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• **SUMMERHILL, CONNEAUTVILLE, LINESVILLE!**

• **CONNEAUT - GREAT SCHOOLS! SEE PAGE 10!**

Conneaut okays no tax increase budget for 2024-2025 year

By DAVID SCHAEF

Community News
Conneaut School District tax payers will not see a real estate or other tax increases for the year that began July 1, 2024, and ends June 30, 2025.

School district board members had approved in May a tentative budget that called for no tax increases and followed that with the final document at their June voting meeting.

School board members voted 7-1 for budget approval with Ed Williamson absent and John Burnham voting no as he typically does on final budgets for the year. He offered no comment on his vote.

The \$43,987,215 budget shows a less than \$300,000 difference between revenue and expenses, with the difference made up by drawing from the district's fund balance to cover the expenses deficit which is more than revenue and could be cut during the school year pending state budget approvals.

Should the state approve budget increases in support - the state budget, despite a June 30 deadline, not yet approved as of the press deadline for this paper - the deficit could be wiped out.

Last year the state did not approve their July 1, 2023-24 budget

until August and did not approve various amounts of spending money until December.

Conneaut School District has a fund balance estimated to have been \$12,078,850 as of the June 30, 2024, past date which allows the district to cover expenses into December/January of each year as the state haggles over its budgets only sometimes approved by the June 30 state law date.

Without the fund balance, money would have to be borrowed to pay school district expenses until the state monies are settled, the district thus saving interest on borrowed money.

A plus for school district taxpayers, approved in the Homestead/Farmstead program, is that they will see their real estate taxes reduced - due to state payment - by \$319.93, up from \$264.28 in the 2023-24 budget, an increase of \$55.65.

Thus, say you paid \$300 in real estate taxes last year after the \$264.28 Homestead/Farmstead payment, you will get \$319.93 paid in this year's budget, thus reducing the \$300 paid by \$55.65.

Helping hold off any tax increase in the recently adopted school budget is the merger of two middle schools into one.

Bell schedules were approved with Lake Elementary to open doors at 7:35 a.m., dismissal at 2:10 p.m.; Valley Elementary open doors at 7:30 a.m., dismissal at 2:05



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - This year's recipients of the Conneaut Lake Area Alumni Association of Conneaut Area High School were: front row, from left: Timothy Spicer, Matthew Wilpula, Gavin White, and back row - Kenady Oates, Jaidyn Jordan, Payten Karastury, Kara Blair, Paris Karastury, Karlie Dennis, Grace Byler, Brianne Nader, Julianne (J.J.) Gowetski, and Ariana Hannan. The Conneaut Lake High School Class of 1972 challenged the class of 1973 to raise funds for a scholarship. With determination, they raised enough monies to give two scholarships. Those two recipients were Ariana Hannan and Gavin Michael White. Thirteen scholarships were presented at the 32nd annual scholarship ceremony June 15, 2024, at Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, Conneaut Lake. CLAAA presented scholarships to those students who live in/graduated from the former Conneaut Lake Area School District. Monies are raised by dues, donations and other means to award these scholarships. This year's recipients received \$1,000.00 each. Conneaut Lake Area Alumni Association has given over \$212,600.00 since beginning in 1992. This year the Alumni Association also gave special recognition to Mary Jo Mushrush Davis, class of 1947. Her great granddaughter is scholar recipient Karlie Dennis. She was the oldest alumnus attending the banquet, supporting the association faithfully for many years. The club recognized that it was unique that Grandma Davis and Karlie could celebrate together graduating from Conneaut Lake High School area, only 77 years apart.

p.m.; Conneaut Middle School to open doors at 7:45 a.m., dismissal at 2:55 p.m.; and CASH to open doors at 8:05 a.m., with dismissal at 3:15 p.m.

It was said that bus pickup times each morning will very much look like the times for the past school year even though bus pickups will be one run, i.e., picking up all students in one run, same as going home, unlike recent past years of one pickup and take home run for elementary and middle schools, a separate run for high schoolers.

Lake council cancels vehicle detection system

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 11th, at the Town Hall in Conneaut Lake. Present were Dick Holabaugh, Council President; Penny Monahan, Council Vice-President; Jim

Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake; Brenda Braden, Secretary/Treasurer; Public Works Supervisor Jim Donnachie; and Council Members John Chuey, Bill Eldridge, Jim Ross, and Mario DeBlasio.

The meeting began promptly at 7:00pm with the pledge to the flag.

A question - **To Lake page 16**



Active Aging

Bair Family Center

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

Menu - July 1: Cabbage Roll Casserole, whipped potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit; July 2 : Swedish Meatballs, buttered noodles, peas, fresh fruit; July 3: Roast Pork/sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, cookie; July 4/5 - closed; July 8, BBQ pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, ranch potatoes, cookie; July 9:

open faced turkey sandwich with gravy, whipped potatoes, sweet corn; July 10, center closed for all centers picnic at Saegertown.

July 11 - program on the Power of Friendship and Kindness at noon, lunch 11:45; open to public, program by Home Instead.

2024 hall of fame, ag-industry awards

CRAWFORD COUNTY - Agricultural organizations and previous recipients of the Agricultural Hall of Fame and Ag-Industry awards have selected the 2024 recipients of this year's awards. Nominations are solicited from interested ag-related organizations and businesses as well as former recipients of both awards. Each organization or individual may submit two nominees for Hall of Fame, which may include those who have retired from farming, are currently involved in farming, or from the service industry or organization. One ag-industry nomination may also be submitted.

Selected to receive this year's Hall of Fame awards were Calvin Ernst and Joel Hunter, Meadville, and the Ag-Industry Award Chuck Dengler's Farm Garage, Saegertown.

Hall of Fame recipient Calvin Ernst founded Ernst Crownvetch Farms in 1962 growing crownvetch seed, crownvetch plugs, and crownvetch propagules utilized by most Northeast and Central U. S. highway departments for erosion control and roadside beautification.

Calvin's accomplishments include NW PA Council on Greenways & Trails Greenways Partner of Year Award in 2024, Economic Progress Alliance of Crawford County 54th Winslow Award 2023, National Agri-Marketing Association Agribusiness Leader of the Year 2018, Crawford County Conservation District Innovation Award 2011, American Agriculturalist Master Farmer Award 2008, Governor Raymond P. Shafer Distinguished Service to the Community Award 1997, Pheasants Forever Outstanding Support Award 2006, 25 year buyer 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale 2006, Atlantic Seed Association Seedsman of the Year Award 2004, Friend of French Creek Farmer/Landowner of the Year 2004, Gannon University's Small Business Award 1998, and recipient of Ag-Industry Award 1995.

The second recipient of the Hall of Fame award is Joel Hunter who holds BS and MS degrees in Agronomy from Penn State University. He has been an American Society of Agronomy Certified Crop Advisor since 1994.

Joel's primary professional interest was in developing no-till systems with rotations and cover crops for soil health and economic envi-

ronmental sustainability. The last few years of the program included locally pioneering work with canola and camelina oilseed production and development with interest in renewable energy.

Joel's accomplishments includes Research Graduate Assistant, Agronomy Department, Penn State University, served as Director of Penn State Cooperative Extension, Crawford County 1995-2006, Penn State Extension Educator - NW Dairy Team Agronomy, recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Agricultural Sciences in 2010, recipient of the Forage & Grassland Conservation Award in 2017, member of the PA No-Till Association. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1974-1978 and was awarded a Quilt of Valor in 2018 during the Ag Awards program held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds. Joel retired in 2021 after 26 years as a Field and Forage Educator from Penn State Extension, Crawford County.

Selected to receive the Ag-Industry Award was Chuck Dengler's Farm Garage, Saegertown. Chuck began at an early age milking cows and learning to fix things on his parents' farm, which evolved into raising and showing dairy cattle in the Blooming Valley 4-H Club and local FFA. He later drove to Townville High School specifically for Vocational Agriculture classes while working for several neighboring farmers.

He worked as a mechanic for several years before his dream of owning his own farm came to fruition in 1968 and shortly after he left the local Chevy garage to farm full time. While establishing his own dairy herd, he continued to help other farmers with harvesting crops.

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In The Atlantic Community

- By Christy Lindsay
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Fireside memories

Welcome, my friends.

For the first time in years, I joined loved ones around a bonfire on June 15. The temperature plunged from about 73 to the mid-sixties as soon as the sun set, and the warmth from the enormous flames felt wonderful. Tiki torches created atmosphere, and spontaneous guitar playing added that magical ingredient, transforming the evening from an experience into a treasured memory.

Even though I've lived most of my life in the Atlantic community, I'm not a country girl. I've sat by very few bonfires, or even campfires. But it seems as if whatever happens around a fire doesn't just warm my body at the time, it warms my heart when I think back on it.

My first memory of a campfire was at Pymatuning State Park when I was very young. I'm going to guess I was between five and six years old. I vividly remember sitting beside the fire with my best friend, Jenny, and several adults from my church.

My family spent the entire weekend camping there—primitive camping, at that. This was before Pymatuning even had flushing toilets. They had putrid latrines. Moving on.

This first campfire experience was the first time I was introduced to s'mores. I'd never even heard of these classic fireside treats. After roasting my own marshmallow and smooshing it between two graham cracker halves and half a Hershey's chocolate bar, I took my first bite.

Then, as now, I'd rather just eat the Hershey's bar. I seem to recall finding the box, sneaking a whole candy bar, and getting caught. Sounds about right.

While camping at a rustic site at Wesley Woods Christian Camp a few summers later, I was introduced to the concept of cooking in a fire.

I knew about roasting hotdogs and marshmallows on sticks, but I never knew I could cook an actual meal on an open fire.

My camp counselors wrapped

ham and pineapple in foil and laid it on the hot coals. My takeaway? Yuck. Pineapple should never be cooked; and it certainly shouldn't taste smokey.

My grandma used to make fires on Christmas Eve, and one year, at my request, we roasted chestnuts. We put a handful of chestnuts into a metal basket on a handle and placed it just above the flames.

We took turns shaking the basket as they heated. It absolutely tickled me to hear the chestnuts burst open. They were delicious. Smoked nuts? Yum. Smoked fruit? Gross.

Grandma always had what she called weenie roasts on Labor Day, having collected the fallen limbs and twigs from her yard all spring and summer. I loved roasting hot dogs at Grandma's. It was the perfect way to cap off the summer.

I can only remember a few other occasions that included campfires that were simply provided for warmth, rather than cooking.

But as I aged, I began viewing campfires or bonfires as negative things. It wasn't because of food; it was because of drinks.

I remember watching a coffee cup melting in the fire at Pymatuning. We drank sparkling grape juice on Christmas Eve at Grandma's before we roasted chestnuts. She served Country Time lemonade at her weenie roasts.

I can't remember what I drank with that hideous campfire ham and pineapple, but I imagine it was juice or maybe pop.

This was long before bottled water, my friends.

It wasn't until the summer after 10th grade that I started interpreting fires as bad things. That was the summer when I learned "camping," was code for meeting at a secret location for a beer party. I was never invited.

Even then, I was grateful to be excluded. It prevented me from being jeered at for believing underage drinking was wrong, or having to stand up for my beliefs. Yeah, I know. I wasn't exactly bold; but at least the drinking crowd knew I wouldn't just show up at the party so I'd be considered cool. I'm not

sure, but I imagine these parties included fires. But maybe not.

By the time I was in my 30s, I recognized that firesides typically required a special accessory: the red Solo cup. You and I both know what filled the Solo cup. So I've vilified campfires since I was 16. How ridiculous!

Sitting around a fire has to be one of the most ancient human customs. Being cold is miserable, and may become scary, in extreme situations. Staying warm is a basic, universal human need.

What could be more natural than gathering around a source of warmth, eating and drinking, and telling stories?

My experience at the bonfire two weeks ago transformed my opinion of summertime fires. I'll remember that special bonfire, the music, and the companionship, for years. Maybe forever.

I hope my fireside stories have reminded you of good times spent by campfires or bonfires. Maybe you can build one of your own this week, roast a marshmallow, and reminisce with a loved one.

Have a wonderful week. Blessings!

Here are some upcoming events in the Atlantic community.

Atlantic Community Church is hosting a Family Life Ministries presentation on Sunday, July 21, during the worship service.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. from Monday, July 22, through Friday, July 26, at Atlantic Community Church.

Atlantic Community Church will host a picnic following worship service on Sunday, July 28. All are

welcome to attend.

If you live in the heart of the Atlantic community, you might be interested in attending these worship experiences:

Adamsville Presbyterian Church's congregation's service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Atlantic Community Church weekly events include Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 10:30 on Sundays.

On Wednesdays, they offer a quilting group at 11 a.m. and Bible study at 2 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Church has several weekly events that might interest you.

Lighthouse's worship service is at 10 a.m. on Sundays. They have Sunday school for children, ages newborn through 4, called Noah's Nursery, and Kidz Kove for kids ages 5 through 12.

They also meet for a Bible study at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays. They are currently delving into the book of James.

Lighthouse also offers Celebrate Recovery at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Celebrate Recovery is, according to their website, "A Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hang-ups, and habits of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life."

I have heard amazing things about this support group.

A men's small group, called Iron Society, meets on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Lighthouse, as well.



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[Fr, Sa, Su, Tu].

Horizon: An American Saga Chapter 1 [R]: 10:00 [Fr, Sa, Mo, Tu]; 1:00 - 2:00 - 4:00 - 5:50 - 7:45 [everyday]; 9:50 [Fr, Sa, Su, Tu].

The Bikeriders [R]: 10:00 [Fr, Sa, Mo, Tu]; 12:30 - 3:00 - 5:30 - 8:00 [every day], [10:30 Fr, Sa, Su, Tu]. No 12:30 show 6/30.

Thelma [PG-13]: 10:35 [Fr, Sa, Mo, Tu]; 1:00 - 3:20 [every day].

Inside Out 2 [PG]: 10:00 - 11:00 [Fr, Sa, Mo, Tu]; 12:15 - 1:15 - 3:30 - 4:45 - 5:45 - 7:00 - 8:00 [every day], 9:15 [Fr, Sa, Su, Tu].

Bad Boys: Ride or Die [R]: 10 am F, Sa, Mo, Tu,; 12:30 - 3:00 - 5:30 - 8:00 every day; 10:30 pm F, Sa, Su, Tu. No 12:30 show 6/30.

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Flashback cinema - Jaws [1975] 6/30 @ 5:00 & 7:45.

• Secret Cinema - cinematic mystery for film lovers 1st Thu monthly, next July 4.

• Show lineup will change after July 2, with July 3 and 4 changing and then shows from 7-5 - 11.

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• Minnesota Axe throwing-go to www.mnaxe.com.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret Brenwald Buttice Kiggins

ESPYVILLE - Margaret Brenwald Buttice Kiggins, 95, peacefully passed away in her home Wednesday, June 19, 2024.

Maggie was born February 4, 1929, to Mary Dupal Lucas and Andrew Lucas. She was a graduate of North Shenango High School and Edinboro State College. She majored in Elementary Education, and was a member of the Women's Field Hockey team.

Maggie taught for 38 years in Pennsylvania and Ohio, finishing her career teaching kindergarten at Pymatuning Valley in Andover,



Oh.

She was a member of the North Shenango Presbyterian Church.

Maggie enjoyed knitting, quilting, reading, gardening, baking, and spending time with her family.

She married Joseph Bruno Buttice in 1964. He preceded her in her passing in 1986. She later married Asa Kiggins in 1991. He preceded her in her passing in 2007.

Maggie was preceded in her husbands by her husbands; her parents; a brother, John Lucas; a sister, Marian Zaebst; a son, Joseph John Buttice, and his wife, Patty; and her son in law, Mark G. Hanna.

Survivors include a brother, Robert Lucas of Mt. Holly, North Carolina; and two sisters, Bernardine Miltner of Conneaut, Ohio; and Helen Wentink of Columbia, South Carolina.

Surviving children are Regina Brenwald Hanna, Ronald James

Brenwald, Donald Brenwald and his wife, Pam; Dianna Brenwald Catalano and her husband, Robert; Mary Jo Buttice Maxwell and her husband, Robert, and Salvatore Buttice; 9 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

A memorial will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to the North Shenango Presbyterian Church, in care of Robert Vickery, 10377 Church Rd, Espyville, PA 16424, or to Hospice of Crawford County, 766 Liberty St., Meadville, Pa 16335.

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

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

Marlene Ellen Yalenty

FRANKLIN, PA - Marlene Ellen Yalenty, 67, of Franklin, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the Meadville Medical Center.

She was born November 8, 1956, in Meadville, the daughter of Marshall and Dorothy (Berry) Jenkins.

She was a Class of 1975 graduate of Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School.

She worked for many years in customer service.

Marlene enjoyed crocheting and writing music. She loved angels and chocolate.



She cherished spending time with family and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her daughter, Jennifer Amory and her husband, David, of Franklin; two grandsons, Dawson Robinson and his wife, Kyra, of Meadville and Jacob Dolder of Franklin; two great-grandchildren, Raylan Onspaugh and Xoe Robinson; four brothers, Ron Jenkins and his wife, Theresa, Jim Jenkins, Eddy Jenkins and Daryl Jenkins; a sister, Marsha Moyer; many nieces and nephews; and longtime best friend, Darlene Brown.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents and a brother, Donald Jenkins.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.

Burial was in Linesville Cemetery.

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

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

Rita Maria Valentine

CONNEAUT LAKE - Rita Maria Valentine, 61 of Conneaut Lake, passed away on February 1, 2024 at her home.

Rita was born December 21, 1962, in Cumberland, MD, to the late Raymond Jr. & Veronica (Martin) Valentine.

She was a Class of 1980 graduate of Conneaut Lake High School.

She earned her Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from PennWest Edinboro, and her Masters of Library Science from PennWest Clarion. She most recently was employed at Self Advocates United As One in Meadville.

Rita was a member of Our Lady Queen of Americas Roman Catholic Church, Conneaut Lake, where she was in the choir and a cantor.

She enjoyed playing cards and reading. She had a beautiful smile, a great sense of humor, and an infectious laugh. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Left to cherish her memory are her siblings: Denise Valentine of Conneaut Lake; Barbara (David) Vaughn of Conneaut Lake; Raymond (Rose) Valentine of Conneaut Lake; and Thomas (Michelle) Valentine of Frederick MD, very close cousin, Timothy (Tammy) Martin of Cumberland, MD, nephews and nieces: Matthew

In Loving Memory

Doris K. Schaefer

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Always Around

I am the stars,
twinkling at night,
I am the moon,
glowing and bright,
I am the sunshine,
rising at dawn, giving you
light and keeping you warm.
I am the rainfall,
caressing your cheek,
sending you rainbows to
brighten your week.
I am the wind,
drying your tears,
blowing away troubles,
smoothing your fears.

I am the clouds,
so look to the sky, check out
the shapes as I am passing by!
I am that butterfly, hovering
above, that feather, that robin,
bringing you love.
I am the songs and music you
hear, sending sweet memories,
keeping you near.
I am the flower that sends
out its scent,
I'm still around you,
I never went!
So whenever you're feeling
lonely or down
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I'm always around.
Mom - missing you.

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(Dana) Edwards; James Valentine; Jordan Vaughn; Jennifer (Tara) Edwards; Samantha Vaughn; and Taylor Pickett-Valentine, several great nieces and nephews, uncle: Girard (Phyllis) Martin, and aunt: Mary Ann (James) Franciosi.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents, aunt Mary Monica Martin, and uncle Gary Valentine.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to WAID-COLEMAN FUNERAL HOME, INC. 12422 Conneaut Lake Rd, Conneaut Lake, where visitation took place Monday, February 5. A funeral service was held at the funeral home a Tuesday, February 6, with Fr. Jeff Lucas, officiating.

Interment was in Our Lady Queen of Americas Cemetery, Conneaut Lake.

Memorials in Rita's name can be made to the Margaret Shontz Memorial Library or the Yolanda Barco Oncology Institute.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.WaidColemanFH.com

Bill R. Tenon

CONNEAUTVILLE - Bill R. Tenon, 49, of Conneautville, passed away Friday, June 7, 2024, at UPMC Hamo, Erie, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born August 15, 1974, in Meadville, to the late William and Marlene (George) Tenon.



He married Brittany Schlipf December 22, 2015.

Bill graduated from Lakeview High School, Stoneboro/Sandy Lake, PA, in the Class of 1993, where he wrestled.

He enjoyed dancing, camping, and going to concerts and music festivals.

He was known for his huge bear hugs and he was loved by everyone whose life he touched.

In addition to his wife, Brittany, he is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Tenon of OH and his fur babies, Jethro and Tucker; his brother, Raymond Eger and his wife, Deborah of Meadville, and

his sister, Lisa Cybyske and her husband, Brian of CO and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in his passing by his maternal grandparents, Elizabeth and William George and his paternal grandparents, William and Jean Tenon.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday August 17, 2024, beginning at 12:00 noon at Bill and Brittany's home (The Bubble)

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

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

Thresa Donnell

MEADVILLE - Thresa Donnell, 70, of Matt Rd., Meadville, passed away at her home Saturday, June 1, 2024.

She was born June 19, 1953, in Meadville, to the late Joseph John and Florence (Bollis) Durish. Thresa



graduated from Conneaut Valley High School.

She worked and retired from Greenleaf Corporation.

She is survived by her sons, Michael Triola and his wife, Cosha of Meadville; Stephen Triola and his wife, Erin of Farmington, NY, and Daniel Triola and his wife, Gin of Yulee, FL; her granddaughters, Elyse Triola and Jada Triola and her grandsons, Matthew Triola, Thomas Urey Jr. and Tucker Urey.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents and brother, Joseph John Durish.

The family held private services.

Memorial contributions can be made to Meadville Community Soup Kitchen, 956 S. Main St., Meadville, PA 16335 or Hayfield Central Hose Company, 15417 PA 198, Meadville, PA 16335.

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

Arrangements were entrusted to Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home and Crematory, 614 Baldwin St., Meadville.

Thomas E. Brothers

CONNEAUTVILLE - Thomas Edward Brothers, of Conneautville, passed away peacefully at Rolling Fields Eldercare Community Sunday, June 9, 2024.

He was born Dec. 13, 1936, in Pittsburgh to the late Mary Hemple. He married Dorothy Burkhart, who preceded him in his passing, and he then married Kathleen Bechtold, who also preceded him in his passing.

Tom worked and retired as a construction engineer, and was a world traveler and avid reader.

Tom is survived by a daughter, Catherine (David) Klima; two grandchildren, Thomas Klima and Veronica (Brian) Preisendorfer; and a great-granddaughter, Olivia Klima.

To honor his wishes, there will be no funeral services for Thomas Edward Brothers.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME, 1405 Main St., Conneautville.

Online condolences can be left for the family at www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net.

Mary Ellen Halfhill

LINESVILLE - Mary Ellen Halfhill, 76, of Linesville, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024, at Edinboro Manor, after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born September 15, 1947, in Painesville, Ohio, the daughter of Alvin and Ellen (Cottam) Guyette.

She married James Halfhill April 15, 1972; and he preceded her in her passing February 8, 2002.

Mary was a graduate of Ledgesmont - Thompson High School, Ohio, in the Class of 1966. She worked at Geauga Hospital as a physical therapy aide and then as a floor secretary.

She was a member of Thompson Methodist Church and taught Sunday school and vacation bible school.

Mary also enjoyed working with the 4-H kids and their animals.

She played one year with the



Geauga fair band. She also was a girl scout leader for five years and was a member of TOPS. Mary loved to dance and bowl.

Survivors include two sons, Herman Halfhill of Linesville and Patrick Halfhill and his significant other, Teresa Walker Gosnell, of Titusville; a daughter, Margo Halfhill and her significant other,

Gregory Lepley of Cochranton; three grandchildren, Cody Balogh, Jade Balogh and her significant other, Dravyn Kitelinger and James Balogh; and many nieces and nephews.

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SPECIAL BIG FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO FRI., JULY 12

FRIDAY

THE ACTIVE AGING Foundation Bingo holding a Special Big Money Bingo Friday, July 12, at the Community Center of Crawford County! Doors open at 4:30 pm; Games begin 6:30 pm. \$8,000 in Bingo payouts! Big Money games of 5 for \$1,000 and 5 for \$500. \$50 on singles.

This bingo in place of July 5 games not being held July 5.

Tickets in advance are \$50 per person and must be purchased by 4 p.m. July 11 and are on sale now. If game not sold out, tickets are \$60 at the door. Admission includes up

to 18 card faces.

Tickets available anytime by visiting activeaging.org or Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the office.

Extra books available at \$5.00 per book.

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 # BNG23021; small games of chance license # SCG23104.



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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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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Bob is dead.

Obituaries- from page 5

Please share a condolence or preceded in her passing by her memory of Mary for the family at parents, husband and a brother, royalcolemanfuneralhome.com. Walter Lee Guyette.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Thompson, Ohio.

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

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 724-927-2811. [3x 5/27]

Paul Daniel Stewart

CONNEAUTVILLE - Paul Daniel "Danny" Stewart, 81, of Conneautville passed from this world into his

eternal home in heaven Saturday, June 15, 2024.

He was born December 9, 1942, in Meadville, to the late Daniel and Shirley



(Williams) Stewart.

He married Linda Funk on August 13, 1966. She survives.

In his younger years, Danny worked for Ashland gas station and Snyder Chair Factory. He later worked for Saeger Carbide where he retired from in 2005.

He was a member of the Conneautville Fellow's Club and an active member of Conneautville Living Hope Church.

He enjoyed yard work and loved John Deere tractors.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by siblings; Bonnie King, Sandra Opferman, Connie (Charles) Leighty, Jr., Cindy (Donald) Best, Terry (Jay) Marchi, Dennis (Carol) Stewart, Candace (Joe) Harvey, and Douglas (Susan) Stewart, two sister's-in-law; Donna (Tom) Nogee and Sandra Bean, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, and three brothers-in-law; John King, John Opferman and Richard Bean.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at the Conneautville Living Hope Community Church, 1205 Main St. Conneautville,.

Memorial contributions can be made to Living Hope Community Church or Hospice of Crawford County, 766 Liberty St., Meadville, PA 16335.

The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the staff and doctors at the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute for all the wonderful care and support.

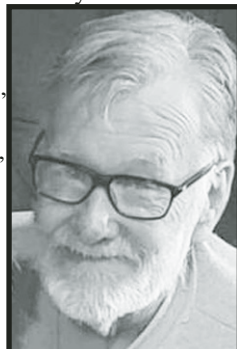
Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME, 1405 Main St. Conneautville.

Online Condolences can be left for the family at www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net

Edward David Kephart

SPRINGBORO - Edward David Kephart, 74, of Springboro passed away peacefully Monday, June 10, 2024, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born September 30, 1949, in Clearfield, PA to the late Norman and Louisa Kephart. Ed did not have any children of his own



but one of his greatest accomplishments was helping to raise his nieces and nephews.

He was an avid Nascar and Wrestling fan. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and most of all spending time with family.

He is survived by nieces: Penny Tedesco, Kendra Stewart, and nephews: James Beil and Louis Bernardo: sisters; Louisa Kephart, Emma Smouse, Joyce Kephart, Darlene Hollabaugh, and brothers: Stanley, George and William Kephart.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in his passing by brothers: Harry, James, Louie and Walter Kephart.

Calling hours were held Friday, June 14, 2024, at the funeral home.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME, 1405 Main St. Conneautville.

Online Condolences can be left for the family at www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net

Colleen G. Reynolds

SPRINGBORO - Colleen G. Reynolds, 86, of Springboro, went to her heavenly home Thursday, June 20, 2024.

She was born February 18, 1938, in Paintertown, PA, to the late Frank and Margaret (Rickard) Beiter.



She married Charles Reynolds July 12, 1958; he preceded her in her passing January 25, 2023.

Colleen worked at Morco 20+ years. She worked side by side with her husband in their business, Reynolds Remodeling and Building. She spent the last 18 years working with her daughter at Shadeland Pellet Grills.

She was an amazing mom, grama, and g-ma, even to those outside of the immediate family. She was an encouragement to anyone who met her, for she always had a kind and positive word for everyone.

She was a very proud 3 time breast cancer survivor. Her faith was her mainstay, and always kept her going and fighting.

Left to cherish her memory are two children; Ed (Kim) Reynolds and Cami (Joe) Egli, four grand-

children; Willow (Derek) Peterman, Chloe (TJ Beck) Egli, Christopher Reynolds and Sami (Pepe Buchanan) Egli, three great-grandchildren; Kinley, Karlee and Kallie Peterman. She is also survived by three siblings; Jim(Margo) Beiter, Bonnie Hogue, Rusty (Nancy) Beiter and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents and husband.

Friends and family called on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at which time the funeral service began with Pastor Rich Jones officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME, 1405 Main St. Conneautville.

Online Condolences can be left for the family at www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net

Betty Blood

SPRINGBORO - Betty J. Blood, 93, of Springboro, PA, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born in Avon, OH, April 14, 1931, to the late Einar and Ellen (Zaack) Olsen.

She married Nelson Blood who preceded her in passing in May of 1996.

Betty was proud to be a housewife, raising her children and caring for their home. She also worked for the Area Shopper and Countryside Herb Farm. She was an active member of the BCC's and the Beaver Center church where she played the piano.

She will be remembered as a loving Mother and Grandmother.

She is survived by seven children: Nolan (Pauline) Blood, Evelyn (James) Jandik, Gordon (Shirley) Blood, Robert (Diane) Blood, Douglas (Karen) Blood, Karl (Anne) Blood and Curtis (Irene) Greenawalt, 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in her passing by three children; Barb, Mary Ellen and Charles.

Calling hours were at McCauley Funeral Home, 1405 Main St. Conneautville, Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Her funeral service was held Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the Beaver Center Community Church.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME.

Online Condolences can be left for the family at www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net

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Springboro Library happenings

- A Gold Level Library -

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

Come see us at the Springboro Public Library! 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! We offer three story-times with snacks each week. Mommy & Me Story Time with Miss Courtney on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for children birth to six years old, Home school Hour 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.

Come buy some raffle tickets! Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. You could win a fire pit, two camp chairs, pie makers, hot dog sticks, marshmallow sticks, and a camp cookbook! Come check it out in our display window! The drawing was Saturday, June 29th, 2024.

Our summer reading program started June 17th and goes until our cookout party on August 3rd. Pick up your summer reading folder today! The theme this year is "Camp Read S'more."

Our adult summer reading program is "Bonfire Bingo."

We have some exciting events coming up for the summer reading program! On Thursday, June 13th, a school's out party was at 6:00 pm. Ice cream and sidewalk chalk were provided for the children and a bird bath craft was planned for the adults.

We took part in Springboro's Community Yard Sales on June 14th 9am-4pm and June 15th 9am-1pm. Rummage items were for sale.

Our summer hours began on Saturday, June 15th. Saturday's we will be open 9am-1pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's 8am-4pm and Tues, Thurs will remain the same 10am-7pm.

Summer reading "Survival Stations" will be on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. On June 19th shelter building was the first station and June 26th was water filtration. We look forward to seeing you all!

The Chalk Shop from Meadville, was with us on June 27th at 6:00 pm to make "String Art" with the children and we have our "Adult

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Social Club". The club is the fourth Thursday of every month, where you can spend time with others in the community or bring a project to work on from home. Do what you love while visiting with friends.

A Pymatuning State Park Presentation "Leave No Trace" was on Saturday, June 29th, at 10:00 am. We drew the winner of the fire pit that day as well!

On May 9th, our children's craft night, we made shrinky dinks with Miss Cheyenne. The kids had fun and loved watching their drawings shrink. The adults enjoyed "Kintsugi" The art of repairing broken things with Tammy.

On May 23rd, the children loved making garden stones with Miss Abby and the adults beautifully painted birdhouses donated by a patron.



In and Around ...

The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

James A. Stone Memorial Library

CONNEAUTVILLE - We at Stone Memorial Library would like to thank our patrons and our community for all your help and support so far this year. We have such a long list of people who have contributed their time, talents, and treasure to the library that it would be impossible to thank everyone by name in this space.

We are overjoyed to be a part of such a wonderful community. Thank you all! It is an honor to serve you.

Summer Reading is now underway at Lord Mason Park at 10:30 on June 20, June 27, July 2, July 11, and July 18!

It's not too late to sign up. As of June 23, we were just beginning week two of the six-week program. For the young people, we are offering some great prizes for eager readers in different age groups: a mountain bike, convertible tricycle, Amazon Kindle, Erie Otters tickets and hockey equipment, Erie Zoo passes, weekly passes to the Crawford County Fair, a camping set, and more! Come see what you can win.

Our adult program will begin this week. We will be doing a reading bingo event with more prizes to win. You don't have to be a kid to enjoy winning a prize!

Some upcoming events for Summer Reading include:

Tuesday, July 2: Tamarack Wildlife Rescue at Lord Mason Park, 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 10: Kilted Kiln teen painting event at the library, 4:30 pm (registration required, call for details)

Thursday, July 11: The Erie Zoo at Lord Mason Park, 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 17: Electrical Soldering teen event at the library, 4 pm (Andrew Hackworth Eagle Scout Project)

Thursday, July 18: Magic Steve at Lord Mason Park, 10:30 am

Saturday, July 27: Water Slide and water play area at Valley Corn Festival, Lord Mason Park, Conneautville, 10 am - 2 pm

Book Club meets once per month on the third Saturday of the month, at 2 pm. Our current read is Fresh Water for Flowers, by Valerie Perrin. We have copies available at the library for anyone who would like to join in. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, July 20.

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/>. Check it out!

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 - Summer is finally here - which means it's time to visit the Shontz Library and find a great book to read!

Our new summer hours are 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.

We have lots of new books ready for you to check out, and plenty of classes and workshops to choose from as well. We also have a monthly e-newsletter to help keep you informed. Please visit the library or call to register for classes and/or sign up for our e-newsletter: 814-382-6666. We hope to see you soon!

PLEASE NOTE: registration for classes begins four weeks prior to each event. Also, if you sign up for a class and need to cancel, please call us 24 hours in advance so your spot can be filled.

Summer Reading Program: Our annual Summer Reading Program meets at the Conneaut Lake Elementary School gym Wednesdays from 11 AM - noon between June 12th - July 17th. We have a fabulous lineup of presenters to educate and entertain everyone each week plus prizes and new books to check out! This program is free and open to the public. (Registration takes place each week at the school gym.)

LEGO Club: Parents - are you looking for something free & fun for your 'tween child to do this summer that doesn't involve a screen? Sign up your 7-12 year old for an hour of LEGO building each Thursday from June 13th - August 8th from 1-2 PM and let the creativity begin!

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, July 15th from 1 - 3 PM.

Create beautiful handmade cards to give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Daylily Presentation: Tuesday, July 16th, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Penn State Extension Master Gardeners Nancy Meyer and Kinorea Tigri will be presenting how to grow, care for, transplant, and divide this lovely flower. View beautiful pictures, learn about the many different varieties, and discover how you can get an entire season of bloom from this versatile flower. This event is free and open to the public.

American Sign Language class: Monday, July 22nd from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill! This class is free and open to the public.

Beach Glass Jewelry Class: Tuesday, July 23rd from 6 - 7 PM. Debbie Martin is offering a Beach Glass Jewelry Class. Sign up to make a pendant with real beach glass! \$10 per pendant.

Tuesday, July 23rd from 6 - 7 PM Debbie Martin is offering a Beach Glass Jewelry Class. Sign up to make a pendant with real beach glass! \$15 per pendant.

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.

Summerhill looking to add amusement tax

Summerhill Township supervisors are looking to add an amusement tax to events in the township, that an item of discussion at their June 13, meeting.

The ordinance to approve such a tax is currently being advertised for adoption at the township meeting of July 11.

The push for adoption comes as those holding events in the township are charging admission, and local clubs/businesses are/can set up games of chance/skills.

The proposed rules state in part "...to levy an Amusement Tax on amusements and games within the township...set the rate for amusements at 5% of gross admissions price and games at 5% or \$100 per game, per year, to establish procedures for administrating the ordinance and set penalties for failure to comply..."

The township looks to bring in about \$2,000 a year should they pass the ordinance.

It was reported that a question had been raised recently on whether there is a noise ordinance in the township when a zoning report was given.

The township leaders noted they may seek to sell the Marc water Tanker which is little used and there is no place to store it; also willing to try to sell tires from the old F450, Case Backhoe pallet forks, and tires from the Athey Loader as new ones were purchased.

The Ford 5600 tractor was reported as running better but still having issues.

A visitor present asked about the McDowell Cemetery in the township. The association which oversaw its care is longer active as committee members have passed away and others have not stepped up.

Township chairman Brian Schaefer noted that he and his son, Jared, have mowed the cemetery and are continuing to do so. It appears state laws require townships are responsible for such care if association leadership no longer exists.

No salt brine has been spread on roads yet as concern is frequent rains would wash the brine off so dryer weather is being awaited for.

- By David Schaefer

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Dandelion Days

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

DADDY, I HARDLY KNEW YOU

(By the time most folks read this article, Father's Day, 2024 will be behind us. Yet, the whispers of the memories and I experienced that one day back in the early 1960's have remained with me as the image of my Dad and his tremendous involvement in WWII. Moreover, those actions of his have instilled the Patriotism of our Nation and its Heroes and Heroines within my Heart and Spirit...FOREVER. Dad, I celebrate you EVERY moment of EVERY day.)

My Father was a man of VERY few words, and while we did spend time together while I was growing-up, I always wished and longed for MORE time. Although he was always totally encouraging of the various antics and pursuits which I attempted to follow, he usually remained somewhat aloof and partially distant from me.

One of the topics that I tremendously wanted to discuss with him was his service involvement during the Second World War. Try as I might, he would, inevitably, refuse to discuss his Army years. One day, however, I received a glimpse into his past through the words and actions of my Mom.

Obviously, she was "moved" by my desire to understand my Dad's reluctance to speak on this subject. SO...one day during his absence from home due to his work, she led me into their bedroom and sat me down.

Quietly, she slid open the top drawer of my Dad's dresser...a DEFINITE "restricted zone" for me.

She carefully set aside the handkerchiefs, neckties, and shirts in the drawer, and removed what appeared as an antique photo album. Then, sitting beside me, she began to unfold the mystery of my Dad's Service Record.

With the turning of every page, my astonishment grew...as did my understanding of the reasons behind my Dad's quiet attitude.

SWITCHING COURSES...

As many readers and Friends are aware, as a result due to a meet-

ing between myself and a (then) "casual acquaintance," I became aware of the abandoned cemetery and its military Heroes interred at Turnersville. As I have previously noted, a number of Early American Military Heroes lie forgotten in these gravesites. Among these fallen Heroes are Veterans of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, as well as the War of 1812. Records of their interment, as well as their military exploits are, at the very best, extremely minimal. They are, according to local, regional, and national records, simply forgotten.

RESPONSIBILITY: A SOMEWHAT COMPLICATED CONCEPT

In my humble opinion, the responsibility NEVER ends. It is a continuum, stretching from our Country's earliest days, throughout generation after generation. Moreover, does this responsibility not include the communication concerning those who have courageously fought, and in innumerable instances, bravely given their Lives to America? Those who would, for whatever reason, willingly dismiss the crucial significance of this concept, undermine the basic foundation of who and what we are.

The same concept holds true for every aspect of our great society. Whether it involves the revitalization and maintenance of our precious historical venues, the support of local and regional business venues, or, as noted above, the recognition of valor: every aspect of our Culture intertwines. Together, all the multitude of variables weave together to form the kaleidoscope of America...its People, its Regions, its Values and Foundation.

BACK ON TRACK

What I discovered that day while



gazing at my Dad's memoirs, was astonishing, and changed my interpretation of him forever.

Some readers may recall the movie, "THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE," which gave the unadulterated history of the First Special Service Force by that name during the years of WWII. My Dad was a member of that elite Brigade.

As such, he saw duty in North Africa (against Rommell), Normandy, France, Italy (he was one of the individuals who was responsible for "taking" Monte Casino), Anzio (where his Brigade preceded the Allied Forces, clearing the way for them), as well as many, many other involvements. His actions earned him innumerable medals and certificates, as well as a Purple Heart he achieved at Anzio.

HOWEVER...due to the "secret" nature of the Devil's Brigade, the members were required to agree NOT to discuss details of the engagements, etc. with ANYONE...including family members.

Unfortunately, Dad passed-away unexpected at the young age of 52. He had NO knowledge of what Mom shared with me that day. After his funeral, Mom passed on to me that album of memories, as well as congratulatory letters to Dad from several European dignitaries, including the King of Norway.

A few days ago, I received an email from a national organization reminding me that the anniversary of the Normandy Invasion and of the Battle of Monte Casino. Of course, this "reminder" also indicated a tribute to the incredible involvement of my Dad's Brigade in this battle.

BRINGING IT HOME

AS I have indicated previously, in early Spring a few years ago now, I became involved in researching the Veterans interred in our local Espyville and Wilson Cemeteries. The services, courage, and sacrifices, related to these individuals are nearly beyond comprehension. Yet, similar to my Dad, the actions

of these brave persons go basically unnoticed. WHY?

Could the lesson to be learned from all this have implication in our Lives today?

With all the turmoil now facing our great Nation and, indeed, the entire planet, perhaps we should take time to reflect upon the actions and sacrifices of our American Service Heroes and Heroines.

Maybe, just MAYBE, the possible positive result of their efforts is still to be found. And, once dis-

covered, perhaps all our "wounds" could be healed. The answers lie silently hidden within the albums of our eternal Heroes...but, with effort, they CAN be discovered.

Mom: what you showed me that day so long ago truly changed my Life...forever.

And, Dad...I hardly knew you before that day...but, I do NOW! And, I will NEVER forget!

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SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNITION -The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) started a new initiative this year to celebrate schools that are doing great things. The Great Pennsylvania Schools (GPS) designation recognizes Pennsylvania public schools that provide students with access to rigorous academic programming, are community-centric, demonstrate financial well-being and display resilience and mental health supports for students. The Conneaut School District was recently designated as a Great Pennsylvania School. To receive this designation, districts must meet the criteria established in each of the four categories.

Districts that provide students with academically rigorous programming must confirm that 100% of their teachers are certified and that students have access to career and technical education, gifted education, advanced placement or international baccalaureate courses, and JROTC programming. Districts must also demonstrate that students feel both successful and challenged daily through curriculum that provides and elevated level of student engagement and learning through a sophisticated understanding of fundamental ideas driven by a curiosity to discover what they do not know.

To demonstrate a district's position as the centerpiece of the community, it must exemplify innovation in school programming, regularly celebrate the successes of students and staff, and provide academic and extracurricular offerings for the benefit of students. Districts must also provide academic outcomes, social and emotional competencies, and critical thinking skills are all enhanced when students have access to school environments where they feel safe and enjoy a sense of belonging and connectedness.

The third criteria – resilience and fiscal health – measure a district's planning efforts that ultimately lead to successful academic programming. To meet the resilience criteria, a district must implement an emergency preparedness plan and provide mental health supports to students.

The final criteria - a district meets the financially healthy criteria by having an elected or independent auditor conduct a financial audit annually, making the final district budget available for public review prior to adoption, and following School Code requirements for bids and quotations when purchasing goods and services. School Districts must demonstrate that they control their long-term financial well-being by monitoring certain key indicators and planning accordingly, such as budget development, conducting a financial audit and following bid requirements. A healthy financial condition leads to a successful academic program.

Among other things, the Conneaut School District was lauded for increasing AP and College in the Classroom course offerings, its agricultural/

FFA, conservation science and aeronautics education programs, a multi-tired system of supports for mental health and safety at all levels, an innovative approach to cyber school education, the #ConneautProud social media campaign which has garnered more than 3 million impressions this year, the LINK Crew team leaders and a fiscally responsible approach to budgeting that has led to only 3 tax increases in 12 years, a healthy fund balance, and a healthy budget.

Conneaut is just the 13th school district in Pennsylvania to be awarded this designation. This initiative and its criteria are further highlighted in the attachment.

The above photo is of members of the Conneaut School District Board of Directors [B] and administrators [A]: back row: Steve Nader [B], Christine Krankota [A], Ryan Klink [B], Dr. Adam Jardina, GW Hall [B], Jeff Hans [A], Superintendent Jarrin Sperry [A], Adam Horne [B], Doug Parks [A], David Schaefer [B], Rick Kelly [A], and in front: Ed Williamson, [B] John Burnham [B], Tim McQuiston [B], Matt Vannoy [A], Dorothy Luckock [B], Jackie Sada [A], Troy Messerall [A], and Susy Dressel [A].

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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.

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SIGNING FOR COLLEGE - Prior to schools leaving out for the summer, CASH senior, Kylie Shrock [front,C], signed a letter of intent to play softball for Thiel College, Greenville, this fall where she plans to major in nursing. Shown at the table with her are her parents, Dan [L] and Chasity [R]. In back row are, from left, Ed Pietroski/CASH Co-Principal; Gary Cook/Ass't Coach; and John Acklin/CASH Athletic Director.

Linesville council considers short term rental rules

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Linesville Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11th, at the Borough Building in Linesville. Present were Kevin McGrath, Council President; Dave Hoogstad Sr., Mayor of Linesville; Jeff Millin, solicitor; Amanda Harper, Secretary/Treasurer; Robert Johnston, Linesville Chief of Police; and Council Members Mike Heaney, Barry Chapin, Jeff Weimer, and Greg Peters. Absent from the meeting were Michael Chance, Council Vice-President, and Kelly Conner, Council Member.

The meeting began at 6:04pm with a work session to discuss a new zoning ordinance regarding short-term rentals. The committee consisted of Bill Walker, Gary Johnson, and Crawford County Commissioner Chris Seeley. They presented a map of Linesville that outlined different "zones," including Conservation, Central Business, Mixed-Use, and Residential.

The proposed ordinance outlined the specific guidelines anyone renting out their home would need to follow and requirements the property must meet. Most notable include a list of the required number of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on the premises, park-

ing guidelines for the renters, the number of people allowed in a residence and the more specific requirements for buildings in each zone (which are specific to Central Business, Mixed-Use, and Other).

The bulk of the meeting began at 7:01pm with a salute to the flag. Approval of the previous month's minutes and payment of bills were both approved unanimously.

Johnston gave his report on monthly activity. There were 101 calls and seven cases, bringing the yearly totals to 361 and 23 respec-

tively. There were fifteen traffic citations issued and four non-traffic citations given for peace disturbances.

Harper was commended for her recent completion of her certification as a Borough Official from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs; she is now one of two officially certified members of the Council.

There was also discussion of the survey sent out to Linesville residents regarding the type of pipes they have - See Pipes page 12



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Pipes

- from page 11

in their home, and whether they are made of copper or lead. McGrath said there are still 104 surveys in the borough and eleven in Pine Township that still need to be completed. He also mentioned that there was an issue with the certification of the pipes meeting regulations; the only people licensed to inspect the pipes are himself and Bill Hunter. While contractors may complete the work, they cannot complete the inspection. The council does not have specific contractor recommendations, but there are business cards in the Borough Building of contractors in the area that can replace the pipes for

residents who need them replaced; however, they stressed that only McGrath and Hunter are certified to inspect the pipes and ensure they meet the EPA's guidelines.

McGrath then said he had 52.5 hours of unused vacation time that he would like to have converted to PTO (personal time off). A motion for this was approved unanimously, with McGrath himself abstaining from the vote.

A motion was approved to purchase seven banners to put up on telephone poles in town. There was also discussion about allowing residents to purchase a "Hometown Heroes" banner to showcase a loved one that was in the military or a first responder for \$250. Pe-

ters raised issue with the specifics of it, such as if the people needed to be from Linesville or have gone to Conneaut Area, with the concern that "just anyone" could get their

picture put on a sign, citing that it was "very wide-open." While it was agreed it was a great idea, they decided to table the discussion to next month when more specific pa-

rameters were created.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm. The next meeting will be on July 9th at the Borough Building in Linesville.



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North Shenango Crime Watch meeting held

BY KALEIGH WHITE - For Community News

North And South Shenango's Crime Watch organization gathered on June 20, at 7:00pm at the North Shenango Township Building.

This meeting featured a visit from Officer Robert Johnson of the Andover, Ohio, Police Department. The organization had previously donated money to help Johnson acquire a police dog for their K9 Unit, and the dog is being fully implemented into the force. Johnson was able to purchase everything needed for the dog, including fully outfitting the police car with a cage, using donations received.

Xero, the two-year-old black German Shepherd, is a "single purpose" dog. This means he is not trained in aggression and apprehension, but is trained to recognize four different types of narcotics and is able to track people when needed.

So far, Xero has been deployed three times. He has twice assisted in traffic stops and found meth, and recently located a missing juvenile that was lost in the woods.

"He's making waves already," Johnson said. "We're going to spend at least the next 10 years on shift together."

Johnson also spoke about the drug problems plaguing small communities, and said that Andover is no stranger to these issues. He stated that meth is a big problem, and that lately meth has been being mixed with heroin, so getting Xero is going to be essential to cracking down on drugs in the area.

Xero was brought in and was a little shy, but very happy to meet the people at the meeting. Johnson was happy to answer any questions that people had, and did so for over twenty minutes. He discussed everything from Xero's training, to his life expectancy, to the four cups of food he eats a day, to the insane amount of fur he leaves in the backseat of the car.

Eloise Settlemire, North Shenango Township Supervisor, motioned to give Xero [i.e. Andover Police Department] a check for \$200 to be able to continue his good work for the area. It was approved by the rest of the Crime Watch board: Bob Lindenfelser and Fred Sparling.

Johnson said that Andover/Ashtabula County is getting a new prosecutor and is hopeful that he and Xero will be able to help on the Pennsylvania side of the lake more in the near future.

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Linesville Library

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SAVE THE DATE:

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be set up here at the library July 22 -27th. Come shop for some amazing books!

END OF SUMMER READING PARTY is Friday, July 26th, at 6pm at the pavilion at the end of the road. We will be supplying drinks and hotdogs, please bring a dish to share with everyone. Sign ups for this are at the library.

Book Club will be meeting July 3. We will be discussing Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty and handing out our next book, Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng.

Pokemon Club will be meeting July 8th. Bring your cards to trade as well as join in some pokemon activities!

Construction Crew -We will not be having a construction crew till

September. Hope to see everyone then!

Story Hour is every Wednesday at 11am. Come join in every week with a new story, song, crafts, and activities! Storyhour is cancelled July 24, as we will be set up for our scholastic book sale!

Kards with Karen will be July 6th, where you create 3 adorable cards. Everything included for \$10.

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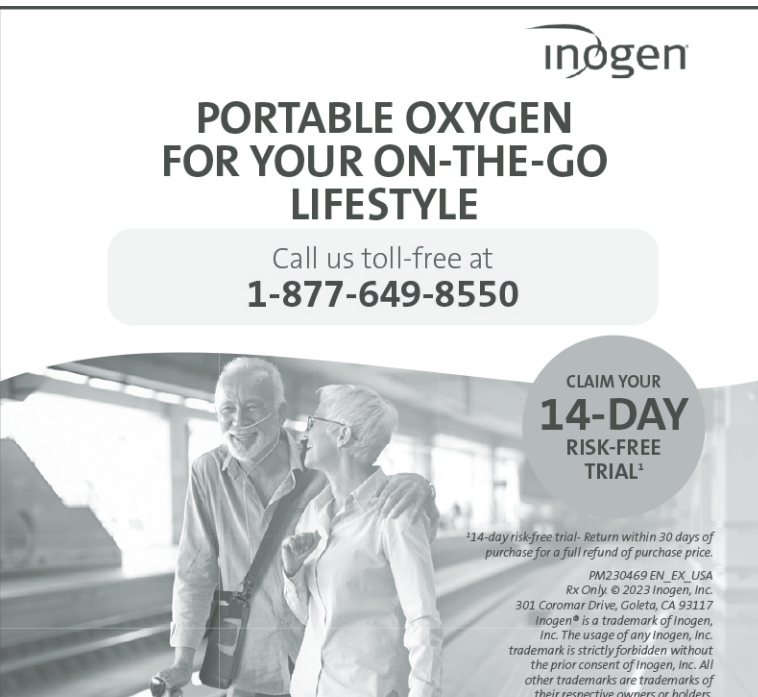
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Conneautville borough council hears talk of Corn Festival , DEP inspection

- BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

On Monday, June 10th, the Conneautville Borough Council held their monthly meeting at the Fellows Club Fire Hall. Those in attendance included Allen Clark, Mayor of Conneautville; Sheila Mahoney, Council Vice President; Deana Seitz, Council Secretary; Alan Shaddinger, Solicitor; and Council Members Amanda Scott, Gary Clark, and Kevin Hoovler. Other Council Members were not present at this meeting, but it

was determined by Mahoney that enough members were present to continue with the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the American flag.

Due to Hoovler running late, the meeting began with representatives from Aflac Insurance giving a quick pitch to the board about the insurance plans they could offer to borough employees. Three is the minimum needed and if three are interested, a meeting would be set up to hear a presentation.

Once Hoovler arrived, a motion to approve minutes from the previous meeting was brought by G. Clark, seconded by Scott, and approved unanimously by the board.

The mayor's report included talk of preparation for the Corn Festival in late July. It was discussed that the concession stand had running water, but that an electrician would need to be hired to fix some issues.

There was also a successful Borough Spring Clean-Up Day, and A. Clark offered special thanks to Sue Joslin and Paula Field for their help in cleaning up around the library.

It was also mentioned that there were 138 cats and dogs brought to the rabies clinic held at the Fire Hall in May. The report concluded with the discussion of an unnamed local resident that had offered to repaint anything that needs it at Lord Mason Park; his contact information was given to the council.

In the last month, the Fellows' Club Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Services has responded to 51 fire calls and rescues and 90 ambulance calls, according to the committee report.

The committee responsible for residential payment of bills stated that there are 30 people in the borough that had not paid their water bills; the plan was to send out letters by the 12th of June and potentially shut off water for payments not received by June 20th. Rolling Fields had not paid toward their bill.

The Streets and Water Report detailed an issue with water leaks on Pearl Street that led to the replacement of a service line with CTS plastic.

A DEP inspection went well. There was no violation.

"That was a major improvement to the quality of life for those residents," A. Clark said.

Scott mentioned that the workers will need to come back and finish some of the work, as the heavy rains have washed away most of the dirt that was placed. Hoovler said it should be taken care of soon.

The trailer on East Main Street was demolished and removed. The borough has reclaimed the water meter from the property. The owners have no intention of selling or rebuilding this property.

There was also mention of street signs that have been received but not yet installed, including "children at play" signs and a few speed limit signs; Hoovler said he will take care of this before the next meeting.

The Treasurer's Report detailed totals of bill payments from the General Fund, Highway Fund, Payroll Fund, Savings, and Water Fund.

A question was raised by A. Clark about a \$643.50 payment made to Cintas. It was determined that it was either for fire extinguishers or medical supply kits, and a comment was made about potentially switching to a different company at a later date to lessen the quarterly expense.

A payment to the daily paper was also brought into question, and it was determined that it was for an ad for bids being accepted for a property on West Street.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was brought by Hoovler, seconded by G. Clark and approved unanimously by the board.

The night's old business included the lack of bids on the property on West Street; it was suggested by Hoovler that they find a new way to advertise, as the ad placed did not yield any bids. Shaddinger discussed whether the borough needs to advertise again before negotiating a price.

There was discussion of the adoption of an ordinance that would provide for recovery of municipal taxes, charges and costs related to disposition of property

damaged by fire.

After discussion by the board and more explanation from Shaddinger, a motion to adopt the ordinance was brought by Hoovler and seconded by Mahoney. It was unanimously approved by the board.

In terms of new business, G. Clark brought up concerns of a catch basin on Center Street caving in, saying it "had sunk a good foot." His concerns included the damage that would be done if someone hits it. He also questioned about a walnut tree that was cut down in the borough where new electric service was installed and whether or not it belonged to the borough and could be removed and sold. It was unclear if the Borough has claim to the land, and it will be further investigated by the council before the next meeting.

There was brief discussion of funds being received for a dam, and that the money had not yet gotten to their account to be applied to this expenditure. It was also mentioned about the annual yard sales and that they expected the town to be fairly busy over that weekend.

Lastly, Mahoney thanked A. Clark for his diligent work on the Corn Festival and his dedication to making it a great event for the town.

A motion to adjourn was brought by G. Clark, seconded by Hoovler, and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

The next meeting will be July 8, at 7 p.m.

I say! You say! We say!

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Goodbye Conneaut Valley Middle School. - Formerly Conneaut Valley High School when it produced its first graduating class in 1955, Conneaut Valley School Board announced several months ago its closure at the end of this school year, June 5.

Not bad for a civic building to have lasted 69 years, even with renovations and its re-dedication as a middle school with a cornerstone stating 2014. But sadly, it was lipstick on a pig.

With a declining local population and tax base, in a rust belt county, in a rust belt state, in a rust belt portion of our country, it was only a matter of time before the school district decided to tighten its belt once again, this time shuttering one of its schools.

Time moves on, I guess. But sometimes, people don't.

I guess I'm one of them. As "fortune" has it, I currently work there as a contracted employee, and it's sad to imagine the site this fall without kids and the lumbering buses that would bring them there.

Minus my mother, my immediate family all graduated from CVHS, with my father being in the inaugural class of 1955, my brother graduating in 1981 and myself in 1982.

Our photographs—along with every other graduate of the school up to 2012—when Conneaut School District, moved the upperclassmen to Linesville High School, adorn its walls.

At a recent alumni class celebration there (the final one to be held at the school), I asked an alumni official what would happen to all the framed pictures of the graduating classes.

"Put them in storage, I guess," was the answer. My heart sank.

To think: All the smiling graduate's faces so full of excitement and promise at entering the adult world that I see everyday at work, to be locked in a dark room somewhere unseen.

On the school's marquee standing beside Route 18 (which still lists itself as the "Indians" not the "Eagles," changed for political correctness), a message reads "Last ½ Day June 5th. We will miss you, Valley."

From all the children who once went there—whether in the 1950's, '60's, '70's, '80's, '90's, '00's, teens, '20's—or the kids now to be shipped to Linesville this fall:

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Gregory Knepp

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was raised as to the accuracy of the previous month's minutes; DeBlasio questioned why a comment he made was omitted. After determining that a review of meeting recordings would be done, a motion was brought to table the approval of those minutes to next month's meeting. It was passed, with the only opposing vote coming from Monahan. Shortly after that, authorization to pay bills was passed with a unanimous vote.

Julia Catalano of the Conneaut Lake Historical Society was there

to speak about Paddlefest, an annual festival held at Fireman's Beach featuring kayakers and paddleboarders in a 12-stop dice run. Catalano was asking that the council pay for parking for Paddlefest attendees that stay after the event, citing that they often want to visit local businesses and restaurants. After some discussion about logistics, a motion was passed unanimously.

A heated discussion regarding the revitalization project on 2nd Street took place. The first issue was that one of two decorative signal poles received from an order had a manufacturing error. There

was much discussion of what exactly was wrong with it, with Eldridge stating that he was unsure of what was wrong but that he was told it did not meet design specifications. The second issue was with the cancellation of the purchase of a vehicle camera detection system. Last month, the council approved a payment of \$32,000 under the assumption that they would be paying 20% of that cost, with the other 80% being absorbed by grant money received for the project.

However, after receiving final invoices, it was determined by Eldridge that they did not have the leftover grant money to pay the additional 80% and the purchase of the system would cost the full amount. DeBlasio was concerned as to what change orders were approved by Eldridge, who was adamant that the vehicle camera detection system was not in the initial plan, which was budgeted at \$275,000 with at least \$220,000 in grant money. DeBlasio was concerned as to where exactly the grant money went, and why they could no longer afford the detection system. Eldridge cited the rising costs of municipal construction brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, and said he did not have an exact audit at that time.

"I don't want you to get the impression that we have a final audit going day-to-day, and we know exactly how many dollars are being spent each day of the project," Eldridge said to DeBlasio. "We did actually have to do that; we had to audit everything to find out how

much we'd spent and how much we had left to go based on what was approved in the original contract."

"Concerns were also raised by Donnachie about the permit given by PennDOT to install the system, and whether the Borough would be held liable for installing a detection system and/or any accidents that occur at the intersection if the system is not installed. Eldridge asserted that the permit indicated that they were allowed to install the system, not that they had to; he also asserted that the current plan is approved by PennDOT, and they should not be held liable. (The solicitor) was unsure of the liability at this juncture.

The Streets/Public Works committee reported that all the streets have been swept, and that labor was utilized from adults under probation who needed community service hours. There was a complaint from a citizen about foliage on 7th & State Street that was believed to be a deterrent to visibility; they decided they will continue to check on this issue and determine if there is foliage that needs to be removed.

During the Beach Committee report, it was mentioned that there were small amounts of gas spilled into the lake from faulty fuel lines on a couple of pontoon boats. Concern was also raised by DeBlasio as to the docks being hurt by careless boaters whose boats were rubbing against the docks and putting holes into the rub rails and the aluminum. Braden reported that she has contacted the people who were in vio-

lation of this, and everyone she has contacted has corrected the issues immediately.

The meeting adjourned shortly thereafter around 8:15pm. The next meeting will be July 10 at 7 p.m.

Lake Police handle 186

calls in May

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Regional Police Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 19th, at the Sadsbury Township Building. Persons present included Kevin VanHonk, Chair; Jim Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake and Vice-Chair of the Commission; Dick Holabaugh, President of Conneaut Lake Borough Council; Bonnie Smith, Sadsbury Township Supervisor; Eloise Settlemyre and Roseanne Staab, North Shenango Township Supervisors; Lyle Hoover, Sadsbury Township Supervisor; Todd Pfeifer, Chief of Police; and Rose Mumau, Secretary.

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

Settlemyre began the meeting by requesting a meeting with the board at a later date. They will be holding an executive session at the August meeting, one hour before at 5:30pm. Budget concerns are thought to be the matter at hand.

She also gave kudos to the police department for their handling of a situation that occurred near her house the night before, as it was handled professionally and promptly taken care of.

The approval of the previous month's minutes, the payment of bills, and the Financial and Budget reports were all approved unanimously by the board.

There was much discussion about the Commission's subpar legal representation. After much debate, it was decided that they should not hesitate in approving new representation, as they never know when they will need it. They will now be utilizing the Knox Law Firm based in Erie, PA. The Knox Law Firm represents many local municipalities and school districts, despite being located in Erie, and comes well-recommended by the municipalities they represent.

In the month of May, there were 186 calls in Sadsbury Township, resulting in five incident reports; 83

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calls in the Boro, with no incident reports filed; and 55 calls in North Shenango Township, with 1 incident report. The year-to-date total of calls is 1,232, with 53 incident reports filed. There were also 78 traffic stops in Sadsbury, and 22 citations given; 48 stops in the Boro, with 20 citations given; and 7 stops in North Shenango with 5 citations given. Pfeifer noted that people should ensure their tail lights are working, and their automatic lights are on to reduce the number of stops and warnings given. Mumau noted that mechanics often turn them off when a car is taken to the garage, and people should always double-check to ensure their automatic lights are turned on.

There were three warnings for ordinance violations in Sadsbury, all related to "beach park hours." There was also one ordinance violation warning given in North Shenango regarding a dog.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm. The next meeting will be

held on Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30pm at the Sadsbury Township Building. These meetings are open to the public.

Kyle Sheets waived

Kyle Sheets, a CASH football star and Slippery Rock University football standout, who was drafted by the New Orleans Saints pro football team in recent weeks, was recently waived by the Saints.

Sheets follows in the football steps of fellow high school player and Slippery Rock standout, Henry Litwin, who was drafted by the Chicago Bears but then was waived.

All-star selections

Four CASH players were selected to Region All-Star teams following the 2024 sports season.

Greg Klink, a senior, utility, and Alex Wiplua, sophomore, pitcher, were chosen to the Baseball Region 2 first team Baseball All-Star

team, while Carson Aldsdorf, senior, outside hitter, and Brevin Klink, senior, were chosen to the Region 1 boy's volleyball second team.

Selections are made by team coaches.

North Shenango meeting quiet

It was a relatively quiet meeting of the North Shenango Township supervisors meeting in June session especially as compared to the April and May meetings with many complaints regarding ATVs on a road, RVs, zoning and other matters.

Only 5 members of the public addressed the board including a resident who often attends to complain about his road condition. He said his road had been finished that very day, looks good now but said, as it happens every year, the material will be gone in 2 months.

Supervisor Dan Dickey told the

resident that his road was to be tarred and chipped yet this year.

A lady, who took a tumble as she came onto the porch area outside the meeting area and who suffered no injuries, commented on what she said was the poor condition of her road, something in poor condition for the past 3 years, that tires were ruined, noted the road had been scraped with Dickey telling her an update on the road would be done next year.

A resident complained about not being able to see the sign marking Espy Road as he drove Rt. 285 due to brush/tree overgrowth; He was advised that is a state highway and he should call PennDOT with the complaint.

A lady spoke to how nice the newly re-opened Tuttle Point Campground is and she was so glad

people can take campers there.

she raised a question if permits are needed for solar panel installations and a need for a sewer hook-up.

A resident complimented the work of zoning officer Bob Goff while another lady noted a trap team from CASH high school finished in first place at a state level competition while a second team finished third.

There was no formal police report sent from the regional police department while the zoning officer's report noted permits issued for a porch, a slab roof, a pole building, 2 house permits, a deck addition and a fence.

The fire department report for May showed the township fire department responded to 39 emergency calls.

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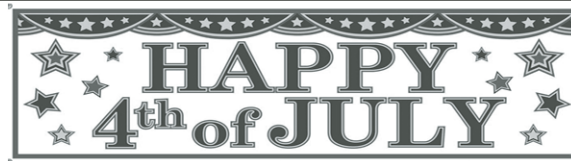


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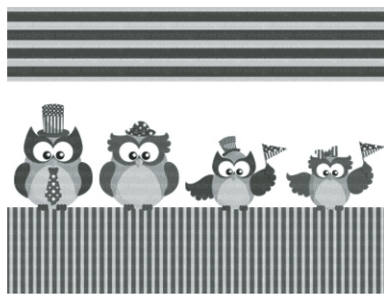
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Sailing on Conneaut Lake: The CLYC Years noted

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

On Monday, June 17th, the Conneaut Lake Historical Society welcomed Chad Waldschmidt to give a presentation titled "Sailing on Conneaut Lake: The Conneaut Lake Yacht Club Years." The purpose of the presentation was to present a piece of Conneaut Lake history (related to the era of CLYC sailing) and preserve CLYC files, documents, and artifacts in the safekeeping of the Historical Society. Contributors to the presentation included Randy Hollister, Kathy Rentz, Rosie Mercatoris, Jill and Bill Petraitis, and Bonnie and Ed Morris.

Waldschmidt was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, and spent his summers sailing on Conneaut Lake. He was taught to sail by his father, and learned sailboat racing through the Conneaut Lake Yacht Club (CLYC). He and his wife have

since retired to Conneaut Lake, and love to expose their grandchildren to Conneaut Lake life.

The CLYC was founded in 1947, and became inactive in 2007. Waldschmidt was born in 1948 and began sailing with the CLYC at 10 years old. Almost all sailing activities on Conneaut Lake have been through the CLYC. Now that the CLYC is inactive, Waldschmidt described sailing on Conneaut Lake as "random and rare."

"We had people from all walks of life, and they all came together with one common goal, and that was sailboat racing," Waldschmidt said.

CLYC's first Lightning Fleet Charter 180 was chartered on October 6th, 1948. Charter members were Edwin Linneger, L.R. Trezona, Carroll Kearns, Paul R. Knapp, and Prescott W. Brown. Early sailors included Red Shadley, Avery Bradford, Henry Heineman, Robert Hollister, Duke Herder, Wayne Titzel, and Robert Lily.

The different classes of sailboats raced on the lake included Lightning (1948-2007), Snipes (1950s), Comets (1950s), Sailfish (1950s-1960s), Sunfish (1970s-1990s), and the Hobie Cat 16 (1970s-1980s). Each featured different crew sizes, and different challenges and techniques to racing. The Sailfish and Sunfish classes were for kids to learn to sail and compete against other young sailors. The Sailfish Class was Fleet 13, the Sunfish Class was Fleet 640, and the Hobie Cat 16 Class was Fleet 414.

Waldschmidt stressed that the club was full of people who were truly passionate about sailboat racing.

"(CLYC) was not a sailing club; what it was, was a sailboat racing club," Waldschmidt said. "We didn't go out on the weekends to just cruise, drink mimosas, and have a good time around the lake. We were serious: we went out to beat the other boats. We were all friends while we were racing but we were serious competitors."

To promote and assure fair and competitive racing, the CLYC started out only racing Lightning Class sailboats. This popular sailboat class was designed in 1938 and was originally made of wood, with later versions utilizing fiber-

glass. With all of the boats being the same, there were still many variables in the race that made it fun and exciting, including boat tuning, crew performance, starting sequence, and race strategy and tactics. No two races were ever the same; each race presented different challenges to adapt to and overcome.

To be a part of the CLYC Lightning races, one had to commit to a full summer racing season (one half-day each weekend). They and their crew had to be present each week, and had to be committed to promoting sailing on Conneaut Lake and sharing club leadership roles as necessary.

Waldschmidt shared a quote from Dr. Mike Mercatoris, who was very influential in keeping the CLYC spirit alive through the years.

"I like sailing Lightning sailboats. I really, really like sailing Lightning sailboats. But I love racing Lightning sailboats."

Waldschmidt went on to echo Mercatoris' sentiment and how all the members were truly passionate about the thrill of sailboat racing.

"That's kind of the way it was for all of us," Waldschmidt said. "Just getting in the boat and sailing around the lake a little bit wasn't going to do much for us. But when you put the other sailors on the lake, and you put us into a competitive situation ... I can't even begin to describe how much fun that was."

Waldschmidt also highlighted how much fun it was to teach younger generations to sail on the Sunfish and Sailfish class boats. The CLYC had a very active group of young sailors who went to other regattas in the 1980s, including two at Pymatuning and the Eagles More national regatta in 1987 - at which the CLYC youth took home an absurd number of trophies.

Waldschmidt shared many fond memories of sailing on the lake, and of the picnics held after races. The club never had an official "club house," instead opting to meet at different peoples' houses after races, with different families taking turns hosting. The major meetings they had were on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day, with the Labor Day meeting being "the big one" when awards were given. Awards included the obvious ones for exceptional sailing and official rankings, but also included "The Upside-Down

Trophy." This was awarded every year to someone whose boat tipped over; if multiple boats tipped over, it was given to the most recent one, and if there was not one in a given year, the previous year's winner "just had to live with it" until the next year.

A number of items being donated to the historical society were showcased, including one of the buoys used to mark the points of the race, the "start gun" used to indicate the start of each race, and the multiple journals of handwritten notes taken at each meeting by the CLYC secretaries over the decades of the club's activity.

Waldschmidt closed his presentation by informing the public about the sailboat racing happening at the Paris 2024 Olympics on July 28th through August 8th, and encouraged everyone to watch at NBCOlympics.com.

Hunting and Doe Licensing 2024

This is a reminder notification that 2024 Antlerless Deer licensing will NOT be processed through the mail. Do NOT send in any pink envelopes.

The new process, set by the Game Commission in 2023, only allows in person or online purchase of all hunting licenses including antlerless deer.

Processing of ONLY WMUs 1B, 2G and 3A for 2024-2025 began June 24, 2024. The remaining WMUs became available for sale on June 27, 2024.

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June meeting at Sadsbury

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 ✓ , that 4 new manhole covers were being replaced and the cost covered by a grant;
 ✓ received a report from the road department that roads were being checked, 1-call follow up checks

done, trucks were inspected for the year, and the Rt. 618 bridge had been replaced and the road reopened to traffic;
 ✓ the 3 supervisors - Kevin Van-Honk, Lyle Hoovler, and Bonnie Smith - were told calls had been received on AirBnB's as the township drafts an ordinance on such rentals, that a public hearing would be held that would cover a variety of concerns from registrations of such rentals, contact persons, and basic services provided to parking concerns;
 ✓ were told of a report that the liquor license at Oakland Beach Golf Course was being changed as the course and related operations were in the process of being sold;
 ✓ learned that PennDOT would be doing some traffic count surveys this summer;
 ✓ voted 3-0 to increase the pay of township auditors from \$10 an hour to \$18 an hour under new rules from the state. The new rates will come into effect when the next offices are voted on at election

time;
 ✓ appointed Tim Bracken to fill a vacancy on the auditor's board;
 ✓ approved the remainder of the annual donation to the Conneaut Lake Volunteer Fire Department that will allow them to purchase three SCBA cylinders in the amount of \$3,747;
 ✓ okayed the Conneaut Lake Area Historical Society's request to erect signs from July 1 to August 3 regarding holding the group's annual Paddlefest event, and waive any associated fees;
 ✓ was told by the township lawyer that the hearing on property concerns with Bill Mattocks - hearing first held April 10 - had a payment determination hearing that had been set for June 10 - was being rescheduled at Mattock's request;
 ✓ was told in the road master's report that the Rec area pavilion's metal roof was to be put on;
 and ✓ were advised that the zoning officer issued one permit in May, that for a garage.

West Fallowfield hires new secretary

West Fallowfield Township supervisors hired Brooke Leuthold as the new township secretary/treasurer when they met in May and approved those meeting minutes at their June meeting.

She is replacing Brenda Braden who has taken the secretary's job at Conneaut Lake Borough, Braden saying she will continue working with Leuthold until she is trained.

Leuthold will be paid at a rate of \$18.50 an hour with no benefits.

Supervisors Jon Lorenzo and Steven Luciani were told at the June meeting that the Rocky Glen Road design plans are pretty well done. Jim Saulsbery was absent at the June meeting.

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28 calls were VFD matters in May.



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Deer license

The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) is asking hunters to provide feedback on their antlerless deer license buying experience this summer.

The goal of the change, according to PGC officials, was to reduce wait times for all license buyers.

To share your license-buying experience with the PGC, go to pgc.pa.gov and click on the red "Provide feedback on your antlerless deer license-buying experience" button.