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• **LINESVILLE, CONNEAUT LAKE BORO MEETINGS!**

• **BLOOD DRIVE TO HELP LOCAL MAN! PAGE 16!**

Conneaut Schools open August 28

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

check was hired at the board's August 14 voting meeting. He is from the Conneaut Valley area. New busing schedules will be in

effect with all students picked up in one run in the mornings. Recent years had two morning bus runs with K - 8 picked up in the first run and the 9 - 12 grades in a second run. This year's afternoon take home routes will - See Schools page 2

Students will return to school in the Conneaut School District Wednesday, August 28, two days after teachers return to duty and complete opening round activities.

Changes in the school district include one middle school to serve grades 6 - 8, as Conneaut Valley Middle School was closed that served grades 5 - 8, and Conneaut Lake Middle School, also grades 5 - 8, became the one single middle school and is now known as Conneaut Area Middle School [CAMS].

The two elementary schools - Conneaut Lake and Conneaut Valley - now house grades K - 5, where in the recent past they served grades K - 4.

Many new faces populate the teaching and aide staffs in the schools as 31 various members from the 2023-24 school year retired at the end of 2023-24.

Among retirees were David Maskery who was Valley Middle School principal, and John Acklin, athletic director for 50 years.

Jeff Hans is principal at CAMS and is assisted by Troy Messerall, whose cyber school leadership has been transferred to Ed Pietroski, CASH co-principal. Ashley Abbott has been hired as CASH athletic director.

A new hire in the district is Jody Welcheck, hired as the head of the Buildings and Grounds department replacing Frank Kimmel. Wel-



TALK OF THE TOWN - This is the mural that has been painted on the side of the Whitmer Building [formerly Morrison's Surplus, North Mercer St., Linesville, by Justin Suarez of Aerosol Kingdom, out of Rochester, NY. First the wall was cleansed and painted purple by Joel Meador Painting of Conneaut Lake, with Suarez, then painting the Eagle chasing an Osprey who has snagged a fish. Ducks, flowers, and reeds were added to highlight the Pymatuning Lake atmosphere. Plans for a special celebration are underway for Sat., Sept. 21, the mural cost largely covered by a \$10,000 Molded Fiber Glass Foundation grant obtained by Sequoia Whitmer who manages the Blossom and Blooms Boutique [co-owners Travis and Judy Crytzer] located in the Whitmer Building. The September 21 event will include music by Kiltlifters Pipes & Drums at 5:30 p.m., and the Max Schang Band at 6:30 p.m. in the North Mercer Street area.

North Shenango voters to be asked to increase supervisors from 3 to 5

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

North Shenango Township voters will be asked on a ballot question in November if they would

like to see the number of township supervisors increased from the present 3 to 5.

The question on the November ballot will be 'Should two additional supervisors be elected to

serve in the township.'

Signed paper work was submitted to the Crawford County Voter's Service office with the needed number of signors. No one questioned the submission of the ballot.

Should a majority of voters in the township approve the ballot question, the voters will likely see two new positions listed to fill in the Spring Primary 2005 elections. Supervisors - See Elect page 6



Active Aging

Bair Family Center

237 South Pymatuning St., Linesville, PA

- Janet Wasserman, Center Manager

The Active Aging Bair Family Center is your local source for information and services for those in the community who are at least 60 years of age or married to someone who is at least sixty. Call the Center

The Active Aging Bair Family Center primarily serves the residents of western Crawford County and we are proud to be located in Linesville where the ducks walk on the fish! The town has recently been blessed with the artwork of Justin Suarez of Aerosol Kingdom in the form of a stunning mural. These are Justin's comments that he posted on Instagram regarding the project: "Stealing Sunset" my finished mural for the Town of Linesville, PA commissioned by @blossomsandbloomsboutique. This piece focuses on the natural beauty of Pymatuning Lake, and celebrates the conservation efforts that brought Bald Eagles and Osprey back from the brink of extinction. This is truly one of my favorite murals I've created to date! Thanks to Sequoia for trusting me to do what I do best!!"

Thank you, Justin for giving us such a unique treasure.

This month we celebrate International Lottery Day with a Lottery Ticket Raffle! The winner takes home \$50 in scratch off Lottery Tickets. Any adult in the community is welcome to take a chance – tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available at the Center Monday-Friday from 8a-3p. The winner will be drawn at noon on International Lottery Day, August 27th.

Active Aging turned fifty this year! Active Aging, Inc. has served Crawford County as the local Area Agency on Aging since 1974. The Bair Family Center will be celebrating this milestone during Senior Center Month in September.

The community is invited to our Open House on September 11, from 3p-6p when you can tour the Center, meet Center participants and find out what the Center provides for the community. All ages are invited to join us for refreshments and a Bair Family Center scavenger hunt. The Meadville Center will celebrate on September 12 from 1p-4p, and the Cambridge Springs Center will hold their celebration on September 19 from 2p-6p.

September brings new educa-

tional opportunities to the Bair Family Center during our ongoing Lunch 'n Learn programs. Remember to sign up for lunch two days in advance of any program, and join us for the following: September 5-SINGO with Home Instead-we had so much fun with this in August, we are repeating it in September with new music; September 12-"Vaccines, Who Needs Them?" presented by Jill Varner of Penn State Extension, and on September 26-"Green Burial" presented by Barb Newcamp.

Our Quilting/Crafting group are revved up and ready for Crafts on Steroids Craft Class! These wonderful volunteers are going to lead the Friday Craft Class and their brains have been extremely stormy developing ideas. The class will be held on Fridays starting at 9:30am. There will be six classes in September and October and cost per person per class is \$3.00, or sign up and pay in advance for all six classes for just \$15. All materials will be provided.

The first round of classes gets participants ready for the holiday season making holiday ornaments according to the following schedule: September 6-Mini Christmas Wreath ornament, September 13-Cathedral Window ornament, September 27-Christmas Tree ornament, October 4-Appique ornament, October 11-Hand Embroidery, and October 18-Fabric ornament.

More classes are in the brainstorm for the upcoming months. Register for classes by calling the Center at 814-683-4959.

The Linesville Pharmacy/Walberg Family Pharmacies will be here on September 20 at 11am for our next Flu Clinic. If the new COVID vaccine has been distributed by then, you will be able to get that on the same day. Please bring your insurance information and tell your family and friends as this event is open to the public.

Get ready for more fun on Saturday September 21, when we join the community in the Linesville Bicentennial Celebration. The Bair Family Center has a booth at the celebration in downtown Linesville where we have quilts and crafts to sell as well as demonstrations of hand quilting, needlework, and wool spinning.

Bring your family and come out and celebrate 200 years of Linesville history with us.

Along with September being Se-

nior Centers Month, the last week is also Falls Prevention Week. One of the easiest ways that you can build your strength and balance is by walking, so we are instituting the Walking Wednesday Club. The Club will meet every Wednesday at 12:30pm and is open to all abilities from walking 10 steps to several miles – it is up to you! Weather permitting, we will walk on The Pymatuning Trail and if the weather is cantankerous, we will simply use our indoor track.

The "Step-Off" event for the Wednesday Walking Club is on September 25, at 12:30pm. The first 10 participants to arrive will receive a free water bottle filled with refreshing ice water to take along on their walk.

Looking ahead to October, on Saturday, October 5, please plan to participate in our LIVE charity auction. We are currently accepting donations of new or collectible/antique items for our auction as well as themed baskets for a basket raffle on the same day. If you or someone you know is able to help, please call the Center and talk to Janet. Stay tuned to The Community News and The Active Aging Bair Family Center Facebook page for more details on this upcoming event.

The Bair Family Center has hot lunches available every weekday for takeout or dine in for anyone in the community. Order lunch at least 2 days in advance by 10am, with orders for Monday and Tuesday meals due the preceding Thursday. Lunches are available for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for individuals who are at least 60 years of age. If you have a neighbor who could use a hot meal but is unable to go out to get one for themselves, you can place an order and pick up lunch for them. Curbside meals are available at 11:30am and Dine-In Meals at 11:45am.

Remember to check the Community News, The Active Aging ECHO, COOL 101.7, and our Facebook page (The Active Aging Bair Family Center) for updates about the Center or better yet, connect with us in person! If you are on Facebook, please be sure to "Like" our page and posts and share us with your contacts and groups so that we can spread the word about what we have to offer the Community. Listen to COOL 101.7 Tuesday mornings at 8:30am for updates on activities at all Active Aging Centers.

Schools

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have grades K - 5 taken home first, then grades 6 - 12 in a second run.

Starting school times are as follows: Conneaut Valley Elementary School doors will open at 7:30 a.m. with classes beginning at 7:55; Dismissal time is 2:05 p.m. with buses leaving at 2:12;

Conneaut Lake Elementary School doors will open at 7:35 a.m., with classes beginning at 8:00 a.m., dismissal will be at 2:10 p.m. with buses leaving at 2:17;

Conneaut Area Middle School doors will open at 7:45 a.m. with classes beginning at 8:05; dismissal will be at 2:55 p.m. with buses leaving at 3:02 and going to the high school;

CASH doors will open at 8:05 a.m., with classes beginning at 8:20; dismissal will be at 3:15 p.m. with buses leaving at 3:22.

Cafeteria prices for nearly all a la carte items are remaining the same.

A building and grounds committee agenda showed that completed projects included at CAMS sound panels on gym wall done, hallways were painted to reflect Eagle colors, not Lake Indian colors;

the two gym floors were masked and painted to reflect again the Eagle logos; staff moves from Valley Middle to CAMS showed 100% of phase one done and 50% of phase 2 done, CAMS football field goal posts were painted, CLMS building letters replaced by CAMS lettering; and outside pillars and inside rotunda pillars were painted.

In other areas, the grease trap at CASH was replaced; a softball storage shed was purchased and placed at the CASH field.

At CASH, scoreboard repairs were completed and the scoreboard upgrade for surge protection was scheduled to be done for \$1,000.

Renovation repairs in the amount of \$22,800 was being done at the CAMS football field.

Staff hirings done at the August board meeting included Kathryn Berry as part time life skills paraprofessional, Jolene Cierniakoski as full time Title 1 Reading Teacher for Valley Elementary, Adriane Doubet as full time life skills paraprofessional at CASH, Robin McIlwain as part time office aide at Valley Elementary; and Chelsey Linz as full time kindergarten teacher at Valley Elementary.

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- By Christy Lindsay
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Fear or Faith?

Welcome, my friends. I once heard we can live in fear or faith. I made a faith-based decision a couple weeks ago that inspired this column. I hope it inspires you.

A thunderstorm complete with high winds ravaged my town on Tuesday, August 6, around 5:30 p.m. I was in my audio recording booth at the time. First, my Wi-Fi went out, and then my lights started to flicker. I had just completed editing, mastering, and saving a chapter in the audiobook I was recording when the booth went dark.

All I can say is, Thank you Jesus! Recording an audiobook is a little like using a computer from 1985. There's no auto-save, no auto-correct, and no find and replace function.

If I mispronounce a word, I have to find it in every sentence, and then correct it one at a time. I'm pathetically slow. On a good day, I produce 15 minutes' worth of finished audio in a four or five-hour day.

By contrast, I can write a column in an hour. So, if I don't save an audio file as I'm editing it, and I lose power, I'll have to start from square one. Not cool. Can you see God's divine timing here? And this is only the beginning of the blessings of this power outage.

Back to the thunderstorm. The wind blew so fiercely that some of my tree limbs leaned at a 90-degree angle. Typically vertical tree limbs bent horizontally, in other words. Yeah. This storm was a doozy.

Just as an aside, I hope you'll pray for power linemen during outages. I can't imagine repairing a downed power line or even approaching a line with a hundred-year-old tree leaning on it.

Talk about guts! I'm sure linemen hear a lot more griping than praise. A thank you email or note to your power company just might make someone's day.

Anyway, once the storm blew itself out, my son fired up our generator and connected the refrigerator. I knew power wouldn't be restored until the next morning, at the earliest. I carried jugs of water from

my basement so we could flush the toilets and wash our hands.

Oh, and I should mention another blessing. My son, a diesel mechanic, had showered about an hour before the power outage. He comes home every weekday looking as if his face, neck, and arms were smeared with boot black. Talk about a guy who needs a shower after work.

I've stored more water than I could ever need for toilet flushing and handwashing. I suggest you rinse out and fill gallon milk and orange juice jugs with tap water for this purpose, as well. It makes power outages much more comfortable.

I also store body wipes and antibacterial hand wipes for emergencies. I feel much more human if I can wash my hands. Maybe you do, too.

On Wednesday morning, I rose around 4:45. I cooked my oatmeal and coffee on a camp stove, and, since it's August, it was daylight by 6 or so. Good thing, because the candlelight in my living room barely allowed me to see my way around. I cooked my breakfast by the light of my phone's flashlight.

At daybreak, I went outside to assess the damage. Good grief. Limbs and sticks littered the yard. I picked up the worst of it, laid it on my burn pile, and took a breather.

My son headed to work after filling up the generator with gas, and I started writing my column. I'd planned on writing it the night before, but the power outage derailed me.

I feverishly typed my thoughts that morning. I trusted God would make sure my computer's battery lasted until I finished writing.

But I had to go somewhere with Wi-Fi so I could email it to David Schaeff. I called a loved one, who said to come on over.

While driving, I saw downed trees all over the place, even across railroad tracks. They'd all been cut up and moved so traffic could pass. God bless our township road crews and the men who travel with chainsaws in the cabs of their pickup trucks.

The value of seeing a need and meeting it can never be overstated. I didn't realize it at the time, but I drove to my loved one's house going on faith that the roads would be open.

I arrived safely, emailed my column, and charged my phone and other devices. I also filled a couple gallon jugs with drinking water and showered. I always feel better after a shower, and since I'd submitted my column before my deadline, I could breathe again.

As a bonus, I was able to email the chapter I'd narrated on Tuesday night to the author I'm currently working with. Another series of blessings!

Wednesday is grocery shopping day for me. Once my devices had charged, I decided to go on faith and buy groceries, including refrigerated and frozen foods, based on my belief that power would be restored by Wednesday afternoon or evening.

I also picked up groceries for friends who are shut in, and they didn't lose power. No risk involved there. I recognized that it was a good thing to stay busy on a day when I couldn't record a chapter in an audiobook.

While I was in town, I filled two five-gallon gas tanks to fuel the generator. I figured we'd be fine until power was restored.

After I got home, I got a text from Penn Power, estimating power restoration by 11 p.m. on Thursday (the next day). This was a tad disappointing. Later in the afternoon, Penn Power updated me to expect power restoration by 9 p.m. Wednesday. Yay!

Since I couldn't use electric lights, I went to bed early; probably around 8 p.m. After what seemed like five minutes, I heard my son's baritone voice saying, "Mom, you've gotta come out to the garage with me. The generator quit working."

Ugh. I made my way to the kitchen, following the light of his phone's flashlight, and slid into my sandals. I asked him what time it was.

He said, "Ten forty-five."

We walked to the garage. He checked the generator's gas tank. It was still almost full, because he'd filled it for a third time before bed. He checked the petcock. All good.

Then he realized the problem—a dead battery. There was nothing to be done. I'd have to order a new one, and it wouldn't arrive before our food spoiled, that's for sure.

We kicked into high gear. I emptied the fridge and freezer, other than condiments that contain vinegar, and packed the food up.

We loaded bags into our cars, packed a few clothes and personal items, and headed to spend the night with loved ones. I decided to plug the fridge back into the wall outlet, just in case.

Now, as I said, this began at 10:45 at night. By the time we arrived, it was an obscene hour. You know people love you when they welcome you at midnight.

I didn't sleep well after such a hectic night. But when I woke up, I realized this power outage had been a huge blessing.

First, it - See Faith page 8

Before it was CL Park ...

History of Exposition Park

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

On Monday, August 19th, nearly 100 people gathered at the Conneaut Lake Sportsmen's Club to hear the Conneaut Lake Historical Society's monthly presentation.

The presentation featured a photographic history of Conneaut Lake Park from 1892-1908, before the first big fire and when it was still called Exposition Park. The presentation was given by Gore Range, with Marcy Laderer joining via phone.

Laderer is the author of 'East Side Story,' a 495 page book about the history of Conneaut Lake's east side. She has also written 'The Spirit of Conneaut Lake,' a work divided into two volumes also about Conneaut Lake history.

Range used to be in the military as a photo analyst. He explained how he is able to look at a picture and pick up on minute details and piece together history based on what is presented in an image.

The presentation included many photos of the park's early days, including the original hotels, the first iteration of the carousel and the evolution of such important park landmarks as the log cabin, the cottages, the McClure House and Hotel Conneaut.

He was also happy to clear up a number of popular rumors about the park's history. Some such facts were that the park did not host Conneaut Lake's first bowling alley or the first coaster, the current carousel was built in 1909, not 1914, and the Brown Avenue cottages sat for decades after the fire and were not damaged or demolished as many people claim.

After a detailed two-hour presentation, he proclaimed that the number of photos he left out was even larger than the photos he included. The Historical Society President thanked him for his incredibly detailed and informative presentation, and the public applauded his work.

After a brief snack break, the night continued with the Historical Society's meeting. They were happy to report they had raised over \$2,000 from - See Park page 12

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OBITUARIES

Theresa E. Pisarchick

CONNEAUTVILLE - Theresa E. Pisarchick, 86, of Conneautville, passed away peacefully Thursday, August 8, 2024, at Embassy of Park Avenue in Meadville.

She was born Sunday, September 19, 1937, in Meadville, the daughter of Raymond and Agnes (Hogue) Chess.

She married Curtis P. Pisarchick May 2, 1959. He preceded her in her passing Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

Theresa was a graduate of Conneautville High School. She also was a graduate of Crawford Vo-



Tech as a Licensed Practical Nurse. For many years, she worked as a LPN at Rolling Fields in Conneautville.

She was a member of St. Philip Church, Linesville.

She was an avid reader, enjoyed sewing and going out boating. Theresa loved watching movies with her husband, gardening, canning and cooking for her family.

Survivors include a daughter, Helene Coontz and her husband, Bob, of Centennial, CO; a son, Joe Pisarchick of Conneautville; two grandsons, Daniel Coontz and his wife, Christina Hayes and Tyler Pisarchick; five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Arizona, Kansas, Lucas and Valynne; a sister, Mary Huber of Meadville; a sister-in-law, Sally Pisarchick of Cleveland, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her pass-

ing by her parents; husband, Curtis Pisarchick; a son, Paul Pisarchick; and three sisters, Dolores, Martha and Alice.

Calling hours were held Thursday, August 15, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, August 16, 2024, at St. Philip Roman Catholic Church, Linesville with Father Chris Hamlett as celebrant.

Burial was private in St. Philip Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Summit Township Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 51, Harmonsburg, Pa 16422.

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

Dennis L. Buzikowski

KNOX, PA - Dennis L. Buzikowski, 71, of Knox, PA, formerly of the Conneautville/Linesville areas, passed away Sunday, August 4, 2024, at UPMC Hamot in Erie, after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

He was born Monday, January 5, 1953, in Meadville, the son of Walter and Norma (Bean) Buzikowski.

Dennis was a graduate of

Conneaut Valley High School, Conneautville. For many years, he worked in shipping and receiving at Tel-O-Post in Linesville.



He was a member of the Linesville American Legion Post 462.

Dennis was very social and enjoyed golfing, bowling, being out on his pontoon boat and going to camp in Tidioute with his friends.

Survivors include a daughter, Danielle Stanley of Knox; a son, Matthew Buzikowski of Parsonsfield, Maine; and a granddaughter, Avery Stanley.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents; a brother, James Buzikowski; and two sisters, Tina Artman and Sharon Sweeney.

As per his wishes, no services will be held.

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

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

Andrew T. Hackworth

LINESVILLE - Andrew Thomas Hackworth, 102, of Linesville, passed away Monday, August 5, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born in Ada, OH, to Samuel J. and Selma (Jordan) Hackworth. Andrew (Tom) at-

tended school in Pittsburgh up to the 10th grade then joined his father running heavy construction equipment. He married Eleanor (Grabowski) Hackworth on July 6, 1941.

Andrew served in WWII in the



Navy Seabees from 1942-1945 in the Pacific Theater. Upon his return, Andrew farmed while raising his family and sought employment in Greenville. He retired from Greenville Steel Car after 23 years and then went into business with his two sons opening Jr. Oxygen Welding Supplies.

He enjoyed his years of farming as well as spending quality time there and at the family pond with his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

He was always engineering something whether it be for the business, pond, or his family and submitted many of his projects to the US Patents office.

He loved fishing, and traveling, as well as his annual family card parties.

Andrew was preceded in his passing by his wife, Eleanor, as well as his daughter, Susan Goss and his sisters, Lilly Swaney and Kathern Latuk.

He is survived by six of his children; Patricia Largent, Samuel Hackworth (Judy), Joyce Jones (Greg), Jack Hackworth (Laurie), Jill Lippert (Gary), Marianne Kephart (Michael). He and Eleanor were blessed with 22 grandchildren; Mark Largent (Kim), Debbie Scholl, Michael Goss (Stephanie) Kristina Sanderson (Jason), Sandra Kapis (Todd), John Hackworth, Steven Hackworth (Megan), Sony Gilroy (Tim), Nora Bleam, (David), Burt Jones (Lindsay), Brad Jones (Angie), Rhea Wilson, (Travis) Andrew Hackworth, Jacob Hackworth, Darren Lippert (Michelle), Cory Lippert, Sarah Lewis, (Mark) Ashley Graff (Garrett), Kayla Poling, (Rob), Paul Bourgeois (Vanessa), Heather Riggleman (Dylan), Spencer Kephart, 2 dozen great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Friends paid their respects at Conneautville Church of Christ, 1308 Main St., Conneautville, Thursday, August 15, 2024, for calling hours which were followed by a Memorial Service.

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

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



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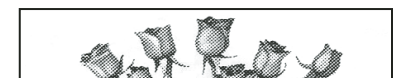


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Catherine Chechak

MEADVILLE - Catherine M. (Dolly) Chechak, 74, of Meadville, passed away Sunday afternoon, August 18, 2024, in Meadville Medical Center.

She was born in Meadville, Tuesday, June 27, 1950, a daughter of Albert and Catherine (Schau) Snyder.

On September 19, 1992, Dolly married Andrew J. "Andy" Chechak, he passed away May 5, 2008.

She was a Class of 1969 graduate of Randolph East Mead High School and was employed as a clerk at K-Mart for 20 years.

Dolly attended Our Lady Queen of the Americas Catholic Church, Conneaut Lake.

She enjoyed baking and would enter her baked goods in the fair where she won many ribbons. She also enjoyed crafts and making cards.

She is survived by a brother, John H. Snyder and his wife Linda of NantyGlo, PA; a sister, Betty Danforth of FL; 13 nieces and nephews, Chris, Bernie, Alice, David, Joe, Cheryl, Trisha, Erik, Tammy, Sharon, Frank, Jim, and Jeremy.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents, husband, three brothers, Bernard Snyder, Joseph Snyder, and Dick Snyder, two nieces, Cindy and Rebekah.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Rose and Waid Funeral Home & Crematory, 12422 Conneaut Lake Rd., Conneaut Lake with Rev. John H. Snyder, Dolly's brother, officiating. Calling hours were held Friday, August 23, 2024, and Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 10:00 AM until the time of service.

Burial was private in Our Lady Queen of the Americas Cemetery.

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

Susan Louise Allen Scranton Wheeler

CONNEAUTVILLE - Susan Louise Allen Scranton Wheeler, 76, of Conneautville, passed away,

peacefully Sunday, August 11, 2024. She was born Saturday, May 29, 1948, up on the hill in her grandmother's house



in Springboro to the late Lee and Minnie (Brown) Allen.

She married Timothy Scranton in 1967 and he preceded her in passing in 1978. She then married James Wheeler in 1980 who also preceded her in passing in 2014.

Sue's motto in life became, "Life is a journey—Enjoy your trip". She lived this motto to the fullest.

She belonged to many civic/community groups. She was one of the first female EMT's in Crawford County. She worked numerous jobs, most notably for Rolling Fields nursing home, and Steven's Pharmacy. She served as Conneautville Boro Tax Collector for many years and as an "Avon Lady".

Her favorite things to do were to travel and enjoy God's wonders, visit and spend time with family, read most any book and camping.

Sue is survived by children Carolin, Sharon, Karen, Tim, and Mark as well as 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grand children, a brother, Lloyd (Helen) Allen, several nieces and nephews, and her dog and cats.

Friends and family called at the funeral home Thursday, August 16, 2024 from 3:00—5:00PM at which time a funeral service followed at McCauley Funeral Home, 1405 Main St., Conneautville, with Pastor Matt Rendulic officiating.

Memorial donations can be made to Stone Memorial Library, 1101 Main St., Conneautville, PA 16406 or Hospice of Crawford County, 766 Liberty St., Meadville, PA 16335.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME.

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

Deborah Jean Meyer

SPRINGBORO - Deborah Jean Meyer 71, of Springboro, passed away Thursday, August 8, 2024, surrounded

by her loving family. She was born Saturday, May 11, 1953, to the late Robert Jerry and Caroline Lois (Gamble) Weir in Pittsburgh, PA.

She married Lynn Edward Mey-



er, Sr.; he survives.

She enjoyed playing Bingo, going to the casino, sewing and crafts but most of all she enjoyed spending time making memories with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

Debbie is survived by her husband Lynn, children: Beth (Frank) Miko, Ray (Ashley) Melvin and Christina (Jeff) Pitto; step-children: Lynn (Christina) Meyer, Jr, and Lisa (Gary) Ralston; 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; siblings: Carol (Carl) Trosko, Robert Weir; step-siblings: Michael Jones, Kathy (David) Skurnick; a step-sister-in-law, Karen Jones as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in her passing by her step-father, Walter E. Jones, mother-in-law, Anna Mae Meyer, a great-grandson, William, sister-in-law, Deborah Weir and a step-brother, Walter Jones.

Friends and family are invited to attend a memorial visitation on Saturday, August 31, 2024, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon at which time a service will begin with Pastor Matt Rendulic officiating. There will be continued fellowship following the service.

All services will be held at the Valley Church United Methodist, 1118 Main St. Conneautville, PA 16406.

Memorial donations can be made to Hospice of Crawford County, 766 Liberty St. Meadville, PA 16335 or Montefiore Liver Transplant Center, 3459 Fifth Ave, Seventh Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of MCCAULEY FUNERAL HOME, 1405 Main St. Conneautville, PA 16406.

Frances Viola Johnson

CROSSINGVILLE - Frances Viola Johnson, 92, of Crossingville, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at UPMC Hamot, Erie.

Frances was born in Long Island, NY, Sunday, July 10, 1932, daughter of the late Lyman and Lucille Thompson.

She was a graduate of Linesville High School with the class of 1949 [?] and for many years drove a school bus for Northwestern School District, Albion.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing and being outdoors.

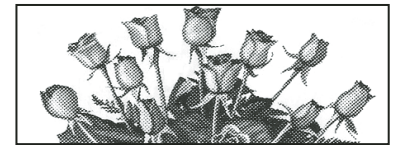
She was preceded in her passing by husbands, Dale Harvey in 1977

and Parke Johnson in 2008; daughter, Diane Law; and son, Quinn Harvey.

Survivors include son, Richard Harvey and his wife Judy of Conneaut, OH, son, Donald Harvey and his wife, Ann of Edinboro, son, William Harvey and his wife, Bonnie of Pierpont, OH; ten grandchil-

dren, numerous great-grandchildren, and several close friends.

To send condolences, please visit www.vanmatrefuneralhome.com.



**FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 2024!**

FRIDAY

THE ACTIVE AGING Foundation Bingo Every First Friday 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 with over \$1500 in Jackpots; 4 guaranteed Jackpot games. 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 are included in all admission packets; One price night bingo; \$30 play all of the cards you want.

Temperature screenings upon entrance. Masks optional;

Reserved seat requests must be submitted from noon the day before until noon the day of at 814-336-1792, ext. 158 and will be held only until 6 p.m.

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

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

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

Bingo license # BNG21015; small games of chance license # SCG21086

**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.

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

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

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are normally elected for 6 year terms, set up for one 6 year term each election with a supervisor elected every other year.

Should the voters approve an increase in the number of supervisors the two new positions likely would have different ending dates - such as one could serve 6 years, the other 2 years or 4 years.

Those questions will be resolved after the first of next year if the ballot question successfully passes.

There would be one position on the ballot - under normal circumstances - to elect one supervisor this spring anyway.

Recent elections in many places often show just one person for

a place on the ballot so voters in North Shenango will have to decide is there enough interest in having 5 serve, not 3.

The township is currently roiled by what rules should be, or are in place regarding placement of RVs, tents, and etc.

There is a push to have those rules looked at as sewage, electric, and water issues are at the heart of disputes, disagreements.

At the most recent township supervisors meeting, the township code enforcement officer [Bob Goff] resigned, somewhat of a surprise as many thought and expressed at meetings he was doing a good job in looking at township blight issues, the RVs, etc.

June, July East Fallowfield Township meetings

Two supervisors were present at the June meeting of East Fallowfield township - Doug White and Andy Kosar; Kevin Kean was absent.

There were no public comments, noting the fire department was on the agenda but no one had shown up.

May minutes and invoices along with payroll items were approved.

White made a motion to increase the footage on the paving project set for Kibbler Road. That width was expanded from 17 foot wide to 18. The motion passed.

Supervisors opted not to increase the township's Cyber Insurance.

Supervisors noted an estimate to repair damage on Pine Road as caused by a local farmer. That cost was for \$19,300 from Suit-Kote; Supervisors decided to wait for an estimate from Frank Martuccio Asphalt with estimates then passed on to the farmer's insurance company.

Kosar led a discussion as to where 2,400 ton of millings from the state could be stored.

At the July meeting, White was absent from the meeting while fellow supervisors Kosar and Kean were present.

There was no public comment.

Present from the Fallowfield fire department were Cindy Saulsbery, Jake Saulsbery and Jesse Walker while Jon Loreno, Steve Luciano and Jim Saulsbery, all three West Fallowfield Township supervisors, were also present.

A long discussion took place on the operations at the fire and Rescue's Pumphouse, issues including bylaws and who is in control of running the Pumphouse.

A meeting is to be scheduled with the parties involved and lawyers for each side.

Kean raised a question about fire sirens as the fire department would like the supervisors to buy the sirens for \$1.00 and be responsible for their care. The fire department does not want to put money into fixing the sirens.

East Fallowfield supervisors are to look into the cost of fixing the sirens and advise the department of their decision.

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North Shenango Crime Watch meeting

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

North Shenango's Crime Watch organization gathered on August 15th at 7:00pm at the North Shenango Township Building. Present to run the meeting were Eloise Settlemyre, Township Supervisor; and Dot Sperling and Bob Lindenfelser, township residents.

This meeting featured a visit from Sergeant Meador from the Linesville Police Department. He has been with the department for approximately ten years, starting full time for a few years before moving to Pitt/Titusville, and returning to Linesville shortly thereafter. He is an Army veteran, and has a BS in criminal justice.

Many community members had questions about the sort of crime seen in Linesville. Meador stated that there was "more (crime) now than there's ever been," with the

Linesville's new dining spot

The Port At Pymatuning, Linesville's latest eatery, is now open in the former Driftwood Restaurant, next to the Presbyterian Church, 220 West Erie Street, Linesville.

The eatery is owned by a local family with previous restaurant experience and promises fresh, homemade food.

The interior has been thoughtfully renovated to create an inviting atmosphere. A gift shop is on the way, adding a touch of charm with an exterior makeover in progress.

Serving breakfast and lunch, The Port features a convenient counter-service model for both dine in and to-go options.

Current hours of operation are Thursday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Port At Pymatuning is committed to being a lasting part of the Linesville community and the owners look forward to welcoming all to this exciting new addition to Linesville's business district.

The Port can be found on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest hours and menu enhancements.

Call ahead orders can be placed at 814-818-0005.

department receiving 106 calls last month resulting in nine cases and five arrests. When asked what sort of issues they saw, he said there was a "good mix" of issues with no specific one being more abundant. He also said that there are twice as many calls now than when they were better staffed in previous years.

Meador also indicated that they frequently respond to fire calls in the borough when it seems that they are needed, mentioning that both he and the chief are EMTs.

There was a lot of discussion about issues with marijuana. Since recreational use is not legalized in Pennsylvania, but medical use is, there are laws written that do not take medical marijuana into account and as a result contradict each other.

To combat this, Linesville has an ordinance regarding marijuana that charges a \$300 fine that does not go on their criminal record; it is simply a ticket.

He also spoke about vehicle and traffic citations issued in the borough. Since the department does not have jurisdiction outside of the borough, they cannot police issues in Pine Township, so if they pull someone over in Pine, it is because they broke the law while still in the borough. He also mentioned that there are a lot of calls about illegal cars that are either not registered, not inspected, or both.

He discussed how he uses his own discretion when issuing citations; he is more likely to ticket someone who lives locally and "should know better" than a family visiting from Pittsburgh who is there to camp for the weekend.

In the second half of the meeting, Lindenfelser discussed recent scams for community members to be aware of. Settlemyre gave kudos to the fire department for their promptness in dealing with downed wires and other issues from the recent storms.

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 19, at 7:00pm at the South Shenango Township Building.

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James A. Stone Memorial Library

CONNEAUTVILLE - It's been a great summer, hasn't it? Summer Reading is a wrap, and we would like to announce our winners! The kids had an opportunity to win prizes in three ways: tallying minutes spent reading, tallying books completed, and entering our prize drawing each week. Here are the big winners!

Most Minutes Read

Ages 0-5: Meadow Sochor, 760 minutes (Erie Zoo passes, safari hat, Curious George book)

Ages 6-12: Ryker Wolf, 4,170 minutes (Erie Otters tickets, street hockey set, hockey book)

Ages 13-18: Averi Wolf, 11,550 minutes (Crawford County Fair passes, backpack, book set)

Most Books Read

Ages 0-5: Lianna Asbury, 72 books (Kids' camping set, Curious George book)

Ages 6-12: Emma Eells, 151 books (2-person tent, lantern, Choose Your Own Adventure set)

Ages 13-18: Gloria Stoll, 42 books (Starbucks and Tattered Corners gift set, Classic Collectors books)

Grand Prize Drawing

Ages 0-5: Allison Schwab (3-in-1 Tricycle)

Ages 6-12: Hank Askey (Magna 24-inch Mountain Bike)

Ages 13-18: Katarina Cameron (Kindle Paperwhite)

Bonus Prize (all ages): Allison Bland (Erie Seawolves tickets)

Every child who participated in Summer Reading gets a certificate and a prize, and they are available to pick up at the library. We are very proud to announce that all our kids together racked up some very impressive statistics! The 59 kids who enrolled in Summer Reading this year, ages 0-18, reported reading a total of 58,289 minutes (that's almost a thousand hours!) and 1,470 books! Here at Stone Memorial Library, we consider that a GIANT success! We are proud of every kid who worked hard to read, keep records, attend our programs, and visit the library regularly. GREAT JOB, EVERYONE!

We would like to sincerely thank the 77 generous community members who made financial donations to our Summer Reading letter campaign, and made possible our programming and prizes for this summer. We would also like to thank the many businesses and community organizations who supported us with donations: Tattered Corners bookstore, Starbucks Coffee, The Crawford County Fair Board, The Kilted Kiln,

Ticket prices for CASH sports

The following are ticket prices and passes available to those who attend Conneaut Area Senior High sports games this upcoming school year - those games that charge admission:

Two person(adult) Gate Pass for entire school year \$50;

Active Military and Veteran Gate Passes \$1;

Senior Citizen Gate Passes \$1;

Conneaut School District Student Gate enter Free, under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult;

All other Gate Passes are Adults \$6 and non CSD students \$4.

No other information has been passed out. This information is available: names are to be on the passes. Interested persons can contact the athletic director about passes or they can come to the school to get one. There is no limit on the amount of passes the school is selling. New ticket signs are being made that will have ticket information on it. Information is to go out to social media.

the Erie Zoo, Erie Seawolves, Erie Otters, and Meadville Walmart. You all have done valuable work in supporting the young hearts and minds of our Summer Reading kids. THANK YOU!

Now that Summer Reading is done, we are working on getting ready for the upcoming round of school-year programming. We have some great ideas, and are looking forward to sharing them with you in the next issue of the Community News. We want to serve you, and meet needs where we can. Do you have a suggestion for programming, a book to recommend, or other thoughts to share? Please give us a call or stop by to discuss your ideas. We are YOUR library.

Mark your calendars now for four upcoming events remaining in the month of August:

Wednesday, August 14, 4 pm: , held, Electrical Soldering hands-on workshop hosted by Conneautville Boy Scout Andrew Hackworth (Help Andrew earn his Eagle!)

Saturday, August 17, 2 pm: Adult book club met to discuss The Bee Sting by Paul Murray, and to begin looking at next month's book, Songs for the Missing, by Stewart O'Nan (Our September meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2.)

Saturday, August 24 - Tuesday, August 27: Crawford Gives community fundraising drive done

Thursday, August 29, 10:30 am: Preschool Story Time! We now resume our regular storytime routine, each Thursday at 10:30 am, with the effervescent Mrs. Cheryl Cameron at the helm! Bring your best dance moves.

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 our most fun collections is our Play-Aways, which are audiobook devices. You just connect a set of earbuds or plug into your car stereo system and you're ready for portable listening! Perfect for your commute to work or bus ride to school.

You can also use your library card to log in to Libby, the online reading and listening app, where you can download e-books and audiobooks for free.

Libby also has plenty of extras to explore, including free access to Craftsy, Universal Class, Kovels, and LawDepot.

And did you know the library

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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!

If you have any questions about how to utilize our digital resources with your library card, just ask. We are happy to help.

Stone Memorial Library is locat-

ed at 1101 Main St., Conneautville.

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

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CONNEAUT LAKE - Summer-time may be waning, but there's still time to spend an afternoon on the veranda with a good book. The Shontz Library can set you up with what you need and has the hours to suit your schedule. The library is open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30 AM - 7 PM, Fridays from 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM, and Saturdays from 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM. (We will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2nd for Labor Day.)

Our shelves have many of the latest NY Times bestsellers, and we have plenty of classes and workshops to choose from as well. These are announced regularly on our Facebook page or in our monthly e-newsletter. Please visit the library or call to register for classes: 814-382-6666. You can also sign up for our e-newsletter to stay informed. 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. Here is a list of our upcoming classes:

Ukrainian Batik Eggshell Art: Saturday, Sept. 7th from 2 - 4 PM. Join us for a presentation with folk artist Carol Novosel and her exquisite Ukrainian Batik Eggshell Art. Carol will showcase several of her creations and speak about the integral role they play in the spring traditions of her Ukrainian church community. Participants

will learn about and have a chance to try pysanky, the process of decorating eggs with wax and dye. This project is made possible in part by federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Registration is required for this free event.

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, Sept. 9th from 1 - 3 PM. Create beautiful handmade cards to give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Painting with Paula: Thursday, Sept. 12th from 1 - 3 PM. Paula Vorisek will be introducing watercolor painting this month. Participants will practice with this medium and take home a beautiful painting! \$10 per person.

Book Club: Monday, Sept. 16th from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. The Shontz Book Club meets on the third Monday of each month. They are reading "The Woman in Cabin 10" by Ruth Ware for the Sept. meeting. Join us for a robust discussion!

American Sign Language class: Monday, Sept. 16th 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, Sept. 17th from 5:30 - 7 PM. Christy Brown will help participants make a beautiful pendant

and a set of earrings from beach glass. \$25 per person.

Chair Caning Workshop: Thursday, Sept. 19th from 1 - 3 PM. Join us for a workshop intertwining history with creativity with Charles Elliott, a renowned master weaver with over 45 years of experience. Charles invites you to explore the world of antique furniture restoration with a focus on cane seat weaving. He will demonstrate and give the audience an opportunity to try their hand at this craft. This project is made possible in part by federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Registration is required for this free event.

Story Hour: Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 10 AM. We're looking forward to starting a new year of our weekly preschool Story Hour taking place on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Toddlers and children are welcome to join us for a story, songs, games, crafts and an hour of fun!

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.

Remember, if you can't get here while we're open, check out the free lending library kiosk in front of the library where you can take one (or more) books and leave one too. If you need a movie, check out Kanopy, an on-demand streaming video platform that is free for all CCFLS cardholders. Sign up with your library card to get access to thousands of movies, TV shows, educational videos and documentaries.

Faith

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allowed me to see a loved one twice in two days. Secondly, I got to take my daily walk on my loved one's road, which turned out to be a beautiful experience.

But what really hit me, was that even though this is a small act of faith, I'd gotten groceries when I knew full well my refrigerator and freezer were being powered by a generator. It would've seemed more sensible to wait, or just pick up a couple necessities.

I bought my full week's worth of groceries because I felt confident power would be restored before bedtime. I was wrong about when the power would come back on, but correct to buy the groceries.

A neighbor told me power was restored around 4 o'clock Thursday morning. But I had ice cream, frozen chicken, fresh ground beef, almond milk, and other perishables I couldn't risk losing. A

nd I'm not entirely sure my power was restored at 4, because I think my house is on a different grid, or whatever you call it, than hers. She lost power last winter when I didn't.

Basing decisions, large or small, on faith, always turns out well. Deciding what to do based on our fears always ends up punishing us in some way, even if it's as simple as a forfeited opportunity to see a loved one for a short time. You can't put a price tag on making joyful memories.

Sometimes what seems to be a major crisis and definitely is an inconvenience, can transform into an opportunity to experience a whole lot of joy. We never know the ramifications of our decisions. We can't see the end from the beginning.

I had no idea buying ground beef and ice cream during a power outage would create such happiness.

I hope the next time you're tempted to make a fear-based decision because the alternative—the faith-based decision—scares you, you'll remember my refrigerator and groceries. Have a wonderful week, my friends. Blessings!

If you live in or nearby the Atlantic community, you might be interested in these opportunities:

Atlantic Community Church's Women's Ministry is hosting a

Unlicensed vehicles, rat infestation ...

Conneaut Lake council approves contested May meeting minutes

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 14th, 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

craft, bake, and rummage sale on Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their church. They are eager for crafters to sell their wares. Call (724) 813-8092 for site rent information.

Adamsville Presbyterian Church's congregation's service is at 11 a.m. on Sundays. As far as I know, they still host coffee hour on the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m. They serve coffee and light refreshments and enjoy each other's company.

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.

John Chuey, Bill Eldridge, Jim Ross, and Mario DeBlasio. Present via phone call was Matt Jorden, Solicitor.

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

The meeting began in a similar fashion to last month, with DeBlasio raising issue with the meeting minutes from May after the July minutes were passed unanimously.

DeBlasio stated that this third version omitted the statement he had asked

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Linesville still looking for water survey replies

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Linesville Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 13th, at the Borough Building in Linesville. Present were Kevin McGrath, Council President; Michael Chance, Council Vice-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 and Barry Chapin. Absent from the meeting were Council Members Greg Peters, Jeff Wiemer and Kelly Conner.

The beginning of the meeting went smoothly with the previous meeting minutes and both financial reports being approved unanimously by the board.

There was a lot of discussion about the Volunteer Fire Department. The VFD requested that the borough recognize them as the official fire department for the borough.

The board was largely unsure of the necessity of this request, and feared the reasoning was that they hoped the borough would absorb some of their outstanding debts.

McGrath also stated it was not necessary because the lease for the fire hall states that they will serve the Linesville borough in exchange for the property.

Additionally, no one from the department would come to the meeting to discuss it. The request was not approved by the board, with Chance saying “not addressing it is just as good.”

The board voted unanimously to approve the VFW’s request to close the road near the cemetery for Wreaths Across America in December.

The monthly police report detailed that there were 106 calls, resulting in nine cases and five arrests. There were also 16 traffic citations issued last month.

The VFD responded to two EMS calls last month, despite being initially dispatched for 15. The one lift assist call had a total time of service coming in at 0.48 hours.

It was noted Conneaut Lake Ambulance is shut down on weekends. There are 68 water line surveys

that still need to be filled out by Linesville residents, and seven in Pine Township. The survey is simply to indicate the material of a home’s pipe, specifically whether they are copper or lead. The board indicated that the next step is to “start knocking on doors” and asking people to fill out their surveys.

Council spent work session time discussing retirement funds for the police department and what plans might be best of three looked at to include how long it takes to be vested.

Council voted to purchase furnishings and file cabinets for the office area at the new pumphouse off E. Erie Street.

McGrath will move his office there, moving from the current office space in the Linesville borough building.

It was said that water authority meetings would also be held at the new pumphouse building.

A cost of phone and internet to the new building was approved at \$109.95 for installation and a cost of \$125.85 per month.

McGrath said the floor at the new water building on Penn Street wasn’t protected properly and suggested the company needs to pay repair cost. Questions remained as to what was in contract coverage.

Several bills for water line work were paid including \$148,746.25

for the new storage tank off E. Erie Street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm. The next meeting will be on Sept. 10, at the Borough Building in Linesville.

[David Schaefer contributed to this article.]

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to be included in the previous revised version, and the “language was incomplete.” The quote that he wanted to include was from Eldridge, who at the time of the May meeting expected the Green Light Go project for 2nd Street to come in under budget.

DeBlasio wished to include this quote verbatim, due to the discovery at the June meeting that the project did not come in under budget—and there was not enough in the budget to include a vehicle detection system. He wanted the record to reflect that he would not have agreed to that had he known they did not have the extra money in the project’s budget, which was not known until the month after when bills had been finalized.

Holabaugh asked Jordan if it was correct that not every statement made by a council member had to be included in the minutes, and if minutes did not need to include verbatim statements from the table discussion, and Jordan agreed, saying he wasn’t sure it was necessary.

“... It’s not incorrect to include that specific verbiage; it’s also not necessary,” Jordan said.

Eldridge stated that he believed

the minutes as Braden had written them for the third revised version accurately represented the discussion that was had without the verbatim quote.

“In my mind, these minutes are correct as written,” Eldridge said.

The entire debacle lasted approximately 35 minutes, and included DeBlasio bringing out a speaker—which he brought from home—to play a clip of the audio recording from May’s meeting in which Eldridge made a statement about the project including a vehicle detection system.

DeBlasio played a clip, which Eldridge declared was taken out of context, multiple times; including once while standing with the speaker next to the community members in attendance, and again while standing next to the borough

council—so that all parties could hear. A point of order was given by Monahan, which was promptly ignored by both Eldridge and DeBlasio, who continued to disagree with each other.

Finally, a motion was made by Chuey to approve the second version of the minutes as written last month, which included the quote; it was seconded by DeBlasio. DeBlasio, Chuey and Holabaugh voted yes; Ross, Eldridge and Monahan voted no. The tie was broken by Tigri, who voted no.

A motion was then put forth by Eldridge to approve the third version of the minutes as amended and presented to the council at this meeting; it received a second, and was put to a roll call vote. DeBlasio, Chuey and Holabaugh voted no; Ross, - See Minutes page 11



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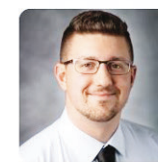
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The Administration and Finance Committee reported there are 41 people who are over 30 days late on their water bill; letters will be mailed on August 14th, with shutoffs beginning August 22nd. There were two shutoffs in July, both of which have since paid their bills and had their water turned back on.

The Parks and Recreation Committee was pleased to report that there had been no recent vandalism at Lord Mason Park, and the park was cleaned up effectively after the Corn Festival.

The Streets and Water Committee report included details about a water main break in town on July 28th. The break occurred near the 500 block of Mulberry Street, and caused the water tower to drop two inches in one minute.

The water was promptly turned off, and levels in the tower rose again within 45 minutes. 46 homes

were without water for approximately 20 hours while the leak was being repaired, and once the water was back on, the shutoff of the tower necessitated a boil water notice for a few days after.

The total cost of construction is expected to be anywhere from \$5,600 to \$10,000.

At this point, Ingols reiterated his thankfulness for the hard work that led to a successful Corn Festival, and specifically expressed gratitude to Prince for cleaning the rest rooms at Lord Mason Park.

There have been several instances where the bathrooms were vandalized in a variety of disgusting ways, and Prince has been diligent about cleaning them promptly and without complaint.

The board also expressed their gratitude to him, with Loughner commenting that if they find out who is doing it, they will more than likely be pressing charges.

G. Clark gave a report on the status of a dam being built. Citing issues with the cold fall and winter weather, he said that construction would not begin until spring 2025, although preliminary work would be completed soon.

Ingols gave an update on the Washington Street Storm project, reporting that bids have gone out to different contractors.

The construction work needs to be completed this fall due to expiring grant funds. Weather permitting, construction should take at most two weeks.

With the current funding, they are unsure of exactly how far down the street they will be able to complete, but the hope is that they will at least be able to get to the post office.

Concern was once again raised over the outstanding water bill for Rolling Fields. As of this meeting, the bill still has not been paid since February, and including a separate outstanding debt, the amount that Rolling Fields owes the borough is approximately \$26,000.

Liens have been filed in the legal system.

There was discussion about the local emergency alert system and how notices went out. Seitz explained that it is a very simple process,

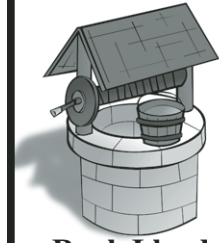
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Minutes

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Eldridge and Monahan voted yes. The tie was broken by Tigri again, who voted yes, and the minutes from the May meeting were approved without any verbatim statements from council members.

The motion to pay bills was approved unanimously by the board.

Eldridge's report on revitalization included mention that PennDOT was "agreeable" to accepting their design plan for new ADA accessible ramps on all corners at 3rd and 4th streets, and including that in the Betterment project.

It was also announced that the application for a new Green Light Go project for traffic signals on 1st Street was approved for \$291,560, with a mandatory 20% match from the borough (totaling \$72,890) if the entire grant is used. The funds will expire in 2027, and the project is required to be finished before then. The motion to approve this contract was approved unanimously.

Donnachie provided an update on the damage done on Richmond Street from an overloaded truck. He said that he contacted several companies for cost estimates, and none of them responded to him as of this meeting.

DeBlasio began to describe how fixing pavement works to Donnachie, then went on to explain that the trucking company's insurance should be expected to pay for the damage. His concern was that the insurance company would not accept an itemized bill from them, as that has been his experience in the past, and he wanted to stress the importance that this decision will have on the borough.

During the beach committee report, DeBlasio stated that he was "alarmed" at the "static numbers" seen in the beach revenue. In reading previous reports, he said that revenue has been steadily in the lower \$20,000 range, but this year only has \$8,434 listed as revenue.

After a bit of discussion, it was determined to most likely be a clerical error, with the beach revenue accidentally being split into a few different and more specific columns. The overall total for the general beach revenue was \$16,905, which is largely on track to end the summer in a similar range as in previous years.

DeBlasio also raised concern

about boats docked on the lake coming untied and damaging the docks. He wondered if there was a way to implement stronger repercussions for people whose boats come untied, including not allowing the boat owner to renew their lease the next year. It was determined that this was unnecessary, as there is no real way to know if a boat comes untied due to carelessness or a genuine accident.

It was also mentioned that there were unpaid parking bills from Paddlefest and Trinity Methodist Church. It was determined the Pad-

dlefest payment was delayed but was expected to come in soon, and that Trinity would need to pay for their parking as it is stated in their contract that parking at the beach is not included.

After that, Braden reported that a citizen had called in a complaint about a rat infestation at 395 Richmond Street. The citizen first contacted the health department, who told them to contact the borough first. Braden offered to look into past decisions made in similar cases to determine precedent before sending it to the board.

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Alert

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and other board members will be learning how to use the system so that alerts can be given to citizens as soon as possible when emergencies occur.

It was also mentioned that some citizens have not provided information for the borough to contact them with emergency notices; those who have not are encouraged to do so.

There was also discussion about the current lack of a water mapping system for the borough.

During the last water main break, they had to "hunt for valves" because they do not have accurate or up-to-date mapping of where the

water valves are located.

The current plan is to borrow a water mapping system from Girard to use and create their own mapping system for the borough.

It was mentioned that the engineers who installed the water lines did a poor job and did not map anything for them, with Prince saying "the engineers failed us."

Due to the water main break, they are no longer able to fund a water generator. The proposed plan was to use extra monies from the water fund, but with the bill from the break, they are no longer able to afford it at this time.

At last month's meeting, there was discussion of getting gas storage tanks for borough vehicles to

utilize.

When Ingols went to the Summerhill Township meeting to propose storing their gasoline there, they offered to simply transfer their lease on their gas storage tank to the borough, citing that they mostly use diesel fuel and were not getting enough use out of it. The council was very thankful for their willingness to share, and a motion to accept the lease was passed unanimously.

To conclude the meeting, there was discussion of the demolition of buildings in Conneautville, and it was agreed that it was sad to see the town beginning to shrink.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9th, at 7:00pm in the Fellows Club Firehall.

Attend

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attend. Tigri will also be attending, and Eldridge requested to attend alongside them. Their ability to attend the workshop was approved unanimously by the board.

All event requests on the agenda for Fireman's Beach, including Conneaut Lake Charity Triathlon, WALKer Run 5K, Kiwanis Club Halloween Walk and Conneaut Lake Sportsman's Association's fishing contest were approved unanimously by the board.

During the public comment period, a community member said that the swim class held at Fireman's Beach was good, but she was embarrassed for the borough at the amount of goose waste on the beach.

It was determined that there isn't an answer for this, as there's no way to prevent geese from reliev-

ing themselves on the beach.

It was also asked who owned the concession stand at the beach since it is not open very often. The borough stated that they lease it out, and it is not run by them. No one was sure who the current owner was to discuss having it open more.

Another community member inquired about the cost of renting the Town Hall as it is not well known; Braden informed him it is \$150 with a \$50 deposit.

A community member raised concern over DeBlasio's comments about boats becoming untied, and the potential for repercussions against the owners of the boats. Her boat had recently become untied due to storm damage, and after she received a call about it she had promptly fixed the issue. She did not want to risk not having her lease renewed due to a genuine accident when no damage was done and she is not a repeat offender. DeBlasio offered her use of his video cameras as his property is near where her boat is docked.

At the end of the meeting, Braden informed the council that she had received e-mails from DeBlasio in which he claimed she was not doing her job properly, along with several comments made by him at recent council meetings about her "surreptitiously" placing minutes in his folder. She said that if he continues to speak to her in that manner, she will be inquiring with the Personnel Committee to file a grievance.

"I look forward to challenging that grievance," DeBlasio said.

"I do not feel I should be treated in that manner," Braden said in her final comments on the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58pm. The next meeting will be held on September 11th at the Town Hall in Conneaut Lake. These meetings are open to the public.

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CASH sports

High school fall sports season is underway and CASH teams are starting earlier this year than some in the past.

As this is read, the **CASH football** team opened the season at Warren Friday, Aug. 23, and welcomes in the student school year on Thursday, Aug. 29, at CASH in what is being billed as Senior Night.

Homecoming has been set for September 27 and the 10 game season ends October 25.

Every team in District 10 football will play a Thursday or Saturday game due to a limited number of game officials. In previous years only one football game was played prior to Labor Day, this year teams are playing two.

After games at Hickory and Titusville, CASH's second home game is Sept. 20, vs. Northwestern.

In other sports, **CASH boy's soccer** had games set for Aug. 24 home vs. Meadville and Aug. 27, home vs. Girard - both before school starts on August 28.

The team will host Crawford County Christian Academy Sept. 3, and go to Iroquois Sept. 5.

Girl's volleyball will also open before school starts as CASH travels to Slippery Rock August 27. The team plays at Clarion JV Tourney August 31, and hosts Northwestern Sept. 5.

Girl's soccer traveled to Slippery Rock August 24, will go to Hickory August 27, host Meadville August 28, and go to Greenville September 5.

Cross Country will travel to Titusville Invitational August 31, and host Franklin September 10.

Boy's golf opened their season at Lakeview Invitational August 8, was at Franklin August 16, at Corry August 20, then hosted their own Mega Match August 22 before going to the Corry Invitational September 5.

CASH **girl's golf** opened at Hickory August 16, played at Pymatuning Valley August 21, is hosting a Mega Match August 27, and then goes to Rocky Grove August 29, and to West Middlesex Mega Match September 4.

AUGUST 20 - The Conneaut boys golf team placed first in the Corry Mega Match Tuesday, Aug. 20, at North Hills Golf Course.

Charlie Woods led the Eagles,

with an 89, Robert Gowetski (91), Gavin Gerber (95) and Luca Gabel (98).

Wood's 79 was the lowest score of the match, with the No. 2 being an 82 by Hayden Bevier of Rocky Grove.

AUGUST 8 - CASH was 13th at the Lakeview Invitational with a score of 360, won by Meadville with a score of 318.

Caiden Loucks and Gowetski had 87's, Gabel and Kyle Herr, each 98s and Gavin Gerber 88.

AUGUST 16 - The CASH golf team was second at the Franklin Mega Match, behind Rocky Grove who had a 336 score, CASH in at 353.

Woods led CASH with an 80, second best score of the day, after RG's Aaron Wetjen's 79.

Loucks scored 86, Gowetski 93 and Gabel 94.

Others in the event included teams from Corry, Franklin, Oil city and Titusville.

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The next monthly, free concert at Blossoms & Blooms Boutique, Linesville, will take place Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with *Kiltlifters Pipes & Drums at 5:30 p.m. and Max Schanz Band at 6:30 p.m.*

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Blood drive will help local man

An American Red Cross blood drive in honor of Mike Krepps, Conneaut Lake, will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Conneaut Lake Town Hall, 395 High St., Conneaut Lake.

Krepps has received many blood transfusions in his battle against cancer.

Friends of Krepps have organized the blood drive as a way to honor Krepps and as a way to thank him for his countless hours of giving to the community through his leadership of His Work, His Way, service on borough council and the Crawford County Planning Commission as well as his time helping others.

To make an appointment to donate blood, contact American Red Cross Blood Donor App. or call 1-800-733-2767.

Organizers encourage prospective donors to make appointments as soon as possible because the

Red Cross sends the number of staff members the day of the drive based on the number of appointments which have been made.

The town hall is handicapped accessible and air conditioned.

Valley Historical Museum open

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

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

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

The military room is filled with many outstanding displays. We

think the public will be pleasantly surprised at our collection. Like us on Facebook!

We continue promoting CVAHS and encourage new members in

preserving our area history.

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

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

Subscription renewal notices

Community News is sending out subscription renewal notices with rates adjusted to the time the paper was not being published between November 2023 and April 2024.

Efforts are being made to keep expiration dates as they were in the past, like expires November 30, 2023, and expires January 31, 2024.

The renewal notices will come out over the upcoming months as all cannot be done at once.

Please renew at the rates listed on the renewal cards and, as all is caught up on, rates and expire dates will once again be as they were prior to the shutdown from November 2023 through mid April 2024.

If anyone has questions, please call [814-683-4841] or e-mail your questions to The Community News office at communitynewscn10@gmail.com.

Thank you for your understanding and support of The Community News.

David Schaefer, owner/publisher



ARTIST AT WORK - Justin Suarez is shown working on the mural that now enhances the Whitmer building on its North Mercer Street side, Linesville. Suarez is from Aerosol Kingdom, Rochester, New York. The mural will be dedicated/celebrated at events in Linesville Saturday, Sept. 21. See photo of completed mural on page 1 of this issue.

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LCS Class of 1974, 50 year reunion planned

The Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School Class of 1974 is planning a 50-year class reunion to be held Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Lounge, known previously as the Park Fire Hall, Rt.

618, Conneaut Lake.

All who plan to attend are also asked to contact other classmates so as many as possible are contacted and can attend.

Spouses are welcome.

For more information contact dtabar@windstream.net.