the language of flowers during the Victorian Era. That didn't stop Medieval peasants and modern Spiritualists from considering it a symbolic flower.

Most modern admirers consider it a symbol of fighting through the challenges of Life and emerging victorious on the other side.

Others use it as a visual reminder of the Sun's power, especially when depression or grief makes it hard to stay sunny. Of course, there is a long running folk belief that blowing out the white puffball of seeds that the flowers turns into will grant you a wish. Others use it as a reminder to use intelligence in dealing with every kind of situation.

Finally, most people agree that the Dandelion looks so cheerful and happy, even when it is taking over a sidewalk or shading out grass in a lawn.

WHERE DID IT FIRST START?



The Dandelion grows across North America and Europe, and was introduced into many other continents as well. The leaves and flowers are both edible and quite healthy, with flowers tasting less bitter than the leaves. Many rural people still use the flowers for making Dandelion Wine in

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COLLEGE INTENT - Karlie Dennis [C, front], Conneaut Cyber Academy Student, signed a letter of intent to attend Seton Hill University this fall and major in Sports Management and compete as part of the school's NCAA Division II Equestrian team. Her parents are Kurt [L, front] and Sarah [R, front] Dennis. Also in photo, in back, from left, are Troy Messerall - Director of Cyber Students at CASH, and her coach: Alysa Stevens of Fox Hollow Stables.

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

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Cambridge Springs Police Department, which they used to purchase three new Toughbooks, a brand of laptop known for being durable, for their police cars. He went on to explain that the FBI and State Departments are creating new regulations for internet security, including Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all logins, the use

of multiple passwords to access accounts, new email addresses, updated desktop computers and use of a secure Virtual Private Network (VPN) to encrypt data. He said that the Sergeant of the CLRPD, Gary Shidemantle, was handling most of this transition.

The next item on the agenda was discussion of arrangements for the Color Me Conneaut Lake 5K Run on June 15th. The event is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Con-

neaut Lake. Pfeifer confirmed that the borough had approved the use of Fireman's Beach for the event and that he had already received the necessary permits.

Lastly, Pfeiffer gave a report of recent activities, including car accidents and arrests, that took place last month. Sadsbury Township had 120 calls resulting in four incident reports; the borough had 47 calls resulting in two incident reports; and North Shenango Township had 52 calls resulting in three incident reports. All but one of those reports has been cleared. There were 27 traffic stops in Sadsbury Township, 10 in the borough, and four in North Shenango. There were four non-traffic citations issued in Sadsbury Township, and one misdemeanor arrest in North Shenango

Township. He mentioned that there was a bit of an issue previously with officers being too lackadaisical about citations, and they are working towards finding a "happy medium" where they are being strict about the law but not giving an excessive amount of citations. A permit had also been submitted to shut down the 100 block in Conneaut Lake on Memorial Day; no further action was taken.

Holabaugh motioned to adjourn, and was seconded by Smith at 6:47pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30pm at the Sadsbury Township Building. These meetings are open to the public.

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 met May 1st, 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 - To Read page 13

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Lots - from page 1

been ordered and put up.

The roads will continue to be graded as weather permits.

A small sewer line jetter was purchased. It attaches to the pressure washer.

CNCL Hoovler will talk with Craig about scheduling the streets to be cleaned.

When people reserve the park, it is to be announced to them that they will have to pick up a rest-

room key.

CNCL Prince noted that pea gravel needs to be put around the park. He asked should this be hired out. CNCL Hoovler will discuss this with Craig. Prince will get prices on pea gravel and rubber mulch.

It is asked that the budget committee investigate the electric bill as it is increasing. CNCL Scott asks if it would be beneficial to look into LED lighting to save money. Sec. Seitz will call Penelec and get information.

CNCL Hoovler motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented, second by CNCL Scott. Motion carried.

The finance committee asked if a budget report can be submitted along with the treasurer's report each month.

West Street properties disposition plans were noted. The job was completed. Neighbors are interested in purchasing the lots. If the selling price is under \$1,500, advertising is not needed. Pres. Ingols said that Solicitor Shaddinger will contact someone about doing appraisals. Once Pres. Ingols hears

back, he will email everyone.

Bids will be going out for the repairs needed on the dam sometime in June.

Washington Street engineering bids will be going out soon. This project will be done in phases.

It was discussed that the dumpster at the borough garage needs to have a lock put on. CNCL Hoovler will talk with Craig about this.

Next meeting is May 13, 2024, 7:00 pm, at the Fellow's Club social hall.

Pres. Ingols went around the table asking each council member if they had any questions or concerns. CNCL Hoovler asks if anyone had any specific projects that needed done to let him know so that he can discuss them with Craig. CNCL Scott thanks Sec. Seitz for having good customer service. Mayor Clark asks about speed limit signs on Main Street. CNCL Clark talked about the junk cars around town.

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At this time, I wish to express my deepest Gratitude to all the individual "Blossoms" in my field of Dandelions:

- All the Physicians, Nurses, and Staff of AHN St. Vincent's in Erie;
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- Chris, the owner of the Countryside Family Restaurant and all his Staff, including my visitor, Sid;

- Jennifer and her Staff from 322 Brews, LLC Beer Distributor, for quenching my thirst with my favorite: Pumpkin Ale;
- Alice and Scott who planted and maintained my huge garden last season;
- Larry B. who despite the years of separation, still remains a dear Friend;

- All my students from the past years who visit me online;
- AND, perhaps MOST of all, Michelle and J.R. who take care of so many aspects of Life for me and Carolyn.

Each of you folks is a TRUE Blossom...a Dandelion in my Heart!

TO A DANDELION
by Helen M. Johnson

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Valley Corn Festival planned

CONNEAUTVILLE - The next Valley Corn Festival Planning Meeting is May 20 at 6:00pm at the Conneautville Fire Station. Other dates are June 3, 17, and July 1, 15 at 6pm.

A Rabies Shot Clinic at the fire station is set - see ad this paper.

Clean-up the Borough in Conneautville is Saturday, May 18. Meet at the Conneautville Fire Station at 8:00am to help.

Please submit to the Conneautville Borough Office any areas that need cleaned up at 814-587-2471.

There is a March for Jesus event meeting at Second District Elementary School in Meadville on June 1 in the morning. They walk from the school to Diamond Park.

Valley Community Yard Sale is June 14 and 15, 8:00am to 4:00pm. The Boy Scouts and Stone Memorial Library are having events as part of the event.

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 But I know thy honest heart
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 Ever at thy post of duty,
 Smiling on the great and small,
 Rich and poor, and wishing all
 Health, and happiness, and
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 Oh, thou art a golden treasure!
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**Read -
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“Please print the other side of the quad noise complaint [North Shenango Township April meeting]. There were only 6 people [husband wife] complaining about the noise. This happened at 4:30 in the afternoon after school.

I remember a person at the meeting trying to tell the other side.

A loud rap, knock on the door, a neighbor loudly complaining of the noise, then yelling at the young man.

The young man was riding his vehicle in his own yard at 4:30 after school. This neighbor’s wife said she was afraid of the individual and his son. Funny, they used the man’s log splitter, not afraid when the neighbor rolled the man’s driveway.

The other complainer has been yelling at the young man riding his 2-wheel bike. She called her husband, he rode down and almost hit the young man with his car.

The woman has been walking her dog on other people’s property and she complains about anyone riding in the street. She yelled at a young girl making her take another way around to get home.

Just remember, there are two sides to every story. I could tell you much more about the neighbors .

Linesville Historical Society open weekly

The Linesville Area Historical Society observes open hours Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. , at its main street Linesville site, across the street from the Linesville Pharmacy, corner of West Erie Street and South Pymatuning Street.

A wide range of historical artifacts including Indian arrowheads, information on Linesville borough history, and the building of the Pymatuning Lake - where the ducks walk on the fish - line the walls and are in the display cases, to name a few of the items located within.

The society is also open by appointment.

Memberships are welcome as are donations.

They want a noise ordinance. I don’t think any township has one, not even Pittsburgh.

Concerned citizen,
via letter.

Springboro looking at road repair needs

When Springboro council met in April, a matter brought up was road conditions in the borough.

Borough streets worker Mike Malone told other council members he was talking with the company Suit Kote in regards to sealing cracks in the roads. Malone noted that overall borough roads are in good condition. Motion was made to do the proposed work if there was not a need to seek bids.

Malone reported wanting to meet with the Conservation District regarding road work.

Lynette Weber expressed concern over needing repair work at Union Street with Malone saying work is needing done to fix an area previously dug out, rebuilding the spot with millings.

Weber spoke to concerns of a fire site where a burned out house site, council was told, had been cleaned up but that was not so. Council was to send a letter to the owner who was to be given 30 days to do the clean up, although it was suggested the 30 days could be extended if progress was being made.

Council voted to continue to provide free water to the Food Pantry who uses about 100 gallons a month.

Tammy Foringer reported seeing broken glass along roadways including in the parking area where the Food Pantry operates.

Grants are being sought for various projects to include ball field bathroom updates.

Various bills were paid with Malone making motion to pay bills with the exception of the engineering bills as steps are taken to update the water system.

Malone sought more detailed listing of the various invoices.



NAME CHANGE - The Waid-Coleman Funeral Home, Inc., located at 12422 Conneaut Lake Road, Conneaut Lake, recently was renamed the Rose And Waid Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. – Conneaut Lake. The name change was spurred by the addition of new partner, Casey W. Rose, joining existing partner, Todd A. Waid in April of 2022, and officially becoming a partner in January of 2023. The name change was accompanied by the change to the Meadville location, Robert W. Waid Funeral Home, Inc., to Rose and Waid Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc – Meadville. Rose additionally owns Mercer County Funeral Homes: Rose And Black Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. in Stoneboro & Sandy Lake, and Rose Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Center, Inc., in Mercer.

The Conneaut Lake funeral home was established in 1998 with a partnership between Todd and Robb Waid and Harold W. Coleman, Jr. The Waid brothers came to Conneaut Lake from Meadville from the multi-generational family funeral home established in 1900 in Guys Mills. Harold Coleman came from Linesville where he had the established Harold W. Coleman, Jr. Funeral Home in 1992.

The decision was made to bring everything together as one group, with similar names, and one logo. The group already shares many things to operate efficiently, such as staff, vehicles including their hearse, and their very own crematory located in Sandy Lake. “Crematory” was added to the name in indicate that the group owns their own, private crematory. This ensures the care of those in the funeral home’s care, as everything is taken care of in-house by funeral home staff, and not a third-party crematory.

Along with the change of name, another addition has been made to funeral home staff: Lisa Stright-Gerber, FD. Lisa is a native of Atlantic and a graduate of Conneaut Lake High School. She and her husband Eric, along with their two children have resided in Conneaut Lake for many years. Lisa joins the Rose And Waid team after 20+ years serving families in the Crawford and Mercer County areas.

Together, Casey, Todd, and Lisa, are here to serve the Conneaut Lake and surrounding communities in their time of need. The three combined have decades of experience handling traditional, contemporary, cremation, and green funeral services. To learn more about Rose and Waid services, phone (814) 382-3646 or by visiting the website www.RoseAndWaidFH.com

Sadsbury clean up day May 11

Sadsbury Township residents are reminded that the Annual household waste Cleanup Day is Sat., May 11, from 8 a.m - 3 p.m. with items to be brought to the township facility on Rt. 285.

Household waste items will be

accepted with tires from cars or light trucks accepted at a \$4.00 per tire cost and also refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners accepted with a \$5 fee for freon. No electronics or propane tanks are being accepted.

A Yard Waste cleanup day was held Sat., May 4, from 9 - noon.

During the April meeting, roadmaster David Hubbard reported on a couple of beaver dam activity sites and noted the trapping of a beaver.

Hubbard said the backstop repair/updates at the ballfields had been completed and a concord convevor was sold for \$400.



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COLLEGE SIGNING - Conneaut Area Senior High student Brianna Nader [C] signed a letter of intent to attend Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, this fall and major in Math and Economics while playing soccer and lacrosse at W&J. Her parents are, front row - Steve [also soccer coach] [L] and Megan Angela Nader [R], and in back row - Coach Doug Kuhl/Soccer; Todd Turner/GLAX; Sarah Kelly/GLAX; and CASH Athletic Director John Acklin.

Valley Historical Museum open

The Conneaut Valley Area Historical Society opened for the season on Saturday, May 4.

The museum, located at 24928 Route 18, Springboro, in the Village of Shadeland, is open free to the public on Saturdays from noon to 2:00 P.M.

The society invites all interested to visit the displays of photographs, artifacts and items of historical interests from the Conneaut Valley Area, (Conneautville, Springboro, township's include; Spring, Conneaut, Beaver, Hayfield, Summerhill, Norrisville Area, Rundells, Hickernell, Guntown, Palmer and Fish Corners.

The military room is filled with many outstanding displays. We think the public will be pleasantly surprised at our collection. Like us on Facebook!

The next meeting will be held May 20th at 7:00 P.M. We continue promoting CVAHS and encourage new members in preserving our area history.

There are table and chairs so visitors can sit down and review the area history and reminisce about the old days.

It is a wonderful experience.... the society is also open by appointment: call 814-587-2114 or 814-587-2968.

CASH schedule:

- Monday:
 - Baseball – CASH AT Grove City – 4:00 V/JV
- Tuesday:
 - Softball – CASH AT Grove City – 4:00 Var Only
 - Boys Volleyball – CASH AT Camb. Springs – 6:00/7:15
 - GLAX – CASH AT Cathedral Prep – 6:00 Var Only
- Wednesday:
 - Baseball – Oil City AT CASH – 4:00
- Thursday:
 - Softball – Meadville AT CASH – 4:00 Senior Night
 - Boys Volleyball – CASH AT Farrell- 6:00/7:15
- Friday:
 - Baseball – General McLane AT CASH – 4:00 Senior Night Varsity Only
- Saturday:
 - Crawford County Soccer League Tournament AT CASH

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.

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THIEL SIGNING - Conneaut Area Senior High student Hannah Brady [C, front row], is shown signing a letter of intent to attend Thiel College, Greenville, this fall to play soccer while pursuing a major in Biology leading to a Doctor's degree. Her parents are Sonny [L, front] and Mega [R, front] Brady. In back row are high school coaches Doug Kuhn and Steve Nader. CASH Athletic Director, John Acklin, far right, looks on.



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