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ACTIVE AGING EVENTS, MEALS! PAGE 2!

Tentative budget approved ...

Hiring is major action taken by school board

- By DAVID SCHAEF Community News

Sixteen people were hired into various positions in the Conneaut having an overlapping work time; School District when school directors met in voting session earlier Lindsey Finlan, 2nd grade teachthis month as the district works to fill openings created by the merger of the two middle schools into one and an early retirement package that was offered to employees to avoid layoffs/furloughs.

Thirty people applied for the early retirement incentive which basically covers payments toward health insurances with hirings at lesser amounts, both salary wise and insurance wise financially.

in a previous list of retirees, were Kathy Semian and Annette Lewis.

Among the hirings approved by the school directors were - Andrew English, maintenance technician; Nathan Jones, high school math; Cassidy Kravec, high school math; Kelsey Rose, speech pathologist; Caitlin Scott, high school social studies;

Rebekah Shearer, 5th grade teacher; Emmalee Sheeler, high school math; Ashley Abbott athletic director effective July 1, replac-50 years as AD; Barb Burns, parttime autistic support; Devin Campbell, director of special education



effective July 1, to replace the retiring Susie Dressell, who retires in October, Campbell and Dressell to

Laycia Ellis, 1st grade teacher; er; Peyton Hearn, full-time learning support teacher; Abigail Saylor, 5th grade ELA teacher; Tessa Stein, full time life skills teacher; and Christopher Williams, music teacher at middle school.

The hirings came on 7-2 votes with John Burnham and Ed Williamson voting no - Williamson pushing for more school director involvement in hiring interviews.

Voting yes on hirings were Dot Two employees, not listed here Luckock, Ryan Klink, GW Hall, Adam Horne, Tim McQuiston, Steve Nadar, and David Schaef.

> Schaef took exception to Williamson's push for more board involvement in hiring, noting it is the school administrators who know more about what is needed in classroom teaching setups, and also noted, in a couple recent hirings, only 3 school board members showed up to take part in the administrator position interviews. Williamson was not one of them.

Schaef and Burnham voted no ing the retiring John Acklin after in votes that approved a middle school assistant principal job description, created a middle school assistant principal Act 93 position and an amendment to the Act 93 compensation plan for the middle school assistant.

> Jeff Hans was appointed middle school principal and Troy Messer

noting his no votes had nothing to July 1. do with the middle school persons

to retire the CVMS principal.

all middle school assistant principal monies will be coming from the Uzelac, boy's basketball; Scott on the same 7-2 votes, with Schaef state in the state budget to begin Shipton, wrestling; Jenel Burg-

•CASH STUDENTS SIGN COLLEGE LETTERS!

appointed, but the overall decision retirements and updated hirings should be in the \$1.2 million range.

Free summer food program for ages 2 - 18 A free summer food program is being offered for all children, ages

2-18, who reside in the Conneaut School District area. There are no ncome requirements.

If there is a disability, the age limit is increased to 21 years.

Free breakfast and lunches this summer will be distributed in a "grab and go" concept on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 o.m. at Conneaut Area Senior High School, (CASH), 302 West School Drive, Linesville.

This program begins Monday, June 10th, and will run through Thursday, August 15th.

Participants will need to drive behind the High School to the cafete ia doors to pick up their food during those distribution days and hours Sign up is required by either calling Karen Beers at 814-573-4961 or Patty King in Conneaut School District's Curriculum Office at 814-

683-5900 ext. 4969.

Messerall was cyber school principal with his duties transferred to another individual.

Schaef's position was to have both Hans and Dave Maskery as leaders in the single middle school setup, believing Maskery's knowledge of the Valley Middle School students and families would have been the best way to proceed especially in this upcoming single middle school setup.

The tentative budget approved for the year to begin July 1, as noted in an earlier article in these pages, calls for a no tax increase budget, with revenues of \$43,627,089 \$43,916,608.

The expenses are \$289,519 more than revenues with that amount taken out of district fund balances.

The school directors appointed the Quinn Law Firm as district lawyers; appointed vo-ag teachers Kaitlin Liska and Krista Mathias to be paid for an extra 20 days of their work outside the school day; music department: Glenn Cameron, 30 days; Elizabeth Heckman, 5 days; nurses: Brille Valesky, Nicole Beebe, and Tami Bossard, 2 days each; elementary guidance counselors: Kristen Bazylak, Danielle Varner, 5 days each; middle school: Sarah Pelc, 10 days; and high school: Melissa Flinchbaugh and Lisa Lichota, 20 days each.

A number of coaches were apand expenses in the amount of pointed as well to include, CASH football: Josh Blood, Ben Fenell, Ted Jastrombe, Charles Stevenson, Steven Vennare;

Unknown at this point is what boy's soccer; Scott Monday, Bob

er, cheerleading; middle school: Savings generated by the various football, Todd Geenawalt, April Bowman, yearbook advisor, and Yvonne Medrick, student council advisor.

> Several positions remain to be filled including health/physical education at CASH; part-time personal care and skills, as well as middle school assistant athletic director, drama club, and spirit club.

Lake police log 901 calls to date

- BY KALEIGH WHITE

for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Regional Police Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday. May 15th, at the Sadsbury Township Building.

Persons present included Bonnie Smith, Sadsbury Township Supervisor; Jim Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake and Vice-Chair of the Commission; Dick Holabaugh, President of Conneaut Lake Borough Council; Eloise Settlemyre, North Shenango Township Supervisor; Lyle Hoover, Sadsbury Township Supervisor; and Rose Mumau, Secretary.

Kevin VanHonk, Sadsbury Township Supervisor, was absent from this meeting as was Chief of Police, Todd Pfeifer, on vacation.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm with a salute to the American flag.

Tigri opted to open the floor for public comment until Hoovler arrived, as he was not present until later.

Settlemvre commented that she was pleased with the police pres-Cameron Costner, assistant ence at the recent North Shenango Township - See Police page 11

Active Aging **Bair Family Center** 237 South Pymatuning St., Linesville, PA

- Janet Wasserman, Center Manager

The Active Aging Bair Family Center at 814-683-4959 for infor-Center is your local source for information and services for those in schedule a tour. the community who are at least 60 years of age or married to some- Bair Family Center are plentiful one who is at least sixty. Call the and never ending. The Mother's

mation on services/programs or to

Activities at The Active Aging

Day celebration was spectacular row to grow and express themwith a delicious meal, good company and wonderful music that was provided by the Conneaut Area High School Jazz Band and Vocal ensembles. The music program in our local schools has a history of excellence and credit is due to the hard work of the students under the guidance of the talented music directors. Music not only provides entertainment, but builds connections, challenges the mind, and unites differences. We are blessed that our schools value music and the arts and continue to provide opportunities for the young people who will be the leaders of tomor-

selves in such a creative setting.

It is always enjoyable to see vitality and curiosity that drives a youthful attitude.

Along with enjoying the high school musicians at special events, another opportunity for intergenerational encounters is our collaboration with The Shine Bright close at noon that day. 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 June 19 we will be sharing "Pet Day" when both the children from the preschool and the participants at the Bair Family Center will bring photos of their pets and share them with each other. As a special here to do hearing and hearing aid treat that day is a visit from the Alliance for Therapy Dogs.

Once again, The Bair's Corvettes Cruise-In brought people from places far and near to see all of the beautiful classic cars, and cluttering, just in time for the yard to our Center for the Craft Fair and Pasta Dinner. This is our largperfect weather that accompanied the numerous hours and resources it a phenomenal day. We had delicious homemade meatballs to ac-There are not any words to suffi- Center at 814-683-4959 for reserciently convey our gratitude for all vations. who contributed to this effort, so we send our humble thanks to all trition Program Voucher program of you.

Active Aging turned 50 this voucher distribution date at The year! Active Aging, Inc. has served Active Aging - See Active page 8

Crawford County as the local Area Agency on Aging since 1974 and several special events are planned young people and to remember the in honor of this anniversary, the first of which will be held at the Meadville central office location 1034 Park Avenue on May 31. All are welcome to stop in at the open house from 2-5pm to help us celebrate! The Bair Family Center will

> June 3 at 8am is the deadline to sign up for our Father's Day Celebration that takes place on June 13 starting at 10:30am. As a special treat, The Chalk Shop presents a Masquerade Murder Mystery Mayhem along with our dinner of roast beef, whipped potatoes, island vegetables, cole slaw, dinner roll and fruit pie all for just \$10.

> Two great opportunities are awaiting you on June 6. Tina from Affordable Care Hearing will be checks by appointment only. Call the Center to make your appointment. Also on that day, our Lunch 'n Learn features Abby from Home Instead speaking on the topic of desale season!

If flower arranging is on your est fundraiser every year, and the bucket list, Blossoms and Blooms will be leading a DIY class on June 7 at 9:30am right here at our Cendonated by our volunteers and ter. This class is open to anyone of members of our community made any age in the community, and the cost is \$45.00. A \$10.00 discount is available to anyone who is at least company the spaghetti, a plethora 60 years of age, and all payments of baked goods, and live music! are due by May 31. Please call the

> The Senior Farmers Market Nureturns in June. The first scheduled



Conneaut Lake Garden Club



In The Atlantic Community - By Christy Lindsay christylindsay29@gmail.com christylindsayauthor.com

Hang in There

It's been a long time, my friends. I'd like to take a moment and thank God for healing David Schaef from his life-threatening and extensive illness. His recovery demonstrates both the power of prayer and the power of a person's determination to get better and return to their life. The only reason you're reading this column is because David is here to publish it. paycheck. I couldn't find anything. If you prayed for him, thank you.

You may have noticed my column's absence in the first two editions of Community News this year. Like David, I haven't been well. My mental health began deteriorating around Thanksgiving and reached rock bottom at the end of February. I finally called my help. I've been living with debilitating anxiety, along with what's known as bipolar mixed state, which basically means I'm both deeply depressed and hypomanic at the same time. Maybe I'll have the guts to write about this in detail someday, but not today. To be honhear the details.

Beginning in January, I had auformer narrating coaching client, and friends I hadn't heard from in months, texting and calling me. They all said the same thing: "You've been on my mind. Are you okay? I'm praying for you."

not okay. I'm really struggling. Please pray for me.

I kept trying to figure out the root of my anxiety, and why my bipolar had intensified on such an extreme level. I realized it was my job that was pushing me over the edge. Narrating audiobooks is not for the faint hearted, my friends. I've paid a hefty price for narrating books about topics that disturb me. There's more to it than that, but I'll leave it there for now.

So, I began obsessively searching for jobs in February that are good for people with mental illnesses, and I kept finding the same answers: work from home, prefer-

try to do something both techy and creative, such as designing websites.

back to college, because at my in- I was. come level, I'd qualify for a lot of net for weeks, looking up different college majors that might align with my abilities, and jobs that I'm qualified for so I could earn a good I finally gave up.

One morning in early March, the condition isn't going away. while trying and failing to focus ing, my phone rang. It was an author I'd narrated a book for back in September. She called to tell me two things.

First, my audio production of doctor in mid-March and asked for her book, "Defying Fear: Finding the Courage to Embrace Your True Value," has been nominated for a Selah Award. Being nominated is a real honor. The awards will be given at the Blue Ridge Mountains Christian Writers Conference on May 29.

Secondly, she said she'd been est, it won't brighten your mood to talking to God, and he told her to give me a message.

Since I already had my pen and thors from all over the country, a notebook out, and since my mind was so foggy, I wrote down her words, knowing I'd never remember them otherwise. Here's what she told me:

"Hang in there. You're doing what you're supposed to be doing. I told them all the truth: No. I'm Let God do what he needs to do."

> This was not the message I wanted to hear. I wanted to close my audio booth's door and never reopen it. I wanted to go back to college or get a new job, a steady job with health insurance. I wanted to know I wouldn't have to put off buying laundry detergent one more week so I could afford cat food, or buy paper towels this week and put off getting water softener salt until next week.

Nope. God said, "You're doing what you're supposed to be doing." If possible, my spirits sunk even lower. My author friend and I talked for almost an hour. She gave me a lot of solid advice that I've ably on your own schedule, and implemented, and my job situation

has improved somewhat. I rewrote my author-narrator contract so it the receiving end. At least it's not protects me from further mental easy for me. It's downright painful. trauma.

friends. Their prayers helped me; I

I have. I'm still narrating audiomy doctor on a treatment plan. I keeps close tabs on me. I'm walking outside again instead of inside on a treadmill. I'm getting sunshine. These things are helping, but

"Hang in there. Don't give up." on reading my Bible and journal- These are the kinds of words we can easily say to people we care about when we see they're struggling. But it's not so easy to be on

But I listened to God and did I knew and still know that was what he asked. I've hung in there. God speaking through all my I'm still narrating audiobooks. Audible and Apple Books released know they did. At least one of them my latest production on May 8. It's told me I'm too good at narrating to a miracle I ever finished it. To be give up. Again, not what I wanted honest, it's a miracle I ever started to hear. I wanted a way out. But it. I'm recording a new book now. My tax preparer suggested I go God wanted me to stay right where I have several more in the pipeline for this year.

I know this isn't what you're acfinancial aid. I searched the inter- books. I'm working closely with customed to reading in my column. I always try to write what I'd like to also created a support team that read-good news, uplifting stories and vignettes that make me think about God and the best things in life.

But here's the unvarnished truth: I doubt there's a person reading this column who hasn't felt like giving up at some point. Your situation was different from mine, but if you're reading this, you didn't give up. You kept going. And that's what matters. Hang in there, and so will I.

Blessings, my friends.

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Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes [PG-13]: 10 a.m. Fr, Sa, Tu only; 1:15 - 4:30 - 8:00 every day.

The Fall Guy [PG-13]: 10:10 am Fr, Sa, Tu only; 1:10 - 4:10 - 7:05 every day; 10:05 pm Fr & Sa only.

Flashback cinema - Back to The future[1985] 5/26, 5/27, 5/29 - 3:00 - 7:40.

• Secret Cinema - cinematic mystery for film lovers 1st Thu monthly.

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

OBITUARIES

Crieg S. Johnson

MEADVILLE - Crieg S. Johnson, 58, Meadville, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Twin Lakes Nursing Home after battling friends. an 8 year illness, scleroderma.

He was born on October 7,1965, a son of James and Sandra (Gier) Johnson. Crieg was a graduate of Ridg-



way High School, where he later went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps. After serving ily. for 4 years, he dedicated the rest of his career to being a lineman. He in Ridgway. worked as a lineman at First Energy from 1992-2021.

his hunting cabin where he spent much of his time hunting deer and turkey. He spent time riding his beloved Harley Davidson with his

In addition to his parents, Crieg is survived by his daughter, Marissa Johnson [formerly of Linesville], of Zelienople, PA, his siblings, Kevin Johnson of Hubert, NC and Kimberly O'Rourke of Du Bois, PA; his nieces and nephews, Shelby (Tony) Aquilina of Alfred, NY, Kaitlyn (Mark) Ahearn of Canisteo, NY, and Joesph Johnson of Scottsdale, AZ; and great nephews and niece, Beau, Elden, and Meredith.

Funeral services for Crieg Johnson were held privately by the fam-

Burial was in St. Leo Cemetery

Krise Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 130 Center Street, Crieg enjoyed spending time at Ridgway, PA 15853, handled the

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Rocco Tedesco, III, FD, FS, Proprietor

Allen I. Janis MONROEVILLE, PA - Allen

I. Janis, 93, of Monroeville, PA, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2024.

may be offered to the family at www.krisefuneralhome.com

Allen was the beloved husband of 54 years to the late Phyllis Μ. (Meyer) Janis; loving

father of Stuart J. (Diane Rains) Janis and Wynne D. Janis.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, David M. and Rosa (Ginsburg) Janis, and by his brother and sister-in-law, Harry and June Janis.

Al earned a BS in Physics from Northwestern University and a Ph.D. in Physics from Syracuse University. From there he became a professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Department of Physics and Astronomy. He also served as the department liaison for Pitt's College in High School program, and he spent many years as Associate Director at Pitt's Center for the Philosophy of Science.

Outside of physics, his passions were his family, sailing, and birding. He pursued the latter two at the family's second home on Pymatuning Lake, heading north virtually every weekend to look for eagles and egrets, geese and goldfinches, and herons and hummingbirds.

He was also a fan of wordplay

arrangements. Online condolences and puzzles of all kinds, and the rights organizations and helped to Sullivan operettas.

Al was very devoted to his wife Center in Erie. and children, supporting them in their various endeavors and through nurse at St. Vincent Hospital. difficult times in their lives.

made to the American Bird Conservancy, the Pitt Department of Physics and Astronomy, or the Pitt Center for the Philosophy of Science.

No public funeral was planned. Please read a full obituary and add or view tributes at www.jobefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Agnes (Dowling) Reynolds CONNEAUT LAKE - Patricia

Agnes (Dowling) Reynolds, 84, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

She was born December 13, 1939, to the late Arthur and Hermine Dowling of Erie.

She is sur-

vived by her brother, Arthur Dowling, and her sons, Andrew Spear, John (Lisa) Reynolds, and Dan (Wendy) Reynolds, as well as her grandchildren Justin (Rebekah), Blake (Meagan) Christopher, Kaylee, and great-granddaughter, Boston Blake Reynolds.

Patricia graduated from St. Benedict Academy High School in the Class of 1957 and earned her nursing degree from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in 1960.

Patricia was also active in civil

Kevin J. Royal

Funeral Director

Pittsburgh Savoyards' Gilbert & write a development grant for the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Patricia worked as a psychiatric

She spent much of her life as a Memorial contributions may be Conneaut Lake resident. She was a real estate agent and owned the Ski-Tow/Irish Cove Motel for nearly 40 years. Patricia even worked as a visiting nurse in Pittsburgh when CLP struggled to bring in visitors. She cherished the relationships formed through the Irish Cove and enjoyed counseling friends in need. Patricia was a Conneaut Lake Area Business Association member and of the Kiwanis Club

Patricia was a firm believer in her Catholic faith. She enjoyed Western movies and cooking shows on TV. She loved animals and rescued numerous dogs and cats throughout her life.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Our Lady, Queen of the Americas Church, 155 S. Ninth Street, Conneaut Lake.

Visitation occured before the Mass. A committal service followed at Calvary Cemetery, 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie.

Memorials in Patricia's memory may be made to the Crawford County Humane Society, 11012 Kennedy Hill Road, Meadville, PA 16335 or the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, 6101 E. Lake Road, Erie, PA 16511.

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

Please share a condolence or memory of Patricia at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Mary J. (Shacklock) Simpson LINESVILLE - Mary J. (Shacklock) Simpson, 74, of Linesville, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family Saturday, November 11, 2023, at her residence.

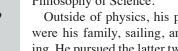
She was born January 7, 1949, the daughter of Roy and Neva (Carr) Shacklock. She at-



tended Jamestown High School. Mary worked as a kitchen manager and chef at the Elks Lodge #219 in



Dickson Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.



Meadville.

Mary loved fishing, playing card games, sewing and baking especially Christmas cookies. The most important thing in her life was spending time with her family and she cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband, Robert R. Simpson, who she married on August 26, 1989; three sons, Joseph (Mary) Shaw, Jason (Connie) Shaw, and Robert R. Simpson Jr.; two daughters, Christina (Jason) Stanhope and Cindy (Dean) Graham; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; dog and partner, Sebastian. four siblings, Howard Shacklock, Judy Leonhart, Gayl Aicher and Peggy Speir; and many nieces and the family. nephews.

Roy Shacklock, Ellen Shacklock Linesville. and Joseph Shacklock; and three nieces, Shelly, Cindy and Wendy.

Calling hours were held at the HOME, 6028 U.S. HIGHWAY 6, royalcolemanfuneralhome.com. LINESVILLE, where her funeral service was held Thursday, November 16, 2023. Burial was in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.

made to the Yolanda Barco Oncology Institute, Hospice of Crawford cal Center. County, St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

The family would like to express their appreciation to the wonderful people at Hospice of Crawford County and the Yolanda Barco Center for their kindness and loving care they provided to Mary.

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

Alice Snyder

An obituary is not available at this time for Alice Mae (Culver)

Snyder, 82, born April 7, 1941. She passed away Friday, March 15, 2024. VISITA-



TION services were held Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Royal Coleman Funeral Home, Linesville; seven grandchildren, 6028 US Highway 6, Linesville, Virginia Bell of Colorado, Alex-PA 16424.



Kenneth Stein

ESPYVILLE - Kenneth Edward Stein, 67, of Espyville, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 2024.



Kenny leaves behind his beloved

As per Kenny's wishes, services were private at the convenience of

Arrangements were under the She was preceded in her pass- direction of Royal-Coleman Fuing by her parents; three siblings, neral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6,

> Memorials contributions may be made to the funeral home.

Please share a condolence or ROYAL-COLEMAN FUNERAL memory of Kenny for the family at Linesville.

Marie Robinson

CONNEAUTVILLE - Marie Lucille "Toot" Robinson, 82, of Con-Memorial contributions may be neautville, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2024, at Meadville Medi-



(Strouse) Miller.

East

othy

Marie was a loving and devoted homemaker. She enjoyed being outdoors and loved sitting on her porch watching the wildlife. Marie also enjoyed fishing. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by six children; twins, Tim (Karen) Warner of East Stroudsburg and Tammy Bell of Hartstown, Terry (Melody) Warner of East Stroudsburg, Shane Matheney of Conneautville, and twins, Bernard (Destiny) Matheney Jr. of Linesville and Darinda Kobow of andria Matheney of Ohio, Britney Attebury of Meadville, Crystal Vanwhy of Linesville, Zachary Warner of Korea, Timothy Warner

Jr. of East Stroudsburg and Jasmine Matheney of Linesville; two great-grandchildren, David Harding Jr. and Ryder Waite; two sisters, Judy Hines and Gloria Muller both of West Virginia; a brother, Lestor (Deborah) Miller of Reeders, Pennsylvania; nephews, Randy (Lynn) Williams of South Carolina, Wayne Miller of Stroudsburg and James (Sherri) Williams of Scotrun, Pennsylvania; nieces, Amy Otto of West Virginia and Pamela (Doug) Hafler of Stroudsburg; and also survived by several cousins, including her cousin, Connie Fish.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; her husband, Frank Robinson; and her son, Larry Dean Warner.

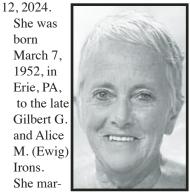
A celebration of her life was held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the Pymatuning Sportsman's Club, 3642 W. Erie Street Ext., Linesville.

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

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

Susan Jane Dennis

GENEVA, PA - Susan Jane Dennis, 72, of Geneva [Conneaut Lake], passed away at home May



ried Karl D. Dennis on March 25, 1977. He survives.

Susan graduated from Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School in the Class of 1970 and also completed the nursing program through Crawford County Vo-Tech. She worked as an ER nurse at Meadville Medical Center, an office nurse for Dr. Raymond Bridge and an occupational health nurse at PPG.

She attended Oasis Church of Meadville. Susan enjoyed playing the piano for church, singing and directing church choir.

In addition to her husband of 47 years, Susan is survived by her sons, Kurt Dennis and his wife, Sarah of Cochranton, PA and Kip Dennis and his husband, Bruce

passing July 22, 2017.

neaut Lake High School.

He married Susanne King on

Richard graduated from Con-

He worked at various factories

over the years including Meadville

Malleable and Rusco and, before

retirement, he worked as a delivery

buildings from scratch and family

He enjoyed building miniature

He is survived by his son, Steven

Rhodes and his wife, Theresa of

Conneautville; his grandchildren,

Yvonne O'Day and her fiance,

Frank Rogers of Harmonsburg,

Sheri Bly of Sharon, PA and Leesa

Long of Greenville; 6 great grand-

children; his sister, Sandy Law-

rence and her husband, Stanley of

Conneaut Lake, and his brothers,

Robert Rhodes and his wife, Carol

and Ray Rhodes, both of Conneaut

wife, he was preceded in his pass-

Additional obituaries

In addition to his parents and his

- See Rhodes page 6

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driver for Spalding Enterprise.

get-togethers.

Lake, PA.

ing by his

Brown of Las Vegas, NV; 2 grand- (Leffingwell) Rhodes. children, Keyshaun and Karlie Dennis and a brother, Edward Irons July 12, 1963. She preceded him in of Belleview, FL.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents.

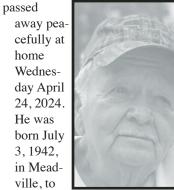
A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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

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

Richard G. Rhodes

CONNEAUT LAKE - Richard G. Rhodes, 81, of Conneaut Lake,



the latePaul "Dusty" and Jean

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.

Temperature screenings upon

entrance; Face masks optional; Hand Sanitizer stations throughout building;

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.

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Additional Obituaries... on pages 4, 5

Ronald L. Staab

Ronald L. Staab, 86, late of Pittsburgh, and Pymatuning Lake [Espyville], passed away Friday, April 26th, after a lengthy illness.

He was born December 8, 1937, to Jerome L. Staab and Edna (Nagel) Staab, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Affectionately known as "Ronnie" to friends and family, in his younger days he frequented The Linden Grove Dance Hall, and graduated from South Hills High School in the Class of 1955.

He married Carole Ann Woshne September 10, 1960. She survives.

Ronnie opened Staab Plumbing and Heating, which he oper-

ated until 2017. Customers dialed the old telephone exchange, Westford 2204, knowing Ronnie stood on integrity and principle. He was old school and did things right the first time. He took pride in his work and all his Chevy trucks were named "Gunther."

In 1967, he joined the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, where he was Business Agent for 30 years, Air Force and Army National Reand a member for 57 years.

Ronnie enjoyed discussing manly topics such as heating and cooling operating systems, boilers, construction blueprints, and plumbing and septic systems for residential or large, industrial projects. Oil burners were his favorite product, and some of the furnaces he installed in the 1960's are still

running today.

He helped start the Union Plumbers Apprentice Program in Meadville, PA, where some of the finest steamfitters on the planet studied and learned the trade. He could be seen at the AFL-CIO building on Chestnut Street, as well as the old Villa Restaurant, with Tom, Artie, and V.R. Yoder, Benny Newkirk, and all the rest of the Union boys.

Ronnie spent 5 1/2 years in the serves, with Honorable Discharge. One of his favorite stories to recount was his "Sergeant for a Day" anecdote.

He enjoyed helping people, fishing, hunting on his farm in Espyville with his brothers, bee keeping, gardening, and telling jokes and funny stories.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Roseanne and Arlene.

Dickson Funeral Home was in care of cremation arrangements, and as per the family's wishes, there were no calling hours.

Please keep Ronnie in your loving hearts; his contagious smile, generosity, and all the wisdom of a lifetime are sadly missed by all those who had the honor of knowing him.

Auf Wiedersehen!

....and as Ronnie used to love to say, in the immortal words of Elmer Fudd, "Ba-dip, Ba-dip, Ba-dip, That's All. Folks!"

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

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

Rhodes - from page 5 sister, Susie Rhodes; his brother, Randy Rhodes and his sister-in-

A Celebration of Life will take

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

Arrangements have been entrust-Supervisor.

Arden "Joe" Lee Calvin

ATLANTIC, PA - Arden "Joe" Lee Calvin, 90, of Atlantic, PA, passed away at home with family He was born January 28, 1934, in Atlantic, to the late Tracy and Cowden. Mabel (Rice) Calvin.

He married Grayce Elaine Sauls-

bery March 30, 1962. She preceded him in passing on October 8,2004. Joe worked for Penn-Dot of Meadville. He was a member of

Atlantic Community Church. He enjoyed hunting and watching sports.

He is survived by his daughter, Kelly Calvin and her significant other, Daniel Carpin of Meadville, rider. and his sons, Doug Calvin and his wife, Donna of Greenville, PA; Allen Calvin of Meadville, and Scott Calvin and his wife, Margie of Greenville; his grandchildren, Josh Calvin, Brittany Davis, Brandi Edeburn, Erin Gera, Joey Calvin, Shane Hites and 2 step grandchildren; and his great grandchildren, Corey Calvin, Grace Calvin, Colten Calvin, Cheyenne Davis, Duncan Davis, Ivan Davis, Lillionna Calvin, Charlie Gera; 9 step great great grandchild.

son, Thomas Calvin; his brothers, Roger Calvin, Robert Calvin, Stanley Calvin and his sister, Opal Baird.

Calling hours were held Friday April 19, 2024, at Dickson Funeral Home and Crematory, 130 N. 2nd St., Conneaut Lake. His funeral service took place Saturday, April 20, 2024, in the chapel at Rocky Glen Cemetery where he was laid to rest with his wife and son with Pastor Sally Bell officiating.

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

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

David Gerald Cowden

MEADVILLE - David Gerald Cowden, 55, of Meadville, and formerly of Hartstown, passed away Sunday, April 28, 2024.

He was born November 6, 1968, in San Diego, CA, a son of Ward Marvin and Barbara Kay Myers

David was a graduate of Conneaut Lake High School and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Persian Gulf War from 1988 to 1992. He worked as a truck driver for Powell Sanitation, White Rock Excavating, and Conneaut Lake Sand and Gravel.

David was a member of American Legion Post 111 and James-



VFW Post 5424.

town

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, and was an avid Harley

Survivors include a son, Robert Cowden (Judith) of Conneaut Lake; a sister, Theresa Dempsey (Vance) of Portsmouth, VA; and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents and a sister, Mary Beth Cowden.

Memorial donations may be made to Theresa and Vance Dempsey to assist with funeral expenses.

Arrangements were entrusted grandchildren and 1 step great to ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, 12422 He was preceded in his passing CONNEAUT LAKE RD., CONby his parents; his wife; an infant NEAUT LAKE where memories and condolences may be shared at www.roseandwaidfh.com

> Theresa (Cadle) Nicholas ROME, PA - Theresa Nicholas (Cadle), 69, passed away in Febru-

ary at her home in Rome, PA. She was a long time resident of Albion and Springboro, PA, where she attended both Northwestern and Conneaut Valley schools. She worked for a time at Spectrum controls in Fairview, PA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert and Janice Cadle as well as her sisters, Patricia Arrangements were entrusted to Hoover and Bonnie Holiday.

Surviving are her 3 sons, Shawn Smith (Tiffany) of Franklinville, NY. Tony Smith and Kyle Hoover, both of Conneautville; 2 grandchildren, Shea, son of Shawn and Tiffany and Parker, daughter of Kyle whom she was very proud of and were her main focus in her life.

A private graveside service was planned.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNER-AL HOME, Conneautville.

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law, Diane Rhodes.

place at a later date.

ed to Dickson Funeral Home and Crematory, 130 N. 2nd St., Conneaut Lake, Rocco R. Tedesco III,

by his side Monday April 15, 2024.



In and Around ...

The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

James A. Stone Memorial Library

CONNEAUTVILLE - Springtime has us all a-twitter here at Stone Memorial Library. It is almost time for Summer Reading! Sign up at the library during the week of June 10-17, and you will be on track to complete the entire program. This year, we will have summer reading activities for all ages, including our adult patrons. Our programming for children will be held at Lord Mason Park at 10:30 on June 20, June 27, July 2, July 11, and July 18. We are looking forward to hearing from the PA Game Commission, Magic Steve, The Erie Zoo, Tamarack Wildlife Rescue, and more! Our final Summer Reading children's event will be held on July 27, in conjunction with the Valley Corn Festival at Lord Mason Park.

Our Book Sale will be held on June 14-21, during the Valley Community Yard Sale. We will have all kinds of good quality books for sale... mark your calendar!

Our first-ever Pop-Up Market will be held on June 14-15, also during the Valley Community Yard Sale. We still have spaces available for this great event! Whether you own a small business or just want to do a onetime sale, the Pop-Up Market would be a great place to set up. Give us a call at (814) 587-2142 to reserve your space.

Preschool Story Time is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by our champion Children's Librarian, Mrs. Cheryl Cameron. Story Time will continue through the end of May. Coming up, our themes are Picnic Day (5/23) and Arts and Crafts Day (5/30).

r-School Specials are every Tuesday at 4, through June 4. This program is designed for kids 6-12, though all ages are welcome. Every week we do something different. Coming up, we have:

May 28 - Jared McGary from Pymatuning State Park: fish of Pymatuning

June 4 - Aletha Samuels: Safety with Dogs (with real dogs as our guests!)

Book Club meets once per month on the third Saturday of the month, at 2 pm. Our current read is Tara Road, by Maeve Binchy. We have copies available at the library for anyone who would like to join in. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, June 15.

Pokemon Club will meet once more before summer, on Saturday, June 8 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. The next meeting will be Friday, June 14 at 10 am. Bring your own diamond-dot painting kit to work on with friends.

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.

Did you know the library has a brand-new video streaming service available? All Crawford County library patrons now have access to Kanopy. Use your library card to log in at https://ccfls.kanopy.com/.

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

bags for their valentines. It was fun we have craft night for children of games, and visiting with friends.

We've had some special Home children decorated drumsticks.

Miss Linda had a science experi- made. ment making bouncy balls.

sharing valentines, candy, playing all ages and an adult and teens craft as well.

On March 14th, the children school Hours with Miss Marsha. made rainbow froot loop neck-She taught a music lesson and the laces. The kids enjoyed the craft and having it as a treat after it was

Interested in book club? Each Each month on the second and month we have a new genre. Ask fourth Thursday 6:00 pm- 7:00 pm us at the library what the next genre is.



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sign up: 814-382-6666. CONNEAUT LAKE - Spring-

time is in full bloom at the Shontz library is open M-TH from 10 AM bring your children and join us for - 5 PM, Fridays from 10 AM - 4 PM, and Saturdays from 9 AM - 4 PM, with evening hours on Tues. day morning! and Thurs. from 6 - 8 PM.

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 or stop in to learn more.

Story Hour: Tuesdays from Library, and we have some great 10 - 11 AM. Parents, grandparclasses lined up each month. The ents, aunts & uncles, babysitters: an hour of games. songs, crafts, snacks, stories and fun every Tues-

Friends of the Library: Are you PLEASE NOTE: registration for interested in joining the "Friends of the Library" group? The Shontz Library Board of Directors is seeking innovative thinkers and doers who 7:30 PM, is our free plant, swap are interested in supporting the library in a variety of ways. Call us Bring any kind of plant you have

means it's time to visit the library and find a great summer read!

Our summer hours will be in effect from June 1st - August 10th and are as follows: M,W,F: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM; Tues & Thurs: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM; Sat: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Stop in to see us! We have plenty for you to check out, and lots of classes and workshops to choose from as well. Please visit the library or call to register for classes: 814-382-6666.

30th, the Shontz Library will be displaying the artwork of our young artists from Conneaut Lake Elementary School! Stop by and have a look!

Beach Glass Jewelry Class: Thursday, May 30th from 10:30 AM - noon, Christy Brown is offering a Beach Glass Jewelry Class. Sign up to make a pair of earrings AND a pendant with Lake Erie beach glass! \$25 per set.

Plant Swap: June 6th, from 6 next to Ralston's Hardware Store! and select one to take home for

We hope to see you this Memorial Day weekend! **Silver Shores Lakefront Dining**

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It's almost summertime - which free. Penn State Extension Master takes us to the waters of Pymatun-Gardeners of Crawford County ing Lake and the Legend of the ing questions. They will also help Waters. Reserve your spot by 10am identify plants, and give advice on June 18, and plan to join us for our growing what you select. This is all centers corn hole friendly comsure to be a win-win event for ev- petition on June 26, and a program ervone!

> Creative Cards with Natalie: on June 27 at 12:30pm. Monday, June 10th from 1 - 3 PM. for 4 cards.

Student Art Show: May 10th Thursday, June 13th, AND Satur- for \$12.50 available for purchase. day, June 15th. Create a beautiful Redeem a coupon for any regular picture inside of a shadow box at lunch (does not apply to special this beach glass class! \$25 per per- event/holiday meals). We have son.

Day! \$40 per person.

is free and open to the public.

annual Summer Reading Program with friends? meets at the Conneaut Lake Elementary School gym for six weeks lunches available every weekday from 11 AM - noon beginning on for takeout or dine in for anyone June 12th. We have a fabulous in the community. Order lunch at lineup of presenters to educate and least 2 days in advance by 10am, entertain everyone each week. This with orders for Monday and program is free and open to the Tuesday meals due the preceding public. (Registration takes place Thursday. Lunches are available each week at the school gym.)

looking for something free & fun years of age and \$4.50 for younger for your 'tween child to do this community members. If you have a summer that doesn't involve a neighbor who could use a hot meal screen? Sign up your 7-12 year old but is unable to go out to get one for for an hour of LEGO building each Thursday from June 13 - August 25th and let the creativity begin!

Active - from page 2

Bair Family Center is June 18 from 1-3pm, and every Tuesday through July 23 from 1-3pm. Apreceive them.

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will be on hand to answer garden- Princess Boat presented by Dan on Archery at the Linesville Beach

Looking for a meaningful gift Create beautiful handmade cards to for someone who is over 60 years give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 of age? Give the gift of LUNCH! The Bair Family Center has cou-Beach Glass Shadow Box Class: pon booklets good for five lunches these available throughout the year, American Sign Language class: and they come in handy when you Monday, June 17th from 3 - 4 PM. are trying to think of a meaning-Sign up and learn a new skill! This ful gift for your parents, grandparclass is free and open to the public. ents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and Floral Design with Blossoms & friends. This is especially nice for Blooms: Monday, June 24th from 2 a neighbor or relative who does not - 3 PM. Create a beautiful arrange- get out much. Depression is on the ment to celebrate Independence rise in the over sixty population, and isolation is one of the leading Spin Your Yarn: Thursdays AND causes of depression in this age Saturdays at 11 AM. Bring your group. Simply getting out of the project and join us for an hour of house and engaging with others is knitting & chatting! This program a vital first step to fighting isolation and related depression, and what Summer Reading Program: Our better way than to share a meal

The Bair Family Center has hot for a suggested donation of \$2.50 LEGO Club: Parents - are you for individuals who are at least 60 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.

Remember to check the Community News, The Active Aging ECHO, COOL 101.7, and our Facebook page (The Active Aging plications will be available outside Bair Family Center) for updates of the Center 24/7 as soon as we about the Center or better yet, connect with us in person! If you Our Lunch 'n Learn on June 20 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.



Recently, a beloved Friend and neighbor approached us and asked how she could attract Orioles. Without hesitation, we gave her one of our unused Oriole feeders.

Since that day, her interest in our Feathered Friends has MORE than blossomed.

We are SO proud of you and your concern over the birds surrounding us. They will MORE than enlighten your days, M!

So, this article is for both you... and the Winged Angels in our Lives.

The "FLOCK" is back!

I more than vividly remember that day back in 1982, when Carolyn gently suggested that we place a birdfeeder on our recently acquired property in North Shenango.

WOW! What a great idea!

I had never had the opportunity, or a place to feed the birds, even while growing-up in the Millvale/ Etna sections of Pittsburgh. My Dad and Mom were totally against attracting birds to my childhood home; even more so, they absolutely refused to place ANY-THING resembling a birdfeeder near their home!

You see, after moving from their Millvale residence, to their brandspanking new "dream home" about a half mile up the hill near the Cherry City Reservoir, they became (understandably) possessed by the idea of maintaining their new home in an immaculate condition.

NOT SO...

Soon after moving in, my parents noticed for the first time (why they didn't notice BEFORE their purchase, I'll never know!) that the neighbor adjacent to the rear of their back yard had a LARGE coop-like structure less than fifty feet from their property line. In this enormous structure (NO exaggeration) were housed more that 100-150 birds of a feather... PIGEONS!

Each morning, the "old man" who fostered these birds, would enter the coop to feed his flock. Shortly thereafter, he would release his feathered friends to roam overhead. (This procedure was repeated for a second time each

early evening.)

Now, I don't know where the Public's experience with pigeons lies...but...these birds fly in a tightly formed formation circling overhead above the general area of their coop. I suppose, in retrospect, they must be somewhat "trained" to fly in this overhead pattern.

WELL...YOU GUESSED IT!

The neighborly birds shared the wealth of their recent meals while flying over my parents' house...the yard...the driveway...etc. Their twice daily flight pattern left an extensive pattern...sometimes, it was impossible to escape from their "bombings," especially while playing outside.

My Dad had a, usually, VERY even temper...but, when it came to birds...

Both he and Mom refused to have ANYTHING to do with fowltype creatures, even when living on their property in Espyville. Of course, that exclusion did not hold true on Thanksgiving, nor when Mom would cook a chicken for our evening meal. We had chicken EVERY week while I was growing-up..sometimes, even MORE than once a week! Somehow I feel that the consumption of turkey or chicken was their way of "gettingback" at those pigeons!

BACK TO 1982...

So, when my dear wife suggested the placement of a bird feeder on our property, I, at first, was understandably hesitant. But, as she gently described the sweet benefits of seeing the regional winged residents in all their splendid glory, and listening to their melodic calls, I was "hooked."

We purchased a small feeder at one of the local merchants...along with an iron hook, upon which to hang the new feeder, and a supply of birdseed.

Early Sunday morning, before heading back to Pittsburgh, we installed the feeder...filled it to the brim...and waited for the first feathered arrivals.

YAYY! We had bird visitors! First arrivals were a smattering of Goldfinches, then a male Cardinal, then a Bluejay! WOW! How COOL!

But, we couldn't linger too long.

Had to head back to the City, and work on Monday morning. BUT, hearty, our Feathered Friends! SURPRISE, SURPRSE...

WE DID arrive back the early evening of the following Friday.

WHAT ?!? Where did the birdfeeder disappear? The iron hook was pulled down onto the ground, and the feeder was nowhere in sight! (I found it sometime later while clearing some of the land to build our permanent residence.) What happened? Did some "poacher" invade our property and makeoff with the feeder and its contents? What's up???

Oh well, I reinserted the hook into the soil, and, then, as Carolyn unpacked for the weekend, I hastened across the Causeway and purchased a new feeder at the hardware store in Andover.

Rushing back, I hung and filled the feeder just as the Sun was exiting the horizon.

After a hasty, cold meal, we retired for the night inside our tiny pop-up camper. Exhausted, we fell immediately to sleep...dreaming of winged Glory.

HA! AGAIN, NOT SO!

After what was probably a brief respite, we were awakened from our slumber by scratchings, and other indescribable noises coming from nearby outside the camper. AS I grabbed the flashlight to discern what was going on outside, Carolyn cautioned me to be very, very careful. It might be a burglar...or even a bear!

I slowly opened the camper's door, clicked-on my flashlight, and scoured the darkness.

And what I saw still amazes me to this day!

There, hanging by all fours from the iron hook was a HUGE stripped creature...a Raccoon! Waiting at



MAMA RACCOON

we'd be back the next Friday! Eat the bottom on the ground under- big gal was a Mommy Raccoon neath, were a group of tiny Rac- attempting to feed her young. She coons, having a party among the pulled, and pulled...eventually her falling birdseeds! Obviously, the efforts

- See Raccoon page 10



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TheBerryBasket.com joan@theberrybasket.com age were two young deer...and, in front of them scurried a long-tailed

Opossum!

Needless to say, I yelled...they laughed, and continued their repast. I yelled again...was that another laugh I heard from them? They "partied-on!"

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succeeded in pulling the hanger

down to ground level. But, that

wasn't all! Emerging from the foli-

In the morning, we evaluated the situation. After lengthy discussion, we realized the mistake we had made. Over Time, we learned what to do to securely feed the birds. Still, however, we did NOT allow MOMMA RACOOTIE to go hungry.

OVER TIME...

Eventually, our learning developed into MORE than a Passion. Carolyn became an avid birdwatcher and photographer. Moreover, she is, to this very day, a member of the National Audubon Society. Over friends and neighbors to participate with her in the National Bird-Counting events!

upon me...not in the least!

My LOVE for our birds has multiplied again, and again, and again. What started as a single birdfeeder hung on a hook in the middle of the woods, has progressed unbelievably. Today, I/we have over 28 (Yep, that's right!) feeders installed near our home. Seed-feeders, Thistle-feeders, Suet-feeders, Hummingbird feeders, Mealworms for the Bluebirds, Peanuts for the Bluejays (and other visitors), Grape-jelly feeders for the Orioles, and orange-halves to feed several types of feathery visitors: all are installed properly, and

BTW...in addition, we have sevthe years, she has invited various eral furry visitors who just LOVE to scoop-up the fallen seeds and shells!

are maintained nearly every day! Moreover, we have, over the years, planted trees, scrubs, bushes, and garden plants which provide additional repast for our visitors. To say that we have a "plethora" of feathered visitors is a TREMEN-DOUS understatement!

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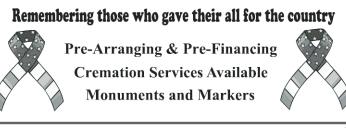
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Her dedication was not wasted all the creatures on our property, we have taken the precaution to have our land declared a CERTI-FIED WILDLIFE HABITAT by the National Wildlife Federation.

TODAY...

Over few weeks, we have noticed a remarkable increase in the number of Cardinals visiting us every day.

We are aware of the common belief that a visiting Cardinal is REALLY an Angelic Visitor coming to watch over someone. In fact, some folks go further to believe that these Angels are, in fact, the Spirits of departed Loved Ones coming to watch and protect.

I know, and believe myself, that there must be some truth to these concepts.

After installing one of Carolyn's photos of a Cardinal in a regional center, I have been bombarded with discussions concerning the Spiritual essence of these beautiful birds. Moreover, over my past year of turmoil, I have come to accept the possibility of beliefs, at which I have previously scoffed as ridiculous.

AT THIS EXACT MOMENT ...

As I sit here at my home office composing this article, I can watch the birds at our feeders through the windows by my side. All the feathered visitors whisper their chirps of Gratitude to my ears as I write.... and, I am SURE that if God speaks in any way through the voices of these birds...well, I "GOT IT MADE!"

(For Comments, Contact... gnowack@windstream.net)

Pomona Grange

The Saturday, June 1st quarterly meeting will be hosted by Rundells Grange at The Station, Main Street, Conneautville. A tureen lunch will begin at noon, followed by the business meeting and program at 1:00 p.m.

Subordinate secretaries are to submit names of members who have passed away since June 2023 to Pomona Chaplain Morgan Tau, 13863 Hatch Hill Road, Meadville, PA 16335, by Friday, May 31st.

Lecturer Arvilla Allen will be in charge of the program which include the presentation of the annual Pomona Public Service Award.

During the business meeting, election of officers will be held for the 2024-2026 term.



Police - from page 1

the meeting feel safe.

There was brief discussion of filed. tourists in the area before Hoovler arrived at 6:41 pm.

Motion for minutes from April 17th, 2024, to be approved was brought forth by Smith, and seconded by Holabaugh; the board approved this unanimously.

Motion to approve payment of bills and payroll for April 18th through May 15th was brought forth by Hoovler, seconded by Smith, and also unanimously approved by the board.

Holabaugh questioned a payment of \$1,086 for a bulletproof vest to Markl Support Company. Mumau explained that the vest, received in January, was purchased for an officer that is no longer with the department. It does not fit anyone else, another local department did not want it because it is the wrong color and they are just now receiving the bill for this purchase. After that explanation, payment of bills was approved unanimously by the board.

Mumau mentioned that there were a few miscellaneous checks left to deposit, but that the Financial and Budget reports were upto-date other than that. A motion to approve this report was brought by Holabaugh, seconded by Hoovler, and unanimously approved.

There was no old business to discuss, so the meeting moved forward to new business: a proposal for solicitor representation.

In weeks prior, Pfeifer has been to a symposium and spoke with a law firm about legal representation for the commission. Mumau stated that "we don't use a legal council very often," but that it's brought on as needed for various situations. Each member of the board was given a copy of the proposal.

After a few minutes of discussion and some confusion, Holabaugh moved to table the discussion for the next meeting, when Pfeiffer and VanHonk will both be present to discuss the details of the proposal, rather than making decisions without them. The motion was seconded by Smith, and approved unanimously.

The board briefly looked over the activity report for April, as Pfeiffer was not there to give details on any of the statistics.

There were 134 calls in Sadsbury Township, resulting in two incident

reports; 77 calls in the Boro, resultmeeting, as they stayed until the ing in 2 incident reports; and 55 place was empty and made all at calls in North Shenango Township, resulting in five incident reports

> The year-to-date total of calls is 901 with 47 incident reports filed. There were 40 traffic stops in Sadsbury Township, 26 in the Boro, and two in North Shenango Township. There were multiple thousands of dollars in property value marked as lost/stolen in Sadsbury, the Boro, and North Shenango Township, of which none has been recovered, investigations are ongoing.

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Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. It remembers those who have served and given their lives





North Shenango May meeting boisterous, tense - BY DAVID SCHAEF

Community News

Upwards of 50 people packed into the meeting room of the North Shenango Township supervisors' May meeting - the first of their 7 p.m. summer evening meetings [May - August] as the supervisors hold 10 a.m. meetings in 8 of the other months.

In April, the main sticking point was that of a teenager who was said to have been driving a 4-wheeler up and down his neighborhood roads, resulting in loud noises, residents afraid to walk the roads, with efforts trying to calm the situation not successful.

While the boy and a family member were at the May meeting, not a word was brought forth on the matter; a uniformed policeman from the Regional police was in attendance as apparently there were fears of unruly crowd conduct.

In fact, at one point early in properties. citizen comment, after a citizen made comment and used vulgar language, one supervisor said if such were used again, the meeting would be ended.

The main concerns in the meeting revolved around properties in poor conditions, RVs setting up in the township, campers, and a proposed RV ordinance which was not adopted during the meeting.

One resident said the supervisors had been working on an ordinance for over 4 years and nothing has been down. He said that leaves the township in jeopardy and he spoke against having certain properties [in poor conditions, or campers in poor condition] being grandfathered in] in any new ordinance.

Another individual said he thought one group in the township was against RVs setting up on properties; he wanted to be left went so far as to threaten a lawsuit. He noted they do pay taxes on their

Another man said the proposed ordinance needs a rewrite, adding his wife and family have been coming up to the township for years, they followed the rules [as to setups of campers, etc.], he thinking the community does not want campers here, noting they contribute to the local economy by eating out, buy-

ing from local businesses, etc. A lady said she [and family] have been coming here since she was a child, can see both sides of the issue, they following rules when they put an RV in, which then sold for over \$100,000. They, next, pointing out they followed the rules - bought a lot next door. She suggested some properties in Tuttle Point were not in good shape and need torn down [those properties not part of the newly renovated campground].

alone to enjoy his property, and area of concern with camping RVs rules in that they are to be removed

some oppose as to the difficulty in taking the RVs to a place in Saegertown for annual inspections.

One lady noted seeing building construction going on in the township but not seeing any building permits/placards at those places. Dickey said such is required.

Another noted the poor conditions of some properties where there are junk trailers and suggested some of that is because there is no sewage available.

A man pointed out he pays \$400 in taxes on his property, not \$50 as some others allege. He also said, while he uses his property about 6 months of the year, he pays sewage fees year round.

Another man spoke regarding what he sees as speeding on Linn Road, saying some are going 60 mph[limit is 30]. He said the police don't patrol the road, that UPS, Supervisor Dan dickey noted an FedEx, and school busses speed on the road.

Another commented that some and inspected once a year which lots in the township are being advertised for sale as RV lots, another pointing out some lots being sold in the \$100,000 range.

One homeowner in a private homeowners association said 8 lots therein had sold for at least \$129,000.

It was noted no area township allows RVs as primary structures, and one nearby township requires RVs to be moved off its property for 3 months of the year.

One issue that came up was on permits issued with no owner's name on them.

A lady said not all campers are bad, that they did all by the book, rules and guidelines.

A man raised questions on deed restrictions with Dickey saying deed restrictions never go away and that the township cannot enforce deed restrictions.

One man noted living in the township 75 years with many building homes with the ordinance from 1982 working well for 35 years. We need to consider what the future will be, he added.

Supervisor Eloise Settlemyre told of her family coming here and noted an old supervisor's saying of if you don't like it here, you don't have to live here.

Code enforcement officer Bob Goff reported working on several items as one man asked a question where sewage was going on a property, noting 2 trailers on a lot when only one is allowed. Goff said there was a port-a-potty there.



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Summer reading planning is just about finalized! June 10th is our kick-off date with crafts, Bookopoly and a presenter each week! Different reading challenges and activities will be happening to earn tickets for prizes!

AND SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming back the last week of Summer Reading starting on July 22nd!

We will also be offering free lunches at the library starting on June 10th every Monday and Thursday for anyone ages 18 and under. Please call 814-683-4354 or email us lcpl@ccfls.org to sign up!

The following programs will also be continuing through the summer....

Book Club will be meeting June next book to read. 5. We will be discussing The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison and handing out our next book, Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty.

Pokemon Club will be meeting June 10th at 4:30. Bring your cards to trade as well as join in some pokemon activities!

Construction Crew - we will see everyone June 24th at 4:30pm.

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

Krafting with Karen will be June 1st at 9:30 and offers a cute gnome paver painting. \$10 with everything included. Call ahead to sign

Sips and Dips with Tiffany is June 22nd at 11 am. For \$15, come make some drinks and different dips to enjoy and go home with leftovers with a brand new Pampered Chef container where the lid also is a cutting board!

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• Linesville sponsored by S/Sgt. Albert E. Moss Jr. Memorial VFW Post 7842 - 10 a.m., Memorial Park, opposite Little League Ball Field

• Conneaut Valley sponsored by Means Flynn American Legion Post 615 - 9 a.m., Conneautville Cemetery. Speaker, national anthem, rifle salute, taps; 11 a.m. at Spring Cemetery, Springboro; rifle salutes at Conneautville RC Cemetery, Rundelltown, East Spring, and Beaver Cemeteries.

• South Side Cemetery, Conley Road, Conneaut Lake, 2 p.m.

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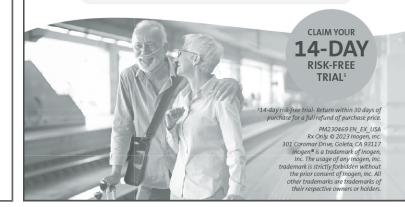
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We hope that you can join us. We are located at 14261 Cemetery Road in Harmonsburg.

Here at the Henretta Memorial Public Library, we've been busy adding new books to our shelves. Stop by and take a look at what we have to offer. Library is at 14261 Cemetery Rd., Harmonsburg, off Route 18 & Harmonsburg Rd. Call (814) 547-1136.

All the library events are casual. Henretta Library has a vision to be a safe, joyful meeting place in the community.

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I say! You say! We say!

Your comments in this space are welcome. Drop a note off at the office, 409 E. Erie St., Linesville; mail comments to Community News, P.O. Box 451, Linesville, PA 16424; fax a message to 814-683-4841, or e-mail us at communitynewscn10@gmail.com.. We ask comments be brief, to the point, not out-of-line. Names do not need to be used. Comments can range from a pet peeve to government regulations, a thank you, a pat-on-the-back.

A question for the CASH administration : A large amount of money was spent for the digital sign at the Exit drive at the CASH school. When it worked it was a great idea. Could see what was happening and celebrating students. It has not been in [good] operation since June of 2023. Surely does not take a year to find a company to repair it. It is not that old, the company that sold it to the district should be responsible for assistance in repair or referral to a company that could repair it. Is another year going to pass before we begin to see it displaying messages?

Via e-mail

Sadsbury has routine meeting

- BY DAVID SCHAEF

Community News

to include a report on the Bill Mat- and planning. tocks' property. A hearing was held

was found guilty of violating the crease at June's meeting. ordinance and a payment determiwas reset for 30 days.

have nothing to report. Water to the proposed complex remains to

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. ********************

neaut Lake Water Authority.

Reportedly drilling a new well The May 14, 2024, Sadsbury and ow to charge for the water and Township supervisor's meeting where water lines would run from lasted a total of 18 minutes as just Conneaut Lake borough to the routine business was on the agenda complex remain under discussion

Supervisors were informed of a on April 10, according to Attorney increase in pay for auditors when Joe Ferguson, as the township has financial books are reviewed each worked to have a cleanup on the year. Law now allows pay to inproperty done for quite some time. crease from \$10 an hour to \$18. Ferguson reported Mattocks Supervisors plan to adopt the in-

A special permit was approved nation to be determined. A second for the Conneaut Lake Farmers hearing was set for May 8 but then Market who was approved to operate the market starting May 18, ev-Reflections on Conneaut Lake ery Saturday, until October 12, that housing development was said to taking place near Conneaut Cellars Winery.

Parking near Silver Shores was be determined, less likely a super- mentioned as a item needing Silver visors' issue as one for the Con- Shores' okay in relation to the permit request.

> Cean up days the township held on May 4 and 11 were reported as record turnout times with parking backed up along the main highway. One more dumpster had to be ordered with supervisors thanking the volunteer workers who gave of their time those mornings. Residents were also thanked for bringing trash items for disposal instead of leaving thanks along roadsides.

White Construction was reported to have replaced the front office doors.

CRAFTERS WANTED

CRAFTERS WANTED - Attention Crafters!! St Philip's Church, Linesville, is holding their 3rd Annual Crafters Show on Sat., Aug. 31. For details, call June at does not fit today's needs as many 724-927-2811.

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"TENACIOUS TURTLES" - The Conneaut Area Senior High Envirothon Team the "Tenacious Turtles" Envirothon team won First Place at the Crawford County Envirothon held May 1, 2024, at the Crawford County Conservation District. They represented Crawford County at the PA State Envirothon on May 22, 2024, at Camp Mt. St. Luther, Mifflinburg, PA. Members of the Tenacious Turtles team are, from left - Brooke Davis, Camille Turner, Brevin Klink, Elaina Graybill and Amanda Shearer. Their team Advisor is CASH teacher Chloe Shade.

Other Crawford County winners were: Second Place: Titusville "Prickly Pinecones," Third Place: CASH "The Hairy Woodpeckers" and Honorable Mention: Titusville "Toadstools."

Eleven teams competed at the Crawford County Envirothon. Team advisors for Saegertown High School teams were Chris Greco and Adam Horne. Patricia McKellop is the advisor for the Titusville High School teams.

Envirothon teams compete by taking tests on their knowledge in five subject areas: Aquatics, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues. This year the Current Issue topic is "Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future."

Sponsors of the 2024 Crawford County Envirothon are: NWPA Environmental Literacy Coalition, VFW Post 2006, and the PA Trappers Association.

The Envirothon is a product of Pennsylvania's Conservation Districts. They are assisted by professionals from the PA Game Commission, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and DCNR Bureau of Forestry, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Penn State Cooperative Extension, PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Sea Grant and the PA Department of Education.

Summit leaders take step toward new township building

-By DAVID SCHAEF

Community News Summit Township supervisors,

who have been looking to build a new township building to mainly house the township's trucks, plows, have a work area, and more took a step toward that end at their May meeting.

Such a project, that in times past would/could include township offices, tax collector office, and perhaps an area for the library, had bid. been put out for bid with prices too high to go ahead on the project.

Current maintenance building [3x 5/27/] of the township equipment sits out-

side in all kinds of weather, trucks the annual Homecoming Picnic to not fitting inside, a need for work be held Sunday, June 30, in which area, and etc.

township work force and equipment might be available through help cover increased costs as resi-\$80,000 to \$200,000, with supervisors Bill Agnew, Lud Zarembinski, price. and Jerauld [Jerry] Smith voting to continue the research on a Co-Stars ing a paved walkway from shelter

visors giving approval to seek to the current uneven dirt type walkhave a water well drilled for the way in place. new building.

Supervisors gave approval for bid was approved for \$36,000.

about 100 people take part. Super-A building fitting needs for the visors also voted to increase the usual \$600 donation to \$1,000 to the state's Co-Stars bid process at dents bring a dish to share and the rough, initial costs ranging from Homecoming group provides such as chicken, which has gone up in

Supervisors will look into build-#3 to shelter #1, as a help to those Related to that step was super- who may be handicapped, covering

Spreading brine for dust control



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COLLEGE SIGNING - CASH student JAIDYN JORDAN [front, C] is shown as she recently signed a letter of intent to attend Ashland University in Ohio where she plans to take part in swimming while studying biology and Pre-Med. Jordan swam at Meadville Area High School as part of a co-op program with the Bulldogs as CASH does not have a swim team. Pictured are her parents, in front, on left, dad Joseph, on right, mom Jamie; and in back, from left, Matt Vannoy – CASH Co-Principal; Nalisha Stover – Franklin Flyers Swim Coach, a team she took part in as well; Bry O'Brien – CASH trainer and John Acklin – CASH Athletic Director.

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Springboro plant sale

The Springboro Garden and Civic club had a very busy 2023 schedule: annual Plant and Bake Sale; a class on drying and pounding flowers; winning 1st place in the Conneautville Fireman's Parade with a float and received a lovely trophy for our club;

visited the Erie Zoo and had a personal tour guide speak about all of the flowers, trees, and lovely landscaping plants; in the fall held a Harvest Cook off competition with pumpkin as the main ingredient [husbands judged the delicious entries;

in November held a Christmas cookie exchange and then the finale of the year was the absolutely lovely Christmas Dinner and Party at James and Judas beautiful Victorian home in Springboro;

in Feb. held business meeting and dinner and voted on the nominated slate of new officers. Officers for the year 2024 are as follows: President, Marie Starcheski; Vice president, Lynda Proctor; Secretary, Linda Ewig; Asst. Treasurers, Karen Sablyak, and Michelle Page; inducted Bonnie Dearborn as a Gold Rose member;

in March - voted on slate of new officers; did a seed exchange and talked about favorite birds; in April, took 3 cars and 10 members to Nelsons Heirloom, 2nd Time Around and DJ's, and Stan Hot houses, and of course dined out together; 23rd of May, planning annual Plant and Bake Sale for June 1st. The time is 8 am to 12 at the Springboro garage (N. through red light, on the left.] Please mark it on your calendar - very large assortment of plants and baked goods. There will be a drawing for

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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.

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 Sun., Aug. 11th, at the New Beginnings Church, Leslie Road, Meadville.

