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## Clarion Kindness Project Launches New Program to Benefit Senior Citizens and Children



Left to Right - Clarion Kindness Project President Jacqueline Griebel and Clarion Walmart Store Manager Rodney Ciecierski.

Clarion Kindness Project, a [501(c)(3)] nonprofit organization dedicated to serving residents of Clarion County, announced the launch of its new program, Love Boxes for Seniors and Children. This initiative aims to provide snack boxes for senior citizens and children during the summer months and will distribute boxes of snacks and food items during the months of June, July, and August.

"We are thrilled to introduce Love Boxes to the community," said Jacqueline Griebel, President of Clarion Kindness Project. "This program represents our commitment to the community and will allow us to help alleviate food insecurity."

Clarion Kindness Project received a \$1,000.00 grant in April from the Walmart Spark Good program presented by Rodney Ciecierski, Store Manager of the Clarion Walmart that will serve as seed money to start this new initiative. Every year the Spark Good program distributes grants funded by the Walmart foundation to nonprofits and organizations in communities where Walmart has stores.

Clarion Kindness Project is currently seeking both food and monetary donations to fully fund the Love Boxes program. To learn more about Love Boxes and how to support the Clarion Kindness Project, please see *KINDNESS* on page 5

## Kiwanis Club of Clarion Annual Scholarship Awards

The Kiwanis Club of Clarion recently held its annual scholarship awards dinner. Each year the Club awards two scholarships to students who will attend PennWest Clarion in the following fall. All graduating seniors who attend one of the Clarion County High Schools are eligible to apply for the scholarships. The winners this year are Natalie Durish of Clarion Area High School and Addison Siegel of North Clarion High School.

Natalie will major in Nursing at PennWest. In high school she was active in Volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society (Vice President), Student Council, Choir (Treasurer), and Science Olympiad. Her honors include Principals list all four years of high school, first team all-district and third team all KSAC volleyball. She volunteers at her church and helps out with the Clarion Community Thanksgiving Dinner, and helps her neighbors. Her references said that she is intelligent, hardworking, kind, and exemplifies the equalities of a dedicated and driven individual. Natalie is shown in the photo with Kiwanis President Mel Lahr and her mother Mrs. Tracy Durish.

Addison plans to major in Business Administration. Her activities at North Clarion include Student Council (President), Academic Decathlon, Soccer (Captain), track and field, and

see *KIWANIS* on page 10



(l-r) Melanie Lahr, Kiwanis President; Natalie Durish, scholarship winner from Clarion Area High School; Mrs. Tracy Durish, mother of Natalie.

*The Kiwanis Club of Clarion presenting to the winner of their Spring Drawing a gift certificate from C&A Trees. The winner was Ms. Judie Vogus. The drawing was held so that the winner would have their gift for Mother's Day. The Club would like to thank C&A Trees for their generous donation and partnering with them for this project. Proceeds from the drawing help to fund the various activities of the Kiwanis Club for the Clarion Community. Pictured: The Winner, Judie Vogus and Kiwanis Vice President Brenda Sanders Dede.*



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## When the Blackbird Sings

by Jennifer Black

Who do you work for? Do you work for yourself or a company? Who is your boss? Are you your own boss, or do you have a boss from the company you work for? The truth is, your boss may be your supervisor, but he's not the Lord.

"Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24) The realization that you're really working for Christ has the potential to change your whole attitude.

You can wash dishes, clean the house, be a teacher, or even repair cars for the Lord.

I can remember when my kids were growing up and Saturdays were cleaning days. Sometimes I just didn't want to do it. I am not sure if was the tons of seminars I had gone through, but I used to say to myself in my head, pretend you are cleaning for the Lord, and how would I want my home to be if He just stopped in. I even made a tune up in my head, "cleaning for the Lord, cleaning for the Lord, it's worth repeating cleaning for the Lord." I know that may sound silly, but hey, it got the job done. I always feel better about myself too.

So, this new month start to change your mind set, and decide and understand, who you're really working for.

## The Clarion Mirror

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## 2025 Brookville Laurel Festival Schedule

**\*\*ALL EVENTS AND SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### Scholarship Pageant – Crowning Ceremony

Loc: Town Square  
Date: June 14, 2025  
Time: 10 am

### Live Music - Town Square Tunes

Loc: Town Square – Free to Attend thanks to our sponsors!

#### Various Local Musical Artists

Saturday, June 14 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Beer Money** - Acoustic rock, southern, country and oldies

Sunday, June 15 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm

**Special K Quartet** – Barbershop Quartet

Wednesday, June 18 – 7:00pm

**Digitrax** – Local DJ for Street Dance during Kid's Night

Thursday, June 19 - 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Almost Mulberry** - Soft Rock, Classic Oldies, and everything in between

Friday, June 20 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

**Perfect Timing** - Rock, Country, Pop, Alternative Rock

Saturday, June 21 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Killin' Time** – Country Rock  
Saturday, June 21 - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

### Weeklong Events

#### Laurel Art and Photography Show

Loc: Fusion Café  
Art Drop off and Critique – TBD

Open to the public for viewing  
Tues/Wed/Thur/Friday - 10-5pm

Sat - 10am-3pm

#### RMA Library - Used Book Sale

Loc: Rebecca M Arthurs Memorial Library  
223 Valley Street  
June 17th-22nd  
Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri - 9am-6:30pm  
Saturday/Sunday - 12:30pm-4pm

On Sat & Sun – sales are by donation!



#### 12-4pm - Art in the Park

Loc: Town Square

Join the host, C.R.E.A.T.E. Brookville, in celebrating art in our community with games, creative activities, and a full line up of live music.

#### 5pm - RC Races - Loc: 6 Darrah St

Registration begins at Noon

#### Sunday, June 15 - Car/Bike Show

*Bike Show Hosted by Friends of the Flag*

7am - Pancake Breakfast in Town SQ.

\$5 – pancakes, eggs, sausage, water, and coffee

9 am - Laurel Festival 5K - hosted by Pinecreek K-9 Search Unit

Loc: 441 Madison Ave (Rails to Trails across from Giant Eagle)

Registration prior to June 1st, 2025, receive a free T-shirt.

#### 12-3pm - BLF Autorama &

### Week Schedule

#### Saturday, June 14 - Art in the Park

Hosted by C.R.E.A.T.E. Brookville

#### 9am – 2pm - Red Cross Blood Drive in Memory of Brooke Emery

Loc: Heritage House, 4 Sylvania St.

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**Tax Talk with Corry**  
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# Business & Professional SPOTLIGHT

## 30 Years of LASTING LEGACY



Laurel Mountain Winery is celebrating 30 years of business in 2025. Established in 1995 by late wine enthusiast, John Nordberg. The winery is a refurbished barn that features a wine tasting bar with a unique gift shop. Additionally, the property has an Antique Tool Museum featuring historical

items from our generational family farm in Driftwood. Settled on 50 acres with a large pond out front, the beautiful country setting compliments the family friendly atmosphere.

Nordberg and his family enjoyed growing a small vineyard in Driftwood, but soon realized it was cheaper to buy



juice for our wine from the Erie region. He inspired his family, and they continue to use the recipes he created. Now owned by daughter Victoria Tretick, and her wine-making husband, Michael Tretick, after the late passing of Barbara Nordberg, it is important to their family to keep his legacy flowing. Grandchildren Taylor Tretick, manager of the Benezette Wines location, and Myer Tretick, have plans to further the business; truly making it a small family business.

Their popular Sunset Events, where they host live music and food trucks in the summer months, have grown tremendously over the years. They have become a huge success and a whole lot of fun. They also bring out the family's 100-year-old apple press in the fall for a Cider Press Event. "We like to make sure we can include people of all ages at our events for the best family time" Vicki always says. This is Jefferson County's first and only cider pressing event.

Expanding the wine selection has proved to be a challenging but rewarding effort. Tretick has taken on the role of winemaker since 2014. "The winery used to produce 12,500 gallons of wine a year by hand, but since we introduced an updated assembly line for bottling, we have surpassed our goals" states Tretick. His favorite wine to make is Blackberry Port, a must-try.

Some of the more popular wines that have been around since the beginning are Laurel Blush, Rattlesnake Red, & Steel City Red. One favorite story was the creation of Rhuberry, a strawberry-rhubarb blended

wine. Nordberg had too much rhubarb in the garden one year and what does a wine maker do with an overstock of vegetables? Make wine with it of course! This sweet wine sits on the shelves now, perfect for spring and summer.

The family has been working hard to expand their business. Other satellite locations include

Cook Forest Wines, Benezette Wines, and more recently 50 Shades of Grapes in Emlenton, PA.

The expansion in Benezette opened in 2012. This location has been a grand success and even more fun. It is meaningful to the family to be right down the road from where it all started at the Nordberg Farm in Driftwood



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Additionally, they have crafted a line of Hard Ciders and love making their wines into wine slushies.

All their information can be found on the websites, Laurelwines.com and Benzettewines.com. The best part, states the family, is seeing people taste wines and helping them find one that they can enjoy together. They now produce more than 30 varieties of wine from dry to sweet.

## Festival

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host booths, activities, and entertainment, making each day of the Brookville Laurel Festival truly special. Your dedication and support help create an unforgettable experience for our community, and we appreciate everything you do to bring the festival to life!

## Kindness

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visit [www.clarionkindness.org](http://www.clarionkindness.org) or email [clarionkindness@gmail.com](mailto:clarionkindness@gmail.com).

About Clarion Kindness Project

Clarion Kindness Project is an all-volunteer[501(c)(3)] nonprofit organization dedicated to serving residents of Clarion County. Founded in 2023, Clarion Kindness Project has been serving residents of Clarion by operating a Diaper Bank and Community Coffee Shop at their office located at 19 South Fourth Avenue in Clarion, providing Christmas gifts for teenagers,

warm meals for senior citizens at Liberty Towers, food and hygiene items for the local homeless program (Continuum of Care), and sponsoring community events.

## NPRC Offering EMT Courses Around the Region

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) acknowledges the difficulties faced by Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Fire Service organizations related to recruitment, training, and retention of first responders throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. NPRC is offering six courses to enhance the quality of safety and well-being in our communities and train the next generation of public safety professionals ready to take

the step as an emergency medical technician (EMT).

The College will begin hosting EMT courses around the region this summer, slated to begin on Monday, July 7. Classes will be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through Wednesday, December 17. The course fee is \$775.00 per student, and payment plans are available to help students finance this opportunity.

**Courses are being offered at:**

- Parkside Commons in Meadville, PA
- Corry Higher Education Council in Corry, PA
- Warren County Career Center in Warren, PA
- Brockway Area Ambulance Services in Brockway, PA
- McKean County Department of Emergency Services in Smethport, PA
- Endurance Center in Wellsboro, PA

Students must complete the pre-registration process, which includes passing the Fisdap entrance exam to enroll in the course. NPRC's EMT *see EMT COURSES on page 6*





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In his free Time John enjoys going to the gym to work out and shooting pool.



John Hatten  
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## EMT Courses

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programming covers topics including patient assessment, cardiac arrest management, airway management, patient immobilization, diabetic emergencies, strokes and seizures, and information about the emergency response system.

Learners are required to attend all classes and lab sessions throughout the program to demonstrate their competency in numerous psychomotor skills, complete testing requirements, and prepare for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) exam to be certified. Presently, NPRC has a passing rate for the NREMT exam that's well above the national average and is around 90 percent.

For more information about these courses, head online to <https://events.regionalcollegepa.org/event/nprc.events.935251> to begin the pre-registration process and find out more.



NPRCevents.org

About NPRC: Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) is authorized by the PA Department of Education to award associate degrees and certificates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. NPRC is an open-admission, two-year institution of higher education. The College's mission is to provide affordable and accessible post-secondary education to the residents of northern Pennsylvania. NPRC brings affordable education to a 10-county region (Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Venango, and Warren). With flexible scheduling options at numerous instructional locations as well as remote attendance options, attending Northern Pennsylvania Regional College is an excellent option for individuals interested in furthering their education close to home or who need flexibility in their educational journey. With a growing team of high-quality industry-leading instructors directing our classrooms, students are empowered by a welcoming community to change their lives and brighten their futures.



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## Celebrating Champions of Area Trails and Greenways

A resident of Franklin, PA and several agencies and non-profit organization in Crawford County took home the 2025 Annual Greenways Awards during a public ceremony held at Cochranon Lions Community Park this past Thursday afternoon.

The gathering was hosted by the Cochranon Borough and sponsored by Titusville Community Development

Agencies. The Greenways Awards have been celebrated by the Council on Greenways and Trails (CGT) for 13 consecutive years (from the initial 2013 awards), throughout Crawford, Venango, and Clarion Counties. Items given to each award recipient were a framed certificate and a set of four ceramic coasters made by Vicki Kidder-Clark and Rick Clark, artists often participating in CGT's annual Nature Art Showcase each February in Franklin.

The James E. Holden Greenways Volunteer of the Year for 2025 was presented this week to Susan M. Hilton who resides in Franklin, as did the namesake for this program recognizing activities and projects accomplished during the prior five-year period. In her acceptance remarks, Hilton pointed out that volunteering was encouraged and practiced by her parents and extended family for as long as she can remember. Since retiring from the faculty of Clarion University



*Kristin Hauser (left) presents Volunteer Award to Susan Hilton. (photo by Darl Black)*

of PA, Hilton has focused on groups undertaking gardening, protection of the area's natural resources, and expansion/operation of public outdoor recreational trails.

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Effort (CARE) was selected by CGT for the Richard M. Garrard Greenways Neighbor of the Year for 2025. The Greenways Trail which is owned by CARE is literally a next-door neighbor along residential and business properties, linking Cochranon

Landing, Cochranon Fairgrounds, and Cochranon Lions Community Park. CARE participated actively in recent boro-wide Comprehensive Recreational Planning, furnished private sector matching funds to augment several public grants received by Cochranon Borough, and coordinating numerous free public musical performances and heritage events in the park. Jesse McCullough, President of CARE, received the award items from CGT President, Kristin Hauser.

DCNR Western State Parks Supervisor Daniel Bickel described the complex project involving the removal of an 1876 metal truss bridge from its eastern Crawford County constructed site, its rehab, positioning the restored structure across another stream in western Crawford County, and then new paving to link the Messerall Bridge as a new segment of hike/bike trail. Bickel exclaimed, "It's amazing to realize that the bowstring truss bridge that during the oil boom era carried nitrogen-laden wagons on Messerall Road over Pine Creek today carries bicyclists across Linesville Creek as they glide along Spillway Trail within Pymatuning State Park!" The six agencies recognized as recipients of the 2025 Thomas J. Allen Greenways Partners Award are as follows: County of Crawford; PennDOT District #1, PA DCNR – Pymatuning State Park, Pa. Fish and Boat Commission, Pa. Game Commission, and Pine

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# Down Life's Crazy Road

by John Pozza

## Regional Rails -to- Trails Update

While more recent news updates to area rails-to-trails concentrate on sections of the Redbank Valley Trail between Brookville and New Bethlehem, the Five Bridges Trail between Brookville and Allen's Mills, and the Rail 66 Trail between Marianne/Clarion Junction and Marienville, there's another trail only an hour or less north of us through the Allegheny National Forest that has seen extensive improvement of late.

The Knox-Kane Rail Trail in Forest, Elk and McKean counties, has had additional miles of access improved over the last year.

The trail, which connects with the Rail 66 Trail in Clarion and

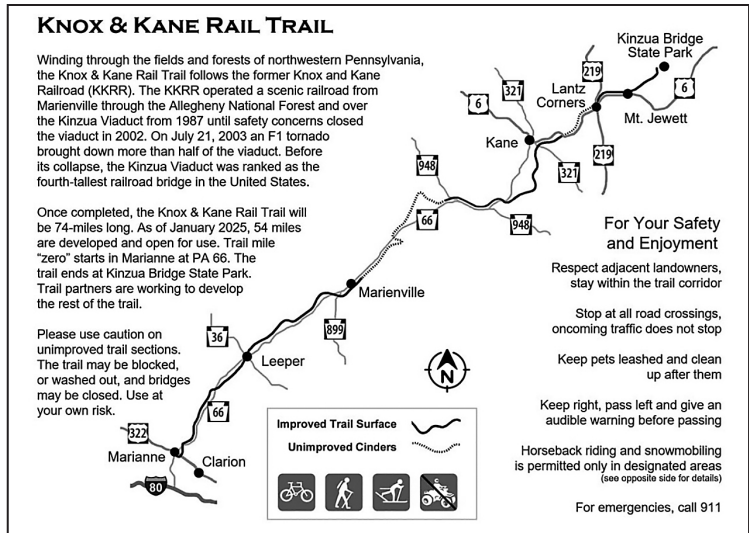


Forest counties, now has 12 miles completed — 4.5 miles between Lamont, at the intersection of Routes 66 and 948, through Kane to Lantz Corners; and 7.5 miles from Mt. Jewett to the Kinzua Bridge State Park.

The section from Lamont to Lantz Corners is through some residential areas, as well as around the border of Kane Country Club. Bicyclists, joggers and walkers are asked to be courteous, especially near the golf course if people are hitting or putting.

Trailhead parking is across from the Country Fair along Route 6 near Kane, and Welsh Street near the old Kane train depot. There is also parking behind the Kane Area High School near the trail bridge over the active railroad line. This section of trail is maintained by TAMED — Trail Association of McKean & Elk Divide.

The Mt. Jewett to Kinzua Bridge Trail section was completed a few years ago under a federal grant through Headwaters Charitable Trust, who owns the trail. It was designated Pennsylvania Trail of the Year in 2024 by the PA Department of Conservation and



Natural Resources.

Trailhead parking in Mt. Jewett is located at the intersection of Center Street and Peterson Street behind the borough office building. It features an information kiosk, bike rack and bicycle repair station.

The second trailhead is at the overflow parking lot at Kinzua Bridge State Park at 296 Viaduct Road in Mt. Jewett. This section of trail is maintained by the MJ2KB Trail Club — Mt. Jewett 2 Kinzua Bridge State Park.

The only section still needing

improvements is a segment just west of the Lantz Corners crossing.

Previous portions of the trail in Forest and Clarion counties have already been completed by Forest County and the Route 66 Trail Organization.

When fully completed, combined with the Rail 66 Trail in Clarion County, the Knox-Kane Trail will offer 73.8 miles of uninterrupted trail from Marianne/Clarion Junction to Kinzua Bridge State Park.

# KSAC Announces Spring Sports All-Conference Wildcats' Mason Burford Boys Track MVP Along with Two Others, Brenna Armstrong Co-Field MVP

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Keystone Athletic Conference (KSAC) has announced their 2025 Spring Sports All-Conference Teams and a number of Wildcats and Bobcats have been selected.

For Wildcats Track and Field: Mason Burford was selected as Boys Track MVP along with Jackson Nicewonger from North Clarion and Braylon Wagner

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of Redbank Valley. Moniteau's Ashton Grossman was the Boys Field MVP.

Mason was named to the First Team in the 200 and the 110 Hurdles. Burford was a member of the First Team 400 relay, which also included Ben Lambert, Jase Ferguson, Brody Beggs and Alex Barrett and the 1600 relay, along with Nathan Frederick, Beggs, Wyatt Boyden and Mason Gourley.

The 3200 relay made it a First Team sweep. The team consisted of Jonas Wilshire, Gourley, Brady Guth, Boyden and Chris Kim.

Also garnering First Team individual honors were, Boyden in the 400 and long jump and Hayden Hindman in the shotput.

Second Team selectees were, Gourley in the 800, Wilshire in

the 1600, Jason Megnin in the 110 hurdles and Isaac Lerch in the long jump.

Brenna Armstrong was the Girls Co-Field MVP along with Ella Rizzo from Redbank Valley. Redbank Valley's Mylee Harmon was the Girls Track MVP.

Armstrong was named to the First Team in the shot put and discus. Joining her on the First Team were Addisen Jackson in the 800, Eliza Datko in the 1600 and Kaitlyn Guth in the 100 hurdles. The 400 relay, which included Jackson, Sophie Babington, Guth and Livia McGinley also made the First Team.

Guth was named to the Second Team in the 300 hurdles and Datko was selected in the 3200. The 3200 relay, consisting of Julianna Schwabenbauer, Reise Jackson, Olivia Radaker,

Addisen Jackson, Dana Coulson were also named to the Second Team.

#### For Bobcats Baseball:

The Bobcats had two First Team selectees, Derek Smail at first base and Noah Harrison in the infield.

There were four Second Teamers, Hayden Weber at catcher, Dylan Smail in the infield, Parker Miller in the outfield and Billy Kahle as the designated hitter.

Ashton Rex was named as a Third Team infielder.

Redbank Valley's Breckin Minch was named Baseball MVP.

#### For Wildcats Softball:

Emileigh Mahle was selected to the Third Team as an outfielder.

Gracee Hess from Cranberry was named MVP.

## Casey O'Toole Joins Janney Montgomery Scott's Clarion Office



Janney Montgomery Scott LLC ("Janney"), a leading full-service wealth management, financial services, and investment banking firm headquartered in Philadelphia, proudly announces the official appointment of Casey O'Toole to the Hartzell Wealth Management Group in its Clarion, Pennsylvania branch.

O'Toole, a 2004 graduate of Washington & Jefferson College, brings two decades of banking and personal finance experience to the role. He will complete training throughout 2025 in both Janney's Clarion office and its Philadelphia headquarters in preparation for serving as a Financial Advisor in Clarion.

Casey resides in Shippensburg with his wife, Bethany, and their daughters, Anna and Emily.

The Clarion Office is located at 162 S. 2nd Avenue, Applewood Center, Clarion, PA 16214.

## Celebrating

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Township.

Sponsors for the specific 2025 awards are as follows: Volunteer Award – The Holden Family and friends; Neighbor – friends of CGT; and Partner – Franklin Industrial and Commercial Development Authority.

Nominations for next year's Greenways Awards are now being accepted online at [www.councilongreenwaystrails.org](http://www.councilongreenwaystrails.org).



Mark Roche (left) observes while CGT President Kristin Hauser presents award for CARE as Neighbor of the Year to Jesse McCullough. (photo by Darl Black)



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## Kiwanis

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Spark Bible Club. Honors include Honor Roll, the I Dare You Award, Student of the Week, Academic Decathlon,

and American Legion Award. She volunteers for charity drives, serves as a tutor, and also volunteers for Veterans Memorial Clean up and highway cleanup. Her references describe her as a leader, driven, well

rounded, motivated, dedicated, organized, and hardworking. Addison could not be present due to a previous engagement.

The scholarships are funded through the Kiwanis French

Fry sales at the Autumn Leaf Festival and the Annual Rose Sale.

Also at the dinner, the Kiwanis Club inducted a new member. Dr. Christian Curreri

a Professor at PennWest Clarion was inducted. The Club is always looking for new members, contact any Club member or contact us through our Facebook page.



Kiwanis Club inducted new member Dr. Christian Curreri, a Professor at PennWest Clarion, pictured with her sponsor Emily Brent and Club President Mel Laehr.

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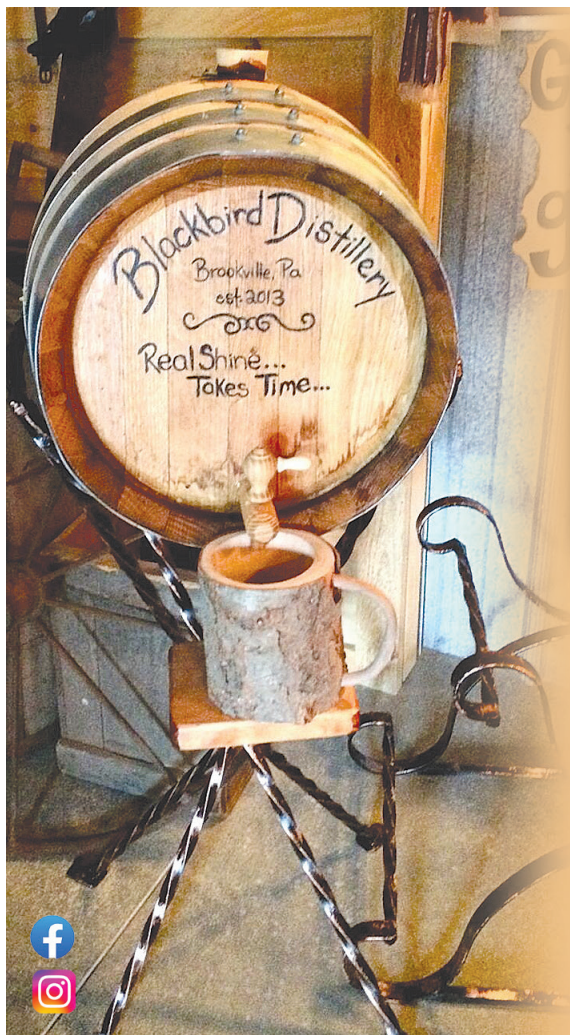
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# Rimersburg Lions Club Completes Multiple Community Service Projects

The Rimersburg Lions Club has been living up to its motto, "We Service," as it's tackled a multitude of projects in the Rimersburg area over the past several months.

Starting in January and running through May, the community service organization put a spotlight on a Union High

School senior by awarding them with a Student of the Month Award plaque for outstanding achievement in a particular school academic course. Typically, the student was accompanied by their teacher and parent or guardian at the affair. Rimersburg Lions Club members Dan George and Jim Kifer were both instrumental in

organizing the project.

Over the last several months, the Rimersburg Club has also collected numerous supply items (household paper products, cleaning products, and first aid supplies) to send to the Beacon Lodge Camp, a Pennsylvania Lions Club camp, located in the central part of the state that is utilized exclusively for the blind, sight-impaired and disabled. Rimersburg Lion Richard Barger, Jr. was in charge of the annual collection project for the Club. In addition, the Rimersburg organization has also made several recent financial donations to the Beacon Lodge Camp for the blind and disabled. Any area sight-impaired or blind or disabled individual interested in attending the camp should contact the Rimersburg Lions Club for additional information.

At the end of April, the Club participated in the statewide Pick-Up PA litter collection program by sponsoring a Route 68 Litter Pick-up between the Rimersburg Borough line to the Huey Road in Toby Township with 22 large bags of garbage collected by Rimersburg Lion

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*The Rimersburg Lions Club completed one of its many community service projects last month by sponsoring a Kindergarten Eye Screening Program at the Sligo Elementary School during Kindergarten Registration Days for this fall's incoming kindergarten students. Shown here is Rimersburg Lions Club member Sydney Varner Hiles, assisted by her daughter Cecilia, as they prepare to screen the eyes of Dawson Hockenberry with the Welch- Allyn Spot Vision Screening Camera which can detect 5 different vision disorders. Two future kindergarten students were referred to eye professionals for further evaluation as a result of the screening process. Rimersburg Lions Club member Greg Mortimer coordinated the project with the school nurse, Megan Corle, with additional help from Margaret Graham, Susie Crick and Varner Hiles.*



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# Softball: Jenna Dunn Records 200th Career Strikeout as Wildcats Down Union/A-C Valley

by Clarion Sports Zone

The visiting Central Clarion Wildcats downed the Union/A-C Valley Falcon-Knights 8-3 on the softball field at West Freedom's David Wetzel Memorial Park, on Friday, May 10th.

Wildcat senior, Jenna Dunn reached major milestone during the game, recording her 200th Career Strikeout.

The game was to be stopped to give Jenna recognition, but as it happened strikeout ended the fourth and the team presented Jenna with a special Commemorative sign made by Amber Greeley.

The Wildcats scored a run in the first and second innings, three in the third, a pair in the



Jenna Dunn with 200th Career Strikeout Commemorative Sign.

fourth and another in the seventh. The Falcon-Knights' runs came in the third and fifth innings.

Jenna also had a double for the Wildcats. She scored a run and drove one in a pair of runs.

Ashlyn Clark tripled and scored a run. JJ Wilson had a double and scored. Elizabeth Estadt and Kaylee Smith each had a single and a run scored a run.

Samantha Simpson had a hit and an RBI, Emileigh Mahle scored a pair of runs, and Megan Powell scored a run.

# Wildcats Boys 4x100 Takes Gold at States as All Three Boys Relays Medal Mason Burford and Brenna Armstrong Medal in Individual Events

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Central Clarion Wildcats competed at the PIAA State Track and Field Championships, held at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania's Seth Grove Stadium, on Friday and Saturday May 23rd and 24th.

The Biggest winners for the Wildcats were the Boys 4x100 relay, consisting of Mason Burford, Ben Lambert, Jase Ferguson and Brody Beggs, who captured the Gold Medal, with a time of 42.48.

The 4x400 relay, run by

Wyatt Boyden, Jonas Wilshire Brady Guth and Mason Gourley finished in sixth place, being clocked at 3:28.46, and the 4x800 relay, with Burford, Gourley, Guth and Boyden took eighth place at 8:09.00.

Burford also finished eighth in the 110 hurdles, with a time of 19.47 seconds. Making the finals he had to just finish for a medal. He tripped and fell over the last hurdle, but gutted it out, got up and made it across the finish line.

Wyatt Boyden ran the

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400, posting a 51.08 in the preliminaries.

Guth also ran the 110 hurdles. Brenna Armstrong took home a seventh place in the shot put for the Wildcat Girls. Her medal winning toss was 37'-8.75". Brenna also competed in the discus.

Eliza Datko ran the 1600 in 5:28.88 and the 3200 in 11:34.76.

### Wildcats Boys Coach Jess Quinn shared:

As a staff we have been blessed with the caliber of athletes all season long. We had all three relays competing at states, but truly it's only 8 boys. We have athletes who are fast enough to be on the 4x100m relay but have the strength to also run a leg of the 4x400m relay. Mason

Burford and Brody Beggs are those who do both the 4x1 and 4x4. Others who have the speed and stride to run a leg of the 4x4 and the endurance to run a leg of the 4x800m relay are Mason Gourley and Wyatt Boyden. Every young man who traveled to Shippensburg came home with at least one medal.

The 4x100m relay was simply



**Wildcats 2025 State Gold Medal winning Boys 4x100 Relay:**  
(l-r) Ben Lambert, Ferguson, Brody Beggs and Mason Burford.  
(photo by Allie Lambert)

trying to uphold the tradition set by guys like Kyle Cathcart, Taylor Sessions, Mike Corbett and Dan Patton. In 2001 they ran a 42.59 and won the state championship. These boys, Ben Lambert, Jase Ferguson, Brody Beggs, and Mason Burford, were trying to raise their game to the level set by those boys 24 years ago.

They not only met that standard but surpassed it. On Friday in the prelims, we ran a 42.33 and were seeded 6th for the finals. They told me their handoffs were not good, "terrible" is how they described them. They all said, "Coach, we'll fix it tomorrow. We got this." How blessed am I see *STATE TRACK* on page 14

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## State Track

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as a coach to have athletes who have the maturity to know what they needed to do and then went and did it! 42.48 was incredibly fast and our best time this season. It's always a good thing when your last attempt to do something is your best effort!

The 4x400m came into states with the 11th but time overall and finished 6th! Mason Burford, Mason Gourley, Brody Beggs and Wyatt Boyden ran a fantastic time coming away with a 6th place medal. Mason Gourley was running for Nathan Frederick who had a family commitment and could not run at the state meet.

The 4x800m team of Jonas Wilshire, Brady Guth, Mason Gourley and Wyatt Boyden finished 8th overall. If you asked them, they would say each ran the best they could. Brady Guth had a hamstring injury that he suffered during the district meet the previous week. He took the baton and within a few steps reactivated that injury. He did not quit, however. Brady pushed through and finished his leg of

the relay. I am incredibly proud of his effort and willingness to push through so not to let his teammates down. Job well done by all three relays!

Mason Burford and Wyatt Boyden also participated in individual events. Mason in the 110 high hurdles and finished 8th and Wyatt ran, but didn't make the finals. Congrats to both boys on their individual efforts.

Mason Burford came home with three medals, Mason Gourley, Brody Beggs, and Wyatt Boyden came home with two and Ben Lambert, Jase Ferguson, Jonas Wilshire and Brady Guth all came home with one medal each.

We are incredibly proud and pleased with how our boys performed this past weekend in Shippensburg.

It goes without saying that a special thank you goes out to everyone who helped these boys get to this level. Coach Chandra Scheftic, DJ Bevevino, Ben Bevevino and Tom Wise were instrumental in the success of the team this year and I can't thank them enough.

**Central Clarion Girls Coach Chandra Scheftic commented:**

Eliza Datko and Brenna Armstrong had standout performances at the state meet this past week in Shippensburg, showcasing their dedication, talent and perseverance every step of the way. Their season has been a testament to their hard work and passion, leaving us excited for Eliza's continued success with the Wildcats and for Brenna's collegiate career at Robert Morris University.

Eliza ran a strong 1600 on Friday, being the first heat of the first race of the meet, shaking off nerves, a lingering cold, and a shift to the early morning performance. Saturday, she pulled off yet another PR capping off her season with a remarkable 11:34.76 in the 3200.

She has seen her times drop consistently all season after starting off strong with personal best times at the very first meet, highlighting her commitment to her training and her pursuit of making it to the state championships. Eliza has seen success from hard work all year with a trip to state championships for cross country in the fall and strong indoor performances which parlayed right into this

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outdoor season.

Eliza will no doubt continue to be a leader with her work ethic, drive, and consistent smile on our distance squad into her junior and senior years, and I am certain we'll be seeing her at states again!

Brenna saw her third performance at states this year as a senior and capped it off with a

7th place medal throwing 37 feet 8 3/4 inches in the shot put.

Her discus performance on Friday was stunted by the cold rain and remnants of bronchitis that had kept her from practice most of the week prior and hindered her districts throws a bit. Even though she had been sick in the weeks leading up, she does what she has done best all

season and dug deep when she needed it most!

Doug Knepp has been her throws coach this season and has been an instrumental, encouraging base of expertise and support for Brenna and all the throwers this year and deserves all of the accolades for their guidance and coaching.

We cannot wait to watch

Brenna succeed as an athlete and student this year at RMU.

She has put in the work throughout her entire high school career, making a name for herself in the KSCAC and D9 as not only a strong thrower but also a genuinely kind, positive, and encouraging young lady!

Training on and off season with a smile on her face she will certainly continue to improve her

throws in college and we will miss her on the team!

I couldn't have been more humbled or proud of these two girls and the entire track and field team this inaugural Central Clarion season – the Wildcat name is now known on the State stage and will continue to be a force to reckon with in the years to come!

## 2nd Annual Wildcat Hustle to Be Held on July 24th

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Central Clarion Wildcats will host their Second Annual Wildcat Hustle Cross Country Race on Thursday, July 24th, with runners everywhere invited to attend.

This is not a Road Race. The Starting Lines will form at the Clarion-Limestone Sports Complex and surrounding grounds, just off Route 322, at C-L School Road.

Junior High Coach Kelsey Makin shared this summary about the Race, the work involved in pulling this big event off and how the proceeds help the team:

“The Junior High and Varsity practice together so all of us coaches work together throughout the season.

“All of the coaches have been working to put this on for our team and of course our athletes’ parents volunteer in many ways as well.

“Our athletes are given the opportunity to run the 5K and if not, they are asked to help out the day of the race. Usually directing runners on the

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Extras - Fried Egg \$1, Fresh Baguette \$1.50, Egg Roll \$2, Spring Roll \$3

### Noodle Bowl - \$11

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Extras - Fried Egg \$1, Pork & Egg Meatloaf \$1, Fresh Baguette \$1.50, Spring Roll \$3  
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# Young Female Wrestlers Have a Great Time Learning Skills During Clinic by University of Iowa Wrestler Ava Bayless at Redbank Valley

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Redbank Valley Youth Wrestling Club held a Girls Wrestling Clinic hosted by University of Iowa Hawkeye wrestler Ava Bayless in the wrestling room at Redbank Valley High School, on Saturday, May 24th.

The twenty-eight grapplers in attendance learned and practiced some great wrestling techniques, delivered in a fun way from one from one of the USA's best.

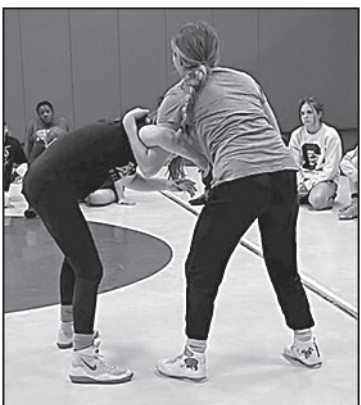
T-shirts and University of Iowa Hawkeye Team posters were given as prizes for the winners of the game chicken in the hen house that the played at the end.

For more in-depth instruction, there was a special Question and Answer session.

Ava shared, "It was a great time! I am super grateful to have had the opportunity to share my love for the sport of wrestling with so many young girls so close to home!"

"These girls have bright futures ahead, so it is awesome to be a tiny part of their journey!"

"We had lots of fun working together on different techniques, playing games, and meeting new friends. We went over offense and defense positions to a few of my favorite set-ups to takedowns, such as a underhook drag to double leg.



Ava demonstrating the underhook to her students



Ava with the young attendees.

"We also learned a little bit of freestyle technique from the top position such as a leg lace.

"Thank you to all of the parents and others who helped put this clinic together! I am excited to continue to watch women's wrestling grow in Pennsylvania and see these girls have success on and off the mat.

"I am thankful for Redbank

Valley for having me and their support of growing women's wrestling!"

The proceeds from the event will go to Ava to help offset some of her expenses as she goes to Spain during the month of June to participate in a study abroad course. The clinic is a labor of love for Ava as she continues her passion to grow girls wrestling in

Pennsylvania.

The Redbank Valley Wrestling Club thanks Ava for coming to spend the day teaching skills and for a fun day for the girls.

## Hustle

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course, leading the Kids 1 mile or helping with the tiny tots race.

"Our 2nd Annual Wildcat Hustle is a fun and family-friendly event that brings together our community in support of the Central Clarion Wildcats Cross Country Team, a co-op between Clarion and Clarion-Limestone.

"The race is held at the Wildcats' home course.

"It's a 3.1-mile course featuring grass, trails, dirt roads, and a few hills.

"For the Kid's 1 Mile Race, it is two loops around the Clarion-Limestone Nature Trail and nearby field and the Tony Tot's Dash is a quick rundown the football field!

"This fundraiser plays a crucial role in helping our

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athletes achieve their goals. With the donations from local businesses and the money we raise from our fundraiser, our athletes are provided numerous opportunities. It helps them attend weekend invitationals, positive team experiences throughout the season.

"This year we hope to purchase new team warm-ups with our co-op name and logo.

"As our team grows, so do our needs and this event helps us reach our goals. We're grateful for the support of our athletes, families, local businesses, and community.

"Along with the running events, there will be tickets available to purchase in a chance to win a raffle basket. These have been generously donated by local businesses, families, and organizations.

"All proceeds go directly to supporting our athletes.

"We invite all ages to come and participate in this event. We also extend a warm invite to other cross-country teams within District Nine.

"We could not host this event without the dedication of our athletes, the support of their

families, and the generosity of our community partners.

"Coaches Oakes, Hepfl and I have all worked on this event together and our parents help out as well to make it run as smooth as possible.

"Timing services will be done by Runner's High Timing and Computer Services, from Grove City. <https://runhigh.com/>

"Please join us for the 2nd annual Wildcat Hustle 5K benefiting the Central Clarion Wildcats Cross Country Team!"

Sign up for the 5K, Kids 1 mile race or the Tiny Tots Dash!

The dash will be Thursday, July 24th, 2025 at 7 p.m. at C-L Sports Complex 4091 C-L School Rd. Strattanville, PA 16258

6:15 p.m. – Tiny Tots Dash (5 and under)

6:30 p.m. – Kids 1 Mile Run (12 and under)

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**Registration Fee:**

5K: \$25

Kids 1 Mile: \$15

Tiny Tots Dash: \$10

• \$5 extra fee when you register the day of the event.

• Raffle tickets for door prizes will be available for purchase at the event!

Wildcat Hustle Run/Walk will follow the new Central Clarion Wildcat Cross Country team's XC course. It is NOT A ROAD RACE.

Kids 1 mile Fun Run ages 12 and under

Tiny Tots Dash kids 5 and under  
Race Date: Thursday July 24th @ 7 p.m.

On-site registration to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Starting Lines: Clarion-Limestone Sports Complex, football stadium and surrounding grounds

## Projects

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Alan Carmichael, coordinator of the event, and Lions Dan George, Greg Mortimer, Richard Barger, Jr. and 2 area non-lions.

In late April, the Club spearheaded a Kindergarten Eye Screening Program among this fall's incoming kindergarten students at Sligo Elementary School with a specialized eye screening camera that detects five different eye disorders. Lion Greg Mortimer, coordinated the event, along with the assistance of Margaret Graham, Susie Crick and Lion Sydney Varner Hiles.

In addition, on May 6, 2025, the Rimersburg Lions Club sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Union High School where they set a record by successfully collecting 38 blood donations for their half day of work. As a result of collecting over 30 blood donations at an educational institution (Union High School), the American Red Cross will be awarding a college-bound Union High School senior a \$250.00 scholarship towards their higher education this fall. Once again, Lion Greg Mortimer headed this project, with the assistance of Lions Roger Crick, Jim Kifer, Mike Graham, Rich Barger, Alan Carmichael, Brenda Haws, students of the Union High School National Honor Society, and Union High School teacher Anthony Beveridge.

Finally, the Rimersburg Lions recently recognized Rimersburg area resident, Cathy Carmichael, with the Heart of A Lion Award, which highlights the positive work a non-Lion performs in the community. The award went to Carmichael for all her founding efforts and continued organization of the Blessing Kids Project which provides packets of food for over the weekends to non-high school students in Union School District.

The Rimersburg Lions Club funds its charities projects through the sale of Lions Club brooms located in Rimersburg area businesses and through its annual August Chambersburg Peach Sale.

The Rimersburg Lions Club holds its semi-monthly dinner meetings the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Korner Restaurant. Any individuals interested in joining the organization should contact Membership Chair, Lion Brenda Haws, at (484) 459-3882.



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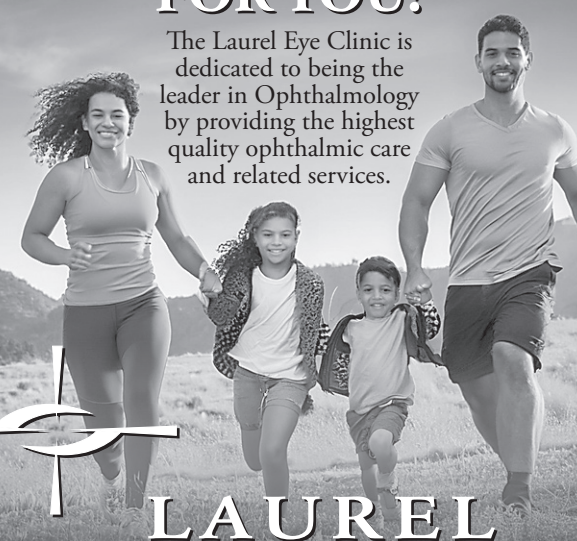
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# Wiser Field Press Box Renovation Planned

## Article Contains Information on How You Can Help with this Worthwhile Project

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Clarion Area School District is planning to do an upgrade to the press box at Wiser Field which will benefit The Central Clarion Wildcat Football team, as well as others.

The project is being steer-headed by Clarion Area Superintendent Joe Carrico and Clarion Area Director of Operations Darren Seary.

Carrico stated, “Darren Seary is running co-point on the press box expansion. It is a small project, we are adding an extra 12 feet (on the West side), with additional roof space for coaching staff. In this day and age, we have lots of multimedia partners that need space.

“Last year, we had to station folks outside in the elements and right behind the fans so it was not an ideal presentation to our audiences. Darren has been working hard to secure the funds needed to complete this project prior to the first game this year.”

Seary mentioned that the expansion will: 1) Expand space for coaches and media; 2) Improve coverage and professionalism; 3) Protect staff from weather and distractions; 4) Enhance broadcasts,

visibility, and operations and 5) Meet growing multimedia and coaching needs.

### HOW CAN THE COMMUNITY HELP?:

**Join Us in Building the Future of Central Clarion Wildcats Football** I hope this message finds you well. I’m reaching out on behalf of Clarion Area School District to invite you to be a part of an exciting project that will positively impact our student-athletes, fans, and the greater Clarion community.

We are embarking on a long-anticipated enhancement to **Wiser Field**, focused on the **renovation and expansion of our current press box**. This upgrade is essential not only for improved game-day operations and media coverage, but also for providing a safer, more functional and professional space for coaches, announcers, media personnel, and game officials. It will also further elevate the overall experience for our loyal supporters and families.

To make this vision a reality, **we are seeking support from respected local leaders and generous business partners like you**. We are currently

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Thank you for your time, your consideration, and for everything you do to support Clarion. Together, let’s make Wiser Field a source of pride for generations to come.

# Best Named to CSC All-D3 Softball Team for PennWest Clarion

by Clarion Sports Zone

The College Sports Communicators (CSC) announced their 2025 All-District Academic Teams on Tuesday, May 27th. with former Clarion Area Bobcat standout Jordy Best, a two-time Pennsylvania High School Softball Coaches Association (PaHSSBCA) All-State catcher for the Cats, being selected.

Jordy, a junior, along with

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four of her Golden Eagle teammates were named to the NCAA Division II All-District 3 Team, which encompasses the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) and other schools.

In order for a student-athlete to be eligible, they must have:

A minimum grade point average of 3.50 or better. Position players have competed in at least 90 percent of their team's games played OR have started at least 66 percent of the total number of team games played. For pitchers, players must pitch 35-plus innings or appear in 17 games as a pitcher.

Jordy carried a 3.72 grade point

average in Nutrition and Fitness. She was named as a catcher.

She had thirty-nine starts at that position. She posted an On-Base Plus Slugging Percentage (OPS) of .872).

Jordy hit six doubles, a team-high four triples and three home runs. She had twenty-two RBIs.

Jordy's Golden Eagle teammates also on this season's All-District 3 Team include: Speech and Audiology major Desi Allen at first base; Psychology major Emily Buchleitner at shortstop; Criminal Justice major Ainsley Perdicaris at starting pitcher; and Biology major Haylee Rimmy as an outfielder/designated hitter.



Photo courtesy PennWest Clarion Athletics.

## Wildcats Season Ends as They Fall 2-1 to Raiders in D9 2A Quarterfinal Matchup

by Clarion Sports Zone

The Central Clarion Wildcats dropped a 2-1 decision to the visiting Brookville Raiders in the District Nine Class 2A Quarterfinals on Tuesday, May

20th, bringing their season to an end.

The Raiders' Kailin Bowser scored a run in the top of the first, with neither team scoring until the seventh inning.

Brookville pushed a run across in the top of the inning, with Megan McKinley scoring, giving the Raiders a 2-0 lead.

In the bottom of the inning, the Wildcats Brinley Kiskadden had a one out single. Three batters later, JJ Wilson hit into a fielder's choice to send Kiskadden home with Central Clarion's lone run.

Wilson had two hits in the game and the RBI. Alicyn Burford collected two hits.



Emileigh Mahle, Ashlyn Clark and Karlee Mahle each singled.

Jenna Dunn had a very good outing in the circle, giving up just the two runs and four hits, while striking out three, over the seven innings.

Alyssa Tollini picked up the win for the Raiders.


The Wildcats finished the season at 9-8 as they are making healthy strides, improving on last year's 6-12 record.

(Nice season, Wildcats!!!!)

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## JCHC Hosts Clarion-Limestone School at JCHS Heritage Park (aka "Scripture Rocks Park")

by Kat Lyons, JCHC Executive Director



JCHC hosted Clarion Limestone 4th Grade at JCHS Heritage Park (aka "Scripture Rocks") on May 15th, another happy, successful event. Thank you to teachers Wendy Ferguson, Jamie Grace and Bridget Wingard and aides and all the kids - they were great! This is their 2nd year at "4th Grade at the Park" which they requested to come back to this year. Clarion-Limestone has students from Jefferson County as well as Clarion County, as the school is right on the border of both counties.

We love working with C-L!!! This event was made possible by National Park Trust's "Kids to Parks" grant that the teachers and students did together, identifying their chosen park as JCHS Scripture Rocks. This is an annual fun, educational event, covering nature and cultural history of the park.

A BIG Thank you to our "Crew" of Presenters: Larry Anthony, JCHS Board

President and Board Director Greg Snyder, "Tour of the Rock's., Dale Luthringer, DCNR Education Specialist at Cook Forest & Clear Creek State Parks, "Forestry," Walter Skrzypec, JCHS Member, "Native American Rockshelter," Dana Hannibel and Megan Whitlatch, Jefferson County, Conservation District, "Pond-Pollinator Habitat," and Deb Searls, JCHS Board Secretary and JCHS Executive Director Kat Lyons, "Kids' Activity."

The Kids Activity is called the "Trail Name Game" where every student (and teachers!) gets a badge with a trail name based on the 1st initial of the 1st name and 1st initial of their last name. The kids love it, especially when their teachers earn such names as "Sleepy and Not in Charge." The kids also get stickers to put on their badges, and Smoky the Bear iron-on patches provided by Walter Skrzypec, of Falls Creek Outfitters. JCHC also

provides The Pollinator Booklet and Scripture Rocks Jr. Ranger Booklet and rack cards on pond life to native plants and pollinators (birds, butterflies, bees and beneficial insects), as well as resin lifecycles (frog, butterfly) teaching tools and activity kits through the National Park Trust's grant.

Coming up on its 5th year, this annual "4th grade at the Park" event is the brainstorm of Ken Burkett, long time JCHC Executive Director and now

JCHS Board Treasurer, and Kat Lyons, 2025 JCHC Executive Director.

## JCHC Announces Annual Ebike Raffle!

Jefferson County History Center presents the Aventon "Adventure.2 Ebike. Have an Adventure Off-Road!! The 4" fat tires and front suspension on this awesome Ebike can handle anything – sand, rocky road, snow and mountainous terrain! It's a cool commuter, too, complete with bike rack.

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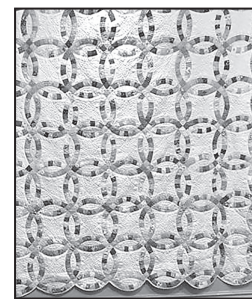
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One lucky winner will claim this Ebike at our 7th Annual Rails to Trails Family Bicycle Poker Ride on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025!

Tickets can also be purchased at the JCHC Gift Shop, 172 Main St., Brookville and at any of our upcoming events. For more info, see our website, [jchconline.org/events](http://jchconline.org/events) and [facebook.com/jchconline](https://facebook.com/jchconline). 814-849-0077.

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## JCHC Upcoming Events

**Saturday, May 31st, 9 AM – 3 PM. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Military Collectibles Show.** Jefferson County Fairgrounds Rte 28 N., 1/4 mile north of I-80, Exit 81. Militaria for sale, show and trade. \$10 Adults, children 17 and under free.

**Saturday, May 31st, Noon – 3PM.** The Bowdish Model R.R. & Miniatures Show at JCHC. 172 Main St., Brookville. Everyone's

favorite trains!

## JCHC at 2025 Brookville Laurel Festival Events:

**June 14th – June 21st, 2025.** Jefferson County History Center will be participating in many of the Brookville Laurel Festival Events, Main St., Downtown Brookville:

**June 14 (Sat.): Art in the Park** Noon-4PM  
**June 16 (Mon.): Outdoor/Sportsman:** 5-8pm +

**Tour of JCHS Heritage Park (Scripture Rocks)** 2:00 pm  
**Historic Walking Tour – Evening,** Time TBA

**Native American Hunting Craft:** Atlatl, primitive bow & flint-knapping demo, Jefferson County Gunsmiths & Antique Rifles --presented by JCHC & Northfork Ch#29, Society PA Archaeology

**June 17 (Tues): Family Night:** Bowdish Model R.R. &

Miniatures Show 5 PM– 8 PM

**June 19 (Thurs): Kids' Night:** Kids' Activity outside JCHC 5 PM-7 or 8PM

**June 20 (Fri.): Sidewalk Sale** 9AM – 3PM

**June 21 (Sat.): Announcement of JCHC Quilt Raffle Winner** on Parade Day

**June 14.** Jefferson County History Center presents a fun kids' activity at Saturday's "Art in the Park," the family-fun kick-off event for the Brookville Laurel Festival. Brookville Town Square, Main St., next to the Courthouse. Noon – 4PM. FREE.

**June 16.** Jefferson County History Center showcases our JCHC Heritage Rocks Park on Outdoor/Sportsman Night at the Brookville Town Square, 5-8 PM, plus an Ebike Raffle!

Afternoon: FREE tour of the natural and cultural history of the Park at 2:00 PM. This Park has a Rock Art site with 67 inscribed boulders telling the story of Douglas Stahlman, the eccentric inscriber; a Native Plant-Pond-Pollinator Habitat, and a Native American Rockshelter. The park is located east of Brookville on Rte 28, 1/8 mile south of I-80, Exit 81.

**June 17.** The Bowdish Model Railroad & Miniatures Diorama Show takes place on Family

Fun Night. Six trains running down the tracks and through the tunnels, miniature buildings, people and critters delight kids young and old! **ADMISSION BY DONATION!** 5-8 PM. Location: Jefferson County History Center, 172 Main St., Brookville.

**June 19.** Jefferson County History Center presents yet another fun kids' activity at Kids' Night. FREE. 5-8 PM. Location: On the sidewalk in front of the Jefferson County History Center. 172-176 Main St., Brookville.

**June 20.** Jefferson County History Center's Sidewalk Sale on Friday at the Laurel Festival's Annual Main St Sidewalk Sale. 9AM-3PM. Toys, fossils, kids' stuff, arrowheads, T-shirts and sweatshirts, animal tracking bracelets, books...and more!

**June 21.** Announcement of JCHC Quilt Raffle Winner

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Parker Gallery New Exhibits:

**Brookville Manufacturing Co. "Bunk Sled,"** also called an "Ice Sled," circa late

1800s-early 1900s. What's a Bunk Sled? What was it used for? This one has the REITZ surname painted on the sled seat, and probably was used by the Reitz Furniture Company. This is a brand new donation which we are proud to exhibit.

**Logging and Rafting**  
This exhibit explores the beginnings of the logging history in Jefferson County in the early 1800s with the tools and men who worked the forests, the tools they used and how they transported the raw timber on massive rafts down the county's waterways to Pittsburg and other points south. **How did they build the huge rafts? Come find out!**

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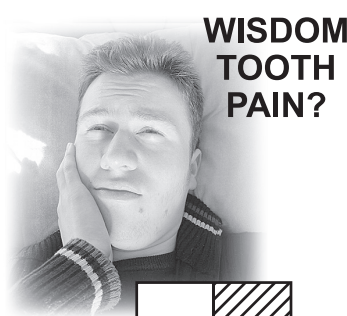
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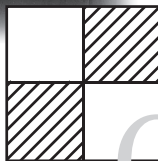
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**PA State Markers of Jefferson County:** "Landmarks of Legacy." This exhibit showcases the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission historical state markers in Jefferson County that capture the stories of people, places, events, and innovations of statewide or national significance that have affected the lives of Pennsylvanians over the centuries.

**Bowdish Gallery New Windowbox Exhibits:** Charles Bowdish Story, Pennsylvania R.R. and Pittsburgh & Shawmut R.R.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Special Front Window Exhibits:

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**Early Pioneer Life to Leisure hunting Camp:** Log Cabin, Wainwright Shop, 1950s Hunting Camp.

**Medical Practice:** Dr. Wm McKinley's office.

**Abbie Neal**, Local Country Western Star from Baxter.

**Bill McCracken**, WWII Uniform /B-27 And B-29 Engineer. (Temporary Exhibit on Loan)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Galleries:

**Bowdish Model Railroad & Miniatures Diorama:** The miniature creations of Brookville's own Charlie Bowdish and those of the Bowdish Crew and the "O" Gauge Model Railroad & Trains.

**KidSpace Gallery: Illusions and Perceptions** – Is What You See or What You Think You See Real or Not?

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## Wildcats' Kerr Shines in PFCA East/West Small School Game

*by Clarion Sports Zone*

Jimmy Kerr had a great game, as the starting right tackle on the West Offensive Line, in the team's 14-0 victory in the Pennsylvania Football Coaches Association (PSFCA) East/West Small School Game, which was held on Sunday, May 18th at

Cumberland Valley's Chapman Field, in Mechanicsburg.

There are two East/West Games, one for 1A-3A and another for 4A-6A. The East/West Games are the second most prestigious All-Star games in Pennsylvania, after the Big33 Classic, which currently pits Team Pennsylvania against Team Maryland. The three games are the only State-Wide All-Star Games. Both East/West Games were held on the 18th.

The 68th Big33 Game was held on Sunday, May 25th, at Chapman Field, with Maryland downing Pennsylvania 42-21. The win marked Maryland's first victory since 2018, when the game was played at Central Dauphin's Landis Field.

According to the PFSCA: The PSFCA East-West All-Star Game was created in 2001 to provide more athletes the chance to showcase their talents at a high level. It originally had one game including all classifications. The two-school format began in 2021. Originally inspired by the Big 33 Game, which pits Pennsylvania's

top players against Maryland's. The PSFCA East-West game offers a prestigious platform for athletes who might otherwise be overlooked due to the limited roster size of the Big 33 Game.



*Jimmy during player introductions. (photo courtesy of Christina Hoy Photography)*

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Jimmy did some great blocking from his, as did his O-Line mates. One of Jimmy's main duties was to seal off the edge to prevent the edge rusher from making a play in the backfield, which he was successful at time and again. He and the rest of the offensive line did a nice job in their run blocking.

Throughout the game Jimmy's footwork was on display. Yes, this big guy can move his feet.

The West's first touchdown came at the 2:59 mark of the first quarter when quarterback Carson Nagle from Bald Eagle Area capped an 11-play 80-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown pass to Bishop Guilfoyle's Hamilton Gates. Richland's Noah Ritko was good on the extra point, giving the West a 7-0 lead.

The West scored the game's final points at 9:40 as Nagle hit Tyrone's Trent Adams on a

touchdown from 44 yards out, to finish a 5-play 68-yard drive, with Ritko connected on the PAT.

Fantastic game for the West Squad, on Offense and Defense Both!

For Jimmy this was more than a game, though.

"It was an honor to be part of the East-West All-Star Game.

"The whole experience was incredible — from competing alongside top talent to learning

from great coaches.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity. It pushed me to grow as both a player and a person.

"I appreciate everyone who helped make it happen and look forward to what's next."

Wildcats head coach, Dave Eggleton shared about how impressed he was with Jimmy's fine showing in the game.

"I thought Jimmy represented our district and team very well in the game.

"He really controlled the line of scrimmage watching the film. I was impressed with how well he handled the defensive end on all the past blocking and opened some nice holes in the run game."

"He really showed he deserved to play with some of the best players in the state and showed that he will continue to be a dominant player at the next level."

Also participating in the game from the District 9 Football League were Brockway linebacker Johnny Varischetti and Brockway head coach Jake Heindl, who was an assistant coach for the game.

Most Valuable Players include:

East/West Small School: West Offensive MVP – Quarterback Carson Nagle from Bald Eagle Area, West Defensive MVP – Defensive Lineman Troy Cunningham from South Park and East MVP – Defensive End Matt Fotta from Catasauqua.

East/West Large School: West MVP – Linebacker Mark Harrington from Altoona and East MVP – Wide Receiver Caleb Newsome from Nazareth.

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