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Monday, June 10, 2024

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## 127 CASH seniors awarded diplomas

This past Friday evening, June 7, 127 students from the Conneaut Area Senior High School, received diplomas noting their graduation from the school with 54 planning to attend college or other training, 37 planning to enter the work force and 5 entering the military. Others were undecided.

The planned outdoor ceremony, was moved inside the school the day before as rain and cooler weather were predicted, saw Class President, Greg Klink offer a welcoming address followed by speeches by Salutatorian Paris Karastury and Valedictorian Kennedy Oates.

Serving as fellow officers with Klink were Oates, vice president; Alexis Benson, secretary, and Brianna Nader, treasurer.

The class council consisted of Klink, Oates, Benson, and Nader in their roles of class officers, Karastury as press secretary, and Isabelle Gilchrist.

Class color was pink; flower, Tiger Lily; song, You're Gonna Far by Noah Kahan; and motto, "We'll never be kids again" - Frank Ocean

Classmate Katherine Miller received a merit award.

The senior list of graduates can be found beginning on page 10.

Total funds of those receiving scholarships were still being added.



## Free summer food program for ages 2 - 18

A free summer food program is being offered for all children, ages 2-18, who reside in the Conneaut School District area. There are no income requirements.

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

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

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

Participants will need to drive behind the High School to the cafeteria doors to pick up their food during those distribution days and hours.

Sign up is required by either calling Karen Beers at 814-573-4961 or Patty King in Conneaut School District's Curriculum Office at 814-683-5900 ext. 4969.

**CASH ATHLETES OF THE YEAR** - The Conneaut Area Senior High School Male Athlete of the Year award was presented to Hunter Gould who earned 4 varsity wrestling letters in his career at CASH; was District X Champion 2 years; a P.I.A.A. State Medalist 3 years; and ended his CASH wrestling career with 137 wins. The CASH Female Athlete of the Year was presented to Jaidyn Jordan who earned varsity letters in Cross-Country 2 years; Girls Soccer 2 years; Swimming 4 years; and Softball 4 years.

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## 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

It is always enjoyable to see young people and to remember the vitality and curiosity that drives a youthful attitude. Intergenerational encounters provide opportunities to interact with young and “not” young. The Bair Family Center and the Shine Bright Preschool have formed a collaboration called Kids of All Ages, and on the third Wednesday of every month the participants at the Center host the staff and children from the preschool for an interactive pursuit. On June 19, we will be sharing “Pet Day” when both the children from the preschool and the participants at the Bair Family Center will bring photos of their pets and share them with each other. A special treat that day is a visit from the Alliance for Therapy Dogs. Join us at 9:30am on June 19 for Kids of All Ages.

Active Aging turned fifty this

year! Active Aging, Inc. has served Crawford County as the local Area Agency on Aging since 1974. Your local senior centers are not the only thing that Active Aging provides to the Crawford County community. Other services include Information and Referral, Home Delivered Meals, In-Home Services for help with personal care, Ombudsman, Adult Protective Services, and PA MEDI for help with Medicare.

You may have heard that the Lottery funds are used to pay for services for older adults. While this is true, keep in mind that Crawford is only one of sixty-two counties within the Commonwealth that receives funding, and the funds are designated for specific services and so do not cover all the expenses for the Centers and the other services provided by the agency.

While some of the Area Agencies on Aging are government entities, Active Aging, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization not affiliated with county government. As such, Active Aging and your local senior centers must engage in ongoing fundraising to continue to provide services and support to the

over sixty population of Crawford County.

Financial support through donations, in-kind gifts, and participation in the fundraisers is crucial to the agency’s ability to maintain current services and build a better environment for the aging population. The Bair Family Center appreciates the support of our local community as we strive to meet the needs of our aging community members.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Voucher program returns in June. The first scheduled voucher distribution date at The Active Aging Bair Family Center is June 18, from 1-3pm, and every Tuesday through July 23 from 1-3pm.

Applications are available outside of the Center on the table by the front door 24/7. Please fill out the application completely and bring it back during one of the distribution times. The distributions will start no earlier than 1 pm so that staff can address their other duties at the Center.

Our Lunch ‘n Learn on June 20 takes us to the waters of Pymatuning Lake and the Legend of the Princess Boat presented by Dan Waters. Reserve your spot by 10am June 18, and while you are at it, make reservations for the Archery program at Linesville Beach on June 27 at 12:30pm.

If you would like to join us for lunch before trying your hand at archery, please reserve lunch by 10 am June 25 and note that lunch will be served at 11:30am that day.

Looking for that perfect greeting card? Why not make it yourself at Cards with Carol, Friday June 21, at 9:30 am. For just \$5, you can make two personalized greeting cards with all materials provided. What a special gift for the recipient with your thoughtfulness in remembering them with a handmade card. Please call the Center to register for this class.

Looking for a meaningful gift for someone who is over 60 years of age? Give the gift of LUNCH! The Bair Family Center has coupon booklets good for five lunches for \$12.50 available for purchase. Redeem a coupon for any regular lunch (does not apply to special event/holiday meals).

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

neighbors, and friends. This is especially nice for a neighbor or relative who does not get out much. Depression is on the rise in the over sixty population, and isolation is one of the leading causes of depression in this age group.

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

The Bair Family Center has hot lunches available every weekday for takeout or dine in for anyone in the community. Order lunch at least 2 days in advance by 10am, with orders for Monday and Tuesday meals due the preceding Thursday. Lunches are available for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for individuals who are at least 60 years of age.

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.

### FAITH GENEVA CHURCH-VBS

GONE FISHIN! IS THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THEME THAT WILL BE HELD JUNE 17 THRU JUNE 21, FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM AT 11549 ST. HWY 285, CONNEAUT LAKE, PA

ALL AREA CHILDREN ARE INVITED FROM OUT OF DIAPERS THRU TEENAGERS.

PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JOY MUMFORD AT 814-333-1873 OR ARVILLA ALLEN AT 814-720-9946 TO REGISTER, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THIS YEAR’S THEME WILL BE GONE FISHIN! AS IS NOTED ABOVE.

## CONNEAUT VALLEY AREA yard sales

The 2024 Annual Community Yard Sale and Events will once again return to the Boroughs of Conneautville and Springboro June 14 and 15 from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

This annual event has something for everyone.

Several homes in the two towns will be selling gently used items with larger sales at the Fellows’ Club Fire and Ambulance Service on Strawberry Alley with snacks and old fashion lemonade.

Boy Scout Troop 210 will hold sales at Saint Peter’s Catholic Church Social Hall on Washington Street.

Stone Memorial Library on Main Street will hold their Annual Book Sale along with a Pop Up Market with crafters, artisans, and up-cyclers.

The Springboro Library on South Main Street will also be hosting a rummage sale in town.

The Conneautville Fire and EMS will be holding a boot drive on Saturday to raise funds for equipment.

Come hungry and support the hometown local restaurants.

### Samaritan’s Offerings

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

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

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

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

### Linesville United Methodist Church

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## In The Atlantic Community

- By Christy Lindsay  
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### Healing a NASCAR Track

Welcome, friends. If you've read even a few of my columns, you know daily walking is a big part of my life. While walking in my yard over the past few weeks, I've noticed a remarkable healing taking place.

You read that correctly. My yard is healing. Settle in and I'll explain the story of my lawn.

See, my son, Aaron, is a gear-head. He's been fascinated with engines since...well, since forever. At least since he was three years old. My dad, or Papa Tom, as Aaron calls him, started teaching him about tools and pretty much anything with moving parts when he was a toddler.

A couple of his friends got mini bikes and go-karts when Aaron was in second or third grade. We could never keep up with the Joneses when it came to gifts or parties for our kids. He rode or drove these expensive toys at his friends' house, but we sure couldn't buy one for him.

So, Papa Tom started searching. It took a while, but he eventually found the ideal fixer-upper go-kart. Papa Tom and a good friend, who's also a friend of Aaron's, hauled the go-kart to Papa's house in December 2016. It was Aaron's big Christmas present.

I'll never forget the moment my dad opened his shed's door on Christmas morning. Aaron goggled at the go-kart and buried his face in Papa Tom's flannel-covered abdomen. I can still hear Aaron's muffled voice saying, "My very own go-kart? Thank you, Papa!"

Now, remember: I said it was a fixer-upper. Aaron drove it up and down my parents' driveway a few times on Christmas, and then over at our church's parking lot a few days later. And then it broke down.

Aaron spent the next five years joyfully tearing his go-kart apart, diagnosing its many mechanical ailments, buying new parts, and rebuilding it.

One summer, he made so many modifications, or mods, as he calls them, he pretty much transformed his go-kart into an ATV. He put ag-

gressive tires on it and a new engine. It was an absolute beast.

I didn't want him driving his go-kart on the road, even though I saw 13-year-olds driving side-by-sides and quads almost daily. So, I made him drive in the yard. My yard, which was already scarred from the installation of a French drain, now transformed from a wooded lot peppered with lilacs and rhododendron to a NASCAR track.

Aaron drove like a pro, taking hairpin curves and pushing the engine to top speed. He did this day after day. After a few months of this abuse, his aggressive go-kart tires wore a clear path around the perimeter of my yard.

Time passed, and Aaron has moved on to quads, or four-wheelers, as I call them. He got his DCNR plate, insurance, and already had his driver's license. These days, he drives on roads and designated ATV parks. Talk about an upgrade from laps in our yard.

Now, remember I said Aaron got his go-kart in 2016? I finally lost it and forbade him to drive his quad in my yard this spring. He still liked driving in our yard, even after he could legally drive on the road. I told him a few months ago I'd charge him 50 bucks per incident if I caught him driving in the lawn. Ta-da! The yard abuse ceased. Just Like. That.

I told him to re-seed the go-kart track and small dirt jumps he'd built. Let's just say he stalled in the effort to buy grass seed. But, after lawn mowing season began, I witnessed a miracle.

I love watching nature. I'm not big on engaging in it, but I love observing it. I get excited when I notice daffodil stems poking through last year's leaf-covered ground. No...I don't burn my leaves or rake them, either. Please don't have a heart attack, and let's stay friends, okay?

Anyway, the yard started reseed-ing itself after lawn mowing season began. The clippings blown onto the dirt path somehow planted new grass. While walking through my yard over the past few weeks, I noticed green shoots speckling

the packed go-kart track. They're probably dandelions, but that's a total guess.

I'm no gardener. But I know dandelions are hardy, and it'd take a very strong plant to grow on that track. It's almost prepared to pave, it's so smoothed out.

But the green is spreading every day. Areas that used to be bogs are nearly covered in thick emerald grass.

Did I mention Aaron designated a space for doing doughnuts? It created a crater. Even the doughnut hole (boo!) has almost dried out and is beginning to reseed itself.

It's astounding. I thought it'd take years for my yard to recover, but in just a few months, I'm seeing spaces that look nearly healed, and others that are beginning to show signs of life again after eight years of abuse.

That's how it works in healing and recovery in our lives, too, isn't it? What looks like a permanent scar can begin healing under the proper conditions. But it requires intervention, effort, and allowing the recovery process to begin.

When it comes to growing grass, God makes that extremely easy for me. Grass clippings from mowing seed the go-kart track. God sends rain and the sunshine. But it started with me finally saying, "Enough! Quit using my yard as an ATV park or I'll fine you."

And before I knew it, when I wasn't watching, when I wasn't planting or watering, the grass began growing.

Our wounds, our trauma, our illnesses can make us feel like our bodies, hearts, and minds have had

eight years' worth of aggressive tire damage.

But when we allow God to do the work, to reseed, water, and provide sunlight, slowly, very slowly, we can see the healing begin. This is where I am right now.

Maybe you can relate. I believe I'm in the nascent stages of recovery. I'll have to guard my mind, continue implementing my tools, such as walking, and be gentle with myself.

Whatever you're struggling with physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, or interpersonally, it can heal, too. But it often begins with saying, "Enough!" Then, by taking action to begin our recovery, and allowing God to work, we start to see the healing take place.

Keep the faith, my friends. I'm in this with you.

Here are some upcoming events in the Atlantic community:

Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department is hosting an ice cream social at 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14. The event will be held at the fire department, located at 15444 State Highway 285 in Conneaut Lake.

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's Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 10:30 on Sundays.

On Wednesdays, they offer a quilting group - **See Group page 8**



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am F, Sa, Mo, Tu, We, Th; 12:30 -  
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**The Watchers [PG-13]: 10:20 am  
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Sa, Su, Tu, Th.**

**Ezra [R]: 10:25 am F, Sa, Mo,  
Tu, We, Th; 1:00 - 3:15 - 5:30 - 7:45  
every day; 10:05 pm F, Sa, Su, Tu,  
Th.**

**Longing [R]: 3:00 every day.**

**Summer Camp [PG-13]: 10:10  
F, Sa, Mo, Tu, We, Th; 12:45 - 2:55  
- 5:05 - 7:15 every day; no 12:45  
on 6/9.**

**In A Violent Nature [R]: 9:30  
pm F, Sa, Su, Tu, Th.**

**Furiosa: A Mad Saga [R]: 10:30  
am F, Sa, Mo, Tu, We, Th; Noon -  
1:45 - 4:45 - 6:00 - 7:45 every day;  
9 pm & 10 pm F, Sa, Tu. No noon or  
6 pm shows 6/9, 6/12.**

**If [PG]: 10 am F, Sa, Mo, Tu,  
We, Th; 12:20 - 2:40 - 5:00 - 7:20  
every day;**

**The Garfield Movie [PG ]: 10:15  
am F, Sa, Mo, Tu, We, Th; 12:35 -  
2:55 - 5:15 - 7:35 every day; 9:55  
pm, Sa, Su, Tu, Th.**

**Kingdom of the Planet of the  
Apes [PG-13]: 10 a.m. F, Sa, Mo,  
Tu, We, Th; 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 every  
day; 10 pm F, Sa, Su, Tu, Th; no  
shows 1:00 - 4:00 - 7:00 6/13**

**Flashback cinema - Ferris Buel-  
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**• Secret Cinema - cinematic  
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**Advance show: Inside Out 2 -  
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# OBITUARIES

## Marilyn Bianchi

ESPYVILLE - Marilyn Bianchi (nee Clark), 86, originally from Cleveland, Ohio and a longtime resident of Espyville and Conneautville, PA,

passed away peacefully surrounded by family in Conneautville, Monday, May 27, 2024.

Beloved daughter of the late Mary Clark (Rusnov) and Mark. Sister of the late Dolores Penter.

She is survived by Steven Bianchi, Lisa Beckman (Ken), and her friend and "Mom" by choice of Tracy Manning, who she loved and took in as her own.



A celebration of her life (memorial service) will be held at a later date at Archwood United Church of Christ, Cleveland, Ohio.

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

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

## Mary Ann Palmer

LINESVILLE - Mary Ann Palmer, 65, of Linesville passed away unexpectedly Saturday, May 25, 2024, at her residence.

She was born February 12, 1959, in Meadville, the daughter of Howard and Della (Orr) Palmer.

Mary Ann was a graduate of Saegertown High School. She worked as a certified nursing assistant for many years.

She was a life member of the

Linesville Volunteer Fire Department and a member of the Pymatuning Sportsman's Club in Linesville.

Mary Ann loved her dogs, Shadow and Sunshine, and especially cherished the time she spent with her granddaughter, Emilia.

Survivors include her life partner, Alvin James Eakin; her son, George Freeman and his wife, Danielle; her granddaughter, Emilia Freeman; several step-children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; three brothers, Joe Palmer and his wife, Laura, Dale Palmer and his wife, Cindy, and Bruce Palmer and his wife, Judy; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents and a sister, Jane Palmer.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 31, 2024 at Rundell Cemetery, 13000 Rundelltown Road, Conneautville, with Rev. Trevor Mills of the Linesville Pilgrim Holiness Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linesville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 55, Linesville, PA 16424.

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

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



## Rosemary Ann Leech

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA - Rosemary Ann "Posey" Leech, 88, of Huntington Beach, CA, joined her beloved husband, Chuck, in Heaven on May 20th, 2024.

Posey was born September 4th, 1935, in Meadville, PA, to the late James and Alyce Forker.

She is survived by her sons, Chuck Leech Jr. (wife Kelli), Dave Leech (wife Edie), daughter Lindy Leech-Painter (husband Kelly), grandchildren Trent Painter, Lauren Meyer,

Kate Painter, Sarah Auctt, Dylan Painter, Elizabeth Morini, 7 great-grand-children and her beloved dog, Belle.

Posey trained as a nurse and was a devoted Air Force Pilot wife. She embraced military life as her husband served while she raised their 3 children.

She amassed countless volunteer hours at her children's schools and at community events and upon her husband's retirement from the Air Force, she and Chuck became active at St. Bonaventure Parish as Eucharist Ministers and Baptism Coordinators.

Her greatest pride was her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren!

She loved to travel with her husband of 69 years, especially to Hawaii and to visit the wineries in Central California. Over the years, Posey and Chuck traveled and cruised extensively, eventually visiting every continent except for



Antarctica.

In addition to traveling, Posey took great pride in her home. She had an amazing green thumb which was evident in her yard over the years and in her flower arranging. Posey was an avid knitter who loved reading and watching sports and game shows.

She will be greatly missed and will forever hold a special place in our hearts! Cheers Grandma!

A funeral mass was held at St. Bonaventure Church in Huntington Beach Saturday, May 25, 2024.

Private burial services were held at St. Agatha Cemetery in Meadville.

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

## Edgar L. Percy

CONNEAUTVILLE - Edgar L. Percy, 89, of Conneautville, passed away Thursday May 23, 2024, at Rolling Fields Eldercare Community.

He was born August 21, 1934, to the late Joseph and Elva Percy. He married Genevieve M. Percy July 4, 1959.

Edgar enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time with his family.

Edgar is survived by three children, Mark (Lori Hoogstad) Percy, Sharon (Dale) Laird and Patrick (Betty) Percy, 6 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his wife, parents, stillborn twins, 2 brothers, Wayne Percy, Donald Percy, and 2 sisters, Delores Ray, and Lavada Cooper

Friends and family were received on Wednesday May 29, 2024, from 3:00 PM until the time of the service, which began at 5:00 PM, at McCauley Funeral Home, 1405 Main St., Conneautville.

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

## Genevieve Percy

CONNEAUTVILLE - Genevieve M. Percy, 84, of Conneautville, passed away Saturday, May 4, 2024, at Rolling Fields Eldercare Community.

She was born June 23, 1939, in Conneautville, PA to the late John W. and Marie A. (Lasko) Foster.

She married Edgar Percy July 4,

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Genevieve was known for her outgoing personality and contagious smile. She enjoyed cooking and baking and was infamous for her homemade pizzas. On occasion she might even be seen at the casino. Her day was always brighter when her family visited.

In addition to her husband, Genevieve is survived by three children, Mark Percy, Sharon (Dale) Laird and Patrick (Betty) Percy, 6 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, two sisters, Barbara Foster and Janet Loepp as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents, stillborn twins, a sister, Frances Hayes and a brother, Robert Foster.

Calling hours and her funeral services were held Thursday, May 9, 2024, at McCauley Funeral Home, 1405 Main St., Conneautville.

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

**Jeffrey E. Kean, Sr.**

CONNEAUTVILLE - On Sunday, April 7, 2024, God took another angel and best friend home leaving those left behind to mourn the loss.

Jeff was born March 24, 1963, in Meadville, to the late Mearl M. and Natalie J. (Reich) Kean.



He and his wife, Kathy (Molnar) started their journey together on August 12th, 1988.

Jeff proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from July 1983-April 1987.

He worked for Meadville Forging Company for 18 years.

Some of his favorite things to do were hunting, fishing, riding his side by side and going on walks with his wife and his dogs.

Jeff was a family man, he was always looking forward to go visit his son's family in Germany and his daughter in Colorado. He met with his brothers and sister each week to get lunch and catch up.

Jeff loved to be outdoors, as hunting was a big part of his life.

He was always interested in DIY projects, he had a love for craftsmanship.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife, Kathy, a son, Jeffrey Kean, Jr. and his wife, Eva, a daughter Jenny Kean, three grandchildren, David, Henry and Matilda, a sister, Debbie Kean, two brothers—Mearl Kean, Jr and his wife, Beth and Ted Kean as well as several nieces and nephews and three granddogs. He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents.

Calling hours and funeral services were held Thursday, April 11, 2024. Pastor Matt Rendulic officiated.

Memorial donations can be made to McCauley Funeral Home 1405 Main St., Conneautville, to help defray funeral expenses.

**Robert George Knepp**

SPRINGBORO - Robert George Knepp, 87, of Springboro passed away quietly Monday, March 18, 2024.

He was born August 3, 1936, in Sewickley, PA, the son of Herman Edward Knepp and Sara Mae Varner.



The family moved to the Springboro area in the 1940's, where they had a dairy farm on Shadeland Road. Later, Robert also helped his father with masonry work, building foundations for local houses within the area.

He was in the first graduating class of Conneaut Valley High School in 1955. Shortly after graduating, he joined the United States Marine Corps. There he earned a sharpshooter medal and later received an honorable discharge as a Private First Class in 1958, then returned to our area.

He met his future wife, Donna Marie Hollister, of Cherry Hill, at a local dance. They were wed August 20, 1962.

Robert and Donna would later move to a house on Shadeland Road, so close they could still see the family farm.

In January 1963 their first-born child, Brian David, was born. In February 1964, their second child,

Gregory Michael, arrived.

Robert worked at Hercules, later Richardson, in Conneaut, Ohio, for approximately 20 years. Later, he worked at Molded Fiberglass in Linesville, retiring when he was 70.

He proudly donated blood to the American Red Cross during every blood drive for approximately 20 years until medication forbade it.

He was a quiet, gentle man who loved dogs—and also the many cats his son, Gregory, brought home and “adopted” from his mail route. When a feline sat in his chair at home, he’d simply find another place to sit. Every spring he’d admire the blooming tulips he planted years ago where the family once had their swimming pool.

Later in life, he enjoyed watching TV, reading the daily newspaper and visiting relatives for Sunday dinner. A friendly person, in warm weather, he’d sit on the porch of his son’s cabin and wave at passing vehicles.

He’s survived by his son and household companion, Gregory, who will truly miss seeing him every day and his sisters, Ethel Wright and Linda Sziklai, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He’s preceded in his passing by his parents, Herman and Sarah, his wife, Donna in 2015, and his son, Brian in 2021. He’s also preceded in his passing by his brother, Herman, and sisters, Marie and Margaret.

Private family services were being planned at a later date.

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

**Terry Benfield**

LINESVILLE - Terry Lea Bernfield, 60, of Linesville, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, June 1, 2024, at her residence.

She was born November 7, 1963, in Meadville, the daughter of Jack and Betty (Rubcic) Reynolds.



Terry was a Class of 1980 graduate of Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School. She currently worked in the human resources department for Cre-

ative Millwork in Ashtabula, Ohio.

She served on the board and was treasurer at Penn Line Cemetery.

Terry enjoyed reading, nature, going to the ocean and seeing sea turtles. She loved her dog, Bailey.

Survivors include three sons, Cody (Caitlyn) Benfield, Jack (Cierra) Benfield and David (Kelsey) Drischler; her grandson, Jackson Benfield; two sisters, Janet L. Reynolds and Laura (James) Kennedy; and two nephews, Nick Atrozskin and Adam Kennedy.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents.

Services are private and at the convenience of the family.

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

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

**Alvin Eakin**

LINESVILLE - Alvin James Eakin, 86, of Linesville, passed away Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Meadville Medical Center.

He was born March 17, 1938, in Apollo, PA, the son of James and

Cora (Gess) Eakin.

Alvin was a Class of 1956 graduate of New Castle High School. He served our country in the United States Army Reserves.

He was a truck driver and from 1983 until 2019 managed Bill and Al's Mobile Home Services.



Alvin attended Pilgrim Holiness Church in Linesville.

He was a member of the Pymatuning Sportsman's Club in Linesville, the American Legion Post 462 in Linesville and the Crawford County Archeology Society.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, archeology, ancestry, and cherished spending time with his family.

Survivors include his children, Robert Eakin and his girlfriend, Lexi, Randle Eakin and his wife, Yvonne, - See Obituaries page 6

**Additional obituaries - page 6**

**Area Bingo Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY**

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

Temperature screenings upon

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Obituaries - from page 6**

Carol Lee Palumbo and her husband, Brian, Donna Eakin, Megan Eakin, Amanda Eakin, and George Freeman and his wife, Danielle; 12 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and one great-great grandson; a brother, David Eakin and his wife, June; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents; his companion,

Mary Ann Palmer; a son, Timothy Eakin; and two brothers, Alan and Gary Eakin.

A private grave side service was held at Rundell Cemetery in Conneautville with Rev. Trevor Mills of the Linesville Pilgrim Holiness Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pilgrim Holiness Church, 307 E. Erie Street, Linesville, PA 16424.

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

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

**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.

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**MILITARY PLANS** - Ashlee Barabas [R], who is a 2023-24 Conneaut Area High School graduate, has joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and was awarded a \$71,000 scholarship as shown above. Others who joined the military from CASH's graduating class include Ameara McGrath - Army; Max Getz - Marines; Matthew Myers - Army; and Lycan Orta - Navy.

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**Conneaut appoints temporary BG director**

- By DAVID SCHAEF

Community News

Meeting in special voting session, prior to the June monthly work session, Conneaut School Board members, by 6-2-1 vote, accepted the resignation of 8-year employee Frank Kimmel, Director of Building and Grounds effective June 3.

Appointed then on 8-1 vote as a temporary Transitional Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds was Ellwood Schell, the district's retired coordinator of Building and Grounds.

Schell's work time began June 6 and will run through August 30, 2024, at a supplemental pay of \$4,400, which should give the board time to seek a replacement for Kimmel and have a supervisor in charge of the summer work to include the transition to one middle school at Conneaut Lake, the closing of Valley Middle School, and changing the Valley Elementary School kitchen from a serving kitchen to production kitchen since

Valley Middle School had served that capacity.

In the 6-2-1 vote, Schaefer made statement that he was voting no on the resignation, saying "The whole matter [Kimmel's resigning] has been one where personal animosity has overtaken professionalism which I find despicable...when one has disagreements steps should be taken to find fair and equitable solution, not personal animosity that puts the district on a wrong path."

Schaefer was joined in his no vote by Tim McQuiston, John Burnham abstaining. Voting yes were GW Hall, Ryan Klink, Steve Nadar, Ed Williamson, Dot Luckcock, and Adam Horne.

At the work session, an updated report on the proposed budget to begin July 1, was given by Business Manager Christine Krankota. That budget is not requiring a tax increase, and indications are in the 5-year projection, protection of the district's fund balance.

Actual state dollars to come into the budget are unknown since the

state is working on their budget to begin July 1.

It is hoped the state will pass some reform on charter school payments which could benefit the Conneaut budget by over \$500,000.

Charter schools get paid the average amount of educating a student in the student's home school district while charter schools do not usually have expenses for heat, busing, repairs, staff numbers, lawn work, and so much more that a brick and mortar school has.

A final district budget will be approved at the June voting meeting.

Next year's bell schedules are set to be approved with Lake Elementary opening doors at 7:30 a.m., and dismissal being at 2:10 p.m.; Valley Elementary opening doors at 7:30 a.m. dismissing at 2:05; Lake Middle opening doors at 7:45, dismissing at 2:55; and CASH opening doors at 8:05 and dismissing at 3:15.

Schaefer thought the dismissal times were very early, noting he has concern about those times.

## 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 is Saturday, June 29th, 2024.

Our summer reading program starts 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 is at 6:00 pm. Ice cream and sidewalk chalk will be provided for the children and a bird bath craft is planned for the adults.

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

Our summer hours will begin 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 will be the first station and June 26th is water filtration. We look forward to seeing you all!

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

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" is on Saturday, June 29th, at 10:00 am. We will be drawing 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.

Check out our Facebook page for updates and information about upcoming events and our website [springboro.ccfls.org](http://springboro.ccfls.org) to see our monthly calendar. Please let us know if you plan to come to our events by commenting on our Facebook post when it becomes available or call us so we are prepared with supplies. We love to see new and loyal patrons!



In and Around ...

## The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

### James A. Stone Memorial Library

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

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

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

Preschool Story Time is held on Thursdays at 10:30 am, led by our champion Children's Librarian, Mrs. Cheryl Cameron. Book Club meets once per month on the third Saturday of the month, at 2 pm. Our current read is Tara Road, by Maeve Binchy. We have copies available at the library for anyone who would like to join in. Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, June 15.

Pokemon Club met once more before summer on Saturday, June 8 at 11 am. Bring your cards and be ready to discuss and trade! Each participant receives a new Pokemon card.

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

Diamond-Dot Painting with Sharon meets once per month on the second Friday of the month. The next meeting will be Friday, June 14, at 10 am. Bring your own diamond-dot painting kit to work on with friends.

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

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

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

Ph.: (814) 587-2142, email: [stone@ccfls.org](mailto:stone@ccfls.org), website: [stone@ccfls.org](http://stone@ccfls.org), Facebook: Stone Memorial Library



**PROGRAM - The Conneaut Lake Area Historical Society is pleased to announce the Monday, June 17, Program "Sailing on Conneaut Lake: The Conneaut Lake Yacht Club Years" presented by Chad Waldschmidt, at 7 pm at the Conneaut Lake Sportsmen's Club, 11861 Sportsman Road, Conneaut Lake. All are welcome to bring stories and memories to share. Programs are held the 3rd Monday of the month, open to the public and free of charge. Hall is handicapped accessible and smoke free. Refreshments will be served.**




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# Margaret Shontz MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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

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

sign up: 814-382-6666. Story Hour: Tuesdays from 10 - 11 AM. Parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, babysitters: bring your children and join us for an hour of games, songs, crafts, snacks, stories and fun every Tuesday morning!

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

It's almost summertime - which means it's time to visit the library and find a great summer read!

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

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

Beach Glass Shadow Box Class: Thursday, June 13th, AND Saturday, June 15th. Create a beautiful picture inside of a shadow box at this beach glass class! \$25 per person.

American Sign Language class: Monday, June 17th from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill! This class is free and open to the public.

Floral Design with Blossoms & Blooms: Monday, June 24th from 2 - 3 PM. Create a beautiful arrange-

ment to celebrate Independence Day! \$40 per person.

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

Summer Reading Program: Our annual Summer Reading Program meets at the Conneaut Lake Elementary School gym for six weeks from 11 AM - noon beginning on June 12th. We have a fabulous lineup of presenters to educate and entertain everyone each week. 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 13 - August 25th and let the creativity begin!

### Group - from page 3

at 11 a.m., a Bible study at 2 p.m., and an after school study group at 3:30 p.m. That's a busy day, for sure!

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 on the book of Revelation at 1:45 p.m. on Tuesdays.

As of this writing, the Revelation Bible Study group is focusing on Chapter 19 and will be delving into this fascinating book for a while longer.

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.

They will also host Vacation Bible School (VBS) from June 24 through June 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Leader Joyce Moore, who teaches Kidz Kove, and is a public school teacher of 33 years, who has led or taught classes in VBS since age 19, wrote the curriculum this year.

The theme is Camp Lighthouse: Shepherds in Training. The program is based on the 23rd Psalm, and emphasizes Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

I'm sure this is going to be a very special VBS experience for all kids ages 3 to 12. You can register the children in your life at [lighthousecommunitychurchpa.org](http://lighthousecommunitychurchpa.org).

The church is located at 9517 US Highway 322 in Conneaut Lake. Come and bring friends for the best time of your life!



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TRIPLE THREAT PLAQUE WINNERS during the 2023-24 school year at CASH and recognized at the recent year ending recognition event were, L to R: Lainie Harrington, JR. - GVB - BBSK - SB; Luca Gabel, JR. - GOLF - BBSK - BB; Jaidyn Jordan, SR. - GS - SWIM - SB; and Greg Klink, SR. - BS - BBSK - BB. Plaque winners must have played a minimum of 3 sports during the school year and earned varsity letters in all 3 sports.



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# Dandelion Days

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

## In Honor of Memorial Day and D-Day

(INTRODUCTION: A few months ago I had the honor of meeting a retired gentleman who met me at the front door of our house. As many folks know, due to my recent physical difficulties I still find it extremely hard to wander around.

The purpose of this gentleman's arrival was to deliver some food which we had ordered from one of the local restaurants. As he climbed the steps onto our front porch, I noticed the insignia molded onto the front of the cap that he wore. The insignia indicated that he was a Veteran of our Armed Forces.

Over the following weeks, we had more communication. I learned he had served for many years, including a long tour of France. I, in response, indicated my deepest appreciation for all the honorable men and women who serve in our Nation's Armed Forces. I told him about my Dad... he told me of his experiences.

Recently I shared with him my experiences while living homeless on the streets of Pittsburgh during the late '70s. AND, I told him of DAN & SAM. He was overwhelmed.

SO... this article is for YOU, SID...and for all who serve our Nation.)

As I sit here in front of my computer trying, unsuccessfully, to stifle and hold back my tears, I realize that a HUGE chapter of my Life has now been completed.

A few moments ago I gazed upon my fifth and final Artwork which I created as a donation to our local OPERATION WOUNDED VETZ event, which happened on July 21 a few years back, at the Meadville Italian Civic Club location.

This final creation, entitled "NEVER FORGOTTEN" relates the last step in the story which I began several years ago. Each work in my series was intentionally developed to tell part of a tale with which I was blessed to have heard firsthand from a small

group of individuals which I had the extreme honor of meeting four decades ago. Please allow me to explain.

During part of the late 1970's, I spent a time being homeless, living on the streets and sharing time with others who also wandered in a similar situation. After a while, the atmosphere of immediate mistrust of my presence gradually evaporated, and the other folks began to "open-up" to me. Many of the homeless individuals demonstrated what could only be interpreted as extreme loneliness. Some had lost their families, their homes and possessions, and all they had hoped to achieve in Life...despite, in most instances, their very, VERY hard work. Most were the victims of circumstances beyond their control. Others had simply "turned their backs" to the Society and world of those times.

Yet, as time developed, and their trust in me expanded, I gradually met, and listened to the experiences, shared by a smaller sub-group of these people...listened, usually, well into the small hours of the night. The tales told to me by these men (they were ALWAYS men), have stayed with me these many, many years...never diminishing in their effect upon my Heart and upon my Spirit.

Each of these men was an American Service Veteran...some serving in Viet Nam during the

1960's...and a VERY few having served earlier in Korea, and one individual (an extremely frail man) having served in France during WWII. More than two-thirds of the Vets carried with them the scars, both physically and emotionally, of their years of Service...a few were physically disabled, and "normal" Life was something they could NEVER hope to recapture.

BUT...

What has stayed with me the most, what affected me the deepest, was the Life story of just ONE of these American Heroes...and he became the individual with which I would spend most of the late evenings listening enthralled to his words.

Without revealing this man's true identity, let's call him "Dan."

Dan was never alone...with him at all moments was his partner, his one Family member, his "Soul-mate," his sweet Canine companion, Sam (Dan named him "Sam" in honor of the American Symbol, UNCLE SAM).

Sam never left Dan's side. They drank the river water together...wandered the streets of Pittsburgh's Northside together...slept together...and on Sunday mornings, they attended Service together (the Minister was a very kind and understanding individual).

Dan never revealed his true age to me, or to anyone; however, in light of his military service, it would be safe to assume that in 1978, Dan was in his late '40's, give or take. The tale which Dan entrusted to me during those late evenings serves as the Inspiration for my dedication to OPERATION WOUNDED - See VETZ page 15



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**ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS - The 2023-24 CASH senior Athletic Academic Achievement Award was presented by Jen Klink, treasurer of the CASH All-Sports Boosters, to CASH senior Brianna Nader. This award is presented by the Boosters to the student who has earned 5 varsity letters in the student's high school career and has the highest GPA in the graduating senior class. The award was presented at the school's end of year recognition event.**



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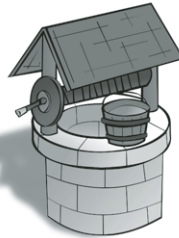
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- Alsdorf, Carson Paul 6,2 One Life Institute
- Andrew Aubre Jo 8,2 Workforce
- Barabas, Ashlee Lauren 4,9,14,1 University of Pittsburgh & PA Air Force Guard
- Bartholomew, Daniel Lee 6 Workforce
- Beightol, Gage Alexander 6 Lakeview Ford
- Benson, Alexis Renee 4,5,13,14,1 Penn State- Behrend
- Bernard Jr, James Arthur 6,2 Optical Filers, LLC
- Blair, Kara Elizabeth 6,1 Butler County Community College
- Brady, Hannah Rose Marie 4,3,1 Thiel College
- Brown, Kendal Madison 2,6 Penn West- University of Clarion
- Burgess, Kaylee Jade Undecided
- Burns, Caden Anthony Workforce
- Burns, Julian Xavier Workforce
- Burton, Gage Jeffrey Undecided
- Byerly, Breanna Leigh 15,14,1 Penn State- Behrend
- Byler, Grace Lynne 4,3,1 Slippery Rock University
- Clark, Gracie Lynn 1 Robert Morris
- Conaway, Vincent Alexande 15,6 Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
- Copeland III, David Richard 6 Workforce
- Cox, Donovan Jacob 6 Undecided
- Csorba, Kerstin Rose 6 Wesbury Retirement Community
- Czubek, Kyle John 6 Cox's Ag Services
- Dailey, Parker James 6 Fibro Tool & Gage
- Dennis, Karlie Elizabeth 4,14,1 Seton Hill University
- Dygert, Jacob Michael Undecided
- Eckenrode, Cameron Micheal Undecided
- Ellis, Logan Storm Workforce
- Eschweiler, Hannah Diane 6 Workforce
- Evans, Kylie Lynn Thiel
- Fanelli, Kelly Jean Undecided
- Feather, Maxx David 6 Workforce
- Feeney, Kyrsten Ann 6 Workforce
- Fields, Chelsei Lea 6 Gap year
- Foister, Spencer James 2 Workforce
- Foust, Dylan Jay 6 Workforce

Getz, Maxwell Paul 4,9,1 US Marine Corps  
 Gilchrist, Isabelle Sierra Nicole 13 University of Akron  
 Godfrey, Natilie Marie Workforce  
 Gould, Hunter Daniel 11 Lock Haven University  
 Gowetski, Julianne Joyce 4,14,1 John Carroll University  
 Graff, Jayna Alizabeth 6 Noe' Noonan School of Cosmetology  
 Granda, Skylar Marie Workforce  
 Graybill, Nathaniel Martin 4,1 Grove City College  
 Groover, Logan Thomas 2 Thiel College  
 Hannan, Ariana Nicole 6,2 University of Pittsburgh- Titusville/ MMC  
 Harper, Emily May Noe' Noonan School of Cosmetology  
 Hayes, Arianna Janae Undecided  
 Heckman, Emily Elizabeth 2 Further training  
 Herman-Post, Cobin Cruz 6 Workforce  
 Huff, Anthony Raymond 6 PS Furniture  
 Hymson, Katherine Victoria Hiram G. Andrews Institute  
 Janocha, Franklyn Lucille Penn State- Behrend  
 Johnson, Daelynn Nicole 15,1 Workforce  
 Jordan Jaidyn Love 4,10,6,14,1 Ashland University  
 Juracko, Jeannie Marie 15 Workforce  
 Kaiser, Connor Douglas Undecided  
 Karastury, Paris Madeline 4,12,13,1 Florida Southern College  
 Karastury, Payten Ann 4,12,14,1 Florida Southern College  
 Keller, Cameron Robert 6 Workforce  
 Klink, Brevin Matthew 4,8,11,6,14,2 Thiel College  
 Klink, Gregory Alan 4,8,6,5,13,1 Gannon University  
 Knierman, Juliona Marie-Frances Toni & Guy  
 Kornman, Wyatt Fitting 6 Workforce  
 Laird, Jessica Ann 7,1 Indiana University of PA  
 Lindow IV, Albert Aaron Workforce  
 Locke, Caden Ryan Channellock  
 Locke, Sean Daniel Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics  
 Loose, Dante Workforce  
 Lynn, Benjamine Thomas 6 Auto Zone Auto Parts  
 Lynn, Veronica Elaine 14,1 Allegheny College  
 McClimans, Kaylee Shae 4,1 Gap year

McClimans, Skylar, Alan 1 Walmart  
 McGrath, Ameara Ann 9,6 US Army  
 McKelvey, Jenna Elizabeth Undecided  
 McMillan, Blake Dale 6 Thiel College  
 Mead, Landen Carter 14,1 Penn State University  
 Mead, Larkin Alexis 1 Penn West- Edinboro University

Meyer, Isabell Marie 4,14,1 Penn West- University of Clarion  
 Miazga, Emma Marie 7,1 Slippery Rock University  
 Mihoci, Jillian Renee 4,1 Penn West- University of Clarion  
 Miller, Katherine Rose Marie 15,4,7,1 Appalachian Bible College  
 Miner, Tessa Rae Undecided  
 Moore, Lilyan Suzanne 4,14,1 Penn State - Behrend - **To page 12**

**2024 CASH Graduates  
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**Senior list - from page 11**

Moosmann, Luke Yvan Workforce  
 Moss, Timothy Ryan Janocha Construction  
 Mozina, Abigail Rose 4,8,1 University of Findlay  
 Myers, Mathew Aydyn Rylee 8,9,2 US Army  
 Nader, Brianna Rae 4,3,11,5,13,1 Washington & Jefferson College  
 Oates, Kenady Quin 4,12,5,13,1 Gannon University  
 Onderko, Skyla Olivia 6 Hiram G. Andrews Center

Orta, Lycan Saleen 9 US Navy  
 Ott, Alayna Marie 4,14,1 Kent State University  
 Pacansky, Cameron Glen Workforce  
 Percy, Zavia Lanae 6 Workforce, Air Force  
 Peterson, Faith Navaeh 15,14,1 IUP  
 Ransom, Landon Paul 7,1 Workforce  
 Reagle, Luca Lee Workforce  
 Reinhart, Alexandra Ann 4,8,6,1 Hovis Auto and Truck Supply  
 Ritchey, Zachary James Hiram

Samuels, Julianna Mae Undecided  
 Scott, Eric Michael Undecided  
 Seitz, Addison Grace 6,1 Penn West- Edinboro University  
 Shaw, Tyler James 10,6,2 Acutec Precision Aerospace, Inc.  
 Shelatz, Tristan James 4,14,1 Penn West- Edinboro University  
 Shepard, Charles Douglas 6 Workforce  
 Shingler, Sicily Marie Workforce  
 Shrock, Kylie Ann 4,10,6,14,1 Thiel College  
 Spicer, Timothy Andrew 2 Mercyhurst University  
 Sprong, Elise Anastasia 15,7,1 Indiana University of PA  
 Steele, Tiffany Nichole 2 Further training  
 Stewart, Colby Maxwell 6,2 Eastern Atlantic State Millwright Union  
 Suchy, Hunter Braden 1 Slippery Rock University  
 Terrant, AshleeRey Elizabeth 6 Undecided  
 Turk, Faythe Ann Undecided

Tyson, Aiden Michael 1 Great Lakes Institute of Technology  
 Ulan, Madison Jensen 6 Acutec Precision Aerospace, Inc.  
 Valentine, Chase Anthony 1 Workforce  
 Van Buren, Zachary Alan 6 Conneautville Soybean Crushing, LLC  
 Villalba, Zoe Alesse 6 Cross Home Care  
 Weber, Carson Michael 6 Undecided  
 Weinschenk, Logan John 4,14,1 Slippery Rock University  
 White III, David James 6 Workforce  
 White, Gavin Michael 4,3,11,14,1 Allegheny College  
 Wilpula, Matthew Allen 4 Penn State - Behrend  
 Wyant, Rebecca Elizabeth 6,1,2 Workforce  
 Zubik, Kaylie Mae 2 Slippery Rock University

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 4 National Honor Society Member - Gold Cord  
 5 Senior Class Council – Silver Stole  
 6 CC Career & Technical Center Graduate  
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 8 FFA Member – Gold w/Blue Cord  
 9 Military – Red/White/Blue Cord  
 10 National Tech Honor Society – Gray Stole  
 11 Eagle Scout–Red/White/Blue Cord w/Eagle  
 12th Grade -12 Perfect Attendance  
 13 Perfect Attendance 9th-12th Grade  
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**Linesville Food Pantry open**

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

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

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

Doing a garden, have extra plants, extra vegetables? Those extra veggies are always welcome at the Food Pantry on the days listed above!!



## Linesville Library

**LINESVILLE - BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!** With your library card, you now have access to Kanopy which gives you access to movies, tv series, documentaries, and foreign films. Your library card gives you 15 tickets each month to watch!

Our Annual Book sale was held [also a plant sale] Friday, May 24, 9AM - 6pm and Saturday, May 25, 8AM - 2PM! ! We will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.

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

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

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

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

Book Club met June 5 to discuss The Bluest Eyes by Toni Morrison and handed out our next book, Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty.

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

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

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

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

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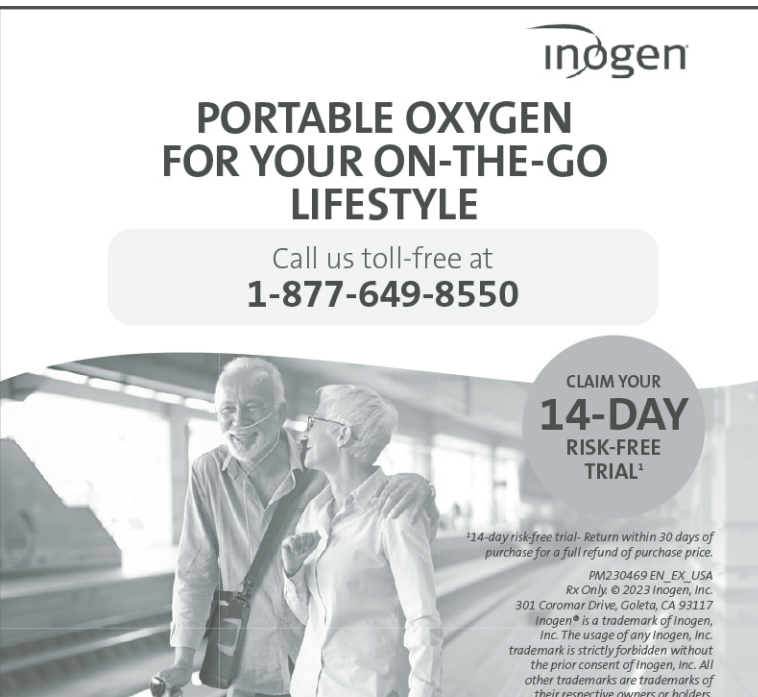
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We hope that you can join us. We are located at 14261 Cemetery Road in Harmonsburg. Here at the Henretta Memorial Public Library, we've been busy adding new books to our shelves. Stop by and take a look at what we have to offer. Library is at 14261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

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

Visit the Facebook page ("Henretta Memorial Library") or call (814) 547-1136 for more details and the most up-to-date information about all the happenings at "The Little Library Around the Corner" in Harmonsburg.



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**TRIPLE THREATS** - Underclassmen Triple Threat Winners at Conneaut Area High School who were awarded with Special T-Shirts for taking part in three different varsity sports season during the 2023-24 school year, were, from left, front row - Haylee Morini, Lilly Detelich, Debella Durkin, BreAnn Dendis, and in back - Noah Scott and Nick Garcia, who was also a plaque winner. Awards were presented at the end of school year student recognition event at CASH. Grade and sports played were as follows: 10TH, HAYLEE MORINI – GS – GBSK – GLAX; 9TH, LILLY DETELICH – GVB – GBSK – GLAX; 9TH, DEBELLA DURKIN – GOLF – GBSK – BLAX; 9TH, BRE ANNE DENDIS – GVB – GBSK – SB; 9TH, NOAH SCOTT – BS – BBSK – BVB; and 10TH, NICK GARCIA - CC/BS – BBSK - BVB.

**VETZ - from page 9**

VETZ, and as the inspiration for the five Artworks I have created in memory of him and ALL our American Service Heroes and Heroines.

**Linesville Historical Society open weekly**

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

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

The society is also open by appointment.

Memberships are welcome as are donations.

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**THE TALE AS DAN TOLD ME...**

Began shortly after his enlistment. He pursued, and was granted, the responsibility of serving together with a Service Dog. This dog came under Dan's auspices as a small pup...a German Shepherd, pup, of course. Together they spent hours, days, weeks, and MORE training together. Dan never told me the name of his Canine Service Companion; whenever I would ask for this information, he would quickly "SHUT-UP." The two of them served together several years, throughout the length of Dan's duty.

BUT...when the time came for Dan's tour to be completed, he was not permitted to take his loyal sidekick back home with him. They parted...despite all the best efforts.

Dan returned back home to Pennsylvania, only to find that in his absence, he had lost everything. He had absolutely only one choice: to inhabit the streets and sleep un-

der the bridges of Pittsburgh.

After a few months alone, and with the colder season approaching, Dan found himself totally alone late one evening, and warming his hands over an "acquired" can of Sterno.

**AND THEN...**

A tiny whine split the quiet of Dan's night. Two tiny eyes stared out of the darkness at Dan. For whatever reason...Fate...Karma...Eternity...the eyes moved forward toward Dan, and as Dan wrapped his arms around the little guy, Sam gave Dan his first lick, his kiss of approval.

The rest is obvious history.

AS I spent more and more late evenings together with Dan and the other folks, Sam, also, began to trust me. I suppose his sensed Dan's acceptance of me.

Gradually, my Life began to change once again. A friend with whom I had worked took me in and shared his mobile home with me. I

had a warm place to sleep, and a warm shower to take whenever I wanted!

Gradually, I "moved" my homeless period to the back of my mind.

Several months passed...or, perhaps, it was more like an entire year, or more. For some unknown reason, I was prompted to visit the folks with whom I had shared my homeless experiences. I searched them out in the places I had seen them last. By this time, Pittsburgh had passed new legislation which effectively barred the homeless from public sites and venues. Through I tried my best, I NEVER saw Dan or Sam ever again...but, they have NEVER, EVER left me.

The series of works which I created for our local Veterans' event tells Dan & Sam's story in five parts:

TRIBUTE...which depicts a German Shepherd holding and defending the staff of an American Flag;

BOOT CAMP...which depicts a GSD Canine pup at his Service Partner's feet;

GUARDIAN ANGELS...which depicts a Service Canine guarding his sleeping/wounded companion

ALWAYS FAITHFUL...which depicts that same Canine fully-grown, and curled around the empty boots of his departed Companion;

NEVER FORGOTTEN...which depicts...well, if you have a chance to see this work, you'll KNOW!

The final work I created is entitled HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS...it depicts the home-

less Dan & Sam as I knew them.

**DAN & SAM...**

I KNOW you are listening, as are all the other Vets who shared their experiences with me during those nights and days. Believe me...my Love, Gratitude, and Admiration for EACH of you will NEVER pass away.

AND, SID...I am MORE than grateful for your Kindness and Friendship.

(Moreover, thank you, Chris, for introducing Sid to me.)

(For comments contact gnowack@windstream.net)

**Zoning rules in question at Summit**


Summit Township supervisors had an extensive conversation with Todd Joseph, who purchased Conneaut Lake Park a couple years back when they met in monthly session June 4.

Joseph sought clarification on zoning rules, and related township requirements as Joseph noted he is in talks with the owner of the former 4J Tailer Park, located just down the road from CL Park.


The 4J owner would like to sell the property to Joseph, who said current zoning in the township allows mobile home parks with township engineer Ashley Porter reviewing zoning districts, and other requirements. Porter also represents the 4J owner.

4J lots were 2,000 square feet, current rules require 4,000 square feet.

Discussion - See Rules page 16



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**Rules - from page 15** there is public sewer. The 3 zoning districts in the township were included mobile home parks in the township can only be put where discussed at length; they include

ag area, and business district area. The need to apply for a variance to have a mobile home park was another matter of discussion

Possible need for a public hearing before the township's the township's zoning hearing board was noted.

In the end, township supervisor, Bill Agnew, with Lud Zarembinski and Gerauld Smith concurring, directed that the township legal representative look into the matter as to amendments, etc., bring back a draft to amend rules, have the matter advertised and a public hearing held.

The township and Crawford County Planning Commissions would need to review the related matters.



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