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Monday, July 22, 2024

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## Conneaut receives less than \$200,000 state funding increase

BY DAVID SCHAEF  
Community News

You have heard the talk how the Pennsylvania state government increased its funding to state school districts by millions when they approved the state budget for the year that began July 1 - even as that budget was two weeks late in getting approved - the impact at the local Conneaut School District small.

By law, state government in Pennsylvania has the same July 1 deadline as schools for budget approval but that often goes ignored as some might suggest law and rules are for others, not themselves.

Last year's state budget was approved in August but spending portions of that budget not completed until December.

Local governments, required by law to hold open meetings on budget development and approval, sees the state House of Representatives, State Senate, and governor's office meet behind closed doors as the final budget is worked out.

The governor's office makes a budget presentation to lawmakers in February and, while a number of public hearings are held following that presentation, the budget is often not approved by July 1.

The Conneaut School District adopted a budget of \$43,987,215 in June with expenses just under \$290,000 more than income, with state funding unknown then as the state budget was not yet approved.

The budget approved by the state is sending Conneaut some \$24,325 more in basic education funds, \$31,498 more in special education funds, and an cyber charter school fund adjustment in the amount of \$135,281, for a total state increase of \$191,114.

The state increases cut the school district deficit to just \$88,708, that amount to be covered by school district fund balance.

Final student numbers at the end of the 2023-24 school year showed little drop from beginning school year figures in what seemed a slowing of bigger student drops.

At the end of the 2023-24 school year, there were 1,728 students total, a drop from the 1,746 number at the start of the school year, an 18 student loss, 13 of those losses at the high school level.

Lake Elementary had 322 K - 4 students to begin the school year, ending with 324; Valley Elementary 322 to begin, 321 to end; Lake Middle 5 - 8, 290 to begin, 287 to end; Valley Middle 239 to begin, 236 to end; and CASH 573 to begin, 560 to end.

In the 2022-23 school year, student numbers dropped by 59 from 1,791 at beginning to 1,732 at end.



- Photo supplied

**Garden Club Annual Scholarship - The Conneaut Lake Garden Club awarded its 14th annual scholarship to Alayna Ott [R], a 2024 graduate of Conneaut Area Senior High School. Proceeds from the club's spring plant sale fund the \$500 award. Alayna will attend Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, this fall to major in Business Administration. She was introduced to club members at a recent Garden Tea by scholarship committee chair, Bonnie Morris [L]. For more information about the garden club please call 382-6141.**

## Boxing great attracted thousands to Lake area

BY KALEIGH WHITE  
for Community News

On Monday, July 15th, almost fifty people gathered at the Conneaut Lake Sportsmen's Club to hear the Conneaut Lake Historical Society's monthly presentation.

This month, the presentation was about the history of boxing in

Conneaut Lake. In 1931, a famous world-champion boxer from Germany named Max Schmeling came to Conneaut Lake Park to train. The presentation started with the reading of a first-person account of what it was like for them to stay at the hotel.

They showed a short, silent, black and white film of Schmel-

ing boating on Conneaut Lake, and training at the park. The speaker, Jean Shanley, said that people would charge 50 cents per day - today's equivalent of \$9.31 - to watch Schmeling train, and that one day there were as many as 5,000 people, coming from as far away as New York and Chicago.

In his - See Boxer page 10



## 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

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 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.

Our next fundraiser is Tiki Bar Night held at the Tiki Bar on the beach at Conneaut Lake. On Tuesday, July 30, from 4-9 pm Bair Family Center Celebrity Bar Tenders will serve drinks (alcohol and non-alcohol) and snacks to you and

your friends. All tips and a percentage of the bar tab and all donations for snacks benefit the Center. Rain date for the Tiki Bar Night is July 31.

Coming up on August 10 is our 4th Annual Summer Night Out Fundraiser. This year we modified the program with the intent of providing an affordable yet enjoyable evening of fun.

Cost is just \$10/person or two for \$18 before August 7, or \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 5pm for games, raffles, and social time with unlimited "Snacketizers". Then sit back and relax with dessert and a delightful musical performance by Dan Hogan and his friend Elvis! This is a BYOB event with soft drinks available for purchase.

Get ready for more fun the third weekend in September (Quilt/Craft sale and demonstrations at the Linesville Bicentennial Celebration) and on October 5 for the LIVE charity auction. More details on these events to follow.

The Bair Family Center features daily activities to keep everyone healthy in mind, body, and spirit. There are exercise classes including Healthy Steps in Motion and Tai Chi, both of which address strength and balance which are crucial to preventing falls.

We have gym equipment including treadmills, stationary bikes, and elliptical, full body weight machine, free weights, stretch bands, and we even have hula hoops for those who feel so inclined!

If you like to take a stroll for your exercise, but do not want to be outdoors in the heat and humidity, stop in and try out our indoor walking track.

We also have board games, card games, books, bingo, arts and crafts, quilting/sewing, and wood-carving. Friendships are nurtured here and guard against isolation and depression, two serious concerns for those who are over sixty. Come in and check us out, we would love to have you.

July 24 is "John Wayne Day" at the Bair Family Center where there will be much revelry with a roping contest, and a John Wayne Trivia Shoot-Out. Due to a generous donor in the community, we have a collection of John Wayne memorabilia to use for prizes.

A special lunch featuring Git

Along Lil Doggies, Rootin' Tootin' Baked Beans, Tumbleweed Ranch Potatoes, and Cowboy Coleslaw is on the menu.

The day will end with a classic John Wayne movie and popcorn (if you have any room!). Cost is \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door (lunch must reservations due by 10am July 22). Dress in your best cowboy get-up and bring a Cowboy snack to share if you like.

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.

## Snow Waters High School - Old School Living

Recently as the Conneaut Lake High School Alumni group held their annual get-together the topic of school closings came up - that prompting a former Lake area resident and 1982 graduate of Conneaut Lake Area High School and others to wonder what to do with an old school!

Lisa Clarkin Rawson, the CLHS grad, was inspired to write a play about Snow Waters High School, closed, and now developed into Snow Waters Housing For Seniors.

"The comedy play "Old-School Living (In Our Old School)" will premier at the Station Dinner Theatre in Erie in August.

There are several references throughout that locals will pick up on, and even the fictional high school gives a nod to her alma mater. Here is the summary:

"At their 45th class reunion, Denise pitches the idea of buying their recently vacated high school and converting the classrooms into condos. Several classmates join in and Snow Water High School becomes Snow Water Housing for Seniors. Hilarious morning announcements, guest speakers, activities, and exercise programs lend a whole new meaning to being a senior in high school."

Rawson, married to Scott Rawson of the same CLHS 1982 graduating class, has been performing in plays in Erie for many years and now area residents and others can enjoy her play at Erie's Station Dinner Theater, Peach Street.

The theater is set up in 3 levels in which family-style dinners are served around the scenes in the play.

The play highlights a school rivalry between the Snow Water High School and Snow Valley High School with Rawson, noting the play touches on somewhat familiar names in the Conneaut Lake surrounding area.

The play will open in Erie on August 17 - See Play page 20

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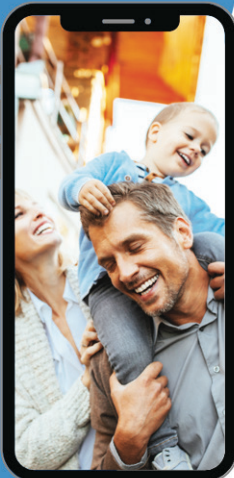
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## In The Atlantic Community

- By Christy Lindsay  
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### Prepping for Critters

Welcome, my friends. I have a loved one who lives on a 46-acre farm. His neighbors are hobby farmers. Everything from Peter Cottontail to The Big, Bad Wolf seems to congregate around their 50 combined acres. I've seen chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, goats, and rabbits on the hobby farm. As far as I know, there aren't any wolves around my loved one's farm, but there are plenty of coyotes. I know, I know...wolves and coyotes are two different species. But play along, okay?

Now, all of my farmer friends know that certain animals draw predators. The stereotype is the fox in the henhouse. I've also learned there's an animal similar to a weasel called a fisher that eats chickens, too. But I learned last week that not all chicken predators are, shall we say, subtle. I'll come back to this.

Sometimes some of the hobby farmer's critters decide to drop by my loved one's yard for a visit. That's okay when it's Peter Cottontail. In fact, several bunnies appeared in his garage in April. I guess it looked like a good spot for a rabbit den. Who knew? Mama rabbit gave birth to several bunnies in his garage and covered them in her own fur in a recess the size of a hand-held toolbox.

The bunnies grew surprisingly fast, hopped around his yard for several weeks, and then started disappearing. They may have gone back to the hobby farm, or they may have been a hawk's lunch. Tough to say. My point is, even a nest of interloping bunnies didn't faze my loved one.

But a couple weeks ago, some unwelcome guests trespassed on his property. Not one; not two, but four of these stinkers decided to scope out the chickens from a distance and plot their assault.

Have you guessed what these squatters were? Hang tight, and I'll give you the big reveal. So, my loved one is a night owl, often working until midnight. After a long day's work, as he relaxed on his porch swing under the starlight,

he smelled a distinct odor and saw a black body meandering across the yard toward his porch. You've guessed the critter, right?

My loved one is a bit of a John Wayne type, so he ran into his house, found his Texas Longhorn 9-shot .22 pistol and a spotlight, and panned the yard until he saw a black and white tail. By now, the skunk had wandered into the nearby hayfield.

My loved one envisioned himself mounting his trusty steed, gripping a Winchester in his right hand and a Peacemaker in his left, teeth clamped onto his bridle, and chased after that skunk at full gallop. If you're old enough to have seen John Wayne in "True Grit," you'll know what I'm referring to.

Only my loved one's John Wayne battle scene looked a little different. Instead of cowboy boots, he wore his slides, and instead of a Winchester, he had a spotlight. But at least he had a pistol.

He went running after that skunk full-bore, and was utterly disgusted with himself after the battle, because it took 6 shots before he nailed the stinker.

Oh, please, don't be angry with me for approving skunk depopulation. Here's where the chickens come back into play. Did you know that skunks eat chickens? They do! My loved one's hobby farmer neighbor confirmed this. I always thought they only ate grubs. Nope. This skunk was checking out the local food pantry, otherwise known as a chicken coop.

Now, you'd think one skunk hunt would be sufficient, wouldn't you? Au, contraire. The next three nights included skunk shootouts. And my personal John Wayne won four outta four of these gunfights. But let's be honest, shooting a skunk takes true grit. No one wants to smell like skunk spray. You've got to know what you're doing when you decide to shoot a skunk. By the way, eagles had a veritable feast of critters last week on my loved one's farm. And, as far as I know, the chickens are safe.

Some people favor certain animals and despise others. When left

alone, the animal kingdom takes care of itself. The trouble is, skunks eat chickens, and so do people. So, the skunk's gotta go. But when he's tossed into the field, the eagles feed on him.

The eagle is our national bird. We just passed Independence Day. I spent the morning listening to the Declaration of Independence and the entire United States Constitution, including all 27 Amendments, and then I watched three episodes of the 2008 HBO special, "John Adams," based on David McCullough's masterpiece of a biography. I've never enjoyed the Fourth of July more. And I never understood precisely why the colonists declared independence. All I knew was King George III was the bad guy because of taxation without representation, and it was time for the colonists to take care of business themselves.

But there is so much more to it than that. My friends, read the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, or, better yet, buy an audiobook version so it's read clearly and every awkward, unfamiliar word is pronounced correctly.

Skunks operate at night. They sneak right up to porches. And where there's one, there might be four. They may be passing through, or they may be on their way to steal a chicken dinner. You never know.

What I do know is, it's best to be prepared. We might not look as cool as John Wayne when we defend ourselves, but a defensive strategy is always superior to an offensive strategy when it comes to

minimizing casualties on our side. At least that's how I understand it.

Things are happening in the Atlantic community and around our country, my friends. The more we equip ourselves with knowledge, the more prepared we'll be. My loved one executed that skunk because he was trespassing and possibly on his way to kill a friend's food source.

But skunks can creep in and build dens if we're not paying attention. We'll miss our chance to protect ourselves if we're not watchful. Educate yourself. Read our most important political documents: The Declaration of Independence and The Constitution, including the Amendments. Be prepared for the skunks. Arm yourselves with knowledge. Think before you act. Act based on your God-given ability to decide based not on emotion, but on facts and your core beliefs. Have a wonderful week. Blessings!

Here are some upcoming events in the Atlantic community.

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

Lighthouse Community Church is hosting Fireside Fellowship at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 26. This is an opportunity to gather around a fire and praise God with friends, new and old. All are invited. Sometimes s'mores and hotdogs are available.

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

If you - See Critters page 16



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# OBITUARIES

## Bonita M. Farley

LINESVILLE - Bonita M. Farley, 85, of Linesville, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at her residence.

She was born Mon., November 21, 1938, in Linesville, the daughter of Daniel and Mary (Caldwell) Hovis.

She married John H. Farley August 23, 1956; he preceded her in passing on December 22, 2014.

Bonnie was a graduate of Linesville High School. She attended Edinboro University and Thiel



College and earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing and later earned her Master's degree.

Bonnie truly enjoyed her education and learning. For many years, she worked as an emergency room nurse at the Meadville Medical Center.

Bonnie was a member of the Linesville First Baptist Church.

She enjoyed gardening, watching and feeding the birds and cherished spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed selling sweet corn and produce from her family farm stand and especially liked talking with those who stopped.

Survivors include four children, Carol Browning of Linesville, Michael Farley and his wife, Debra, of Linesville, Sandy Wilson and her husband, Chris, of Linesville, and Kathy Wetherell and her hus-

band, Russ, of Conneautville; seven grandchildren, Jon, Colt, Sara, Bill, Leeann, Jenna and Doug; thirteen great-grandchildren; a brother, Dr. D. William Hovis and his wife, Karen, of Oxford, PA; a sister-in-law, Evelyn McCartney of Kinsman, Ohio; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; husband; grandson, Jason Farley; son-in-law, Raymond Browning; brother, Lewis; and two sisters, June and Suzanne.

Calling hours were held Monday, July 15, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville, where her funeral service followed the calling hours with Pastor Chris McLaughlin of the Linesville First Baptist Church officiating.

The family suggested memorial contributions may be made to the Linesville Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 55, Linesville, PA 16424.

Please share a condolence or memory of Bonnie for the family at [royalcolemanfuneralhome.com](http://royalcolemanfuneralhome.com).

Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School.

She worked as a nurse's aide and caregiver for many years.

She enjoyed quilting with her mother and sisters.

Survivors include her son, Adam Watson of Linesville; two sisters, Pam Kennedy of Murfreesboro, TN, and Cindy Snow of Linesville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents; and two brothers, Jeffrey Watson and Steven Watson.

Please join the family for a moment of silence in memory of Marsha on Friday, August 9, 2024, her 63rd birthday, at noon. Please join in with a prayer and a memory of Marsha as we celebrate her life.

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

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)).

Please share a condolence or memory of Marsha for the family at [royalcolemanfuneralhome.com](http://royalcolemanfuneralhome.com).

High School in the Class of 1956 where he was active in the fire department and Boy Scouts until he enlisted in the United States Navy.

After a 4-year enlistment in the Navy, he joined the Pennsylvania State Police in 1961.

On the 21st of July 1962, he married Carol D. Shelatz of Harmonsburg, PA.

During his time as a State Policeman, he was also active in the Army Reserve as a Criminal Investigator in the Criminal Investigation Division. After serving his state and community for over 22 years, he retired from the State Police in 1983.

Following his retirement Albin graduated polygraph school in San Diego, CA, and took a position as a private investigator. During this time Albin conducted polygraph services for many cities and municipalities.

During his time in the Army Reserves, Albin was called back to active duty where he received a citation for the recovery of over 1 million dollars in misappropriated funds.

Albin enjoyed adventures and traveling. He bravely subjected himself and Carol to a family road trip with their four children in an arduous trek across America all while confined within the interior of a small vehicle. Later, a relaxing vacation ensued or was prudently prescribed, taking Carol on her dream vacation to Hawaii and Rome.

Albin was no stranger to a horse, he enjoyed teaching his daughter Tammy equestrian skills at a very young age. He also liked antique hunting, for him and his daughter Kimber, it was an adventure they both enjoyed on many occasions. He also liked to hunt and fish with his sons, grandsons, and granddaughters.

Albin is survived by his loving wife, Carol of 62 years, daughters, Tammy and Kimber (Roger Gill), sons, Albin Troy (Karen) and Trevis. He is also survived by his brother, Nels (Amanda), brother in-law, Barry Shelatz (Terri), 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his sister, Jean Joan (2 years old) and his son in-law, Donny Nottingham.

Calling hours were held Thursday, June 13, 2024, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home, 6028 U. S. Highway 6, Linesville.

## Marsha Ann (Watson) Kintyle

LINESVILLE - Marsha Ann (Watson) Kintyle, 62, formerly of Linesville, passed away Tuesday, July 9, 2024, after a lengthy illness.

She was born Wed., August 9, 1961, in Meadville, the daughter of Richard and Faith [Waring] Watson.

She was a Class of 1979 graduate of



## Albin G. Pearson Jr.

HARMONSBURG - Albin G. Pearson Jr., 86, of Harmonsburg, passed away surrounded by his loving family, Sunday, June 9, 2024, at his residence.

He was born in DuBois, PA, to the late Albin G. Pearson Sr. and Alice Benyon Wed., September 22, 1937.

Albin graduated from DuBois



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His funeral service was held Friday, June 14, 2024, at the funeral home with Pastor Terry Smith officiating.

Private burial with full military honors was in Evergreen Cemetery in Harmonsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice, 1119 Park Ave., #7, Meadville, PA 16335, the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org) or Autism Speaks (autismspeaks.org).

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

### Armand Zangrilli

CONNEAUT LAKE - Armand A. Zangrilli, 80, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024, at home surrounded by his family.



Armand was born in Home-wood, July 13, 1943, to the late Armand J. and Teresina "Theresa"

(Bocchicchio) Zangrilli.

Armand was self-employed, owning and operating A&D Mechanical with Donna and Zangrilli Heating & Plumbing and being a member of the Local Union #27.

He proudly served his Country in the United States Army.

Armand loved living in Conneaut Lake and going out on the lake in his boat "The Italian Stallion" He enjoyed entertaining friends who would come to visit and sharing drinks with them, his drink of choice being Old Grandad bonded 100 proof.

He loved his many dogs over the years: Penny, Mandy, Max, Brandy, and Milo. Most of all he loved his family.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons: Russell (Kimberly) Zangrilli of Seven Fields, PA, Anthony Luke of Huntsville, AL, and Michael (Faith) Luke of Elizabeth, PA, grandchildren: Brooklyn, Rebekah, Alexander, Skyler, Ryder, and Gunner, sister: Maria Moio of Pittsburgh, and brother: Paul Zangrilli.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Rose And Waid Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Con-

neaut Lake. There will be no services as per Armand's wishes.

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

### Norma Murray

CONNEAUT LAKE - Norma J. Murray, 86, of Conneaut Lake, passed away at Wesbury United Methodist Retirement Community in Meadville, Wednesday evening, June 26, 2024.

Norma was born in Sharon, PA, Wed., September 1, 1937, a daughter of the late James Vincent and Hilda Sarah (Meiss) Carr.

Norma was the devoted wife of Thomas M. Murray, a long-time music educator at Conneaut Lake High School. They married on June 6, 1959, he survives.

She was a 1956 graduate of Farrell High School and was employed as a Dental Receptionist for Dr.'s Scotto and Stainbrook for 10 years. She then worked as a clerk at Montgomery Wards for 16 years.

Norma enjoyed cooking, sewing, and gardening.

Survivors include her husband Tom of 65 years; three sons, Thomas J. Murray and his wife, Tana of Longmont, CO, Nicholas S. Murray of Harrisburg and Mark A. Murray of Atlantic; two grandchildren, Scott T. Murray and Megan Dawson; two great-grandchildren, Jasper and Daisy Dawson.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents.

Per Norma's request, there will no services.

Arrangements were entrusted to ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., 12422 CONNEAUT LAKE RD., CONNEAUT LAKE where memories and condolences may be shared at www.roseandwaidfh.com.

### Walter (Ron) Luther, Jr.

MEADVILLE - Walter (Ron) Ryland Luther, Jr., 66, of Meadville, passed

away Tuesday evening June 25, 2024, at his residence.

He was born Wednesday, April 23, 1958, in Washington D.C., a son of Walter Ryland



Luther and Naomi Ruth Andrews Luther.

He married Kimberly Claire Robbins and subsequently married Karen Rhoades.

Ron grew up in Conneaut Lake, and joined the Navy right after high school. Ron served on the USS Elrod in the Gulf as a First-Class Petty Officer. He also served as a Company Commander at Orlando Navel Training Base in Florida.

He was extremely proud of his daughter, April, she was the light of his life. Ron was known for his beautiful smile and love for music.

Survivors include his wife, Karen, a daughter, April Jade Luther Edwards (Chris) of Jacksonville, FL, two sisters, Virginia (Ginny) Courtney (Jeff) and Catherine Mihalko of Conneaut Lake, a brother, Bill Luther (Michelle) of Hendersonville, TN.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in his passing by a brother, Nathan Luther.

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

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans (VA Regional Office) at <http://www.dav.org>

Arrangements were entrusted to ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., 12422 CONNEAUT LAKE RD., CONNEAUT LAKE where memories and condolences may be shared at www.roseandwaidfh.com.

### Thomas McFate

CONNEAUT LAKE - Thomas E. McFate, 82, of Iroquois Dr., Conneaut Lake, passed away Tuesday evening May 28, 2024, in Wesbury United Methodist Retirement Community.

He was born in Meadville on December 18, 1941, a son of David T. and H. Marie (Browne) McFate.

Tom was a Class of 1959 graduate of Cochranon High School, a 1963 graduate of Muskingum College where he received his bachelor's degree in economics, and a Veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves. On June 25, 1966, Tom married the former Cheri Hoovler, she survives.

He was employed in sales for the George T. Bisel Law Publishing Co. from 1970 until 1996 and then worked as a manufacturer sales representative, selling tractor trailer parts from 1997 until 2008.

He was a life member of Lake Myrtle Masonic Lodge #316, Sandy Lake, New Castle AASR,

former member of Syria Shrine Temple, Pittsburgh, Life member and past commander four times in the U.S. Power Squadron in South Hills, Pittsburgh and Akron, OH, former member of Allegheny College Community Chorus, a member of First Presbyterian Church where he sang in the Choir, a current member of Iroquois Club, Conneaut Lake, USCCA, NRA, former member of PA FOAC, and a friend of Bill W. since 1988.

Tom has had five black male cocker spaniels.

In addition to his wife of 57 years, he is survived by a sister, Carol Jensen and her husband, Robert and a brother, William F. McFate of Falls Church, VA.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 1, 2024, at ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, 12422 CONNEAUT LAKE RD., CONNEAUT LAKE with Rev. Dr. Daniel Corll, interim pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Meadville, officiating. Family and friends called at the funeral home on Saturday, June 1st from 12:00 PM until the time of service with a

Masonic service at 1:45 PM. Burial will be in Cochranon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to United States Power Squadrons Educational Fund, 1504 Blue Ridge Rd. Raleigh, NC 27607.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.roseandwaidfh.com](http://www.roseandwaidfh.com)

### Dulcie Alberta Crickbaum

CONNEAUT LAKE - Dulcie Alberta Crickbaum, 90 of Wesbury, Meadville, formerly of Conneaut Lake,

passed away Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at UPMC Hamot in Erie, comforted by her families' love. Alberta

was born in West Union, WV, Friday, April -To Crickbaum page 6



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# Area Bingo Calendar

## WEDNESDAY

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

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Reserved 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

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27, 1934, to the late Boyers and Madge (Mossor) Williams.

She was a Class of 1955 graduate of Doddridge County High School in WV.

She worked at the Chicago Dairy in Clarksburg, WV, before deciding to dedicate her life to being a full-time homemaker and mother to her daughter. She enjoyed her home and filled it with warmth and kindness and was a great listener.

She enjoyed volunteering for the American Cancer Society for many years as well as reading and dancing.

She enjoyed her years at Wesbury Cribbs where she made many friendships with residents and staff and enjoyed the many outings they

took.

She married her beloved husband, Hartzel Crickbaum, in 1958, he preceded her in her passing on January 26, 1982.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter: Terri (Gregory) Ream of Conneaut Lake, grandchildren: Corey (Kelsie) Ream and Kaitlin Ream, great-grandchildren: Kolter Ream, Marlee Ream, and Brodeigh Alexander, sister: Ellen (Don) Grooms, brother: Robert Williams, as well as many nieces and nephews. Alberta loved and took great pleasure in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren

In addition to her parents and husband, Alberta was preceded in her passing by her longtime companion: Peter "Pete" Damico, sis-

ter: Edith Good, and brother: William Williams.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC - CONNEAUT LAKE, 12422 Conneaut Lake Road. Funeral services were private.

Interment took place in Evergreen Cemetery, Harmonsburg.

The family would like to thank Wesbury Cribbs for the care given to Alberta over the years.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.RoseAndWaidFH.com](http://www.RoseAndWaidFH.com)

**Susan H. Goss**

MEADVILLE - Susan H. Goss, 74, of Meadville, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in Franklin, surrounded by her loving family.



She was born in Meadville to Andrew Thomas and Eleanor (Grabowski) Hackworth.

Susan graduated in the Class of 1967 from Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School and received her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Edinboro College in 1971.

In December of that year, she married David T. Goss of Meadville.

Susan was the proprietress of Sue's Bakery and Donuts, having several locations in the Meadville area for 21 years.

She took great joy in having her grandchildren "help" her bake. Her family members and many friends always loved to visit her at the bakery, to hear her cheerful voice while enjoying her delicious pastries.

She enjoyed immersing herself in historical romances, crossword puzzles, sewing and crochet projects, listening to Motown, watching mysteries and loudly cheering on her beloved Steelers.

She loved her time with family even more. She reveled in campfires at the family camp, weekend card games and Christmas shopping bus trips with her sisters.

After closing the bakery, many holidays included cookie making marathons in her home kitchen with daughters and granddaughters.

Susan was preceded in her passing by her mother, Eleanor and her

in-laws, Charles and Helen Goss.

Susan is survived by her loving husband, David, a son, Michael Goss (wife, Stephanie), daughters, Kristina Sanderson (husband, Jason) and Sandra Kapis (husband, Todd). She was blessed with 7 grandchildren: Jordan Christman (husband, Daniel), Megan Goss (significant other Tim Sosko), Hayden Sanderson, Rhett Sanderson, Reid Sanderson ("The Triplets"), Drake Peterman, and Zack Peterman. Also surviving is her father, "Tom" Hackworth, who recently observed his 102nd birthday, and her six siblings: Patricia Largent, Samuel Hackworth (wife, Judy), Joyce Jones (husband, Greg), Jack Hackworth (wife, Laurie), Jill Lippert (husband, Gary), Marianne Kephart (husband, Michael). She will be missed by 16 nieces and nephews, many more great-nieces and nephews, and cherished brothers and sisters-in-laws and cousins.

Calling hours were held Friday, July 12, 2024, at Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home, where her funeral service was celebrated Saturday July 13, 2024.

Please sign Susan's online guestbook at [www.hatheway-tesesco.com](http://www.hatheway-tesesco.com).

Arrangements were entrusted to Hatheway-Tedesco Funeral Home and Crematory, 614 Baldwin Street, Meadville, PA 16335.

**Martha Lee Bookamer**

MEADVILLE - Martha Lee Bookamer, 96, of Meadville, passed away Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

She was born August 5, 1927, in Greene, OH, to the late Michael and Effie (Raga) Pachuk.



She married William T. Bookamer on September 18, 1948. He preceded her in her passing on June 6, 1991.

Martha was a class of 1945 graduate of Conneautville High School.

She was a homemaker, a member of the Vernon Club, past president of the Vernon Lioness Club and a member of St. John's U.C.C. where she taught Sunday school for 13 years.

She was employed at Viscose.

She enjoyed living in Palm Beach Gardens Florida, in the winter months.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Lee Bookamer Joseph and her husband, Tom of Palm Beach Gardens, FL; two sons, William T. Bookamer Jr. and his wife, Octavia of Kingston, TN, and Thomas J. Bookamer and his wife, Linda of Meadville, and 7 grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in her passing by a son, Michael Ray Bookamer; three brothers, John Pachuk, Frank Pachuk and Nick Pachuk, and three sisters, Kathryn Chery, Anne Peterson and Alyce Peterson.

A calling hour was held Tuesday July 16, 2024, at Dickson Funeral Home and Crematory, 130 North 2nd Street, Conneaut Lake. A private family funeral was conducted at St. John's Cemetery.

Please sign Martha's online guestbook at [www.hatheway-tesesco.com](http://www.hatheway-tesesco.com).

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

**Lawrence Ray Ewig**

CONNEAUTVILLE - Lawrence "Larry" Ray Ewig, 74, of Conneautville, passed away, Sunday, July 7, 2024 at Rolling Fields Eldercare Community.

He was born Fri., May 5, 1950, in Meadville, to the late Otto Ray and Ruth Lelia (Hague) Ewig.



He married Sharon Curley November 25, 1978. She survives.

Larry retired from Erie Industrial Trucks Company as Service Technician in 2018. He was an avid lover of all things mechanical, more especially John Deere tractors and General Motors products.

He was one of the early skilled mechanics at the Chevrolet dealer in Conneautville, and spent many years at Shear's Drilling.

Many people in the community will remember him as the custodian at Conneaut Valley Elementary which is

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## Springboro Library happenings

### - A Gold Level Library -

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

Come see us at the Springboro Public Library! Library Director Abby Hanson and Assistant Librarians Cheyenne Paris and Courtney Banks are happy to help patrons in any way we can.

We have new books monthly! Come see what's new! We offer three story-times with snacks each week. Mommy & Me Story Time with Miss Courtney on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am for children birth to six years old, Home school Hour at 10:00 am on Wednesdays for ages six and up, and Story Time on Saturdays at 10:00 am for children of all ages.

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

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

Our adult summer reading program is "Bonfire Bingo."

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

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

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

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

The Chalk Shop from Meadville, was with us on June 27th at 6:00 pm to make "String Art" with the children and we have our "Adult Social Club". The club is the fourth Thursday of every month, where

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you can spend time with others in the community or bring a project to work on from home. Do what you love while visiting with friends.

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

On May 9th, our children's craft night, we made shrinky dinks with

Miss Cheyenne. The kids had fun and loved watching their drawings shrink. The adults enjoyed "Kintsugi" The art of repairing broken things with Tammy.

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

Check out our Facebook page for updates and information.



In and Around ...

## The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

### James A. Stone Memorial Library

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

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

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

As of June 23, we were just beginning week two of the six-week program. For the young people, we were offering some great prizes for eager readers in different age groups: a mountain bike, convertible tricycle, Amazon Kindle, Erie Otters tickets and hockey equipment, Erie Zoo passes, weekly passes to the Crawford County Fair, a camping set, and more! Come see what you can win.

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

Some events for Summer Reading included:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Book Club meets once per month on the third Saturday of the month, at 2 pm.

The current read was Fresh Water for Flowers, by Valerie Perrin. We have copies available at the library for anyone who would like to join in. Our next meeting was on Saturday, July 20.

As always, we have plenty of new books for readers in search of the latest titles in fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens and kids.

One of the most fun things we have available is a selection of Play-Aways, which are audiobook devices. You just plug in a set of earbuds, and you're ready for portable listening! Perfect for those springtime strolls.

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

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

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

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

Library Director: Dare Gillette

Assistant Librarian: Jerrie Williams

Children's Librarian: Cheryl Cameron

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



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# Margaret Shontz MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CONNEAUT LAKE - The Shontz Library's "Adventure at Your Library" Summer Reading Program was a tremendous success this year and could not have happened without the support and generosity of many members in our community. We specifically would like to thank Palmiero Toyota's Give Back Program and the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation for making funds available for our programs, as well as Doug Parks and the Conneaut Lake Elementary School for providing a space for us to use each week, and Hank's Custard, Pizza Joe's and the Erie Zoo for donating multiple gift certificates to give away as

prizes. A special thanks to Bonnie Morris for her very prize donations. And finally, a big shout out to all the volunteers who helped to organize, set up, tear down, and manage the crowds. All of this support from an amazing community made this program a wonderful adventure for everyone!

If you need an emergency beach read, the library has what you are looking for and hours to suit your needs. Our summer hours are in effect until Aug. 10th: MWF: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Tues. & Thurs.: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM, and Sat.: 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM. Our Fall hours will begin on Aug. 12th: Mon., Weds. & Sat.: 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Tues. &

Thurs.: 9:30 AM - 7 PM; and Fri. 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. 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 if you have something to give away. 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.

There are lots of new books ready for you to check out at the Shontz, and plenty of classes and workshops to choose from this month as well. Please visit the library or call to register for classes and/or sign up for our e-newsletter to stay informed: 814-382-6666.

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.

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 until Aug. 8th from 1-2 PM and let the creativity begin!

Korean Watercolor Artist Esther Hong: Thurs., Aug. 6th from 6 - 7 PM. Sign up for an evening of learning about a unique and traditional style of watercolor painting with Esther Hong. This event is free to the public and 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.

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, Aug. 12th from 1 - 3 PM. Create beautiful handmade cards to give away! \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Beach Glass Class: Tues., Aug. 13th from 6 - 7:30 PM AND Sat., Aug. 17th from 12:30 - 2:30 PM Christy Brown is offering a Beach Glass Class. Register to make a unique beach glass creation! \$20 per person.

American Sign Language class:

Monday, Aug. 19th from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill! This class is free and open to the public.

Natives vs. Invasive's Presentation: - See Shontz page 18

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where he met his wife, Sharon where she worked as teacher's aide.

He enjoyed his many Saturdays' working on the farm with his friend of 50 plus years, Jesse Haas.

He also enjoyed hunting on his property with his friends and family.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife, Sharon, a son, Danny and his wife, April, five grandchildren; Jalen, Justice, Tristan, Breanna and Amelia, two sisters; Linda (Dennis) Rote and Janet (Steve) Katulich, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in his passing by a sister and her husband, Laurie and Tod Prenatt and a brother, Dennis Ewig.

All services will be private.

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

Online Condolences can be left for the family at [www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net](http://www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net)

## Jeffery Hall

CONNEAUT VALLEY - Jeffery Lee Hall passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at his residence.

All services were private at the convenience of the family.

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

Online Condolences can be left for the family at [www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net](http://www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net)

## Jane Lehman

CONNEAUTVILLE - Jane M. Lehman, 78, of Conneautville, passed away Saturday, July 6, 2024.

She was born Sun., October 14, 1945, in Meadville, to the late Edward

Paul and Ana Mae (Fobes) Mahoney.

She married George Edwin



Lehman February 12, 1966. He preceded her in her passing on September 4, 2009.

Jane is survived by three children, George (Michelle) Lehman, Greg (Amy) Lehman and Julie (Joe) Rosenquest, seven grandchildren, Kiera, Ryan, Timothy, and Jayden Lehman, Jazmine, Dakota and Annabelle Rosenquest, brothers, Michael (Susanne), Martin (Shelia), Dennis (Blanca), Timothy, Joseph (Paula Campbell), Matthew, Mark (Connie), sisters, Theresa (Glenn) Bedford, Lucy (Frank) Miceli, Catherine Braden, Beatrice Mahoney and Dorothy (Stan) Klees, sister's-in-law, Mary Ann and Laverne, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Jane was preceded in her passing by brothers, Jim, John, George, Ed and Bob Mahoney, and a sister, Mary Ann Mehalko.

Calling hours were held Thursday, July 11, 2024, at McCauley Funeral Home, followed by a service officiated by Fr. Lucas.

Memorial contributions can be made to AseraCare Hospice (12664 Rte 19 South, Unit 1(A) Waterford, PA 16441) or Conneautville (1015 Strawberry Alley, Conneautville, PA 16406) or Springboro (176 N. Main St. Springboro, PA 16435) ambulance service.

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

Online Condolences can be left for the family at [www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net](http://www.mccauleyfuneralhome.net)

## Thomas L. Oskin

BRACKETTVILLE, TX - Thomas L. Oskin of Brackettville, TX, formerly of Linesville, PA, passed away Sat., June 22, 2024.

Tom, a son of Aldine Oskin and David Oskin (deceased), was married to Sharon Baker-Oskin until she passed away.

Surviving Tom are his 2 children Kozy Clark (Bruce Clark) of Cochran, PA, and Jacob Oskin (Stephanie Oskin) of Brackettville, TX, 4 grandchildren, Aaralyn and Aaidyn Clark, and Dean and Sarah Oskin. His brother, Bingham Oskin, also survives.

He was the grumpiest man we know; however, he still loved his children very much.

Tom was a member of the Unit-

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Memorial services will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Pennline Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Linesville Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box, Linesville, PA 16424.

### Ruth G. Wallace

MEADVILLE - Ruth Grapatín "Tag" Wallace, 96, of Meadville, passed away Sunday, June 23, 2024, at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Sat., December 3, 1927, in Geneva, Ohio, the daughter of Arthur and Matilda Fehlua Grapatín.

She attended St. John's Lutheran School in Cleveland, OH (1st - 8th grade) and graduated in the Class of 1945 from Linesville-Conneaut High School.

She was employed by American Viscose in Meadville, Meadville Italian Bakery, The Meadville Tribune, and Molded Fiberglass in Linesville.

Ruth loved chocolate, playing bingo, word games, traveling, and going to see shows at the Millennium Theatre. She always enjoyed having cats for pets. She lettered in basketball at Linesville-Conneaut High School.

Ruth was a member of the First Baptist Church in Meadville.

Left to cherish her memory is her daughter, Kathy S. Leise and her boyfriend, Ted Matthews of Meadville; her son, Kim D. Wallace and his wife, Paula Lee of Troutman, NC; her grandchildren, Courtney Wallace of Charlotte, NC, Brian Wallace and his wife, Tessa of Jim Thorpe, PA, Sarah Joy Stallsmith and her husband, Dan Svidunovich of Satellite Beach, FL; great-grandchildren, Hailey Wallace, Riley Wallace and Daniel Himes; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in her passing by her former husband, Wilmer Roy Wallace; a son, Randy Scott Wallace; her brothers, Ronald, Arthur, Walter, and infant brother, Edwin Grapatín; her sisters, LaVerne Gere and her husband, Hardy, Shirley



Sherretts and her husband Dave, and Florence "Peggy" Hoogstad and her husband, William; and her long time best friend, Barbara Lewandowski.

There will be no services held at this time.

Donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Hospice of Crawford County, 766 Liberty Street Meadville, PA 16335 or Crawford County Humane Society, 11012 Kennedy Hill Road Meadville, PA 16335.

Please take a moment to share a memory or condolence with the family on Ruth's Book of Memories online at [www.WarrenFH.com](http://www.WarrenFH.com).

Arrangements were under the care of Ryan M. Warren Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Inc., 544 Chestnut Street, Meadville.

### Bonnie E. Lenhardt

CONNEAUT LAKE - Bonnie "Bonita" E. (Allen) Lenhardt, 77, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Meadville Medical Center.

Bonnie was born in Bellows Falls, VT, Thur., October 17, 1946, a daughter of the

late Dale and Mary Elizabeth (Locke) Allen.

Bonnie was a Class of 1964 graduate of Conneaut Valley High School.

In 1974, she became employed as a secretary at Conneaut Valley High School and finished a 35 year career, retiring in 2009.

Additionally, she served as a football and basketball cheerleading coach.

She enjoyed reading and spending time with friends, especially her bowling team and school mates, but most of all she loved being with her family.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Doug (Lucy) Lenhardt, Pamela (James) Shreve, Deborah Lenhardt; her grandchildren, Dustin (Emily), Brandon (Mary Ann), Corey (Kasey), Brooke, and Jacob Lenhardt, Matthew (Mackenzie) Shreve, Alyssa Uhlig, Logan Shreve, Glenn Lenhardt, and Austin Lenhardt-Barley; great grandchildren, Faith and Grayson Lenhardt, Allyson Lenhardt, Lu-



cas Lenhardt, Thaddeus Shreve, Hailie, Landon and Kehlaní Uhlig. She is also survived by her sister Beverly Campbell; and the father of her children, Ray Lenhardt.

In addition to her parents, Bonnie was preceded in her passing by a granddaughter Faith Elizabeth Shreve; brothers, Bob and Bill Allen; sisters, Betty Utz and Patsy Allen; sister-in-law, JoAnn Allen; brother-in-law, Paul Campbell.

Memorials may be made to the Conneaut Valley Alumni Association 103 Plateau Drive Conneautville, PA 16406, the Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute of Meadville, PA, or your local library.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10 am on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at Conneautville Church of Christ with Lea Guiney and Barry Campbell officiating.

Bonnie was laid to rest in Conneautville Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of STEPHEN P. MIZNER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 404 CHESTNUT ST., MEADVILLE.

Share a memory or condolence at [www.miznerfuneralhome.com](http://www.miznerfuneralhome.com)

### Justin Wallace Hyde

CONNEAUT VALLEY - Justin Hyde lived life on his terms: Worked Hard and Played Hard.

He reminisced fondly of growing up in Oakland Park and playing sports at Conneaut Valley.

He was most at home at Lauderdale by the Sea and loved the beach and pier.

Justin was preceded in his passing by his father, James Hyde Sr. and stepfather, Dan Bond

He is survived by his mother, Mary Bond, brother, Jim Hyde Jr., sister, Stacy Hyde, brother-in-law, Channing Miller, stepmother, Jill Hyde, stepsister, Kerry Richard, stepbrother, Dave Richard, stepsister Valerie Waid, and chosen brother and best friend, Pete Cohen.

Justin is, and was loved, by many friends who all have a funny Justin story.

He would step in and help all of those friends in a minute and did so many times. He loved to fix things to make them nice for the people he cared about and the immediate friends he made in his work.

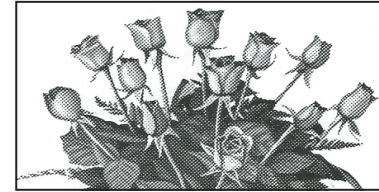
The family asked for donations to Cleveland Clinic Weston who cared for Justin with skill and compassion. ([give.ccf.org](http://give.ccf.org)).

Family and friends gathered at the LBTS Beach Pier area on Fri-

day, June 14, 2024, to take a moment to honor his life and breathe in the ocean air.

A celebration of life was held at the Springboro Firehall, 176 N. Main St., Saturday, June 29.

Questions and comments can be emailed to [stacymsw@gmail.com](mailto:stacymsw@gmail.com).



## Summerhill adopts amusement tax

Summerhill Township supervisors, meeting in regular July session, adopted an amusement tax covering events and certain skill machines in the township.

The tax became effective immediately following the 3-0 vote by Duane Agnew, Brian Schaefer, and Sean Zako- - See Tax page 16



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## Boxer

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career, Schmeling accrued 57 wins, 10 draws, and 4 losses.

However, his success did not make him a prideful person; he was a caring and compassionate individual.

He was asked by several people in Germany to fire his manager, who was Jewish, and he steadfastly refused. It was also later revealed that he hid two Jewish teenagers from the police in Germany during the second world war.

Today, Conneaut Lake has its own Boxing Club, hosted by The Warrior's Gym, founded by Nathan Boyle in 2020.

Boyle said he was inspired to start it after his career in boxing.

He was trained by Fritzie Zivic, a former world-champion boxer, and believed it was up to him to help train the next generation of boxers.

On average, the Boxing Club sees approximately 17 children at each meeting, although the numbers have been understandably smaller in the hot summer months.

Boyle was also thankful for the numerous sponsors of the club, including The Swing Factory, Lavender Blue at the Lake, SoCal Tacos. Creek Bar & Grill, Sonseeahray's Boutique, Copeland's Tree Service, Lake Diner, The Tiki Snack Shack, Pro Air Heating & Cooling, Zatsick's Golden Dawn, 2 Brothers Downtown Gaming, Pizza Joe's

and Granda Janitorial Services.

Children, 18 and under, train for free thanks to their many sponsors. For more information, contact the Conneaut Lake Boxing Club Facebook page.

After a brief snack break, the

night continued with the Historical Society's meeting.

Important dates for upcoming events include Paddlefest on August 3rd; a skee ball tournament on August 10th at the museum; a fundraiser at the Tiki Bar from 4:00pm to 9:00pm on August 13th; and Pumpkinfest Oct. 11th - 13th.

## Water bills Conneautville concern, storm catch basins are discussed

BY KALEIGH WHITE  
for Community News

On Monday, July 8th, the Conneautville Borough Council held their monthly meeting at the Fellows Club Fire Hall.

Those in attendance included Allen Clark, Mayor of Conneautville; Bill Ingols, Council President; Sheila Mahoney, Council Vice President; Deana Seitz, Council Secretary; Alan Shaddinger, Solicitor; and Council Members Amanda Scott, Gary Clark, Tim Prince, Jessica Loughner and Ken Hoovler.

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

In the Mayor's Report, it was said that the next meeting for the Corn Festival and parade was July 15th at 6:00pm at Lord Mason Park.

The parade is currently scheduled for July 27th at 4:00pm, and so far, around \$1,200 has been raised for the event. A. Clark also expressed his appreciation and

thanks to borough residents who are mowing their grass and maintaining their homes and properties.

In the last month, the Fellows' Club Volunteer Fire Department and Ambulance Services has responded to 62 fire calls and rescues and 110 ambulance calls, according to the committee report.

The Administration and Finance Committee reported there were 38 people who were over 30 days late on their water bills; letters were mailed on July 12th, with shutoffs beginning July 25th.

Concern was raised over the outstanding water bill for Rolling Fields. As of this meeting, the bill has not been paid since February, and the amount that Rolling Fields owes the borough is over \$21,000.

The old business reports included 18 points to address in projects in varying stages of completion, starting with the issue of catch basins in the borough.

"All the basins are open," Hoovler said. "The system still has choke points based on how pipes

were put in over the years, but (our maintenance worker) is not aware of any plugged basins or plugged pipes at this time."

Multiple council members raised concern that there are more catch basins that need to be addressed and are not open. Ingols suggested council members take pictures and document which catch basins are clogged or need repair so that there is a sense of accountability and a record is made of it.

More signs will be going up in the borough, including a "children at play sign" and another speed limit sign.

An eight-camera system has been purchased to be installed at the storage location for borough-owned equipment, referred to as the "maintenance barn."

Previous concern had been raised about the doors being left open and citizens going down there to simply hang out and the potential for break ins.

It was reported that all funding for building a new dam has been received and transferred, and construction should begin in four to six weeks.

There was still the question of a tree that was felled by Penelec near a borough property, and whether the dead tree is currently rotting on borough property or if it is over their property line. Ingols said that the property had been officially surveyed and there were still survey stakes in place, and that at this juncture they were unsure of where the tree laid. It will be looked at for

the future, although concerns were raised at what the state of the tree would be by the time of the next meeting.

In regards to charges paid to Home Depot, it was questioned why borough maintenance employees were shopping at Home Depot in Meadville when there is a local store, Conneautville Hardware, that could supply most of their needs. It was decided that they will be telling maintenance employees that if it can be bought at Conneautville Hardware, it should be bought at Conneautville Hardware, stressing the amount of time and gas wasted to get to Meadville and the importance of supporting local businesses.

There was concern raised about the state of facilities at Lord Mason Park for the Corn Festival. Namely, at the last meeting, the water was not hooked up, the electricity was not on in the pavilions and half of the electricity on the stage did not work. There was discussion of the breaker boxes, who had keys and what would need to be done to ensure a successful Corn Festival for all involved.

The position of Tax Collector is being taken over by Marsha Jones, who is the tax collector for Beaver Township. This will be effective until the next election.

The meeting came to an end with discussion of brush removal at Lord Mason Park, for which a tree service will likely need to be hired.

There was also talk of a shed being built, the owner of which was looking to ask for a waiver to be made to the stormwater management ordinance to allow him to build the shed without stormwater precautions, citing that the field had a tile drainage system. There was much discussion of if the tile drainage system would be sufficient with the addition of the shed, and where the water would go if it was not.

It was decided that the council needed more information before a decision could be made.

Lastly, there was mention of a property needing more maintenance on Washington Street, citing that the grass had not been mowed and the house was falling into disrepair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, August 13th at 7:00pm in the Fellows Club Firehall.

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## May minute approval tabled by Lake borough council

**BY KALEIGH WHITE**  
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 10th, at the Town Hall in Conneaut Lake. Present were Dick Holabaugh, Council President; Penny Monahan, Council Vice-President; Jim Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake; Brenda Braden, Secretary/Treasurer; Public Works Supervisor Jim Donnachie; and Council Members John Chuey, Bill Eldridge, Jim Ross, and Mario DeBlasio.

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

At the start of the meeting, Eldridge raised issue with the meeting minutes as written for last month's meeting, citing that he was written as having said something he was sure he did not say. It was agreed that they would be approved with that revision, along with the meeting minutes from May that were not approved last month.

DeBlasio raised issue with this, as he claimed to have not received them in the folder of documents emailed to everyone prior to the meeting. Braden noted that they were in the physical packet that each board member had received, and DeBlasio refused to approve the May minutes, going so far as to say that they were placed in the folder "surreptitiously," as he did not have a chance to review them. After some confusion about what motions were on the table, and whether or not approval of May minutes was even on the agenda, there was a vote that tied 3 to 3, with DeBlasio, Chuey, and Holabaugh voting no. Monahan affirmed that they serve the borough, and they have a responsibility to the citizens of the borough to get the meeting minutes approved and out there for the public to view. The tie was broken by Tigri, who voted no, and the May meeting minutes were once again tabled to be approved at the next meeting.

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

The council was visited by Bob Moss, a local resident who came to speak about town improvements. He discussed the efforts being made by the Conneaut Lake Community Development Committee, and how important the revitalization of Conneaut Lake is to the

area as a whole.

Eldridge gave a very detailed update about the status of the current Green Light Go (GLG) Project for traffic signals at 2nd Street. The report included a short history of the grant funds that were received, the deadlines they were given to use those funds by, the negotiations that occurred to extend this time, and the approval of the project to be re-bid as three separate, smaller projects. It also included a detailed chart that explained where funds from the grant and from the borough were spent, and showed that all funds were split between the costs to M&B Construction, QES, and CT Consultants. Overall, the borough was paying less than the 20% total that they had initially agreed to spend on the project; the borough's total payment was closer to 18% of the total.

There was also discussion of the purchasing of a vehicle camera detection system for 2nd street at the borough's expense, without grant funds. It was ultimately decided that it would be tabled for discussion at the end of the fiscal year when it was more apparent how much money was left in the budget.

Donnachie reported on damage that was done to the road on Richmond Street. Reportedly, a truck heading to The Navigation Co. had cargo fall out of its trailer, leaving a "big gash" in the road. DeBlasio suggested filing a police report about the incident so that there was an official record of it happening, and Donnachie agreed, also saying that the trucking company would be contacted about the issue.

The beach committee reported that there have been "no major issues at all this summer." The only issue has been people not tying up their boats properly, causing damage to the docks. It was said that work was being done to ticket those who did not tie up their boats properly.

Donnachie raised discussion about a tree that needed removed at the town hall. He had received a quote for \$800 from a tree service to assist in the removal of the tree, the stump, and all the brush. Concerns were raised about the liability if he were to be hurt, but it was ultimately unanimously approved to allow Donnachie to pursue the removal of the tree.

During the public comment period, a citizen questioned the legality

of Curley's Barbecue Pit not having enough parking. The main concern was that once the street parking has run out, patrons are parking in the lot behind Livingston's Quality Meats, which is owned by the volunteer fire department. There were also people dumping garbage onto the lot. The citizen was encouraged to enforce the "no parking" rule and have people towed if they park there without permission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will be wed., Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall in Conneaut Lake.

Clarification: An item in the CL Borough council meeting report from June - Julia Catalano, spoke

## Linesville council approves laptop updates to improve cyber security protections

**BY KALEIGH WHITE**  
for Community News

The Linesville Borough Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9th, 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, Barry Chapin, Jeff Weimer, and Greg Peters. Absent from the meeting was Kelly Conner, Council Member.

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

Brian Bair came to discuss preparations for the annual Tractor Parade. Previous participants will be contacted soon, with applications for new participants also going out before the end of summer. They are beginning to look for sponsorships, as well as people to join the planning committee. All are welcome to join their meetings, which happen on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Linesville Borough Building.

Sequoia Whitmer, a resident of Linesville, came to discuss the painting of a mural on the side of

on behalf of the Paddlefest Committee. We (the Paddlefest committee/ Conneaut Lake Area Historical Society) are paying for any additional parking fees for Paddlefest participants who choose to stay at Fireman's Beach after 12 noon. We are so appreciative of the community's support and want to give back by encouraging Paddlefest participants and their families and friends to stay in town and visit our local small businesses.

We were NOT asking the borough to foot the bill for the parking. We, the Paddlefest Committee, are happy to pay any parking fees in order to encourage visitors to support our many local restaurants, breweries, diners and shops.

Linesville for donating \$10,000 to this project.

A citizen raised concern about a letter received regarding the potential shutoff of her water. It was determined that her landlord had not paid the sewage bill to Linesville-Pine Joint Municipal Authority, and due to an agreement between LPJMA and the borough, an overdue sewage bill is met with a water shutoff by the borough.

Resident Paula Heaney noted the event she was hosting for National Night Out on August 6th on Franklin Street.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that takes place across the country to encourage a good relationship between town residents and between residents and their emergency responders - See **Night Out** page 16

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# Dandelion Days

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

## A VISITING ANGEL DRESSED IN ORANGE.

.. by George P. Nowack  
(and Carolyn!)

After my recent article concerning my neighbor's desire to attract more birds to her garden, I have received numerous responses concerning the same subject.

One of the most desired requests was concerning the beautiful migratory bird we know as the ORI-

OLE.

So..in response to those requests, with the assistance from my dear wife, CAROLYN, I submit the following article.

Carolyn is a true expert on the attraction and feeding of the Oriole. Thanks, Carolyn, for your assistance.

BTW...in the some of my future articles will explore the nature of other species of our "Feathered Friends." Hope you enjoy!

## THE ORIOLE

Orioles are one of the most sought-after birds to attract to your garden. Their bright colors and melodious songs enhance any outdoor activities. They occur naturally in many regions, and most of them migrate yearly. But, what do orioles eat? If you wonder what orioles eat, read to find out what to offer on your garden bird feeder to attract orioles.

Orioles eat brightly colored ripe fruit, flower nectar, insects, caterpillars, caterpillar larvae, wasps, spiders, and worms. They will also eat brambles, flowers, and flower buds. Different oriole species have preferences for foods. They are insectivores, fruitivores and nectivores.

Orioles' specific diet will be influenced by the food available in the area. They are striking birds, well adapted to the food they eat.

### WHAT ARE ORIOLES?

Baltimore Orioles (*Icterus galbula*), sometimes just called orioles, are small icterid blackbirds common in Eastern North America. They are some of the most brilliantly colored songbirds in the world, with their flaming orange and black colors easy to see from even a distance away.

The colors are where it got its name, as they resembled the coat-

of-arms of 17th-century Lord Baltimore. Orioles are migratory breeding birds, and they can be easily lured to backyards in their area with the right tasty treats and a safe environment.

### WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ORIOLES?

There are eight different types of orioles you may find in the U.S. These include:

- Baltimore Orioles
- Orchard orioles
- Hooded oriole
- Bullock's oriole
- Scott's oriole
- Altamira orioles
- Audubon's oriole
- Spot-breasted oriole

### WHAT DO ORIOLES EAT?

To attract these beautiful birds to your garden, start by understanding what they eat. Here's an overview, and I'll go into more detail about each below:

- Insects
- Worms/mealworms
- Wasps
- Nectar (commercial brand or homemade)
- Fruits(especially oranges, apples, peaches, berries, and bananas)
- Flowers and buds of flowers
- Suet mixed with fruit, berries, or peanut butter
- Jelly (especially grape and orange)

The exact diet varies according to the type of oriole that you have in your area. All the types of orioles eat insects. Most of them also all eat fruit and berries, and most also eat nectar

What fruit should I offer orioles?

Oranges that are sliced, halved, or quartered can be attached to the bird feeder. This makes the bird feeder wildly popular with orioles. You can provide almost any other fruit if it is ripe, but darker-colored fruits are preferred.

Plums, berries, grapes, and soaked raisins are firm favorites. Some people soak apples and bananas in grape juice to add color and offer this. Orioles attracted by dark-colored fruit or oranges may learn to eat bananas and apples even though they are not intensely colored.

### ORIOLES LOVE INSECTS

Orioles have strong, sharp, pointed beaks, which allow them to be adept at stabbing and grabbing insects. They will eat most insects and are not afraid to tackle some off-putting insects which other birds avoid.

For example, orioles are known to eat hairy caterpillars that can cause unpleasant irritation from their spines or hairs. Other birds typically avoid these caterpillars, but orioles somehow do not seem affected by these caterpillar defense mechanisms.

Orioles are also happy to tackle wasps and spiders in their quest for food. They are valuable birds as they eat many insect pests such as:

- Fall webworms
  - Tent caterpillars (they tear open the web to extract the caterpillar)
  - Gypsy moths
- They also eat the pupae of many insects, including caterpillars, worms, and wasp species that feed on fruit. Farmers often regard orioles as pests because they eat fruit, but the truth is they are far more helpful in controlling insect pests.

The oriole's sharp beak allows it to stab into crevices and cracks where insects may be hiding or where insect pupae have hatched. They are acrobatic fliers and often catch insects in midair.

They will also hop around trees and bushes searching for insects taking refuge in the foliage. They are smart and adept hunters able to grab these insects quickly and effectively.

Bullock's - See Oriole page 15



THE ORIOLE- A colorful, and interesting bird!

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## Linesville Library

LINESVILLE - Summer reading kicked off with a fantastic start! With over 100 participants, we have crafts, presenters, and lots of prizes!

REMINDER: All took a break 4th of July week so everyone could enjoy their holiday and we can catch up from the busy seasons! We will still be serving lunches Monday-Wednesday of this week!

### SAVE THE DATE:

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

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

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

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

Construction Crew -We will not be having a construction crew till September. Hope to see everyone

then!

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

Kards with Karen was July 6th, where persons created 3 adorable cards. Everything included for \$10.

Salads with Tiffany was July 20th at 11am. Sign up and pay ahead - your choice of a fruit slicer for \$35 or a salad chopper for \$55. Come in and get some great ideas of the amazing pasta salad ideas Tiffany has!

Mead and Read: This is a BYOB (Bring your own book) book club. Bring a book each month and tell us what you think about it and if you desire, order a flight of mead to try! What better way to find your next book to read.

This book club will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm at Nucleus Mead!

Dungeons and Dragons meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10am.

All librarian led programs will take a break in August so that we can regroup after summer reading and start planning our fall ideas!

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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.

## Oriole - from page 12

orioles will eat grasshoppers exclusively if they are in plentiful supply. In one survey, it was found that one oriole could eat forty-five grasshoppers in a day. This makes them useful birds that protect crops from insect invasions.

How can I offer insects to orioles?

Mealworms make an easy and cheap means of offering insects

for orioles to eat. They can be purchased from many pet shops or fishing bait shops, and you can even breed some in a worm bin in your backyard.

Place some mealworms in a container on the bird feeder. You should provide some bran or vegetable peelings for the mealworms to eat and hide under while they are in the container. Mealworms do not like to be out in the open and will make a hasty exit if uncovered and can get out of the container.

### I say! You say! We say!

Your comments in this space are welcome. Drop a note off at the office, 409 E. Erie St., Linesville; mail comments to Community News, P.O. Box 451, Linesville, PA 16424; fax a message to 814-683-4841, or e-mail us at communitynews10@gmail.com.. We ask comments be brief, to the point, not out-of-line. Names do not need to be used. Comments can range from a pet peeve to government regulations, a thank you, a pat-on-the-back.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Yes, we will all miss you, Valley.

Gregory Knepp

- Editor's note: This, then, is one person's tribute to an old friend - a school no longer a school in the true sense of the meaning. It will continue for many years in the memory of those who loved it for as long as memory can serve.

[Correction]: The CVHS pictures went to the CV Alumni Association, not the Historical Society. One of the alumni officers said that the transfer on Sat., June 15th went very smoothly and they had appropriate storage boxes.

Only put a few vegetables or bran in the container so the orioles see the worms moving beneath the surface. The orioles will soon find the worms, and once they are accustomed to expecting the worms, they will eat all the worms you can supply.

As I said above, yes, they do eat fruit! Orioles are partial to bright or intensely colored fruit. They eat oranges, berries, purple figs, and a host of other fruit. A study showed that they generally only eat ripe fruit and prefer dark colors. Orioles will eat dark purple plums but pass up yellow plums even if they are ripe.

Orioles have an unusual method of eating juicy fruits. It is known as gaping. The oriole stabs its sharp beak into the fruit and then opens its beak allowing the juices to run directly into its mouth. It's really interesting to see if you ever get the chance to witness it in action.

Orioles primarily eat fruit in spring and early summer to gain energy after their long migratory flights. Once they begin nesting and have young to feed, they change to eating mainly insects.

When orioles migrate to their winter regions, they feed primarily on fruit and nectar, supplying them with energy-rich sugars.

#### HOW DO I ATTRACT ORIOLES TO MY GARDEN?

Orioles have different nutritional needs at differing times of the year. They prefer fruit and nectar during spring and late fall, giving them extra energy to recover from or prepare for migration. During the breeding season, orioles eat insects to ensure a protein-rich diet.

Here are some ways you can attract orioles to your garden:

Choose foods they will REALLY eat

Use oriole-friendly feeders

Choose seasonal foods when attracting them

Provide clean, fresh water

Plant native trees and plants that orioles love

How to encourage nesting in your yard

Orioles are also known for making some of the most complicated nests of any bird species. When you make it easier for them to nest, they are more likely to do so in your yard. You can help encourage nesting by leaving pieces of biodegradable string and yard in 6-inch

pieces or short. You can place them in a suet feeder, and the birds will find them.

Another trick you can use is to use the color orange in and around your landscape. You can use flags, flowers that bloom orange, or other lawn ornaments in orange, and orioles will be attracted to it.

Orioles seem to have a fascination with orange. Painting your bird feeder orange or purchasing an orange bird feeder will catch the attention of any neighborhood orioles and entice them into paying a visit.

There should be a place for them to perch to feed. The best feeders can spike fruit, a nectar receptacle, and a bowl for insect offerings.

Nectar...

Orioles are attracted to flowers and can be found dipping their beaks into flowers to access the nectar. They cannot hover like hummingbirds and must perch on a convenient twig or branch to get their beaks into the flower.

Many insects are attracted to flower nectar. The orioles make the most of this, enjoying a sip of sweet nectar while also getting their protein intake from the insects in the flowers. Orioles may sometimes also eat flowers or flower buds.

How do I offer nectar to orioles?

Many nectar feeders are available for purchase, or you could use a shallow dish. Use a sugar-water nectar mix to make a thick syrup.

Grape jelly is another popular offering in the nectar dish. You can offer the grape jelly as it comes or mix one part jelly with an equal part water to make a syrup. If you use grape jelly, ensure it has no artificial sweeteners, colorants, or preservatives.

What Plants Will Attract Orioles to My Garden?

Mulberries, blackberries, serviceberries, brambles, and crab apples attract orioles. Any plants bearing nectar-rich flowers will be suitable for orioles. These include zinnias, salvias, larkspur, columbines, and dahlias.

Trees that attract nectar-feeding birds include:

Maple

Wild black cherry

Flowering dogwood

Sweet birch

American holly

#### ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR ATTRACTING AND FEEDING ORIOLES

In addition to all of the above, here are some other tips you can consider when feeding orioles and trying to attract them to your lawn or garden:

Don't use pesticides or insecticides – this removes insects that the birds eat

Plant a variety of brightly colored, nectar-providing flowers in your garden

Protect your- **To Protect page 16**

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### Protect - from page 15

feeders from ants with something like ant moats

Keep feeders fresh and clean and check them daily

Never offer sodas, fortified orange juice, or flavored drinks in place of nectar

Plant shrubs and bushes with berries that orioles like – blackberries, raspberries, etc.

#### IN CONCLUSION

As you can see from this post,

### Blossoms & Blooms concert Saturday

The monthly, free concert at Blossoms & Blooms Boutique, Linesville, will take place Saturday, July 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with *Take Solo* performing.

Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. Bring family, friends and neighbors. All invited.

there are so many great reasons you may want orioles around your lawn or garden. And there are also many great ways to attract them to your lawn or garden. Don't get discouraged if you don't see them showing up right away. It could take a season or two, or even up to a couple of years, for them to realize you are a good source of food and safety for them.

Also, remember where you live in relation to their migratory patterns. However, the tips above should help you learn more about what orioles eat and also how to attract them to your garden and lawn if you want to.

Do you have orioles in your yard already? What do they love to eat?

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

### Night out - from page 11

(including fire, EMS and police). Guests for the event are encouraged to bring a side dish to share; hot dogs will be supplied.

There was much discussion over changes to the town's ordinance regarding ATVs and noise disturbances. The simple change requested by the magistrate was to remove a few words from the ordinance as written to ensure the ordinance could be properly enforced. Much contention was brought by Weimer, who said he "did not want to see Linesville become a 'Nazi town'" regarding ATVs. After more discussion of what exactly the change to the already-in-place ordinance would entail, a motion was passed unanimously to approve and advertise the change to the ordinance publicly.

Another motion was unanimously passed to have multiple borough official laptops upgraded by Hagan Business Machines of Meadville to increase cybersecurity.

Heaney called for an executive session to discuss personnel mat-

### 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.

ters, which lasted approximately fifteen minutes, coming back to order at 8:04pm.

There was more discussion of the "Hometown Heroes" banners. There was much debate on if it should include veterans who are residents of only Linesville borough, if it should include Pine township, if it should include Pine graduates of Conneaut Area Senior High and if the person on the banner had to be a current resident.

There was a lot of concern that anyone could get their face on a banner, including people who used to live in Linesville but now live in another state.

It was decided that it should only include veterans in Linesville Borough and Pine Township.

Banners will be available for \$250 and will be displayed in town from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting will be on August 13th at the Borough Building in Linesville.

### Critters - from page 3

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

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

Atlantic Community Church weekly events include Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. with worship service at 10:30 on Sundays. On Wednesdays, they offer a quilting group at 11 a.m. and Bible study at 2 p.m.

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

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

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

Lighthouse also offers Celebrate Recovery at 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Celebrate Recovery is, according to their website, "A Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, hangups, 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.

### Tax- from page 9 stelecky.

The tax ordinance will set the tax rate for amusements at 5% of gross admissions and games at 5% or \$100 per game per year and to establish the procedures for administering the ordinance.

Admission price means any monetary charge paid to attend an event.

In the case of games, the terms of sale shall mean the gross amount paid for access to or use of the game.

Amusement is defined, in part, as any manner and form of entertainment including theatrical performance, motion picture exhibition, carnival, circus, concert, lecture, sports event, golfing, and bowling.

Games mean, in part, any cash, coin, or access device card operated machines or devices with one or more operators or players; midway games, contest booths...or upon property for the patron to play.

Permits are needed to be on display as issued by the township secretary.

Every person who holds, or is required to hold, an amusement permit shall file a tax return for the preceding month.

Supervisors expect the tax to bring in about \$2,000 a year in revenue.

The township lawyer is working on a short term rental ordinance with a review set for the August meeting.

Several bids were approved as the Mack Tanker sold for \$7,800; the tires for the old F450 sold for \$100; the Case Backhoe pallet forks sold for \$320; and the Athey Loader tires sold for \$125 with the township to get \$101.25 of that bid.

Supervisors were told the local VFD has had 168 calls to date with 24 in the township.

A resident inquired about a noise ordinance which the township currently has none; one supervisor saying the board could look at possibilities and also suggested neighbors talk to each other to try to resolve any current problems.

Grader work, pending supervisors' review, may be done on Shermansville Road to try to correct some breaking of tar and chip material

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Thank you for your understanding and support of The Community News. David Schaef, owner/publisher

### CAMS ATHLETIC SUMMER PRACTICES/OPEN GYMS

\*\*\*Girls Junior High BASKETBALL open gyms started Monday, July 15th and will be on Mondays from 9-11am and Wednesdays from 12-2pm. Open gyms will be held at CASH (until further notice).

\*\*\*Junior High FOOTBALL open training is on July 29, 30, 31 and August 1st from 5-7pm at CAMS. There will be a "Mini Camp" the week of August 5-9 from 5-7pm at CAMS football field.

\*\*\*Junior High Football Cheerleading has summer practices on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8pm. Practices are held at Lighthouse Community Church during the summer.

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# Push noted to increase number of NS supervisors from 3 to 5

- by DAVID SCHAEF  
Community News

A small group of people in North Shenango township are looking to see if a question can be put on the fall voting ballot increasing the number of township supervisors from 3 to 5.

Township resident Cindy Wightman told the current three supervisors at their July voting meeting that there was some interest in such an increase "out there" and noted petitions were being signed.

There is an early August deadline to ask Crawford County election board members to put such a question on the November ballot pending getting enough signatures on petitions for such action.

Petitions would have to be signed by 5% of the eligible voters from the last election.

There is some consternation out there that the current three supervisors are maybe not listening to resident concerns especially swirling around RV campers, tents, and blighted properties.

Despite ordinances in place and efforts by code enforcement, the above items of RVs, tents, and blighted property, disagreements exist on what is being done, what should be done and are township rules and regulations being followed.

An issue township voters would need to consider if a question is put on the voting ballot is if there are enough interested people to serve on, and continue to serve on, the township supervisors' post.

In many elections with even one opening on the ballot - terms are staggered - there have been just one person on the ballot.

The July meeting of supervisors, an evening 7 p.m. setup with one more evening meeting set in August before supervisors return to their regular Tuesday morning 10 a.m. meetings, saw nearly 40 people in the audience with visitor recognition going on for the first 50 minutes of the meeting.

Unofficially and off the record indications are that 2 of the 3 current supervisors may elect not to run in upcoming elections.

Among topics brought forth by those in the audience included a lady saying licenses were being handed out to golf cart drivers after a lady said the state allows for such. The lady said they were Ohio licenses.

Dan Dickey, supervisor, said the matter would be looked into again as in the past such were not allowed to be on the roads.

A resident handed in a list of places that she said had no permits even though they are required for various reasons including building

permits, RVs, etc.

It was said RVs are not permitted even if a property owner is trying to live in one while a house is being built on the property.

A suggestion was made to hire a second code enforcement officer around discussion that the current officer is doing a good job and another suggestion that the current official was to be increasing his time dealing with needing permits, violations, etc.

The current code official noted the time he is spending in the District Justice office trying to get matters adjudicated while another said delays were occurring in the district justice office.

Dickey noted it is only the district justice who can levy fines for violations.

One man raised a question on property maintenance saying a man owns property behind his and it has three trailers on the property; the guy has not been to the property in a nearly a year, the grass is high, there are animals in the camper trailers, no bathroom hookups and garbage from last year is lying around.

"We shouldn't have to live this way," the man said, who was asked to meet with the code enforcement official regarding the situation.

One resident said there was a problem with a culvert on Bentley Road in that when it rains, water goes running across the road; Dickey disagreed, a question asked if the road crew could look at the situation, the lady saying she could provide photos on the matter.

Questions were - To NS page 18



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## Shontz- from page 8

Thurs., Aug. 22nd from 6 - 7 PM.

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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.

Crawford Gives: Aug. 24th - 27th. The Shontz Library relies on the generous support of our community to provide quality programming, services and excellent books and resources to the public. Mark your calendars for this annual opportunity to add your support for your library. Visit <https://www.crawfordgives.org/> and search for the Shontz Memorial Library. Give where you live!

Story Hour: we're looking forward to starting a new year of our preschool Story Hour on Wednesday, Sept. 11th at 10 AM. Children ages 2 - 12 are welcome to join us for a story, songs, games, crafts and an hour of fun!

## NS - from page 17

raised on a couple sewer situations with a lady resident saying one guy is using a port-a-jon while another is hooked up for gray water but not black water.

Another situation is one property has a hanging sewer pipe not hooked up in a situation that the sewer authority knows about and is telling those complaining to contact the township supervisors.

One individual said some one, a year ago, had backed a trailer onto a property she did not own, then moved out and squatters have moved in, grass is not being cut garbage left there from last year is being scattered about by raccoons.

One lady noted a place where lights have been shot out, screens in the place pushed up, a camera stolen, and seeing someone in a hoodie there. She was told to call the Conneaut Lake Police.

Ordinances updates being worked on are reportedly to be reviewed at the September supervisor's meeting.

It was reported there is an opening on the sewer board and the township is looking for someone to fill that position.

No police report was available with the zoning officer report noting 3 permits okayed in June: a shed permit, a deck/shed permit, and a house permit.

Three enforcements were noted

as well - photos of a shed on Third Street w/o permit; mail notice of violation to owner regarding the shed w/o permit; and call from the owner regarding the tenant shed.

The zoning officer report also listed 13 other items to include a sewage planning module; a call on minimum square footage; calls on a house, a front porch, and empty lot along with various permitting questions and creating a permit tracking spreadsheet.

The fire department report showed 35 calls in June of which 17 were fire related, 12 EMs related and 6 rescue related.

Those calls broke down to include in part, 4 structure fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 3 fire alarms, 2 gas leaks, 2 brush fires, 1 water rescue, 1 burning complaint and 1 search.

The short term rental report listed missing smoke alarms, a hot water relief valve not discharging to the floor and multiple outlets requiring cover plates.

As of July 1, a total of 19 short term rental inspections have been done this year.

The road report included reports of preparing roads for the tar and chip to be done in August, roadside mowing, a hydraulic pump problem on the mower and a culvert replacement being planned on Bullis Road.

A liquid fuels audit showed no findings.

In a lighter note, supervisor Eloise Settlemyre, who a short time ago, reported on a bird attack, shared being awakened at 4 a.m. in the morning by crowing on her porch, the rooster/chicken eating bird seed she set out for the birds and then the chickens being gently chased to the back of her property. She expected more visits to take place.

## Sadsbury meeting routine

With two supervisors present at the July Sadsbury Township meeting - Kevin VanHonk and Bonnie Smith, the third supervisor reported to be traveling, and the secretary also absent, the meeting was routine and without much going on.

Present at the meeting in addition to the two supervisors were the township lawyer, the roadmaster, a visitor, the zoning officer and a reporter. The zoning officer acted

as secretary, the meeting beginning at 1 p.m. and adjourning at 1:12 p.m.

Supervisors were advised in the legal report, that Bill Mattocks, an owner of property in the township who had been cited for junk on his property over some time and who the township had the matter taken to the District Magistrate, that Mattocks had a payment determination matter held in June with the owner required to pay fine and costs of \$971.75.

Further the supervisors were informed the property was selling to

an Andrew Baker who had undertaken a cleanup of the property.

The road report included the first round of mowing being done, new tires being purchased for mower and truck, preparing for the annual tar and chip work and plans that the roof on the pavilion at the Rec area was to go on soon.

The zoning officer report included work on a short term rental draft ordinance was done and would be ready for supervisor review soon.

No bids were received for the planned communications tower to be built at the Rec area, bids being extended for two weeks.

# Summit supervisors make offer on old school

-BY DAVID SCHAEF

Community News

Summit Township supervisors are expected to act on working with the Henretta Library board to be the agency through which the library's trust fund is managed, that possible action to be considered when supervisors meet in August.

Currently the trust money fund is handled through the Conneaut School District with the district thinking it might be better for the township to oversee such money as the government entity closest to the library board.

Township lawyer Brian Cagle said the petition is drafted that would allow the township to take oversight on the trust money, i.e., a fund listed in township records rather than the school district.

The library board controls the money in the trust fund which is limited in its spending scope, the petition noted having to go through a hearing in Crawford County Court.

Should the library stop operating, the trust fund money would go to Allegheny College according to original documents filed years ago in creating the trust.

In another matter, the supervisors at their July meeting voted 2-1, Bill Agnew and Jerauld Smith voting for and Lud Zarembinski voting against, to ask the school district to sell the Harmonsburg School to the township for \$1.00.

Discussion over recent months would team the school property with acreage the township owns in that area with effort then to sell the combined area as one entity.

Rumor has it that there might be an interested buyer of the two properties, perhaps best sold as one unit.

The township and school district have been working on a possible agreement the two governments would work together to try to sell the two units, which could include hiring a firm to try to sell the two units.

Under such arrangement the two governments would then split any profit 50/50 with Smith noting it might be better for the township to own the two units and claim the full profit. Agnew also said he is not a fan of splitting profit 50/50 as the township owns the much larger acreage.

The school district has approved the township's request to sell the school building/lot to the township for \$1.00.

A township resident raised questions about storm water management rules in the township as he expressed concern dirt was being removed from the a park area and trucked across Rt. 618. The dirt pile is huge, he said, and his concern was during storms storm water flows around his house like a river.

Zarembinski said dirt should have stayed at its original location.

The resident said he found no storm water plan on file at the courthouse and wondered if a permit had expired. He said he thought a permit was needed.

The township lawyer was to do some research to find out what the storm water plan covers.

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## Hay & Grain department sponsorships for 2024 County Fair

Farming in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, has made significant changes over the past ten years. When one drives around the country side, it is evident that agriculture is still very strong in Crawford County.

However, dairy barns are either standing empty or have been renovated to accommodate other types of agricultural animals.

The interesting fact is the 2022 Agriculture Census indicates that land in farm acres is up by 5%. The increase has come from more row crops such as corn, soybeans, etc., being grown as well as hay crops and grasses.

The Crawford County Fair has always been one of the premiere agricultural fairs in the country.

Even with the shift in agriculture the livestock exhibits including dairy continue to be outstanding.

The Hay & Grain Department at this year's Fair would like to increase its number of exhibits to show patrons a cross section of outstanding crops that are produced in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

The Department is excited to have Centerra Co-op sponsor the Grand Champion Corn Stalk Class with a \$100 cash prize.

The Department is also excited to have Ernst Conservation Seeds sponsor three classes.

The overall Grand Champion Hay Exhibit, the 1st place Shelled Corn entry and the 1st place Soybean entry each will receive a \$100 cash prize.

Do not be concerned about finding that used gallon jar for the Shelled Corn and Soybean class. PA-Cornerstone Genetics & Seed, Doug Hering has supplied the Department with gallon jars.

Just bring grain entries in a 1-gallon Zip Lock Bag, [must be clear full] and the Department will transfer the entry into a gallon jar.

To enter go to <https://www.crawfordcofairpa.com/participate/exhibitors/> Online Registration and follow those instructions.

Pre-registration is required by Friday August 9, 2024.

There is no charge to enter one's crop.

If not sure of a crop's maturity by the time of this year's Fair, enter that crop anyway as it can always be removed or replaced by another.

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## Kyle Sheets, CASH, SR grad, inks with pro KC Chiefs

Kyle Sheets, who grew up in Springboro, graduated from Conneaut Area Senior High and Slippery Rock University - a standout in both high school and college football, has inked a free agent pact with the defending Super Bowl champions Kansas City Chiefs.

Sheets' time with KC, after 3 days of introduction, began Friday, July 19, along with other rookies and team quarterbacks prior to moving on to the full training camp, that camp located at Missouri Western State University.

Sheets was first drafted this year by the New Orleans Saints, but was waived by the Saints prior to training camp with the Saints.

Sheets first signed a free agent contract with the Saints, then had a tryout with the KC and was offered a free agent contract the night before the training camp intro began.

Sheets is a December 2023 Slippery Rock grad with a degree in Safety Management. The 2023 season at Slippery Rock saw him named to five All-American teams at the Division II level: 1st team All America by American Football Coaches Assn., and Associated Press; 1st team All-Region Honors in Super Region One; and 1st team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

He caught 17 passes for 1,186 yards and 17 touchdowns, third in D-II TDs and 6th in receiving yards. The 17 TDs rank second all time at SR, next to fellow CASH and SR grad Henry Litwin. Litwin had 21 passes in 2019.

Sheets ended his SR career with 2,440 receiving yards, 4th all-time, and 3rd with 29 TDs.

Litwin signed a free agent deal with the Chicago Bears in the 2022 draft but did not make the team roster.

Sheets was a standout football player at CASH.



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matter, the township's Zoning Hearing Board had a planned hearing canceled about 3 hours before the hearing was to be held.

The hearing was to address a proposed mobile home park and storage building plan located on the former Jo-Win 4-J Trailer Court area just up the Rt. 618 from the Conneaut Lake Park entrance.

Todd Joseph, owner of CL Park, had filed on his behalf as owner of TJP1 Holdings LLC for a variance for the above trailer park and storage facility.

Joseph had attended the June meeting of Summit Township supervisors seeking answers to questions about doing the trailer park in part, saying he had an interest in the trailer park site, noting a potential agreement with the trailer park owner who now lives in California.

No reason was given for Joseph's e-mail to the township office for the cancelation of the hearing.

Joseph's request was for a 60-unit mobile home park and a 150-foot long by 400 feet-wide storage building for golf carts, boats and recreational vehicles on the site of the former mobile home area.

Joseph needed a variance for the proposed plans in the township's business district that does not in itself allow mobile home parks in the district so zoned.

The 4-J park has been closed for a number of years.

## Hunting and Doe Licensing 2024

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

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

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

Hunters will be able to purchase first round of antlerless with the purchase of their hunting license and most additional add-on tags.

If a license is applied for in person at the County Treasurers Office or another agent, the license and tags will be given directly to the hunter at time of purchase.

Please remember to bring your photo ID with you. Any problem that arises from an in person purchase can be handled by returning to that original issuing agent.

If a license is applied for online, the license and tags will be mailed within 7-10 days. There will be additional fees ranging from \$1.79 to \$4.34 for this processing.

All problems that arise with online purchases will be handled by

calling the Huntfishpa helpdesk at 1-800-838-4431. All other issues can be resolved by calling the PA Game Commission at 1-833-PGC-HUNT.

Disabled Veterans and Armed Forces licenses will continue to be purchased at the County Treasurers Office only.

DMAV will not be available until August 12, 2024.

The sale rounds are as follows:  
Round 1-Residents only began June 24, 2024 for WMUs 1B, 2G and 3A only

Round 1-Residents only for all other WMUs began June 27, 2024

Round 1-Non-Residents added begins July 8, 2024

Round 2-Residents and Non-Residents begins July 22, 2024

Round 3-Residents and Non-Residents begins August 12, 2024

Round 4-Residents and Non-Residents begins August 26, 2024

One license may be purchased per round that has started until the 4th round when hunter may purchase licenses for a total of 6 personal limit.

For clarification on this, please call the Crawford County Treasurer's Office at 814-333-7332

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# St. Peter and St. Philip Parish Picnic

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## Springboro wants safety signs

Springboro council, with 6 of 7 council members present, held long discussion on the placement and purchase of child safety signs along its main street and other road areas in the borough when they met in July voting session.

At the June council meeting, resident TJ Schell addressed council saying he was concerned over the safety of residents and children as drivers are sometimes speeding on borough roads.

He recommended the placement of some signs noting children at play.

Because Springboro's main

street is a state highway, PennDOT might have to place main street signs or at least place them if signs are bought by the borough.

Council instructed the borough secretary, Tiffany McCray, to be in contact with PennDOT regarding PennDOT's role in placing/purchasing signs for the main street area [Rt. 18].

Councilman Mike Malone suggested a need for 6 total signs in the borough with McCray to also check on the costs of the signs.

A resident was present and spoke to council about flowers on her property being cut down by a borough worker, the flowers along the property line of the resident's land and the Community Center.

Malone said the cutting was a

mistake by the worker and that he had talked to the worker to avoid a future problem.

The resident asked about putting a fence up with Malone noting there was no money in the Rec fund for such a purpose.

In the end it was decided to put up stakes along the property line tied together with a string to clearly mark the boundary between borough and private property line once Malone and the council president look the area over.

Council president Crystal Neiswonger announced a change in the streets and water committee assignment, naming her and Keith Shauberger to the committee with streets and water worker Malone to report to her as chair.

A water well improvement project was approved with work to start August 19 with Malone working with borough engineer Ken Parks to get things underway.

Council approved a \$1,382.92 loan payment toward the \$112,000+ well head improvement project that was reported to have been completed at the June meeting.

Financial reports showed no restitution payment made in June, that payment part of the payback a former treasurer should be making for misusing borough funds.

Eight people were listed on the water shutoff list.

Payment of \$7,319.77 was approved for water system work, \$3,157.75 for garbage disposal, and \$607.87 to Penelec.

Council person Lynette Weber said she talked to someone who might be interested in being the borough's tax collector. Council agreed to reimburse the person the cost of a required \$200 course

## Play

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and 18, then also be offered August 24 and 25, and September 7 and 8.

A Conneaut Lake Night is planned for August 24 so area residents can plan to attend the play together by calling and reserving seats at the theater.

The phone number for the theater is 814-864-2022, and area residents are urged to enjoy the night at the dinner theater.

Rawson notes the play can also be licensed out should others, like a high school drama club, or other organizations, would like to perform the play.



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