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Monday, January 20, 2025

• **SILVER SHORES REOPENS FEB. 6, 3:00! PG. 6!**

• **SADSBURY HIRES NEW ROAD WORKER! PG. 13!**

School district adjusts asking price on sale of CVM school

BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Conneaut School Directors, meeting in work session and voting meeting Janaury 8, voted to lower the asking price on the Conneaut Valley Middle School as efforts are made to sell the former Valley high school/middle school building and land.

Initial asking price was \$4.3 million, that price lowered to \$3.4 million.

The vote was 7-2 to approve lowering the asking price with John Burnham and GW Hall casting the no votes.

There are costs related to keeping the building open as electric, gas, water, sewage, lawn care/snow plowing, etc., are factored in to keep the building from falling into disrepair.

School directors asked for an updated pricing list on costs to keep the building in repair.

The board was given the report on the audit of school district funds from the 2022-23 school year that ended June 30, 2023, with the auditor from McGill, Power, Bell saying the audit was a clean one with no findings.

The district now turns attention to getting the audit report on the 2023-24 school year done and

reported on.

Typically once the yearly June 30 deadline is passed, it can take 3 - 6 months for district funds to be audited. That did not happen with the 2022-23 school year.

As Janaury is School Director Recognition Month in Pennsylvania, Schools Superintendent Jarrin Sperry thanked Conneaut directors for the time they put in and serve, noting facts from around the state on numbers of directors, etc.

The year 2025 is a local election year with voters to choose many positions ranging from borough and township offices, local tax collectors, county positions, and school board.

Four positions are open this year in the local elections for school board, one in Region 1 [currently held by Ryan Klink], two in Region 2 [currently held by Dot Luckock and John Burnham], and 1 in Region 3 [currently held by Adam Horne]. Indications are the four are interested in running for re-election.

Resignations were approved from Jackie Sada, Valley Elementary Principal, effective June 30; Jennifer Stevenson title paraprofessional, effective February 10, Brianne Thibodeaux, paraprofessional aide, effective November 22, 2024; Mechel Golenberke, teacher effective October 2025; Lori Smith, cook, end of school year 2025; and Victor Susol teacher, effective Jan. 18.

Summit sells old school, property

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Summit Township supervisors at their Janaury 2025 meeting noted the sale of the former Harmonsburg School building and related 4+ acres of land.

The sale took place at an auction held December 21, 2024, the auction on site and on line.

While paper work was still pending, supervisors, who had purchased the former elementary school building

from the Conneaut School District in the recent past for \$1.00, noted sale of the property for \$11,000, plus some surplus items that had been in the bulding.

Auctioneer costs were still being totaled on the sale.

The reputed buyer of the building and property is Randy Fyock, who has been and is serving as, the township's zoning officer.

Fyock was not at the January 6, meeting of the supervisors, he reporedly in hospital. He had a person work on his behalf at auction time as well.

No plans were announced as to

what plans may be for the old school building and property, Fyock said to be owner of the former Village Inn/Tavern, and vacant property to the southeast side of the 4-way stop sign where Granny's store used to be.

Supervisors voted to deposit the proceeds from the auction sale in the township's building fund as discussions continue on building a new township maintenance and office building.

Supervisors voted at the meeting to - **To Summit page 2**

Police chief gives week's notice on leaving

- BY KALEIGH WHITE
AND DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Linesville Police Chief Robert Johnston III announced at the Linesville Borough Council work session Tuesday, Jan. 14, that he was submitting his retirement from the Linesville Police Department [resigning his position effective Janaury 21] as he was starting a new position on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Johnston has been hired as the director of safety and security at PennCREST School District and noted a Janaury 22 start date.

He has worked in Linesville since 2011 and will be paid \$48,000 at PennCREST, about the same amount of money he was making at Linesville, but will work an 186 day year, having the summers off.

Linesville council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday,

Janaury 14th, both work session and voting meeting. Present were Kevin McGrath, Council President; Michael Chance, Council Vice-President; Amanda Harper, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Millin, solicitor; Robert Johnston III, Linesville Chief of Police; and Council Members Barry Chapin (via conference call), Jeff Weimer and Greg Peters. Absent from the voting meeting was Dave Hoogstad Sr., Mayor of Linesville. Council Members Kelly Conner and Mike Heaney were both absent.

The meeting began smoothly with minutes and bill payments being approved unanimously.

Johnston told council he will use time he has coming from personal and vacation time in a transition period, and stated he is happy to help with the transition as much as he can as various reports need turned in, etc..

McGrath also read aloud a letter

given to him by Johnston from the police department's current sergeant, in which he expressed to the council that he is not interested in the position of Chief.

Council held an executive session at meeting's end to discuss personnel matters and recessed the regular meeting until Janaury 28.

There were several motions passed to make appointments for 2025. Steve Marwood was appointed Vacancy Board Chairman; Tom Woods was appointed to the Municipal Authority; Ron Harper was appointed to the Fire Department Board of Directors; Gary Johnson was appointed as Zoning Officer; Chance was appointed Emergency Management Local Coordinator; Harper will continue to be Secretary/Treasurer in addition to Right-to-Know Officer; McGrath will be Public Works Director and Operator

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CASH music students noted

The following CASH students will be participating in the 2025 PMEA Sr. High District Chorus Festival hosted by Maplewood at Allegheny College – February 5 - 7, 2025.

The concert will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, Feb. 7, in the Allegheny College Auditorium.

The concert is open to the public - \$6/\$5.

CASH students taking part are -

- Katarina Cameron - Alto I;
- Katie Gillette - Alto II;
- Elaina Graybill - Alto II;
- Jacob Hackworth - Tenor I;
- Jordan Miazga - Soprano II;
- Hayden Simas - Tenor II;
- Camille Turner - Alto I;
- Helena Yohn - Soprano II;
- and Jillian Haeck - Alto II.

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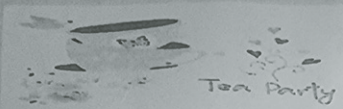
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The following students will be participating in the 2025 PMEA Sr. High District Band Festival at St. Marys High School – January 23-25, 2025. The concert will begin at 2:00 PM on Saturday. The concert is open to the public - \$6/\$5.

Students are -

- Abby Beightol – Flute/Piccolo
- Jordan Miazga – Clarinet
- Jacob Hackworth – Alto Saxophone
- Leah Gillette – Bari Sax
- Katarina Cameron – Trumpet
- Katie Gillette – Trumpet
- and Camille Turner - Percussion.

The following students will be participating in the 2025 PMEA Sr. High District 2 Jazz Festival at Corry Area High School – February 13-14, 2025.

The concert time is on Saturday starting with Band #4. The concert is open to the public - \$6/\$5.

In BAND 4:

- Camille Turner - Piano

In BAND 3:

- Ada Kent - Bass Guitar

In BAND 2:

- Jacob Hackworth - Alto Sax 1
- Andrew Hackworth - Trombone 3

BAND 1:

- Leah Gillette - Bari Sax
- Katie Gillette - Trumpet 1
- Katarina Cameron - Trumpet 3

The Band students were chosen after the 2024 PMEA District Jazz Auditions at Youngsville HS in November.

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also require monthly reports from the fire department regarding fuel usage and activities, something done in the past but had not been done more recently. A fire department representative indicated there would be no problem providing such reports.

The reports are recommended by the state’s township organization due to audit concerns generally.

In a related matter with the school building sale, work is continuing to transfer Henretta Library Trust funds from the Conneaut School District to the township.

Reports from the road department indicated they have problems with residents plowing snow across the roads, which should not be done as it tears up millings put down by the township. It is illegal to plow snow across the roads, the millings put down to make smoother roads, and



FIRST PLACE - CASH music student Katie Gillette placed first in her part and first overall in recent tryouts and is now and advancing to Western Region Orchestra!

cover the gravel roads.

Porter Road was noted as a particular problem in the plowing across roads.

Various appointments were made during the annaul re-organization meeting from secretarty/treasurer to zoning officer, recreation board, and planning.

Various wages were set as well ranging from secretary/treasurer to road crews.

Supervisor’s wages are set by the auditors.

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in Responsible Charge; and Justin Harper will be Deputy Fire Marshall.

Council, at the work session, heard an updated report from the engineering firm on the cost of renovating the borough building - estimated in excess of \$1.06 million.

The east wall is bowing out, electrical sytyems are not up-to-date, office space is not adequate, floor joists have been cut into, etc.

More detail is expected.

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

for more information at 814-683-4959.

The New Year has arrived in northwest Pennsylvania with a wintry blast, and we are ready for it here at the Bair Family Center! Our new boiler has kept the Center warm and cozy despite the subzero windchill temperatures, so stop in for a hot cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and enjoy the warmth with us. We have books to read, a perpetual jigsaw puzzle table, the newspaper, and friends old and new to make your visit enjoyable.

We try to keep the Center open during all-weather events, but at times it is not safe for staff or participants to venture out in the elements. The decision to close the Center is made at the supervisory level and announcements for such closures appear on our Facebook page, on COOL 101.7 radio and on the Active Aging, Inc. website. Please check these sources before venturing out in inclement weather. Better yet, if there is any question, stay home and stay safe.

Each year, the managers of all the Active Aging Centers take a day to regroup and plan programs and events for the upcoming year. This year the meeting is on Monday, January 20, so all the centers are closed that day and will reopen on Tuesday, January 21.

It is teatime this Thursday, January 23, as an enthusiastic group of volunteers who masquerade as our quilting group provides the community with a new and exciting opportunity at our Mid-Winter Afternoon Tea and Tea Tasting featuring sweet and savory delectables and soups along with unlimited green, black, and

herbal teas. A raffle of tea and tea accessories adds to the excitement of the day and grandchildren aged eight and over are welcome to attend. The cost is \$10 per person and with limited seating, early reservations are encouraged.

You have heard of a "sweet" tooth, now how about a "soup" tooth? That is the urge to enjoy a nice warm bowl of soup when the weather gets cold! The Bair Family Center can assist with meeting that craving for you the week of January 27 with a soup sale. Starting Monday and lasting until the soup is gone, you may enjoy delicious Tortilla Soup for \$2.00 per bowl or \$6.50 per quart. Advance orders accepted – why cook when someone else can take care of that for you?

Got the itch to play a game? Enjoy a full day of gaming fun at the Center on January 30! Bring your own game or explore one of ours. Bring your friends and family and let the games begin! The cost is \$6.00 including a lunch of Cajun Shrimp, Creamy Pasta, Peas, Breadstick and Pineapple. Reserve your space by 10am January 27.

Much is in store for February as we celebrate Heart Health Month when each Friday features a Heart Health Activity, so pick up your copy of our February schedule and keep informed! We also have our Valentine Celebration on Thursday, February 13, at 10am with paid reservations (\$10) due by 8am February 3. Abbey from Home Instead will be entertaining us with SINGO and Valentine games followed by a Valentine Dinner of Stuffed Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Capri Vegetables, Shrimp Cocktail and Cherry Topped Cheesecake. And since we like to have fun, be sure to join us the next day for our Valentine Dance on Friday, February 14, from 6-8pm when the TAKE II Band will provide us with their good music. The cost for the dance is \$7 in

advance or \$10 at the door. This is a BYOB event and bring a snack to share. There might even be a raffle or two to enjoy. Dancing is highly encouraged to strengthen your heart and increase the fun factor!

Lunch 'n Learn returns on February 20, with Paula Brown, Crawford County Historical Society Oral History Program Coordinator presenting on Oral History, Telling Your Story and on February 27, Jared McGary from Pymatuning State Park educates us on the Eagles of Pymatuning.

A representative from Brad Roae's office will be here on February 26, at 10am to assist with filing for the Rent/Property Tax Rebates. Please bring all property tax and income verification with you. No appointment is needed as it will be on a first-come first-served basis. If you are here, you might as well stay for lunch! Be sure to place your order by 10am on February 24.

Hot lunches are 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

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Tuesday meals due by 10am the preceding Thursday. Lunches are available for a suggested donation of \$2.50 for individuals who are at least 60 years of age and \$4.50 for those under sixty. 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. Meals to Go are available at 11:30am and Dine-In Meals at 11:45am. The dine-in option not only aids in meeting your nutritional needs but also promotes socialization and connections which are part of healthy living. Plan to share a meal with us at least once per week – we think you will like it! Menus are always available at the Center, in the Active Aging ECHO, and online on the Active Aging Inc. website. Menus are subject to change based on availability.

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.

Bible Quote ...

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
- Joshua 1:9

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Anthony Werkin Jr.
PITTSBURGH - Joseph Anthony Werkin Jr., 83, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Espyville, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025.

He was born Thursday, July 3, 1941, in Steubenville, OH, the son of the late Joseph Sr. and Jean (Falkowski) Werkin. He served our country in the United States Marines. Joe was a member of the Andover Fraternal Order of Eagles 4035 and the Linesville American Legion Post 462. In his spare time, he enjoyed



fishing, hunting and gardening. Survivors include his wife, Alice Duffy Werkin; a daughter, Christina Werkin; stepdaughters, Angela (Gary) Heukeshoven and Jackie (Jordan) Zoomick; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. As per Joe's wishes, no services will be held. Condolences at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Paul Daniel Slozat, Sr.
LINESVILLE - Paul Daniel (Dan) Slozat, Sr. 87, of Linesville, passed away Monday, December 30, 2024, and entered his eternal home in heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He had a long history of chronic lymphocytic leukemia and was in the ICU at Hamot Hospital. He peacefully departed this world surrounded by his loving wife,

family and his pastor. He was born Sunday, November 7, 1937, in Meadville, the son of Rev. John and Ethel (Bullis) Slozat. He married Marcella L. Jones November 14, 1964. They were blessed to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in November. Dan was a Class of 1956 graduate of Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School.



He started working when he was young delivering the Meadville Tribune before school and at the Sealtest milk plant. While in junior high school, he worked for the local bakery, the dry cleaners during high school, and at Westinghouse after graduation. He then worked 10 years for PennDOT and over 31 years as a UPS delivery driver. After retiring from UPS he worked for several years as a school bus driver for the local schools.

He was a member of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Linesville and served as a lay minister and trustee. His Christian faith and helping others was a vital part of his life. His journey on earth and his service has been a blessing to many.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Marcella; three children, Erika LeBaron and her husband, Timothy, of Virginia, Paul Slozat, Jr. and his wife, Naomi, of New York; Naomi Hart and her husband, Jack, of Ohio; six grandchildren, Paul Daniel Slozat III and his wife, Margaret, Andrew Slozat, Austin Hart and his wife,

Melanie, Adrian Hart, Isaac Hart and Elias Hart; a brother, David Slozat and his wife, Christine, of Espyville; a sister, Cathy Slozat of Linesville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, a sister, Becky Williams and her husband, Bob; and a brother, Jim Slozat and his wife, Julia. The family received friends on Thursday, January 2, 2025, and on Friday, January 3, 2025, at Royal-Coleman Funeral Home 6028 U.S. Highway 6, Linesville.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 3, 2025, at the funeral home with Pastor Trevor Mills officiating. Burial was in Linesville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pilgrim Holiness Church, P.O. Box 223, Linesville, PA 16424.

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

Jean A. Stark Ellis

CONNEAUT LAKE - Jean A. Stark Ellis, born Saturday, August 11, 1934, went safely into the hands of Jesus, her loving Savior, on Saturday, December 21, 2024.

Jean was born in Philadelphia and resided in Media, Edinboro, Zelienople, Conneaut Lake, and Wesbury United Methodist Community of Meadville,



PA. A graduate of Delaware County Community College and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, she taught third grade in the Seneca Valley School District for 20 years. She was a member of the PA State Association of School Retirees-Butler and Crawford County Chapters.

During her lifetime she was affiliated with the Girl Scouts of America and held offices in the Junior Chamber of Commerce Jaycee-ettes.

Jean was also a member of various travel clubs, Conneaut Lake Garden Club, TOPS, Eat & Travel Club, and Active Aging in Meadville. Jean belonged to Linesville First Baptist Church and The Pioneers Sunday School class. S

he traveled to Canada, Europe, and various locations in the US, but her heart was always in Chautauqua where she made many dear friends.

As one of the owners of the Arlington Cottage Condos at Chautauqua Institution, NY, she held the office of secretary for many years. There, she was the historian for the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle Class of 1992 for many years.

Since the 1970s, Jean was an avid fan of the Steelers, with "Big Ben" being her favorite!

A great proponent of spay/neuter programs, she dearly loved her many rescue cats over the years.

She was an active community volunteer and loved being with her family. Grandchildren, reading, traveling, and church were the high points of her life.

She is survived by two daughters, Lauren Elaine Rafeew of Edinboro, PA, and Christine June Miner of Linesville, PA; sons-in-law include Gerald Rafeew and Wayne Miner.

She had seven grandchildren: Jacob Albert (Lauren), Ryan, Alexander, and Derek Rafeew; Jasmine, Sonya, and Tessa Miner. Jean is also survived by a brother-in-law, Robert Ellis, nephews, David, Daniel, and James Ellis, and their families, and a niece, Barbara Hampton (William).

Jean was preceded in her passing by her husband, Wendell of 62 years, and parents, Willard and Laura Stark.

Jean will be remembered for her ever-present cheerful attitude and loving, encouraging spirit toward all who were blessed to have met her. Truly, to have met her, was



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to love her. Her endless card writing 'ministry' stretched from her backyard to overseas, as she had a dear pen pal in England since elementary school. It was common for her students to exclaim that she was, "the best teacher ever!" She was the epitome of a proper lady, never wavering from her manners. Family and friends will dearly miss her.

The family thanks Wesbury United Methodist Community and Gentiva Hospice for their loving care toward Jean.

Funeral arrangements will be private with a memorial service at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Linesville, P.O. Box 387, Linesville, PA 16424.

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

Condolences or memories at royalcolemanfuneralhome.com.

Esther Ann Brooks

CONNEAUT LAKE - Esther Ann (Gelvin) Brooks, 95, of Conneaut Lake, passed away unexpectedly Friday, January 10, 2025.

She was born Fri., day April 12, 1929, in East Fallowfield Township, the daughter of Stanley and Pauline (Blue) Gelvin.

Esther graduated from the former East Fallowfield School in May 1947.

She married William Harold Brooks on June 7, 1947, who survives. Esther and Bill celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2024.

She was a homemaker who loved to cook, bake, knit, crochet, sew and do puzzles, especially Sudoku.

Esther and her husband loved to travel and visited all 50 states. She was an avid golfer and bowler and was inducted into the Western Crawford County Hall of Fame in 1988.

She especially loved spending time with family and friends, playing cards and bingo.

Along with her husband, Esther served on the W.C.C.B.A. Board for 35 years as Secretary; was a member of Conneaut Lake

Presbyterian Church; and a life member of the Linesville VFW Auxiliary.

In addition to her husband William, Esther is survived by her sister, Mary Jordan (John); son, Lary Brooks (Eloise) and daughter, Sylvia Muha (Thomas); 4 grandchildren, Stephanie Baxter (Dave), William Brooks (Helen), Laurie Brooks, and Justin Rhoades; 5 great-grandchildren, Chance Scobbo, Tyler and Bailey Brooks, and Tanner and Morgan Rhoades; and one great-great-grandchild Gianna.

Esther was preceded in her passing by her parents, four brothers, Thomas, Edwin, Earl and Ronald; two sisters, Lois Murphy and Norma Brown.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Jan., 15, 2025, at ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, 12422 Conneaut Lake Road, Conneaut Lake, with Rev. Sam Heagy, Pastor of Conneaut Lake Presbyterian Church, officiating. Family and friends were received at the funeral home on Wednesday, Jan., 15, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

The burial was private in Rocky Glen Cemetery, Adamsville.

Memorials may be made to Linesville VFW, 6913 Gehrton Road, Linesville PA 16424, or WCC Junior Bowling, Diane McHenry, 21835 Blooming Valley Road, Meadville PA 16335.

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

Sheri L. Baker

CONNEAUT LAKE - Sheri L. Baker, 62, of Conneaut Lake passed away Tuesday afternoon December 31, 2024, in Meadville Medical Center.

She was born in Meadville Sunday November 11, 1962, a daughter of Gerald Davis, Sr. and Charlotte (Moon) Robertson.

Sheri was a Class of 1980 graduate of Saegertown High School.

She was previously employed as a medical receptionist at Meadville Medical Center for 39 ½ years and was employed at Pizza Joes in

Conneaut Lake for 30 years.

She enjoyed bowling, gardening, spending time with her granddaughter and rooting for the Cleveland Browns.

She is survived by her father, Gerald and his wife, Madalyn Davis of Meadville; her mother, Charlotte Robertson of Dover, DE; her companion, Glenn Reedy of Conneaut Lake; a daughter, Kelli Walker and her husband, Gene of Meadville; a son, Cory Baker of Conneaut Lake; a granddaughter, Maci Walker of Meadville; a sister, Deanna Orr and her husband, Dave of Conneaut Lake; a brother, Gerald Davis, Jr. and his wife, Theresa of Meadville; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held Friday, January 25, 2025, at Rose and Waid Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., 12422 Conneaut Lake Road, Conneaut Lake. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, January 12, 2025, at Tavern 618 in Conneaut Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made to Yolando G. Barco Oncology Institute, 16792 Conneaut Lake Road, Meadville PA 16335 or West End Elementary PTO, 12068 Brooks Road, Meadville PA 16335.

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

Margaret "Peggy" Baker

CONNEAUT LAKE - Margaret "Peggy" Baker, 95, of Conneaut Lake, passed away at Rolling Fields Saturday January 4, 2025.

She was born Wed., Jan., 16, 1929, in Farrell, PA, the youngest of 10 children to the late John and Mary Divyk Sentelic.

She married William Baker on September 16, 1952. He passed away October 6, 2006.

Peggy was a homemaker which allowed her time to attend every sporting event of her son and her grandchildren. She also enjoyed making quilts for family members.

She is survived by her son, Steven Baker and his wife, Sarah of Conneaut Lake; her grandsons, Robert Baker and his wife, Sabina and Coleman Baker all of Pittsburgh, PA; her great

granddaughter, Lyra and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Peggy was preceded in her passing by all of her siblings.

As per Peggy's wishes, there will be no services. She was laid to rest at Geneva Memorial Cemetery with her husband.

Please sign Peggy's online guestbook at www.hathewaytedesco.com.

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

Carol Ann Barnes

CONNEAUT LAKE - Carol Ann Barnes, 81, of Conneaut Lake,

passed away peacefully Tuesday, December 24, 2024, at Meadville Medical Center with her daughter and son-in-law by her side.



Carol was born Tue., June 29, 1943, in Cleveland, OH, to the late Donald and Doris (Mathews) Irons.

She married Gary Lewis Barnes on September 16, 1961. He passed away on July 30, 2018.

Carol was a homemaker who loved spending time with her family, watching the Lifetime Network and reading. She was passionate about the Cleveland Browns. And it wasn't until recently that Carol discovered that she enjoyed playing Bingo.

Carol is survived by her daughter, Kimberly L. Gallo and her husband, John of Conneaut Lake; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; one brother-in-law, Jay Barnes (Nancy) of Palm Bay, FL; one sister-in-law, Patricia Barnes of Dorset, OH, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, Carol was preceded in her passing by 3 sons, Robert L. Barnes, Scott A. Barnes and Gary L. Barnes II; 2 daughters-in-law, Donna Barnes and NaMarie Barnes; her granddaughter, Jennifer Barnes; her father-in-law, Howard Barnes; her mother-in-law,

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Area Bingo Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

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Margaret Shontz MEMORIAL LIBRARY

CONNEAUT LAKE - It might on Mondays, Wednesdays & be cold and snowy outside, but Saturdays from 9:30 AM - 4:30 we have some exciting classes PM, Tuesdays & Thursdays from and workshops happening 9:30 AM - 7 PM, and Fridays from inside of our warm library! The 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. We will be Shontz Memorial Library is open closed on Monday, February 17th

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A list of our upcoming classes and workshops are below. Please register at the library or call to sign up: 814-382-6666.

Book Club: Monday, Feb. 10th from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. The Shontz Book Club will be discussing "The Women" by Kristen Hannah at this meeting. Join us for a great discussion!

American Sign Language class: Monday, Feb. 10th from 3 - 4 PM. Sign up and learn a new skill. This class is free and open to the public.

Painting with Paula: Thursday, Feb. 13th from 1 - 3 PM. Participants will be creating a painting over a book page for a beautiful result. \$10 per person - all materials included.

Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, Feb. 24th from 1 - 3 PM. Make beautiful handmade cards to give away. \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Rent Rebate Clinic: On February 28th, from noon - 2 PM, Brad Roae's office will be hosting a Property Tax/Rent Rebate Clinic at the Shontz Library to assist people with completing their applications. The program is open to those 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older. No registration is required for this event.

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.

Reading to the Dogs: Parents - if your 6-12 year old finds reading to be a challenge, sign up for our "Reading to the Dogs" program, taking place every Wednesday after school from 2:30-3:30 PM with Paws Hand Delivered Therapy Dogs.

Story Hour: Our weekly preschool Story Hour happens on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Toddlers, preschoolers and homeschoolers are welcome to join us for a story, songs, games, crafts and an hour of fun!

Story Walk: Make time to take a walk around Conneaut Lake

village to look for clues for the story "Snowflake Bentley" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin. Visit the library to pick up a map and head out for a fun, device-free activity for the whole family! (A special shout - See Shontz page 9

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brothers-in-law, James Barnes and Rand Barnes.

As per Carol's wishes, there will be no public services.

Please sign Carol's online guestbook at www.hathway-tedesco.com.

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

Tammy L. Zelker

LINESVILLE - Tammy L. Zelker, 63, of Linesville, formerly of Hadley, passed away at UPMC Hamot Friday, December 20, 2024.

She was born in Farrell, PA, Tues., August 1, 1961, a daughter of Clarence and Janet A. (Reiter) Hetrick.



On September 23, 1988, she married Ray Zelker Jr., who survives at home.

Tammy's professional career was characterized by her 15-year role as a manager for Country Fair, where she worked until her retirement in 2024.

Tammy's hobbies included solving puzzles and baking. Above all, Tammy cherished her role as a mother and grandmother. Her selfless love and unwavering support were the foundation of her family.

She leaves behind a legacy of love that will be forever treasured by her mother, Janet, and husband, Ray, as well as her two sons, Ray Zelker III (Jessica Hereford) of Greenville and Justin Zelker (Tabatha Roberts) of Bessemer. Her memory will also be honored by her four sisters, Debbie Kettering of Florida, Joanne M. Hetrick of Greenville, Janet (Bill) Peterson of Hadley, and Tracey (David) Mabus of Hadley; two brothers, Clarence R. Hetrick of Hadley and Michael

A. Hetrick also of Hadley; and her six grandchildren, Joey Peterson, Dustin, Courteau, Zach and Elizabeth Zelker, and Tyree Zelker.

Tammy was preceded in her passing by her father.

A funeral service was held on Friday, December 27, 2024, at the Robert L. Snyder Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 3223 Perry Hwy, Sheakleyville, with interment at Sheakleyville Cemetery. Family and friends paid their respects at the funeral home on Thursday, December 26, 2024.

Robert Helch, III

MEADVILLE - Robert J. Helch, III, 52, Vernon Twp., Meadville, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday evening, January 8, 2025, in the emergency department of Meadville Medical Center.

He was born in Pittsburgh Sat., January 1, 1972, a son of Robert J. and Linda S. (Bodnar) Helch, Jr.



On September 25, 1999, he married the former Tara L. White, who survives.

Robert was employed by the Carpenters Union Local 420 and recently was employed by Mortimer Excavating, Inc., West Middlesex.

He was a member of Our Lady, Queen of America's, Conneaut Lake, The Knights of Columbus #6037; Conneaut Lake was an active member of the former Conneaut Lake Park Fire Department, Station 5.

Robert was known for raising horses and his ability to break horses. He was also active in trading and selling horses.

He was a 4H leader and truly loved and enjoyed being able to work with the kid's teaching them about horses and how to properly ride. Through his teaching he was able to boost the children's confidence in caring for and riding their horses.

In addition to his wife, Tara, he is survived by his children, Breann Helch and her fiancé, Nick Olson, Conneaut Lake, See Helch page 8

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In and Around ...

The Conneaut Valley

Conneaut Valley News, Events and Happenings

James A. Stone Memorial Library

CONNEAUTVILLE - As we look forward to the upcoming holidays and the winter months beyond, don't forget the many things your library offers. Consider how we can help you with all those New Year's resolutions! We have programs, books, DVD's, magazines, and digital resources available to help you on your way in the new year. There is more here than you might think! Resolve to check out your library in 2025!

For those who struggle to drive to the library in the winter months, we are matching up delivery volunteers with folks who would like to have books delivered to their homes. We are currently seeking both volunteers and book recipients; please give the library a call if you're interested! Since our books have a two-week checkout period, we estimate that a delivery person would visit a home-bound individual every two weeks or so to bring new books and get the old books to return. Do a good deed. Make a new friend. We are very excited about our book delivery program! Give us a call at (814) 587-2142 for all the details, or to sign up to receive books at your home or be a volunteer delivery person.

Upcoming Events at the Library:

Gingerbread Man Disguise Contest - running until January 31, 2025

It's that time of year again! Stop by the library to vote (with cash or change) for your favorite gingerbread man in our second annual contest! Cash votes will benefit Stone Memorial Library.

Last year's winner was Fellows' Club Volunteer Fire Department... will the FCVFD win again? Or will victory be snatched from under their very noses? Contestants to date include: Fellows' Club VFD, Conneaut Area Senior High School Marching Band, Conneautville Church of Christ, Alaina Burnham, Conneaut Valley Corn Fest, Stone Memorial Library Story Time, and Lauren Burnham.

Voting will continue through the month of January. (It's also not too late to submit a disguised gingerbread man for yourself or your organization. Call or stop by the library for details!)

4-H Information Program - Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 4 pm

On Tuesday, January 14, 2025 the library hosted Penn State Extension Educator Paula Lucas. Paula had information on what 4-H is all about and what your options are for clubs and activities in our county. This is a great opportunity to learn about the 4-H program if you are considering joining the program.

Preschool Story Time - Thursday Mornings at 10:30, beginning January 2, 2025

For the little ones, we have a weekly Preschool Story Time with the effervescent Mrs. Cheryl Cameron! Mrs. C puts a lot of heart and energy into every story time session. You will not be disappointed! There will be music and dancing, stories, crafts, and activities. We promise you many smiles.

Adult Book Club - third Saturday of each month, 2 pm

Our 2025 book club will meet on the following dates:

January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2025. Make plans to join us!

For the Christmas holiday, the library was closed all day on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25. We will reopen with regular hours on Thursday, December 26.

For the New Year's holiday, we closed at 2 pm on Tuesday, December 31, and remain closed through New Year's Day, opening again for regular hours on Thursday, January 2.

At the library, we offer print, copy, and fax services for a small fee. We are also here to help with research, homework, or recommending a great read. Come see us...it'll be worth the trip.

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 Librarians: Jerrie Williams, Hope Hawkins

Children's Librarian: Cheryl Cameron

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

(Thursday, December 26: no story time)

Some of our most interesting resources are digital. This week, and in coming weeks, we'd like to write a few words to tell you about our digital resources. As it turns out, your library card can save you a lot of money...and not just on books!

Many of our patrons already use Libby. Libby is a reading app that you can access on your phone or your computer with your library card. You can use Libby to get free ebooks to read in the Libby app or on your Kindle device. Libby also has many audiobooks available to listen to in the app. A lot of people can't get over their first love: a book you can hold in your hand. But think about the possibilities with audiobooks! Listen while driving in the car, while you're out walking, or while you're washing dishes! If you use a service like Audible to get audiobooks, you're probably paying at least \$15 per month. Libby is free, and easy to use.

On Libby, you can also access the following "extras", all for free, using your library card.

Kanopy, for streaming free movies, documentaries, and series. (Without your library card, you'll have to pay a lot for a streaming service like Netflix or individual movies from Amazon.)

Craftsy, for free access to instructional videos for all kinds of crafts. (Without your library card, an individual Craftsby membership costs around \$123 per year.)

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Springboro Library happenings

- A Gold Level Library -

SPRINGBORO - We hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

The children chose "The Grinch Movie" for our Movie Night and enjoyed candy and popcorn.

Twenty-one patrons attended counting children and adults. It was a fun Christmas evening!

The Christmas Party was a grand time too! We had a Reindeer Relay Race and Christmas Story snack mix. Thirty patrons attended.

Now that the Christmas season has come to a close we are getting ready for the New Year.

Story Times are still the same days and times of the week: Tuesdays, Mommy & Me Story Time at 10:30 am. Homeschool Hour Wednesdays, at 10:00 am and Story Times, on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Miss Courtney and Miss Virginia read the kids a story, do a craft, play time and snack on Tuesday mornings for Mommy & Me Story Time. Homeschool Hour families

get together on Wednesdays for a lesson with Miss Abby or a special guest, snack, and play time.

On Saturdays at 10:00 am, we have a story, craft/activity, play time and snack. Come be a part and get to know families in the community better! Thursday nights are our craft/activity nights for adults and children.

On January 9th at 6:00 pm the children's craft was arctic foxes with Miss Cheyenne and the adults making popsicle stick birdhouses. To sign up comment on our Facebook post, call us, or let us know the next time you visit the library.

On January 23rd from 5:30-7:00 pm, we have a "Family Game Night". Will have board and card games available to play. Bring your own games to share with others as well.

Our Food Fellowship with Pastor Keith is now on Saturdays at noon. We have a Bible Study and lunch.

We're excited what this New Year has to bring for our patrons and library! Our hours are Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat 9am-4pm and Tues and Thurs 10am-7pm.

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Baeli Helch and her boyfriend, Connor Perrye, Conneaut Lake and Brendon Helch, Conneaut Lake; his mother, Linda Helch, Conneaut Lake; a sister, Susan L. Stright, Conneaut Lake; two brother-in-laws, Wade White, Cochranton and Kip (Gla-maria) White, Charlotte, NC, 6 nieces and nephews, Wade White, Blake Stright, Isaac White, Kason White, Luke Stright and Kaya White. Many aunts and uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Helch, Jr.

A Mass of Resurrection was held on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM at Our Lady, Queen of America's, 155 S. 9th Street, Conneaut Lake, with Rev. David Carter officiating. He was laid to rest at the Williams Cemetery. Visitation was on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at the Robert L. Snyder Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 3223 Perry Hwy., Sheakleyville.

Ronald L. Feldmiller

ATLANTIC - Ronald L. Feldmiller, 82, (Greenwood Twp.), Atlantic, passed away Wednesday

evening, December 25, 2024, at the Crawford County Care Center.

He was born in Meadville Fri., June 12, 1942, son of the late John and Velma (Olinger) Feldmiller.

He married the former Ada L. Dunlap on February 1, 1964, and together they shared 60 years.

Ron had a wonderful life growing up in Conneaut Lake. After graduating high school, he worked at Associated Contractors and then became a grounds caretaker at Camp Lend a Hand, a camp for disabled children.

He became a welder at Greenville Steel Car, then spent 25 years as a mail carrier in Conneaut Lake. After retiring from the postal service, he started a taxi service for Amish families in the Atlantic area.

He made so many wonderful friends and loved spending time with their families. He loved to



garden and just tinker around in his garage. Spending time with his granddaughters always put a smile on his face.

Ron was the kinda guy who was always on the go, and if you knew him well, you would agree, "He never let the grass grow under his feet."

Ron was a member of the Conneaut Lake Lions Club, where he served as President and Regional Chairman. He was also a member of the Conneaut Lake Kiwanis

He is survived by his wife, Ada; two daughters, Patricia Harman, Atlantic, and Diane (Michael) Lockwood, Hadley, and two special granddaughters, Molly and Avery Lockwood.

Ron was preceded in his passing by his parents and two brothers, Richard Feldmiller and James Feldmiller.

The family will be privately honoring Ron's life, and no services will be scheduled.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Robert L. Snyder Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 3223 Perry Hwy., Sheakleyville.

John A. Shilling

CONNEAUT LAKE - John A. Shilling, 80, (Greenwood Twp.), Conneaut Lake, passed away Thursday morning, December 19, 2024, at the Meadville Medical

Center with his family by his side.

John was born in Meadville Sat., March 9, 1944, a son of the late Clarence and Mary (Styer) Shilling. John served honorably with the US Army during the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Greenland.

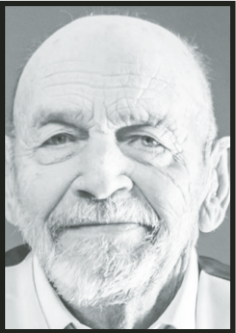
On March 29, 1969, he married the former Kay Consola, and together they shared 55 years together.

Through the years, Mr. Shilling had been employed as a mechanic for Oswald Equipment and the former Spalding's, Meadville. He finished his working career with Wm. Unger and Associates, installing fire suppression equipment.

He was a lifetime member of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department and would often be found driving the tanker. He was also a social member of Vernon Central Hose Company.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; three children: Lesa (Robert) Cornell, Pennhook, VA, Monica (Joseph) Zapia, Jr., Lowellville, OH, and Aaron (Lacey) Shilling, Harmonsburg; a sister, Margaret Gevin, Cochranton; three grand-



children, Christopher (Adrielle) Cornell, Bailey Shilling, and Mirissa (Aaron) Legare; and three great-grandchildren, Bentley, Ridge, and Wrenley, along with several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, his stepfather, William Schlachter, two sisters, Mary "Edith" Shuffstall and Lois Peterson, a brother, Duane Shilling, and a grandson, Tyler Shilling.

A visitation was held Sunday, Dec. 22, 2024, concluding with the sharing of memories at the Robert L. Snyder Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 3222 Perry Hwy., Sheakleyville.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family online at www.snyderfh.com

The family suggested that memorial tributes be made to the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department, 15444 State Hwy 285, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316, or to Vernon Central Hose Company, 16589 McMath Ave, Meadville, PA 16335.

David L. Toner

CONNEAUT LAKE - David L. Toner, 91, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Friday afternoon January 10, 2025, in his residence.

He was born in Meadville Thursday, September 21, 1933, the son of Harry and Genevieve (Hurley) Toner. -To Toner page 11

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of the Shontz Library for creating this event!)

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A list of our classes and workshops are included below. Register at the library or call to sign up: 814-382-6666.

Floral Design class! Blossoms & Blooms Boutique from Linesville Thur, Feb. 27 from 2 - 3 p.m.; Create a beautiful bouquet to take home or giveaway! \$40 /person. sign up now!

Book Club: Monday, Jan. 20th, from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. The Shontz Book Club will be discussing "The All Girl Filling Station Reunion"

by Fannie Flagg at this meeting. Join us for a great discussion! Creative Cards with Natalie: Monday, Jan. 27th, from 1 - 3 PM. Make beautiful handmade cards to give away. \$5 for 2 cards or \$10 for 4 cards.

Conneautville January report

- BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

On Monday, January 13th, 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; Council Members Gary Clark, Ken Hoovler, Tim Prince and Amanda Scott; and Alan Shaddinger, Solicitor. Absent from the meeting was Council Member Jessica Loughner.

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

The meeting began smoothly with previous minutes being approved unanimously.

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Jennifer Palko Fundraiser Sat., Jan, 18 - 1 - 5 p.m. [or until sold out]

Linesville VFW

6913 Gehrton Road, Linesville, PA

Benefit Dinner: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy; Vegetable, Roll and Dessert

\$10 per person - Age 3 and under free

Basket Raffle, 50/50, door prizes, side raffles
Main door prize: Blackstone Grill

Jennifer is wife, mother of 2, friend, assistant bus manager at Anderson Coach, Harmonsburg; Diagnosed with cancer September 2024 - now undergoing treatment, fighting hard to win!!!

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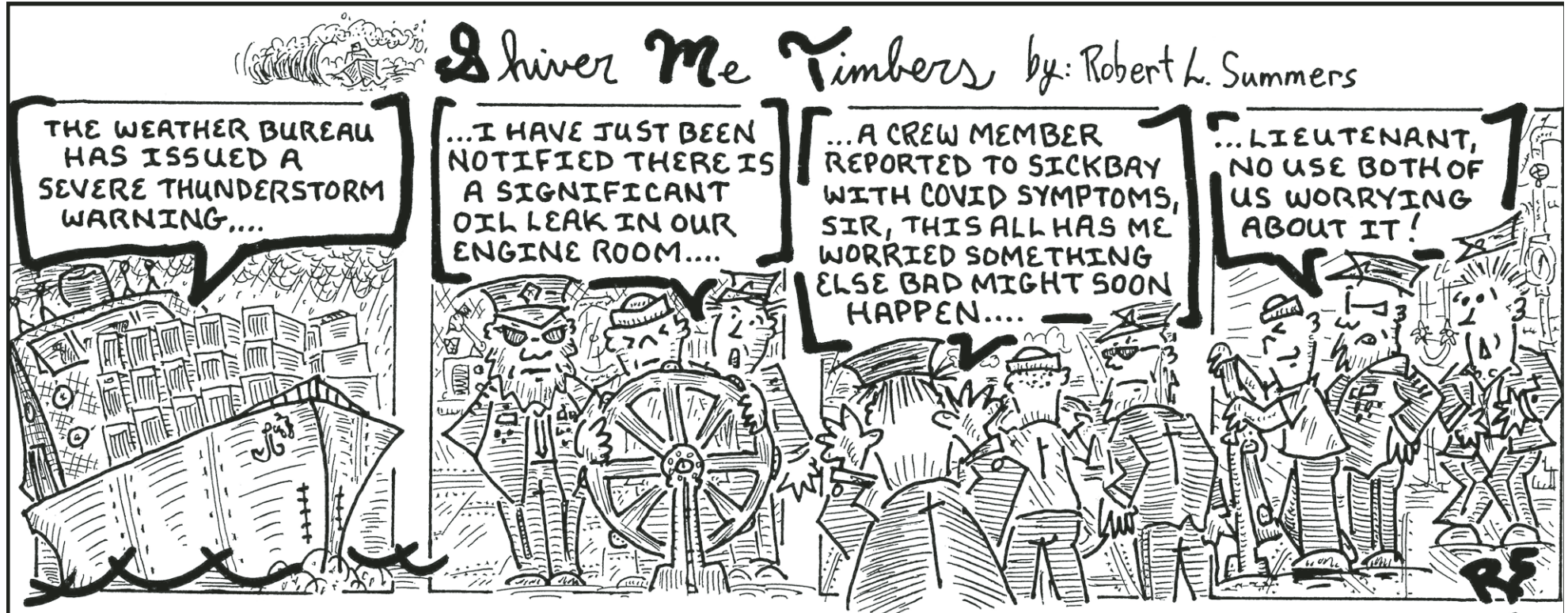


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JAZZ FESTIVAL - These are the CASH students who auditioned for the 2025 PMEA Sr. High District 2 Jazz Festival that will be held Feb. 13 - 15 at Corry High School. Photo from left to right: Katie Gillette (on shoulders of) Camille Turner, Ada Kent, Jacob Hackworth, Rachel Hunter (on shoulders of) Leah Gillette, Katarina Cameron, Mr. Glenn R. Cameron [teacher], and Andrew Hackworth. Seven of the 9 were chosen to take part at the auditions held back in November. Missing from photo is Mason Shafer - Tenor Sax.

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member Paula Field was there to represent the Conneautville Women's Club. They sought permission to store their nativity set at the old borough office. They were also happy to report that no parts of the nativity were stolen this year. The council agreed they could store their nativity there without issue.

During the Mayor's Report, A. Clark encouraged people to get to know their neighbors and other members of the community. He also asked that people support the Stone Memorial Library as they hold their gingerbread contest; one vote is one cent, and the contest runs through the end of January.

The Fellows Club VFD responded to a total of 308 calls in 2024.

The Maintenance Code Officer gave a year-end report which included six pages of each property with outstanding code violations and their current status.

The Administration and Finance Committee reported there are 43 people who are over 30 days late on their water bill.

There was also an issue with the software used to keep track of accounts, causing them to have to manually enter a lot of information this month.

As of this meeting, Rolling Fields has still not paid their water bill. They still owe the borough over

\$33,000. Shaddinger suggested filing another lien, to which the council agreed.

Rumors abound in the area of the possible sale of Rolling Fields in the months ahead.

Ingols thanked the Streets and Water committee and their maintenance employees for being "consistent" in keeping up with snow maintenance. He also mentioned the borough hoped to apply for more grants this year and attain funding for revitalization projects.

The council unanimously approved their budget for 2025.

The borough is still in need of a tax collector; there was brief discussion of who to contact about

potentially filling the position with no decision made.

The fallen walnut tree behind the maintenance barn that was mentioned at previous meetings has been sold to a local man who offered \$1,000 to haul it away for them. The council accepted this offer.

Ingols also announced the changes in committee positions. Scott will now head the Administration and Finance committee, and additionally will be auditing time cards for employees. Hoovler will remain on Streets and Water, and will be assisted by Loughner. Mahoney will be heading the Parks and Recreation committee, assisted by Prince and

G. Clark.

Ingols also expressed that they have budgeted more for the park this year and hope to make necessary improvements.

During closing comments, A. Clark announced that this will be his last year as mayor.

The position will be on the ballot in the Spring and Fall elections, along with some council members, etc. Those interested in running should check with the county election office as to openings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 10th at 7:00pm in the Fellows Club Firehall.

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Dave served his country in the United States Air Force.

On December 23, 1961, he married the former JoAnn Weidner; she passed away on December 18, 2019. He was previously employed as a purchasing manager at ABECK and C&J Industries.

He is survived by four children, Dan Iverson of Idaho, Loree Zubizareta of Idaho, Debbie Wright of Meadville, and Mike Toner of Monroeville and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents, wife, and three brothers.

Cremation was chosen and there will be no services.

Arrangements were entrusted to ROSE AND WAID FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., 12422 Conneaut Lake Road, Conneaut Lake.

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

Russell Brooks Nelson

CONNEAUTVILLE - Russell Brooks Nelson, 68, of Conneautville, passed away Monday, December 30, 2024, at home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was born Friday, June 8, 1956, in Meadville, to the late Lloyd Russell and Lucille (Brooks) Nelson.

He married the love of his life, Doreen Bortnick in 1975. They were preparing to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 3rd.

In addition to his wife of 49 years, Russ is survived by three children; Carly (Chad) Wensel, Courtney (Todd) Cipollo and Alex (Charris) Nelson, eight grandchildren;

Caitlyn and Mackenzie Wensel, Cassidy, Paige and Taylor Cipollo, Calvin and Adrien Nelson, Baby Nelson arriving in March, several brothers and sisters-in-law, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in his passing by his parents.

God and Family were at the forefront of all Russ did. He served his church and community as a trustee at the First Baptist Church in Linesville.

He had a beautiful singing voice, a gift that he would joyfully offer in worship.

He built a successful business over the course of 40 years alongside his brother-in-law Jim Bortnick.

He loved trips to the beach and other family vacations.

In addition to coaching his children and grandchildren, he took every opportunity to attend any activities to support his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He always greeted his family by whistling or telling a dad joke. He enjoyed playing basketball, softball, golf, and cards with his close friends.

He never missed a chance to express his love and affection for those around him.

Above all else, Russ loved his family and spending his time with them. He will be missed beyond measure.

Services took place at the Linesville Baptist Church, 6114 US Hwy 6, Linesville, with calling hours on Friday, January 3, 2024, and the funeral service on Saturday, January 4, 2025.

The family thank all involved in the compassionate care that Russell received at St. Vincent and through the Hospice of Crawford County. Memorial donations can made to these organizations.

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

Jeffery S. Battles

CONNEAUT LAKE - Jeffery S. Battles, 55, of Conneaut Lake, passed away Wednesday, December 25, 2024, peacefully

at home surrounded by his family following a valiant four-year fight with cancer.

Jeff was born in Meadville, Tuesday, May 20, 1969, son of the late Herman and Velma (Reichel) Battles.

On July 8, 1995, he married his beloved Alice Morian; she survives.

He is also survived by his daughter, Kylee Kehl (Kane) of Saegertown, his son, Logan Battles (Maddy Corner) of Mentor, OH, and his daughter, Maggie Battles of Conneaut Lake. Additionally he is survived by his father-in-law, Terry Morian of Conneaut Lake; aunt and uncle, Laurie and Dale Johnston of Meadville; and numerous other cherished family members and friends.

Graduating from Saegertown High School in the Class of 1987, Jeff went on to earn Engineering Degrees from Penn State University and Edinboro University.

Jeff was very passionate about tool and die as well as plastics manufacturing. After time at C & J Industries, Precision Mold, and Micro Tool, Jeff started Lakeland Precision at the age of 21, where he worked for nearly 30 years before becoming a partner at Micro Tool & Plastics.

Jeff was active at Lake Church and humbly served his Savior placing his faith in the grace of Jesus.

He loved boating and skiing on Conneaut Lake, traveling, especially to Myrtle Beach, visiting wineries, listening to music and asking his friends to share their "song of the day", golfing and playing Yatzee. He also loved his dog Sophie, as well as cars, motorcycles, and all things tech.

He impacted many young lives over the years volunteering as coach, leader and mentor to countless kids. Most of all, Jeff loved his family. It would be an understatement to say that they were his life.

Jeff and his family would like to thank the outstanding staff from Cleveland Clinic, Virginia Cancer Specialists/NEXT Oncology and the Exon 20 ICAN group for their



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unwavering care and support.

Calling hours were Sunday, December 29, 2024, at STEPHEN P. MIZNER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 404 CHESTNUT ST., MEADVILLE, and also on Monday, December 30, 2024, where Funeral Services were held with Pastor Dan Mealy of Lake Church officiating.

Jeff was laid to rest in Rocky Glen Cemetery, Adamsville.

Please consider a contribution to the family which will be used to honor Jeff's memory by "paying it forward" for the benefit of our local community, the younger generation, and the Tool and Die Industry, all causes near and dear to Jeff's heart.

Share a memory or condolence at www.miznerfuneralhome.com

Cynthia M. Brown

NORTH LAS VEGAS, NV - Cynthia M. Brown, 79 of North Las Vegas, NV (formerly of Meadville and Erie, PA), passed away there Sunday, December 8, 2024.

She was born in Meadville, PA, Sunday, June 24, 1945, the daughter of Barbara E. Brown and Michael Dennis.

She married William (Bill) Brown on November 22, 2006.

Cindy was a graduate of the Class of 1963 of Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School (now CASH) and the Crawford County Vo-Tech Practical Nurses program.

Cindy is survived by her husband, William Brown of North Las Vegas, NV; a son, Andrew (Amy) Jannot and their children, Ethan

and Wyatt of Highlands Ranch, CO; a daughter, Dorian Garlick and her three children, Desiree (Ryan) Moyer, Andrew (Samantha) Garlick and Paige (Ray Bartosek) Garlick, all of Meadville, PA; stepsons, Dr. David (Julie) Brown and their son, Mitchell, and Stephen (Christina Eighmy) Brown; great-grandchildren, Karsyn Garlick, Laila and Rylynn Moyer; Dallas Gates, Remington Bartosek; and August Kain Kachaylo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in her passing by her parents.

A Celebration of Life is planned in Las Vegas this spring, followed by another Celebration of Life in Erie in the summer 2025.

The family would like to thank ProCare Hospice for the wonderful care extended to their wife and mother.

Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association or a Charity of your choice.

Share a memory of Cindy at wecarelv.com.

Lake police handle 2,954 cases in 2024

BY KALEIGH WHITE
for Community News

The Conneaut Lake Regional Police Commission held their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 15th, at the Sadsbury Township Building. Persons present included Kevin VanHonk, Chair; Jim Tigri, Mayor of Conneaut Lake and Vice-Chair of the Commission; Dick Holabaugh, President - See Police page 12

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Conneaut Lake Borough Council; Eloise Settlemeyre, North Shenango Township Supervisor; Lyle Hoover, Sadsbury Township Supervisor; Todd Pfeifer, Chief of Police; and Rose Mumau, Secretary. Present via phone call was Bonnie Smith, Sadsbury Township Supervisor.

The meeting was called to order at 6:41pm with a pledge to the American flag.

The meeting began with the reorganization of the council. The Chair rotates by jurisdiction each year, and this year needed to be a borough representative; as such, Holabaugh was unanimously voted as Chair. The Vice-Chair needed to be from Sadsbury, and Hoovler was unanimously voted in. Mumau was unanimously voted to remain as Secretary/Treasurer.

There was much discussion of a new meeting time for 2025. It was eventually decided that meetings starting in March will be on the third Tuesday of the month.

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

A new officer will be hired pending he passes the exam. He will start under the full-time pay rate until he concludes his probationary period, at which point he will be eligible for a raise.

In the month of January, there were 76 calls in Sadsbury Township, resulting in three incident reports; 31 calls in the borough; and 35 calls in North Shenango Township,

with one incident report filed.

The year-to-date total of calls is 2,954, with 119 incident reports filed. There were also 22 traffic stops in Sadsbury, and 4 citations given; 3 stops in the borough, with no citations given; and 12 stops in North Shenango with 10 citations given. Additionally, there was a total stolen property value of \$18,420 in Sadsbury from an elderly woman who was unfortunately a victim of an internet scam.

Pfeifer gave his year-end report of crashes and calls. In the crash analysis report, he called 285W and 285E “hot spots” for crashes. There were 106 total crashes, with 55 in Sadsbury, 24 in the borough and 27 in North Shenango. There were 55 reportable crashes and 37 non-reportable crashes.

Reportable crashes are ones that result in a car being towed and/or persons injured; a non-reportable crash is one in which the car can be safely driven away from the scene. The highest cause of crashes was speeding, followed by distracted drivers and animals/deer.

In the calls and incident analysis, he reported that there were a total of 2,954 calls in 2024. 52% of the calls came from Sadsbury, 25% from the borough, 21% from North Shenango, and 2% from outside jurisdiction.

The total number of calls was the highest it's been in the last six years with an average of 246 calls per month. Most calls were during first and second shifts, although a large number of calls still occurred during the third shift.

Overall, they conducted 743

traffic stops, resulting in 292 citations issued and 574 warnings given. There were 401 stops in Sadsbury, with 149 citations issued; 232 stops in the borough, with 81 citations issues; and 74 stops in North Shenango with 36 citations issued.

There were nine total DUI arrests for the year, with five occurring in Sadsbury and four in North Shenango. 67% of those were the result of a motor vehicle crash (meaning the driver hit something), with the others being pulled over from traffic stops. The average age of DUI arestees was 39.

Citations issued resulted in approximately \$9,273 in fines, with \$5,386.50 to Sadsbury, \$2,099 to the borough, and \$1,787.50 to North Shenango.

The council thanked Pfeifer for his “well-done,” comprehensive report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm at the Sadsbury Township Building. These meetings are open to the public.

Veterans, retirees new state law

A new state law eliminates vehicle registration and title fees for certain veterans and retirees in the Commonwealth.

Under Act 60 of 2024, fees are eliminated for a passenger vehicle or truck weighing 9,000 pounds or less owned by military veterans who meet one of the following requirements (license plate fees still apply):

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- Vehicles registered to a veteran who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Sadsbury hires Lake boro worker

- BY DAVID SCHAEF
Community News

Sadsbury Township supervisors, meeting in Janaury session, after re-organizing for the year, hired, effective February 10, Conneaut Lake borough streets worker Jim Donnachie to be a township fulltime road worker employee at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.

Conneaut Lake borough council approved Donnachie’s resignation at their Janaury 8, meeting.

Sadsbury voted to continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month and approved Kevin VanHonk as chairman for the upcoming year.

Lyle Hoover was re-appointed vice chairman; Rose Mamau as secretary/treasurer David Hubbard as road master; Tim Barr as road foreman, noting they have an opening for a office clerk; set pay rates as follows: roadmaster



\$26.61 per hour, Dan Burchill road department, \$22.26 per hour, Tim Barr, road department \$22.00 an hour; Mumua, \$24.80 per hour, plus \$5,500 annually as assistant zoning officer to Joe Chriest at \$30.90 an hour.

Fulltime employees will get health insurance, dental, short term disability and life insurance benefits while working supervisors will get \$18.50 an hour as they help with various township activities and supervisors will get health/dental benefits paid by the townsip or receive reimbursement for Medicare and prescription costs per HJRA.

The zoning officer reported the value of permits approved in 2024 amounted to \$11,597,400.

He issued 3 permits in December totaling \$115,000; continued followup of a nuisance complaint on a Fifth St. Ext property for junk and abandoned vheicles; investigated complaints of stormwater runoff at the Reflections of Conneaut Lake construction site; continued work on the township’s current approvals on the Reflections site and what other steps need taken by the developer and the township

as not all needed approvals have been submitted; and noted a planning commission meeting set for Janaury 20 on a proposed development at the Chalets on a Conneaut Lake site.

East Fallowfield looking to hire CPA

At the East Fallowfield December meeting, with supervisors Doug White, Andy Kosar, and Kevin Kean present, supervisors listened as tax collector Babette Williams requested pay increases of real estate to go from 5% to 7%, per capita tax pay to go from 5% to 7%, and collection of delinquent per capita from 5% to 10%

The budget for 2025 was approved with no tax increase.

In other action:

✓ supervisors discussed current matters with the fire department to include a proposed 5-member board setup;

✓ accepted a fuel bid from Harned Oil/Reed Oil;

✓ passed a motion to approve ECO Strategies additional cost proposal for the West Townline Road D & G Road Grant of \$10,000. Those costs will cover prpearing bid documents and inspections completed in the building process; the Conservation District will pay \$5,000 and the Township \$5,000;

✓ approved increasing supervisor’s pay maximum for the new year of \$3,145 with an ordinance to be adopted in Fevbruary to cover the increased pay for attending meetings;

✓ will advertise for an CPA to

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conduct the annual audit;
✓ heard Kean say he is looking into possible side-by-side trails.

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The CASH Report

• Conneaut Area Senior High News •

In CASH sports, **girl's basketball** January 9, CASH def. Oil City, 69-43.

Kaitlyn Crabb: 10 rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals

Morgan Poff: 10 rebounds, 4 steals

Bre Dendis: 6 rebounds, 3 steals, 2 blocks, 23 points,

Courtney Perrye: 6 steals, 4 assists, 21 points,

Lainie Harrington: 9 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists, 19 points, Kaitlyn Crabb, 10 rebounds .

On Janaury 6, CASH def. Sharon, 71-43.

Bre Dendis: 7 rebounds, 4 blocks, 3 steals, 2 assists

Morgan Poff: 5 rebounds, 4 assists, 2 steals

Courtney Perrye: 3 steals

Lainie Harrington: 4 rebounds, 4 assists.

On Janaury 3, CASH def. Seneca, 65-45.

Lainie Harrington: 12 rebounds, 4 assists, 4 steals, 19 points;

Morgan Poff: 7 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals, 12 points.

Bre Dendis: 6 rebounds, 5 blocks

Kaitlyn Crabb: 5 steals

Courtney Perrye: 5 steals, 21 points.

On December 23, Harbor Creek def. CASH, 63-43.

Morgan Poff: 15 rebounds, 2 steals

Lainie Harrington: 8 rebounds

Bre Dendis: 7 rebounds.

On December 19, 2024, CASH def. Hickory, 68-55

Lainie Harrington: 8 rebounds (hit 1,000 career points at the first half buzzer)

Morgan Poff: 8 rebounds, 5 steals

Courtney Perrye: 4 steals

Kaitlyn Crabb: 4 assists

Bre Dendis: 3 blocks.

On Janaury 13, CASH def. MASH, 63-33.

Lainie Harrington: 7 rebounds, 5 assists, 14 points,

Morgan Poff: 7 rebounds, 6 steals, 14 points,

Courtney Perrye: 6 rebounds, 19 points.

In **boy's basketball**, CASH lost at Ft. LeBouef, 79-65, to fall to 8-5 overall and 4-1 in the Region.

Alex Brady scored 19 points, Alex O'Grady 16, and Shakiir Jordan 12.

On Jan. 10, CASH won over Seneca, 80-30. Brady scored 32 [points, Jordan 22.

On Jan. 11, CASH beat visiting Northwestern, 73-56, led by Brady's 27 points and Jordan's 26.

On Jan. 2, CASH beat Cochran, 59-54, at Cochran. Jordan scored 24 points, Nick Garcia 11 points, and Brady 11 points. A 17-10 third quarter carried Cochran, who trailed 31-22 at the half and led 32-28 in the second half.

On Dec. 28, CASH lost to Girard, 77-38, with Jordan scoring 23 including two 3-pointers.

On Dec. 20, CASH won over homestanding Titusville, 79-32. CASH led 33-24 at the half. Brady scored 23 points, Jordan 19, and Garcia 14 points.

In **wrestling**, at the Tool City Torunament Jan. 3 - 4, Caleb Goodwill was second at 107; Drew Dygert third at 285; Daylee Watson fourth at 114, John Sandua fourth at 127; and Mitchell Blood fifth at 152.

SCHEDULE - Boy's Basketball - Jan. 21 at Oil City; Jan. 24 at Corry; Jan. 28, host Titusville; Jan. 31 at Franklin; Feb. 4 at Seneca;

Feb. 7 host Ft. LeBouef. Playoffs follow.

Girl's Basketball - Jan. 20 at Wilmington; Jan. 23 host Moniteau; Jan. 25 at Sharpsville; Jan. 27, host Titusville; Jan. 30, host Oil City; Feb. 3 at Meadville; Feb. 7, host Franklin; Feb. 13 at Titusville. Playoffs follow.

9th Grade Basketball - Jan. 20, Northwestern; Jan. 23 at Titusville; Jan 24 at Corry; Jan. 30 at Hickory; Feb. 6 at Oil City; Feb. 12 at Franklin.

Wrestling - Jan. 18 at Corry; Jan. 22 at Union City. Watch for District 10 wrestling tournament dates.

Linesville Historical Society open

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

Currently the society is open only by appointment.

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

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Conneaut Lake arts festival

Vendors are being sought for Conneaut Lake Arts Festival July 5 -6 to be held in downtown Conneaut Lake this summer.

Vendors are already signing up to include food trucks and more.

Plans are being made to run shuttle buses from the Lake Middle School. Lake stores are having specials.

Contact Joanie [Berry Basket] for more information and to sign up by calling 814-282-2341.



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211 Water St., downtown Conneaut Lake, PA
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REACHES 1,000 POINTS - Lainie Harrington [C] scored her 1,000th point in girl's basketball at Conneaut Area High School when CASH hosted Hickory on December 19. Celebrating are, from left, Jon Harrington (father), Naia Harrington (younger sister), Lainie Harrington, Eliza Harrington (older sister), and Rhonda Harrington (mother). All her points came as a CASH player, first girl not a scorer split among previous schools and the new CASH.

Springboro tightens worker regulations

Springboro council held a 45 minute executive session when they met in monthly session on Janaury 13, the focus of the session tighter work rules for their fellow councilman and borough streets worker/water department head Mike Malone II.

Malone was not allowed to stay in the full executive session as discussion went on.

Once back in public session, Springboro council announced the tighter rules and indicated they would be added to the current employee handbook in February with Malone asking questions, commenting.

As water department head, certain tests need to be done on an ongoing basis, Malone noting he has difficulty taking weekends off[for vacation, etc.] as he is the main worker there. He maintained he has worked in the borough for 18 years and has the good of the borough as his focus.

Rules being put forth include using the borough truck at all times; a 7 am - 3 pm work day, Malone wondering why 8 - 4 was not acceptable; taking comp time only after approval; must clock in for work; report to the chairperson if the truck has gone into a ditch; and lunch break and other breaks must be taken separately.

During the meeting chairperson Crystal Neiswonger announced committee appointments which did not include Malone; when he asked why, he was told it was her choice and that he would attend some meetings as an employee.

No talk was done during the meeting as Malone faces a preliminary hearing January 27, for allegedly gunning down a dog in Springboro in December. Michael Francis Malone II, 52, of South Main Street, was arraigned Monday, Jan. 13, morning before Magisterial District Judge Adam Stallard of Linesville on charges filed by Pennsylvania State Police for a Dec. 30, 2024, incident.

Malone is accused of a third-degree felony count of aggravated cruelty animals causing serious bodily injury or death; a second-degree misdemeanor count of reckless endangerment; a third-degree misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct; and summary counts of disorderly conduct noise and unlawful hunting in a safety zone. Malone is out on a \$25,000 unsecured bond following Monday's arraignment.



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