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## Nearly 175,000 More Pennsylvanians Now Eligible for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program: Apply Today

by State Treasurer Stacy Garrity

Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program helps some of our most vulnerable Pennsylvanians. And here's some great news – nearly 175,000 more people will be eligible for rebates this year thanks to a big expansion of the program.

Last year, Treasury processed about 405,000 payments totaling more than \$190 million. This year, those numbers will go up thanks to great work by the General Assembly and the Governor. The income limit for homeowners and renters is increasing to \$45,000 – and half of Social Security income is excluded from that calculation.

The maximum standard rebate has increased to \$1,000.

These rebate payments make a big difference, especially for seniors and other eligible Pennsylvanians on fixed budgets who may be struggling to make ends meet. Pennsylvanians 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older who meet the income limitations are eligible for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

I encourage anyone who is eligible to apply, and to do so early – especially first-time filers. Applications are thoroughly reviewed by the Department of Revenue before being approved for payment, and applications from first-time filers will take longer to process.

Because the program is expanding so much, there will be many more applications for the Department of Revenue to review this year – so again, apply as soon as possible. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2024.

Treasury is planning ahead to make a large number of rebate payments on the first possible payment date, which is July 1. We're already working closely with the Department of Revenue to make sure payments go as smoothly as possible. My goal is to make sure every eligible rebate applicant receives their money as quickly as possible.

After we send those initial payments on July 1, Treasury will continue making rebate payments on a rolling basis as applications are processed and approved by the Department of Revenue. In the vast majority of cases, approved applications are paid within a week of Treasury being notified by Revenue.

Eligible Pennsylvanians can learn more about the program by visiting Revenue's website, [revenue.pa.gov](http://revenue.pa.gov), calling 888-222-9190, or by contacting their local legislators.

Applications can be filed online through Revenue's myPATH system at [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov), where applicants can also check the status of their rebate by clicking "Where's My Rebate."

Since the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program started in 1971, more than \$8 billion in rebates have been paid. Starting next year, the income limit will be adjusted annually by the Department of Revenue to follow the Consumer Price Index – more great news for the future of the program.

*Carole Briggs presented the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award to James Sterrett in recognition of his long-time contribution to the success of Jefferson County Historical Society as a member and patron. This is the 3rd year for giving this award.*

## Rhines Farms Offers Locally Raised Black Angus Beef

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Rhines Farms is more than just a beef cattle farm; it's a living legacy, a testament to the values of stewardship, hard work, and resilience. With each passing

generation, we build upon the foundation laid by our ancestors, ensuring that the land continues to flourish and provide for future generations. We invite you to be a part of our story, to experience the legacy of Rhines Farms, and to share in our commitment to

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## When the Blackbird Sings

by Jennifer Black

Did you ever think about giving something up like many do for Lent? I have been doing it since I was a child. I have to admit, when I was young, and if my parents weren't watching, I completely cheated. I mean really, who is going to know if I gave up sweets, and snuck one here and there. Then of course I got older, and realized what it meant to give something up and stick to it. It can be really hard for some people, and once the forty days are over, we go right back to our item or vice that we gave up.

What if this year we gave up anger, hatred, jealousy, envy, and just strived to be better in our lives and the way we treat each other.

Yes, it can be easy for some to give up sweets, coffee, alcohol, the list goes on and on. But think of the impact we could create in this world without being jealous of someone or someone's business. Jealousy is a very common thing that many of us do. So many people think, for example, that business owners have it made. They make so much money, have no worries, no concerns, they are just living the life. That is so far from the truth.

Many of the business owners that I know struggle day to day. They are hoping customers come into their business and buy something, anything. They may get five customers, and then ten people coming in for donations that they just can't provide.

Many people would rather buy online or buy from big box stores, and then they wonder why the little guy goes out of business. Think about all the businesses in your little town that you've never been in before. I bet each one of you could name at least five. I am not saying you should give up buying from the big box stores, but why not give the local businesses some love and see what they have. Give them a try.

Give up anger, hatred, jealousy and envy. We all have it but we can change.

Have a blessed Easter, and please worship at your choice of church.

## The Brockway Mirror

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##### Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent.
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#### Field Service Technician -

### Mining

#### Job Functions:

- Must be available to travel up to 80% within PA, WV, KY
- Must reside in PA.
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- Investigate customer issues and resolve problems.
- Diagnose error or technical problems and perform repairs.
- Maintain customer relationships and confidence.
- Perform life cycle

management and preventative maintenance on equipment.

- Manage site installation.
- Provide emergency repair and service on location.
- Strong mechanical,

electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic knowledge for onsite troubleshooting.

- Advise customers of manufacturer recommended service intervals.

- Provide training to customer personnel.

- Comply with all safety regulations.

- Prepare and submit Field Service Reports.

- Document services performed.

- Order and gather needed components.

- Track time and materials for services rendered.

- Utilize and maintain required PPE.

- Maintain work area in an organized and clean manner.

- Other functions as assigned.

##### Requirements

- High School diploma required.

- Associate Degree in related field preferred.

- Technical training with extensive Mechanical and



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*Job Functions:*

- Complete electrical wiring of machines.
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- Install brackets and conduit mounts.
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- Assist employees with complete assembly of machines.
- Maintain work area in an organized and clean manner.

- Utilize and maintain proper PPE.
  - Other functions as assigned.
- Requirements:*
- High School Diploma
  - Technical training preferred
  - One year of related experience
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### Mechanical Assembler Night Shift

*Job Functions:*

- Must be available to work Night Shift (Monday through Thursday, 4:30 pm to 3 am)
- 12% Shift Differential for Night Shift
- Blueprint reading knowledge as well as understanding work instructions.
- Mechanical duties may include installation of diesel and electrical drive components, plumbing air, hydraulic and fuel systems as well as engine, transmission, and axle assembly.
- Carpentry skills including installation of sub floors, flooring, interior panels, and trim, windows, windshields, and seating in vehicles.
- Must be able to maintain an organized and clean work area and will be required to wear

appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) specific to the different tasks being completed.

*Requirements:*

- High School diploma
  - Technical training preferred
  - One year of related experience in mechanical or carpentry
  - Capable of reading blueprints
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### Machinist - Night Shift

*Requirements:*

- Must be able to work night shift.
  - Proficient in manual lathe, manual mill operation, and CNC equipment.
  - Perform machine shop operations to support assembly floor.
  - Strong blueprint reading skills.
  - Must be able to utilize the proper tools to meet tolerance requirements.
  - Properly and safely select, align, secure, and remove holding fixtures, cutting tools, attachments, accessories, and materials onto machines.
  - Utilize and maintain PPE.
  - Maintain work area in an organized and clean manner.
  - Equipment to be used: Manual Lathe, Doosan CNC Mill, Mazak CNC Turning Center, Manual Summit Mill, Radial Arm Drill.
  - Other functions as assigned.
  - Must be able to perform all essential functions of the position with or without accommodation.
- Summary:*
- High School Diploma/GED
  - Technical training in Machining preferred
  - One year of related experience required
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blueprint reading, GD&T knowledge preferred

- Must be familiar with machine functions

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### Technical Illustrator

*Job Functions:*

- Take information from text or data and create illustrations to communicate assembly information concisely and accurately.
  - Layout and draw schematic, perspective, orthographic, or oblique-angle views to depict function, relationship, and assembly-sequence of parts and assemblies.
  - Ability to understand the function of mechanical equipment and translate that information into operator and maintenance instructional documents.
  - Content review for accuracy.
  - Maintain revisions on previous publications.
  - Assist engineering in composing project design documentation.
  - Other functions as assigned.
- Requirements:*
- Associate Degree in Technical or Engineering field preferred.
  - Minimum of 2 years of applicable experience.
  - Knowledge of Microsoft Office Programs.
  - Proficient with graphic illustration software such as Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, Technical Publications, AutoCAD, and Solid Modeling software.
  - Ability to understand 3D modeling.

• Strong communication and organizational skills.

- Problem analysis and problem resolution skills.

• Strong attention to detail.  
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### Electrical Engineer

*Essential Job Functions:*

- Engineer and design new products from initial planning to production.
- Provide and perform engineering assistance for field service problems.
- Perform inspections on vehicle components and assemblies.
- Prepare preliminary and detailed design drawings.
- Participate in engineering projects and engineering meetings.
- Assist in the investigation and analysis of new material and engineering practices.
- Edit and construct technical data for operation, maintenance and parts manuals.
- Create and organize complete bill of material for purchasing department.
- Coordinate with Electrical Drafters to produce electrical schematics and wire diagrams.
- Write technical specifications for submission to customer.
- Travel up to 20% throughout US and Canada.
- Other functions as assigned.

*Requirements:*

- Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering.
- 2 or more years of Electrical Engineering experience in a manufacturing environment preferred.
- Rail or transit industry experience strongly preferred.
- Knowledge of Auto CAD, Auto CAD Electrical and Solid Modeling Software.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- \* Strong technical writing skills.

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### Field Service Engineer

*Job Functions:*

- Provide and perform engineering assistance for field service activities.
  - Investigate customer issues and resolve faults.
  - Diagnose error or technical problems and perform repairs.
  - Assist in the investigation
- see EMPLOYMENT on page 5

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Walk-ins are welcomed for routine questions only. Appointments must be made to file a claim or conduct any review of paperwork. This is to ensure a Veteran Service Officer is available to talk with you and/or avoid a long wait. Appointments can be made over the phone. Please call and leave a message and we will return your call within 24 hours on normal business days.

\*Reminder\* Remember to file your DD-214 with the Jefferson County Register & Recorder office. Often family members who are applying for VA benefits in your absence, face delays in processing VA claims when they cannot locate a veteran's DD-214. County Register & Records office is located at 200 Main Street, 2nd Floor, 814.849.1610. You must bring the DD-214 in person to be filed.

## Drivers Needed

Drivers are needed for the Jefferson County disabled veterans to take veterans to their doctor appointments. Call Veterans affairs office in Brookville at 814-849-3018.



## “Salute with a Smile”

The Free Medical Clinic of DuBois needs your help. In 2022 and 2023 we partnered with the James Van Zandt Veterans Administration Medical Center to offer free dental care to veterans in the tri-county area. We were both overwhelmed and saddened that so many veterans are not eligible for help from our government due to length of service, place of deployment and other conditions which exclude them from any dental benefits. Many of the veterans coming through our doors have been struggling and in pain because their teeth are broken, missing or abscessed and require extraction. Once their teeth have been removed they of course require upper and lower dentures. We made sure they got the dental care they needed free of charge to them.

We have attached a brief executive summary of our program. We set the patient limit at \$1,500. per patient per year. We have found that in many instances we need to expend additional monies to provide the necessary care, so we are seeking to expand the program to have the option to provide up to \$2,500. per patient per year if medically necessary.

In the year 2022 we spent \$90,000 on free dental care. Since January 1, 2023 we have spent \$101,125. paid directly for **free dental care** for the tri-county residents specifically including veterans. Attached please find a list of local dentist who participate in our program and that we pay directly for providing dental care to our patients. We are projecting

to spend over \$175,000. in the coming year.

We are seeking your help in assisting us in continuing this program. We would be happy to provide additional details as you may require. Please help us help the veterans and the vulnerable population.

Sincerely,  
Antoinette McCluskey,  
Executive Director

Free Medical Clinic of DuBois, Inc.

### Local Dentist participating in the Free Medical Clinic Oral Healthcare Program

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## Business & Professional SPOTLIGHT

### Meet the new owners of Burger Daddy Food Truck



Ben & Casey Boddorf and Tyler & Olivia McKinney, are excited to announce their new adventure. Not only are they business partners, but also family; Casey and Tyler are siblings. With Ben's passion for cooking and serving great food, together they are excited to serve the community and deliver them delicious food with an experience to remember.

Burger Daddy's main focus is the smashburger; a double beef patty, cheese with all the fixin's and made to order. They will also feature other fan favorites, the burger salad, fresh cut fries, and many more delicious items. Don't forget to get their "secret burger sauce" too!

Now, entering the fourth year of business, the new owners plan to bring you the same beloved product while expanding into new communities. They will also be featuring their delicious smashburgers at many new events around the area. Burger Daddy Food Truck opened its window in 2021 when previous owner, Brandon, was laid off from his full-time job. They purchased and completely gutted the original trailer in 2020, but quickly outgrew the original. They purchased the new and improved trailer in 2023. Brandon and Janae Wagner grew the business from the ground up and have created a fan base for the infamous smashburger.

The Boddorf and McKinney families have already begun booking for the 2024 season and they hope to see you soon. To book please call/text 814-541-0900. You can also contact via Facebook or email; burgerdaddyfoodtruck@gmail.com



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## Employment

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- Other functions as assigned.

### *Requirements:*

- Minimum of Associate Degree in EE or EET with Bachelor's Degree in EE or EET preferred.
- Experience interfacing with both internal team members and external customers as part of a solution-based service process.
- Proven record of being reliable and accountable for all aspects of previous positions.
- Excellent analytical, interpersonal, and communication skills with the

ability to communicate complex technical issues in an easy-to-understand manner.

- Ability to adapt to changing circumstances.
- Ability to make solid decision utilizing critical thinking skills.
- Must have exceptional electrical and mechanical troubleshooting skills.
- Must be detail oriented.
- Proficient in blueprint and schematic analysis.
- Ability to travel up to 80% of the time throughout the US and Canada.

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### **Welder**

#### *Job Functions:*

- Plans details of working procedure, tools and material requirements.
- Clean and prepare surfaces to be welded.
- Assemble/repair equipment parts by cutting, burning, and welding various metals.
- Set up, assemble, and tack weld parts.
- Position dimensions from blueprints onto work pieces.
- Build up work or defective surfaces.
- Ensure that correct

procedures are followed.

- Inspect welds to meet print and certification requirements.
- Partially assemble machines after welding. Operate grinders, welders and cutting torches.
- Keep equipment and work area clean and orderly.
- Other functions as assigned.

#### *Requirements:*

- High School diploma. Technical training in welding and fabrication preferred.
- One year of welding experience required.
- Ability to read blueprints. Ability to arc and mig weld steel and cut with torches.

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### **Mechanical Engineer**

#### *Job Functions:*

- Participate in the design and engineering of products from concept to commissioning.
- Review and interpret technical specifications.
- Document component technical information and analysis/calculations.
- Develop design package and technical package information as required.
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- Provide and perform engineering assistance for field service problems.
- Work with technical writing to develop language for manuals/technical bulletins for critical systems.
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- Participate in engineering projects and engineering meetings.
- Assist in the investigation and analysis of new material and engineering practices.
- Work with other departments including production, design engineering, electrical engineering, and sales to complete tasks as assigned.
- Edit and construct technical data for operation, maintenance, and parts manuals.
- Create and organize complete bill of materials for purchasing.
- Ability to travel when necessary (up to 20%).
- Other functions as assigned.

#### *Requirements:*

- Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering
  - At least 5 years of Engineering experience in a
- see EMPLOYMENT on page 11*

## Caregiver Support GROUP

**March 7, at 3:00pm**

**Heritage House Senior Center**

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Group Facilitator:

Kristine Santiso, LMSW, CCM, ACM-SW, NCG, CDP

Caregiving can be a very rewarding experience but also places added stress on a caregiver's life. If you are a caregiver, please plan to attend the Caregiver Support Group at the Heritage House. Here you will have the ability to discuss and be educated on concerns, stressors, and topics only caregivers will understand.

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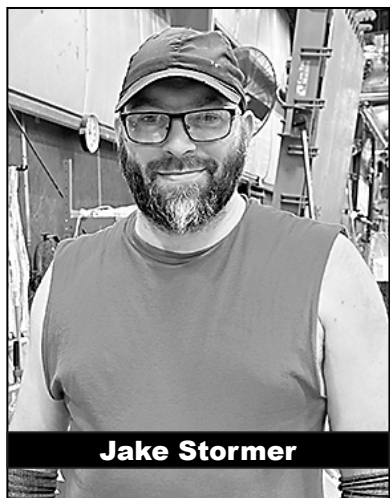
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## In the Spotlight



**Jake Stormer**

This month we would like to recognize Jake Stormer. Jake's position is Line 5. He has been an employee of Beverage-Air since May 15, 2017.

Jake is always willing to help train new employees and routinely shows up and does whatever is asked of him. He is very pleasant to work with. Jake credits Jeremy Mills and Ricky Cruz for helping him on a daily basis, as well as all of his line-mates.

When not at work, Jake enjoys spending time with his family, wife Kelly and three children.

## 2024 Adult Trout Stocking Schedule Now Available!

A looking forward to Pennsylvania's popular spring trout season have another tool at their fingertips, as the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is pleased to make its 2024 adult trout stocking schedule available using the FishBoatPA mobile app and website (Fishandboat.com).

"Even though the calendar says it's still winter, spring will be here before we know it," said Brian Niewinski, Director of the PFBC's Bureau of Hatcheries. "For many people, fishing on the Opening Day of Trout Season in Pennsylvania and the weeks that follow is a tradition that they look forward to all year long. Now that the anxiously awaited trout stocking schedule has been posted, anglers can start see TROUT on page 12



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## Hunter-Trapper Education

The first 2024 PA Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education Basic Class in northern Jefferson County will be on March 23. The location is the Heritage House, Brookville, 9 am – 4 pm. **By law, all first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete Hunter-Trapper Education training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license.** Students

must be at least 11 years old to take the class. To sign up or for additional information, go to the PGC website, [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov), click on Education, then Hunter Education, and then click on the button "click here". Next click on in-Person Class to go to registration for a class. Adults are welcome, but not required to stay with the students in the class. **Lunch is provided.** Snacks and beverages are permitted.

## Cable Restraint Class

The Pennsylvania Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education program will be holding a Cable Restraint Class April 7, at the Sigel Sportsmen's Club, Sigel. The class will begin at 12:30 pm and end at 4:30 pm. All individuals wishing to participate in the special Cable Restraint season must pass the course, obtain the card, and possess the appropriate licenses, and a valid basic H-TE or Trapper Education card. Students must be at least 11 years old to take the class. To sign up or for additional information, go to the PGC website, [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov), click on Education, then Hunter Education, and then click on

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## The Following is a Complete List of Hunter-Trapper Education Classes Held In Northern Jefferson County, District 1-33-1, During 2024

### CABLE RESTRAINT CLASS

\$15 fee due at time of online registration

**April 7, 12:30 PM-4:30 PM**

SIGEL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, RTE 949 NORTH OF SIGEL

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### BASIC H-TE CLASS

**March 23, 9 am - 4 pm**

HERITAGE HOUSE, 4 SYLVANIA STREET IN BROOKVILLE

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**April 20, 9 am - 4 pm**

SIGEL SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, RTE 949 NORTH OF SIGEL

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**June 15, 9 am - 4 pm**

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**August 24, 9 am - 4 pm**

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**Sept. 14, 9 am - 4 pm**

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**ALL REGISTRATION IS ONLINE**

To register, please visit the Pennsylvania Game Commission website, [www.pgc.pa.gov](http://www.pgc.pa.gov). Click on Education Tab, then Hunter-Trapper Education. Next click on the "click here" box. Click on "in-Person Course" to get to registration.

## Rhines

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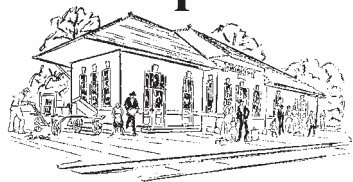
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The Brockwayville Depot trip to the Casino is scheduled for April 15, 2024. Cost is \$37.00.

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### March Activities at the Brockway Depot!

Healthy Steps in Motion – Every Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m.

Chair Yoga – Every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

We offer a well-balanced meal Monday through Friday, eat in or take-out starting at 11:30. Reservations needed the day before.

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March 19th - Ceramics with Debbie at 9:30 (date subject to change)

March 21st - Grocery Bingo at 6pm (weather permitting)

April 15th – Seneca Alleghany Casino bus trip. Must sign up and pay \$37.00. Call 814-265-1719 to reserve your seat.

### March Lunch Menu

#### March 1

Baked crab cakes, cheesy potatoes, peas, wheat bread, cottage cheese and peaches

#### March 4

Lemon Dijon pork loin, buttered pasta, California blend, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits

#### March 5

Cheese omelet with ham, peppers, onions, sausage patty, breakfast potatoes, cinnamon roll, apple juice

#### March 6

Pasta and meatballs, pasta with marinara, tossed salad with tomato, garlic breadstick, mixed fruit salad

#### March 7

Pepper steak with onions and peppers, whipped potatoes, diced carrots, wheat bread, blushed pears

#### March 8

Creamy egg salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato, whole wheat bread, tomato soup with crackers, cinnamon applesauce

#### March 11

Cheeseburger stroganoff, green beans, breadstick, fresh fruit

#### March 12

BBQ pork ribette, creamy coleslaw, corn, sandwich roll, seasonal fresh fruit, pudding

#### March 13

Chicken cobb salad (diced chicken, egg, bacon bits, cheddar over mixed greens) pickled diced beets, dinner roll, piece of cake.

#### March 14

Winter beef stew, mixed vegetables, cornbread, apple crisp

#### March 15

Vegetable lasagna topped with cream sauce, tossed salad

with dressing, garlic breadstick, cherry chip cake with topping, fruit cocktail

#### March 18

Hot dog, hot dog bun, garlic whipped potatoes, sauerkraut, pudding, island blend vegetables

#### March 19

Honey rosemary chicken, buttered noodles, Brussel sprouts, white bread, peaches

#### March 20

Baked meatloaf with gravy, baked potato with margarine, peas, white bread, seasonal fresh fruit

#### March 21

Open faced turkey sandwich with gravy, whipped potatoes with chives, corn, white bread, cookie

#### March 22

Tuna salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato, white bread, cream of potato soup, fresh orange, pudding, bag of chips

#### March 25

Chicken parmesan with shredded cheese, rotini with sauce, tossed salad with tomato, garlic breadstick, mixed fruit

#### March 26

Grilled chicken salad (chicken, cheddar over mixed greens with tomato), bean soup, dinner roll, gelatin

#### March 27

Burgundy glazed meatballs, rice, roasted Brussel sprouts, wheat bread, pears

#### March 28

Baked honey. Ham, scalloped potatoes, honey glazed carrots,

coleslaw, dinner roll, spice cake

#### March 29

Good Friday, center is closed  
*Menu subject to change.*

## From the Inside

by PA State Senator  
Cris Dush



### PA Senators Honor Penn State's THON Fundraiser in the Fight Against Pediatric Cancer

Senators Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R-35), Cris Dush (R-25) and Scott Martin (R-13) are working to honor the annual THON fundraiser led by Penn State students to support families

affected by childhood cancer.

The Senators introduced a resolution designating the week of February 12-18 as "THON Week" in Pennsylvania and honoring the work of the 16,500 Penn State student volunteers who make the fundraiser possible.

THON provides both emotional and financial support for families who benefit from the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Health Children's Hospital. As the largest student-run philanthropy effort in the world, THON has raised \$219 million to help 4,800 families since its creation in 1973.

The year-long fundraiser culminates in a 46-hour dance marathon that will take place February 16-18 at the Bryce Jordan Center. A livestream of the event is available at <https://thon.org/livestream>.

THON raised more than \$15 million in 2023 alone.

"Penn State THON showcases the unwavering dedication of students, alumni, volunteers,

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and supporters in the fight against pediatric cancer,” said Langerholc. “I’m proud to support this tremendous organization.”

“Penn State, thank you for all you do to support THON,” said Dush. “As always, donations large or small, make it possible for pediatric cancer patients and their parents not to have to make difficult choices between what is the best treatment and what their family budget can afford. If only one person can make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer, imagine what all of us can do together.”

“I am extremely proud of the amazing efforts of all the young people supporting THON and giving hope to families affected by childhood cancer,” Martin said. “THON is a labor of love that sends a strong message to our young cancer warriors and their loved ones: you are not alone.”

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## More than \$320,000 Awarded to Fire, Ambulance Companies

State Rep. Brian Smith (R-Jefferson/Indiana) announced that fire and ambulance companies in the 66th Legislative District will collectively receive \$320,214 in state grants to support their public safety mission.

“Our EMTs, paramedics and firefighters are ready at a moment’s notice to keep Jefferson and Indiana counties safe,” Smith said. “But many of these departments are volunteer or nonprofit organizations. This funding is so important to offset their operating costs, allowing them to continue helping our communities.”

The funding comes from an ongoing grant program created by the Legislature and administered

by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Office of the State Fire Commissioner (OSFC). All funding comes from the proceeds from slot machine gaming, and not General Fund tax revenue.

Projects eligible for funding include construction or renovation of a fire or ambulance company facility, purchase or repair of equipment, training, or reduction of existing debt. All companies that apply and meet requirements outlined by OSFC receive funding. Companies must file a grant agreement with OFSC to receive their grants.

The grants were awarded as follows:

- Big Run Volunteer Fire Company: \$14,228.68.
- Brockway Volunteer Fire Hose Company: \$14,617.72.
- Brookville Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,061.55.
- Central Fire Department: \$14,228.68.
- Commodore Volunteer Fire Department: \$15,201.29.
- Corsica Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,061.55.
- Elk Run Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,256.07.
- Glen Campbell Volunteer

Fire Department: \$13,061.55.

- Jefferson County EMS: \$15,000.
- Lindsey Fire Company: \$15,979.38.
- Marion Center Volunteer Fire Department: \$13,645.11.
- McCalmont Township Volunteer Fire Company: \$14,617.72.
- Oliver Township Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,256.07.
- Perry Township Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,450.59.
- Pinecreek Township Fireman’s Association: \$13,601.55.
- Plumville District Volunteer Fire Department: \$14,228.68.
- Reynoldsville Ambulance Service: \$11,326.
- Reynoldsville Volunteer Fire Company: \$14,423.20.
- Ringgold Area Volunteer Fire Company: \$13,061.55.
- Sigel Volunteer Fire Department: \$13,256.07.
- Summerville Volunteer Firemen’s Association: \$13,061.55.
- Sykesville Ambulance Service: \$15,000.
- Sykesville Volunteer Fire Company Inc.: \$15,590.33.

## Preseason Trout Stocking

On February 20 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) began its annual operations to stock approximately 3.2 million trout in hundreds of lakes and streams in preparation for the spring trout season.

Species that will be stocked are Rainbow Trout, golden Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout.

With stocking underway, all Stocked Trout Waters statewide are now closed to fishing until the Opening Day of Trout Season at 8 a.m. on April 6, with the exception of Mentored Youth Trout Day on March 30.

For more information including trout stocking schedules, regulations, and to buy a fishing license, visit Fishandboat.com.

Individuals of small groups of volunteers interested in stocking trout do not need to sign up in advance. Please review the trout stocking schedule for meeting times and locations and come to that location to help. Only large groups of volunteers should contact their PFBC regional law enforcement office in advance.

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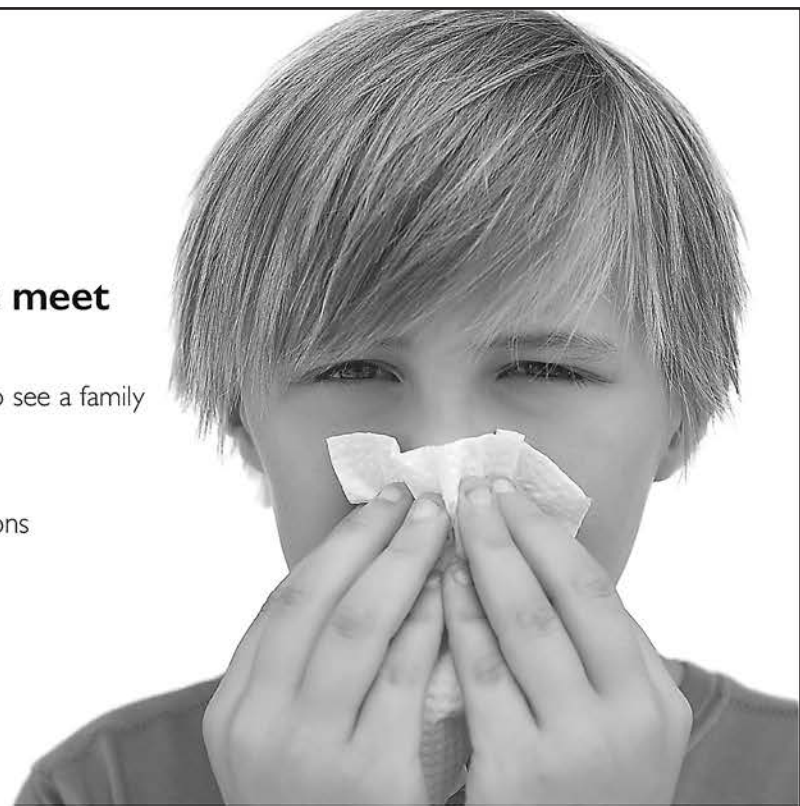
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**Beechtree Union Church**  
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- Technical training and locomotive or transit vehicle experience preferred.
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- Must have strong electrical and mechanical knowledge.
- Good communication and organization skills.
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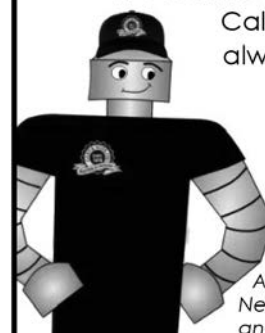
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## WoodFest 2024: Celebrating Pennsylvania's Forestry Heritage and Wood Industry

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WoodFest is not just an event; it's an homage to the state whose very name means "Penn's Woods." With over 100 species of trees, and 16.6 million acres of forest land, the commonwealth's forests are a testament to biodiversity and the sustainable management practices that ensure their health and longevity. WoodFest 2024 will feature interactive workshops and presentations as well as a variety of artisan vendors, chainsaw carvers, and food trucks that will populate both the indoor marketplace at the Clarion Mall and the outdoor marketplace at the Clarion County Park, offering a diverse range of products and activities for all ages.

As we gather to celebrate the rich heritage and future of Pennsylvania's wood industry, WoodFest 2024 also serves as a platform for learning about the sustainable management and utilization of this precious resource with presentations and demonstrations led by the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization

Group as well as the Lumber Heritage Region. Join us in embracing the beauty, versatility, and sustainability of wood, a material deeply intertwined with Pennsylvania's identity and prosperity.

Kicking off WoodFest, a special World Wood Day event will be held on Thursday, March 21st, at the Hardwood Mall celebrating Pennsylvania's wood industry and its contributions to the global economy. Additionally, the Woodmobile will be on-site from March 21st to 23rd, offering educational insights into Pennsylvania's forestry industry.

### Event Highlights:

- **Live Music:** Enjoy an eclectic line up of musicians providing the soundtrack to your WoodFest experience all weekend long.

- **Food Trucks:** Savor a variety of cuisines from some of the best food trucks around, offering delicious treats to fuel your festival fun.

- **Indoor Marketplace:** Explore the indoor vendor showcase at the Clarion Mall, featuring an array of products from local and regional artisans.

- **Outdoor Marketplace:** Venture to Clarion County Park for an outdoor vendor show, complete with food trucks, artists, and live chainsaw carving demonstrations.

- **Woodmobile:** Experience a traveling exhibit showcasing sustainable forestry and wood's role in everyday life.

- **5K Race:** Lace up for the WoodFest 5K on Saturday at 10 am at AC Valley High School, a scenic run/walk in Foxburg, PA.

- **Vendors & Artists:** Discover unique crafts, art, and more, showcasing the creativity and skill of local vendors and artists.

- **Kids Activities:** Fun and educational activities designed to entertain and inspire the younger attendees including a photo

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## Mengle Memorial Library

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**Spring is right around the corner.** In this season of growth and change, sitting down with a wonderful novel is just the right thing to do. We have wonderful prize-winning books for you to select and enjoy.

The Mengle Memorial Library in Brockway has a selection of Pulitzer Prize-winning books for your reading pleasure. These awards are given for distinguished literature preferably dealing with American life. Our library has devoted shelves to display these award winners. You could read *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This 2015 award novel is a historical fiction which takes place during World War II. A young blind girl comes to live with an uncle in Germany and meets with a young resistance fighter. You could also read *March* by Geraldine Brooks. This story award-winner from 2006 is also a historical fiction. This takes place during the Civil War and follows a father in his quest to support the Union. The novel takes you through all the events he sees in the war and how they change him. *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout won the Pulitzer Prize in literature in 2009. This book is the story of a retired school teacher and her reactions to the changes she sees in her town and in the world, as well. However, she seems to miss the changes in those who are around her. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich won the award in 2021. This book is about a man who is a night watchman in a factory and is also a board member of his Native American Council in 1953. He is challenged by events around him in his rural North Dakota area. This story shares his interactions with people around him and how

he works for their best interests.

### READER'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Mengle Memorial Library Reader's Group in Brockway is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. This monthly discussion group highlights the fiction and non-fiction titles read recently by participants. The group welcomes new members and is open to everyone. Call the library for more details at 814-265-8245.

### STORY HOUR

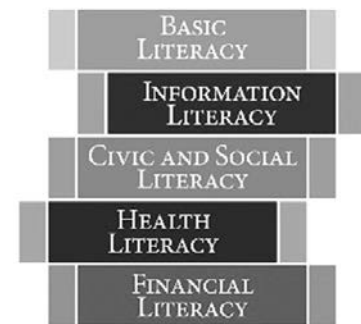
Join us on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in March! We will be having fun story hours. Together we will read many interesting stories and participate in activities for the young ones to enjoy. Our participants are building a display bulletin board to share items made and learned.

### BOOK GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Young Adult Book Group will meet. We plan to share our thoughts on "The False Prince" by Jennifer A. Neilsen. What fun we will have sharing about the characters, the events of the story, and why we think some of the things happened as they did. There will be a BLOOKET computer game planned to have fun while exploring facts from the book. Please call the library to get your copy to read. We'd love to have you! The more the merrier!

Everyone from the young to the old needs a little relaxation, and our library has just that peaceful setting to enjoy. Visit our library to share time as a family in our preschool area, use computers, make copies, send a fax, read current newspapers, browse magazines, or borrow a book. Our library hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There is always something happening at Mengle Memorial Library in Brockway that you do not want to miss!



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## Trout

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preparing by purchasing their fishing licenses, getting their gear ready, and planning their fishing trips."

The trout stocking schedule is searchable by county, lists the waterways in alphabetical order, and indicates stocking dates, meeting locations for volunteers, and the species of trout that are planned to be stocked at each location. In 2024, Pennsylvania's statewide Opening Day of Trout Season will be held on Saturday, April 6. A single, statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day will take place on Saturday, March 30.

To prepare for the start of the season, stocking operations are set to begin the week of February 19. Anglers should note that fishing is not permitted on lakes and streams designated as Stocked Trout Waters from February 19 to 8 a.m. on the opening day of trout season, with the exception of the Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day, unless waters are included in the Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing program.

### 3.2 Million Trout

In 2024, the PFBC will stock approximately 3.2 million adult trout in 697 streams and 129 lakes open to public angling. These figures, which are consistent with the number of trout stocked over the past decade, include approximately 2.4 million Rainbow Trout; 702,000 Brown Trout; and 132,000 Brook Trout. As with past practice, the average size of the trout produced for stocking is 11 inches in length with an average weight of .58 pounds.

In 2024, anglers will have an excellent chance to catch large, trophy-sized trout. This year, the PFBC will stock approximately 70,000 brood fish, which are 2 1/2 year-old and 3 1/2 year-

old hatchery-raised Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout measuring 14-20 inches. Roughly 70% of these large fish will be stocked into streams and lakes during the preseason prior to opening day of trout season, and 30% will be stocked during in-season replenishment stockings.

In 2024, the PFBC will stock approximately 14,000 golden Rainbow Trout. In addition to being stocked during the preseason period before opening day, these highly prized fish featuring vibrant golden-orange pigmentation and weighing an average of 1.5 pounds will be stocked during in-season replenishment stockings. Approximately 75% of golden Rainbow Trout will be stocked during the preseason, and approximately 25% will be stocked in-season.

In addition to trout raised at state fish hatcheries, PFBC cooperative nurseries operated by sportsmen's clubs and other groups across the state will add another one million trout to waters open to public angling throughout the year.

Once again included in this year's stocking lists are the Keystone Select Stocked Trout Waters, a program where sections of 24 streams across the state are stocked with large trout measuring 14-20 inches and managed under Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only or Miscellaneous Special regulations. Under the program, approximately 10,000 large trout will be distributed among the streams. The trout will be stocked at a rate of 175 to 225 per mile of stream, which is comparable to the numbers of similarly sized fish in Pennsylvania's best wild trout waters.

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approximately 3.2 million hatchery-raised adult trout to hundreds of waterways statewide throughout the 2024 season. The PFBC is proud to partner with conservation groups, schools, and walk-up volunteers to help spread out the trout in local waterways. Volunteers are asked to keep the safety of PFBC staff and other volunteers in mind and obey traffic laws while following stocking vehicles.

#### Licenses and Permits

To participate in trout fishing and keep trout, anglers ages 16 and older are required to possess both a fishing license and a trout permit. Anglers and boaters can start preparing for opening day of trout season right now by purchasing their 2024 Pennsylvania fishing licenses, launch permits, and

boat registration renewals on the PFBC website, the FishBoatPA mobile app, or by visiting one of approximately 700 retail license issuing agents. By purchasing licenses and permits online, customers can save time and avoid long lines in stores when waiting to purchase a license closer to the start of trout season. Anglers may store an image of their license digitally on their phones as proof of possession.

The PFBC thanks anglers for supporting aquatic resource conservation and recreation programs through the purchase of their fishing licenses. The PFBC is a user-funded agency that receives no Pennsylvania General Fund tax revenue. Funding generated through the sale of fishing licenses supports

hatchery operations, fisheries management, law enforcement, and infrastructure improvements to provide high-quality and convenient public access to fishing and boating opportunities.

#### 2024 Adult Trout Stocking Program Changes

Each year, the PFBC adjusts its adult trout stocking program based on several factors. A waterway may be added, extended, reinstated, or removed depending on existing or pending changes to angler access, changes to designations on streams managed for wild trout populations, water quality issues that may threaten the survival of stocked trout, and maintenance being performed to dams and other infrastructure that result in the drawdown of impoundments or decreased water flow.

## Waters Added or Extended:

### Childrens Lake, Cumberland County

This 8.9-acre impoundment will be reinstated into the trout stocking program. Maintenance and repairs to the dam have been completed and the reservoir has been refilled to full pool. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Clear Creek, Cameron County

A 5.5-mile section extending from Mud Run downstream to the mouth will now receive an in-season stocking. Formerly, this water had been stocked on a preseason only basis.

### East Branch Cowley Run, Cameron and Potter counties

Based on the presence of a Class A mixed wild Brook and Brown Trout population, this stream was re-sectioned to terminate stocking in the headwaters while continuing to stock the 1.34-mile section extending from the Cowley Road bridge downstream to the mouth. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Hyner Run, Clinton County

Based on the presence of a Class A mixed wild Brook and Brown Trout population, this stream was re-sectioned to terminate stocking in the headwaters while continuing to stock the 3.0-mile section extending from the powerline crossing upstream of Hyner Run State Park downstream to the mouth. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Kettle Creek, Clinton County

A 0.7-mile extension of the stocking limits will lead to an increase in the number of trout allocated to this stream section. The revised stocking limits will extend for 2.4 miles from Alvin R. Bush Dam downstream to Slide Hollow. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Lake Wilma, Greene County

This 19.3-acre impoundment will be reinstated into the trout stocking program. Stocking was canceled in 2023 due to construction located on the quarry property that provides access to the impoundment. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Limestone Run, Union County

Located in the town of Lewisburg, a 2.4-mile section of stream extending from the second State Route 45 bridge upstream of mouth downstream to the mouth will be added into the trout stocking program. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Loyalsock Creek, Sullivan County

The stocking limits were extended 0.25 miles upstream Rock Run Road. The revised stocking limits will extend 8.63-miles from 0.25-miles upstream Rock Run Road downstream to Little Loyalsock Creek. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Sheppard-Meyers Reservoir, York County

This 46.9-acre impoundment will be reinstated into the trout stocking program. Maintenance and repairs to the dam have been completed and the reservoir will be refilled to full pool in spring 2024. Trout will be stocked on a preseason only basis.

### Slippery Rock Creek, Lawrence County


The 0.51-mile section of stream managed under Catch and Release Fly-Fishing Only regulations has been extended downstream 0.31 miles to the McConnells Mill State Park lower property boundary. Trout will continue to be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### Stony Run Pond, Clearfield County

This 3.2-acre impoundment will be added to the trout stocking program. Located on Department of Conservation and Natural Resources property at S.B. Elliot State Park, this impoundment provides excellent angler accessibility. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.

### West Branch Cowley Run, Cameron and Potter counties

Based on the presence of a Class A wild Brown Trout population, this stream was re-sectioned to terminate stocking in the headwaters while continuing to stock the 0.9-mile section extending from Fee Run downstream to the mouth. Trout will be stocked during the preseason and in-season stocking periods.



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## JEFFERSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Vernal Pools

by Dana Hannibal, Jefferson County Conservation District

Spring is almost upon us, and with it comes the emergence of plant life and wildlife for the new growing season. This is also an exciting time of year for the emergence of vernal pool species.

A vernal pool is a temporary pool of water that fills up in the spring from the recent snow melts and spring rains, and then dries up during mid to late summer. These areas are particularly special because specific species use these pools to complete their lifecycle. The drying up of the pools is important because it prevents predators such as fish, from inhabiting these pools, and it allows the vernal pool species to thrive. So, what are these species?

In Pennsylvania, they are the spotted salamander, Jefferson salamander, blue-spotted salamander, marbled salamander, wood frog, eastern spadefoot, clam shrimp, and fairy shrimp. These species rely on vernal pools to complete their lifecycle, while other species such as the four-toed salamander, red-spotted newt, green frog, and spring peeper, do not. The spotted salamander and wood frog are commonly found in Pennsylvania. The blue-spotted salamander is listed as endangered, the marbled salamander and the Jefferson salamander are listed as a species of special concern, and the eastern spadefoot is listed as threatened according to the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

The emergence of these species is weather dependent, and usually occurs early spring. The Jefferson Salamander is the first to appear, sometimes when the ground is still snow covered, followed by the spotted and blue-spotted salamanders. They typically start to come out at night after a heavy rain and the air temperature is above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The wood frog is next to emerge, and is much easier to locate from their call, which sounds like a laughing duck. The marbled salamander is unique in that it does not come out in the spring,

but in the fall. It lays its eggs in the dry pool bed under debris and leaf litter, waiting for the pool to fill up in the spring. The breeding season does not last long, only a few weeks, but the eggs that are left behind grow and hatch into a new generation of salamanders and frogs.

There is little to no federal restriction for vernal pools, but some states have implemented their own regulations to protect these areas. In Pennsylvania, these pools would be protected if it qualifies as a wetland. In addition, the species themselves are protected by the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

There are many things you can do to help protect these unique ecosystems. There should be little to no disturbance of the pool itself and the area surrounding the pool, especially during the breeding season. Maintaining a good quality upland forested area is essential to the species because this is the area they inhabit after the breeding season. If the pool is near a roadway, it's best to avoid applying any chemicals such as salt that may enter the pools and affect the pool water chemistry. In addition, it is always good practice to avoid the use of

pesticides/herbicides.

"Herping," as many enthusiasts refer to the search for reptiles and amphibians, is a great hobby and pastime for both children and adults. It brings a new sense of wonder and amazement at the natural marvels of the earth. You can do your part by participating and adding species to the [paherpsurvey.org](http://paherpsurvey.org) website.

For additional information or questions, you can contact the Jefferson County Conservation District at 814-849-7463 or visit <http://www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us/VernalPools.aspx>.

### WoodFest

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### The Wildcat Regiment— Come Meet Your Ancestors!

by Ken Burkett, JCHS Board Member

The JCHC new exhibit on the 105<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry regiment (The Wildcats) opened in the museum's Grand Hall Gallery during the annual Charles



Bowditch Birthday celebration on February 24<sup>th</sup>. The 105<sup>th</sup> was raised mainly in the counties of Jefferson, Clarion, and Clearfield. The regiment was mustered at Pittsburgh in September 1861. Brookville resident Amor A. McKnight was the first Colonel and founder of the 105<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry. Even young boys, like Thomas Templeton, wanted to join and fight. He joined the Wildcats at age 17 and was appointed Secretary to Colonel McKnight, his half-brother, so McKnight could keep him out of the midst of the battles.

This exhibit consists of 64 individual portraits of members of the regiment most taken as "CDV" photographs between 1861 and 1865. *Carte de visite* (French for "visiting card") is the format of small paper photographs developed in 1854. Each photograph was the size of a modern baseball card and the process permitted multiple copies to be made. These inexpensive pictures were widely taken of Civil War soldiers and sent home. Each

## Vernal Pool Tour

**Come experience a vernal pool migration (hopefully!). Learn more about vernal pools, protection of these unique environments, and the critters that use them. This is a kid friendly event. Space will be limited to 30 people per event so please call to reserve a spot.**

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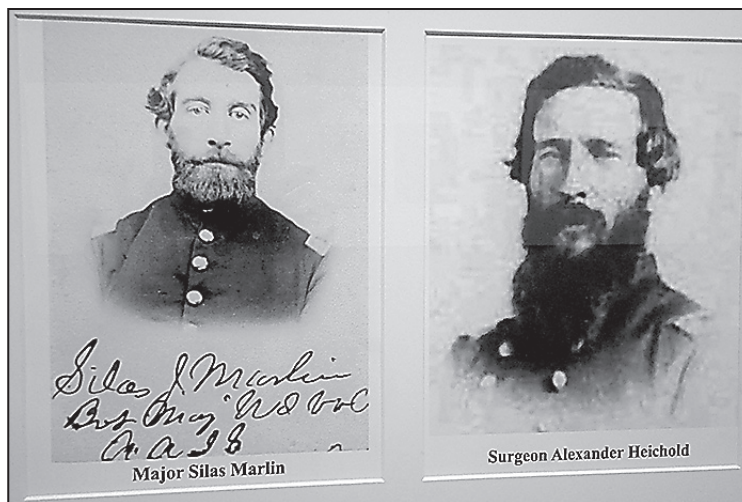
photograph was a “visiting card, commonly traded among officers and friends. Albums for the collection and display of cards became common in Victorian parlors, including family and visitors.

The photographs in this exhibit are from the personal collection of Ken Burkett. Many have never before been publically displayed or published. A selection of associated artifacts associated with the portraits will also accompany the exhibit.

#### A little history:

The 105th distinguished itself during its first action at Fair Oaks setting a precedent for the regiment as hard fighters. At the Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, many won the Kearny Medal of Honor, however, Colonel Amor McKnight was killed during this battle while leading a charge of the Wildcats against the Confederates.

At the Battle of Gettysburg, only ~ 250 men were left of the regiment and the regiment lost ~50%, and after the return to Virginia, many engagements followed through November. At the end of that campaign, the regiment returned to winter



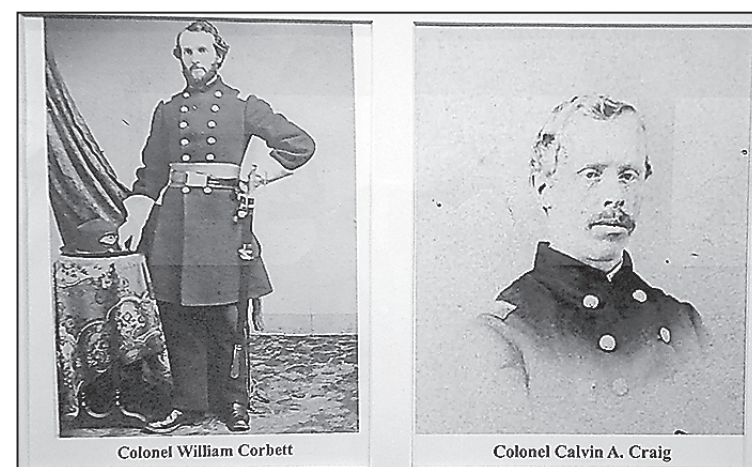
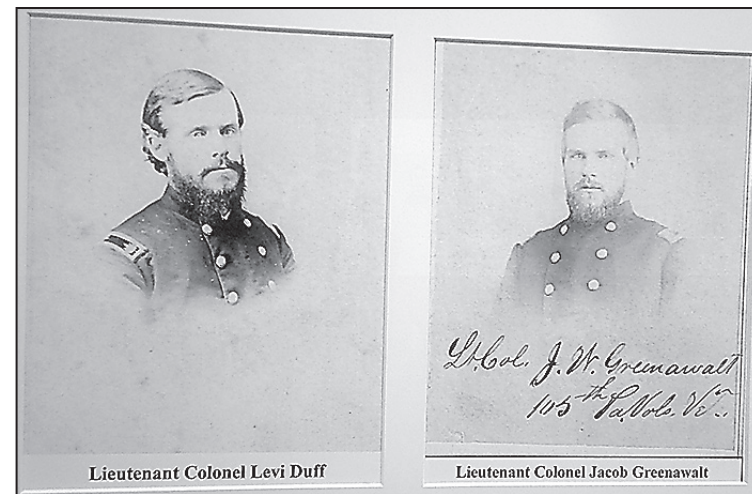
camp at Brandy Station and on December 28, 1863, nearly the entire unit re-enlisted.

**The regiment fought at the battles of** the Wilderness and Spotsylvania, VA. First Lieutenant Alexander H. Mitchell of Company A, 105th received the unit's only Medal of Honor at Spotsylvania on May 12, 1864 for the capture of flag of 18th North Carolina Infantry (C.S.A.), in a personal encounter with the color bearer.

The regiment then moved to Petersburg, where it took part in the operations of the 10<sup>th</sup>

Army Corps in August and the movements upon the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad in October and December. On September 5, the remainder of the 63rd Pennsylvania was added to the regiment.

On February 20, 1865, the 105th absorbed Company C of the 2nd United States Sharpshooters, and in March 1865, about 300 new recruits were received. At Sailor's Creek, the regiment was actively engaged, after which it returned to Alexandria. It participated in the Grand Review  
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at Washington and was mustered out in that city on July 11, 1865. Out of a total enrollment of 2,040 with new recruitments over 3 years' time, the regiment lost 309 men by death from wounds or disease, and 199 soldiers were reported as missing.

Many families of Jefferson and surrounding counties have ancestors in this hard fought Civil War regiment and the exhibit provides an opportunity to put a face to the name and meet your ancestors, many of whom did not survive the conflict.

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**GRANDE HALL: THE 105<sup>th</sup> WILDCAT REGIMENT – Come Meet Your Ancestors!**

A Civil War photograph & artifacts exhibit – Private collection of some never before seen photos of our Jefferson County Civil War Ancestors of the 105<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry (“Wildcat Regiment”). Also meet “Bob The Bobcat” – The Wildcat Regiment’s Mascot!

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**Kidspace Illusion Gallery**

by Kat Lyons, JCHC Staff

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Illusion Art are artworks that create an optical illusion, the viewer seeing the image as real or 3D. These works are created using various techniques, such as perspective, shading, and color, to create a sense of depth. It is found in various mediums from painting to sculpture, and even street art.

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In the modern period of visual arts, Surrealism was prevalent during the early 1900s. One of its famous painters, Salvador Dalí, created many illusion paintings that touched on deeper

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## Jr High Wrestlers at Clearfield

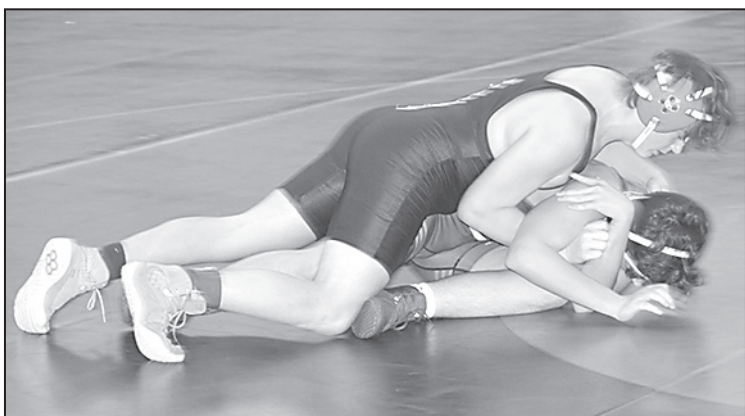
- Weight**
- 125 Champ. Round 1 - Tatum Weir (Brockway) over Christopher Johnson (Bellefonte) (Fall 1:11)
  - 125 Champ. Round 2 - Curtis Putt (Clearfield over Tatum Weir (Brockway) (Fall 1:49)
  - 125 Cons. Round 3 - Lane Grubb (Philipsburg Osceola) over Tatum Weir (Brockway) (Fall 0:23)
  - 135 Champ. Round 2 - Skyler Mosier (Brockway) over Liam Alger (Clearfield) (Dec 8-1)
  - 135 Quarterfinals - Skyler Mosier (Brockway) over Brady Glass (DuBois) (Dec 5-3)
  - 135 Semifinals - Braylon Price (Bellefonte) over Skyler Mosier (Brockway) (Dec 2-0)
  - 135 Cons. Semis - Skyler Mosier (Brockway) over Easton Harris (DuBois) (Dec 6-2)
  - 135 3rd Place Match - Colton Queen (Curwensville) over Skyler Mosier (Brockway) (Dec 6-1)
  - 135 Champ. Round 1 - Channing Kline (Brockway) over Izayah Weld (Philipsburg Osceola) (Fall 2:13)
  - 135 Champ. Round 2 - Brady Haggerty (Marion Center) over Channing Kline (Brockway) (Fall 0:46)
  - 135 Cons. Round 2 - Channing Kline (Brockway) over Willa Sherwood (Punxsutawney) (Fall 0:36)
  - 135 Cons. Round 3 - Channing Kline (Brockway) over Ben Stevens (Indiana) (Dec 2-0)
  - 135 Cons. Round 4 - Marcus Aiello (Ridgway) over Channing Kline (Brockway) (Fall 2:26)
  - 148 Champ. Round 1 - Davis Putt (Indiana) over Colton Campbell (Brockway) (Fall 0:10)
  - 148 Cons. Round 2 - Bentley Evans (Bradford) over Colton Campbell (Brockway) (Fall 0:12)
  - 165 Champ. Round 1 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) over Unknown (Fall 1:40)
  - 165 Champ. Round 2 - Reilly Prestia (State College) over Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) (Dec 4-1)
  - 165 Cons. Round 2 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) over Emma Gilbey (Glendale) (Fall 1:37)
  - 165 Cons. Round 3 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) over Victor Lombardi (State College) (Fall 2:17)
  - 165 Cons. Round 4 - Mason Richards (Glendale) over Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) (Fall 1:52)
  - 165 Champ. Round 1 - Logan Rakvin (Brockway) over Brendan Reppert (State College) (Fall 0:27)
  - 165 Champ. Round 2 - Reed Hawkins (Curwensville) over Logan Rakvin (Brockway) (Fall 1:50)
  - 165 Cons. Round 3 - Logan Rakvin (Brockway) over Keegan Gregory (DuBois Area) (Dec 6-2)
  - 165 Cons. Round 4 - Michael Petrarca (State College) over Logan Rakvin (Brockway) (MD 13-0)



*Tatum Weir (right) working on win against Christopher Johnson of Bellefonte at the Clearfield tournament.*



*Elysabeth Myers- pinning her Punxsutawney opponent in the Clearfield tournament.*



*Logan Rakvin battles his opponent in the Clearfield tournament.*



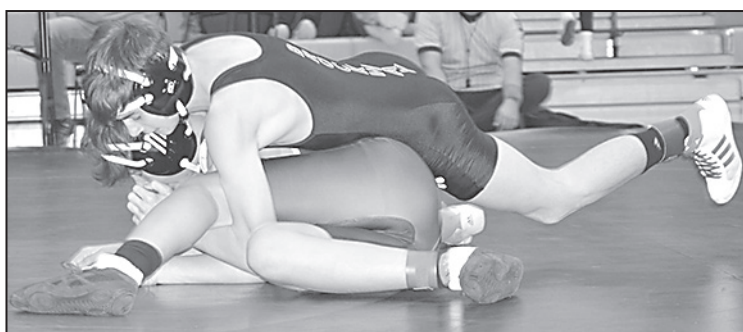
*(right) Skyler Mosier- trying for a takedown. Skyler finished in 4th place at the Clearfield Junior High Tournament.*



**Go Rovers!**



*Channing Cline locking up a cradle on his opponent at the Clearfield tournament.*



## Dates to Remember

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**March 28**  
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## Jr High at Port Allegany

115 Round 1 - Collin Flohr (Port Allegany) over Tatum Weir (Brockway) (Fall 2:28)  
115 Round 2 - Josh Schleicher (Marion Center) over Tatum Weir (Brockway) (Fall 0:24)  
115 Round 3 - Duke Shelley (Port Allegany) over Tatum Weir (Brockway Area) (Fall 0:27)  
115 Round 5 - Tatum Weir (Brockway) over Seth Copenhaver (Johnsonburg) (Fall 0:11)  
115 Round 1 - Ben McCormack (Kane) over Michael Bickar (Brockway) (Fall 0:15)  
115 Round 2 - Collin Furgeson (Port Allegany) over Michael Bickar (Brockway) (Fall 0:18)  
115 Round 3 - Joel LaMorte (Marion Center) over Michael Bickar (Brockway) (Fall 0:55)  
115 Round 5 - Mason Best-Whitmer (Clarion) over Michael Bickar (Brockway) (Fall 0:33)  
115 Round 1 - Mason Best-Whitmer (Clarion) over Alyssa Snyder (Brockway) (Fall 1:29)  
115 Round 2 - Joel LaMorte (Marion Center) over Alyssa Snyder (Brockway) (Fall 0:25)  
115 Round 3 - Ben McCormack (Kane) over Alyssa Snyder (Brockway) (Fall 0:09)  
115 Round 4 - Michael Bickar (Brockway) over Alyssa Snyder (Brockway) (Fall 1:05)  
115 Round 5 - Collin Furgeson (Port Allegany) over Alyssa Snyder (Brockway Area) (Fall 0:43)  
122 Round 1 - Channing Kline (Brockway) over Tate Allison (Clarion) (MD 13-1)  
122 Round 2 - Mario Casilio (Johnsonburg) over Channing Kline (Brockway Area) (Fall 0:54)  
122 Round 3 - Colton Begley (Williamson) over Channing Kline (Brockway) (Fall 1:59)  
122 Round 4 - Maddox Dickerson (Port Allegany) over Channing Kline (Brockway) (Fall 1:11)  
122 Round 5 - Clint Webb (Marion Center) over Channing Kline (Brockway Area) (Fall 1:43)  
138 Round 1 - Jackson Wehler (Saint Marys) over Skyler Mosier (Brockway Area) (Fall 3:18)  
138 Round 2 - Kohen Flynn (Williamson) over Skyler Mosier (Brockway Area) (Fall 1:27)  
138 Round 3 - Skyler Mosier (Brockway) over Simon Dickerson (Oswayo Valley) (Fall 0:16)  
138 Round 4 - Skyler Mosier (Brockway) over Carter Pettingill (Wellsboro) (Fall 0:47)  
138 Round 5 - Brandon Furgeson (Port Allegany) over Skyler Mosier (Brockway Area) (Fall 1:10)  
155 Round 1 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) over Trey Lewis (Marion Center Area) (Fall 2:50)  
155 Round 2 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) over Bryan Clark (Williamson) (Fall 2:01)  
155 Round 3 - Xavier Stockman (Johnsonburg) over Elysabeth Myers (Brockway) (Fall 1:22)  
155 Round 5 - Elysabeth Myers (Brockway A) over Martell Rodman (Saint Marys) (Fall 1:59)  
155 Round 1 - Logan Rakvin (Brockway) over Cam Anderson (Marion Center) (Fall 0:57)  
155 Round 2 - Laikyn Paxton (North Star) over Logan Rakvin (Brockway) (Fall 3:30)  
155 Round 3 - Ben Naser (Clarion) over Logan Rakvin (Brockway) (Fall 4:06)  
155 Round 5 - Logan Rakvin (Brockway) over Memphis Brockway (Williamson) (Fall 0:16)

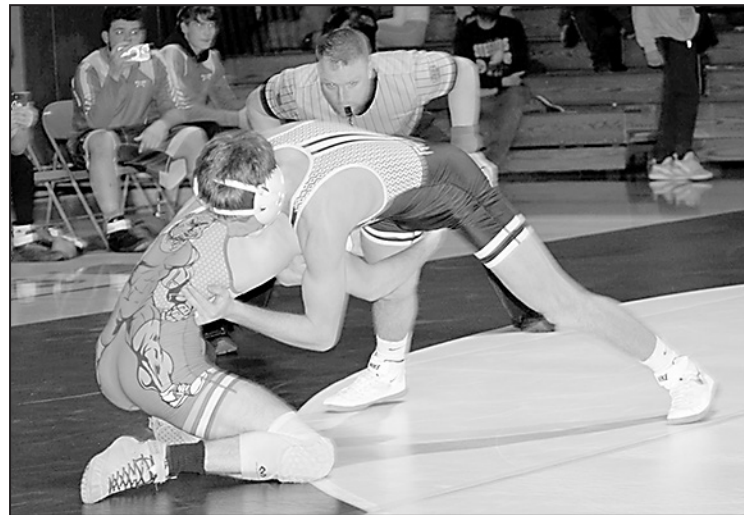
## Brockway vs Redbank

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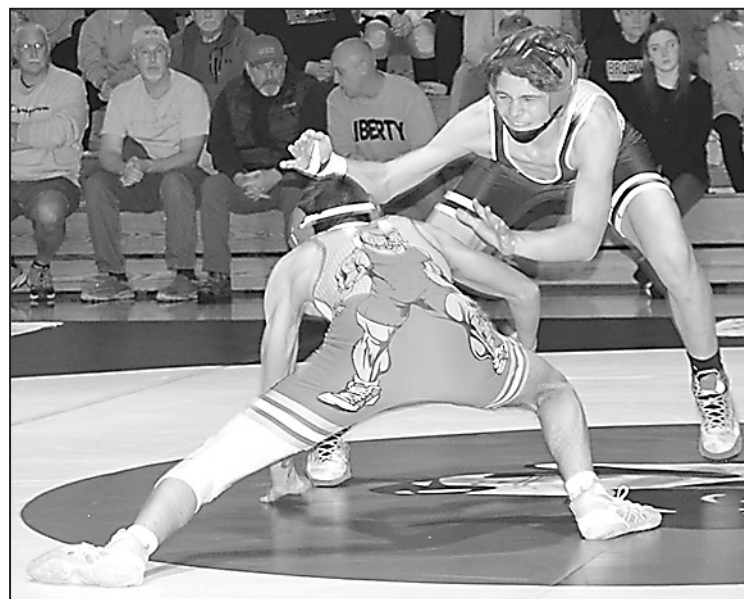
107 Gage Park (Brockway) won by forfeit  
114 Eli Shaffer (Redbank Valley) won by forfeit  
121 Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Daniel Evans (Redbank Valley) (Fall 4:23)  
127 Collin Weir (Brockway) over Ayden Adams (Redbank) (Fall 4:47)  
133 Colton Ross (Brockway) won by forfeit  
139 Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) won by forfeit  
145 Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) over Chase Powell (Redbank Valley) (Fall 0:53)  
152 Jordan Smith (Redbank) over Cash Butters (Brockway) (Fall 1:39)  
160 Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) over Nolan Barnett (Redbank Valley) (Dec 8-3)  
172 John Morris (Redbank) over Jendy Cuello (Brockway) (Fall 1:23)  
189 Madox Decker (Brockway) over Johnathan Slack (Redbank Valley) (Fall 2:42)  
215 Shaffer Garrett (Redbank Valley) over Michael Pirrow (Brockway) (Fall 5:05)  
285 Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) over Joseph Sage (Redbank Valley) (Fall 5:32)  
172 Extra: Peyton Kennemuth (Redbank Valley) over Derick Pinge (Brockway) (Fall 0:59)

### Team Score:

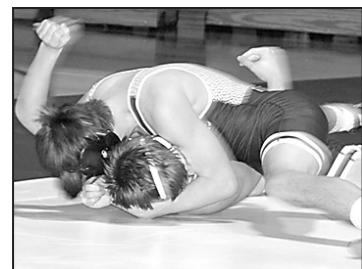
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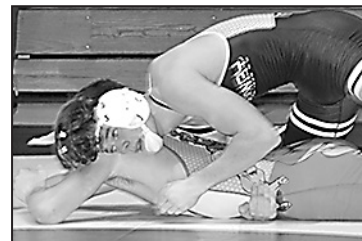
*Weston Pisarchick (right) works to get the fall over Daniel Evans (Redbank)*



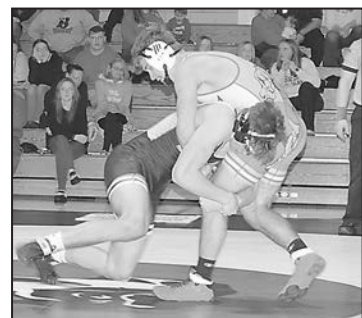
*Collin Weir (right) defending a shot from Redbank's Ayden Adams.*



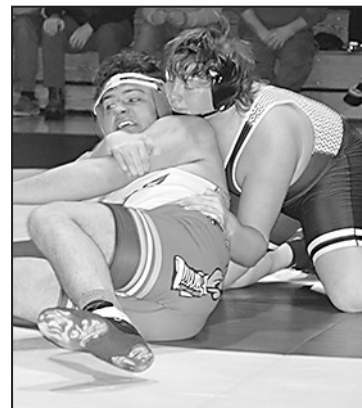
*Matthew Brubaker pinning Chase Powell of Redbank.*



*Blake Pisarcik vs Nolan Barnett of Redbank.*



*Madox Decker in on a single leg against Bulldog's Johnathan Slack.*



*Jonathan Winnings (right) chinning back Joseph Sage (Redbank).*

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# Rovers in Walleye Dual Tournament

The varsity Rover wrestling team traveled to Sharpsville to participate in the Walleye Dual Tournament.

After competing in 5 dual meets, the team took third place out of 10 teams. The Rover team was 3-2.

Individually, there were 3 undefeated wrestlers:

Weston Pisarchick, Colton Ross and Parker Pisarchick who all went 5 - 0.

Blake Pisarcik 4-1

Matthew Brubaker, Dylan Bash, Jack Smith and Madox Decker all went 3-2

Michael Pirow 2-2

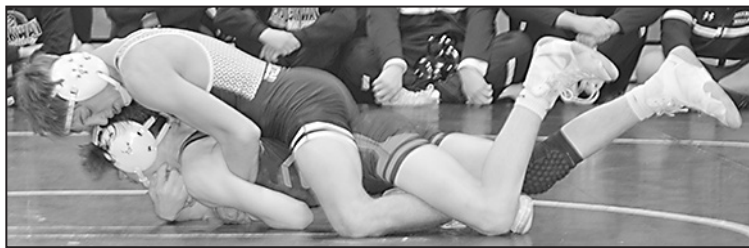
Jonathan Winnings 1-4



Colton Ross (left)



Parker Pisarchick (top)



Weston Pisarchick (top)

Beaver County Christian School			
Weight		B	BC
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
145	Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) over Matthew Vos (BCCS) (Fall 0:54)	6	0
152	Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Eli Bosch (BCCS) (MD 9-0)	4	0
160	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) over Carmine Battaglia (BCCS) (Fall 1:43)	6	0
172	Jack Smith (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
215	Michael Pirow (Brockway) over Mike Lanigan (BCCS) (Fall 3:14)	6	0
285	Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
107	Grayson Stroupe (BCCS) won by forfeit	0	6
114	Aiden Sutton (BCCS) won by forfeit	0	6
121	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
127	Double Forfeit	0	0
133	Colton Ross (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
Team Score:		58	12

Franklin			
Weight		B	F
133	Colton Ross (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Trenton Rice (Franklin) (TF 20-3 0:00)	5	0
145	Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) over Dallas Ross (Franklin) (Dec 8-4)	3	0
152	Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Jebediah Adams (Franklin) (Fall 0:53)	6	0
160	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
172	Jack Smith (Brockway) over Drew Kockler (Franklin) (Fall 3:44)	6	0
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
215	Gary Kiselka (Franklin) over Michael Pirow (Brockway) (Fall 0:46)	0	6
285	Kanyon Crawford (Franklin) over Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) (Fall 0:56)	0	6
107	Double Forfeit	0	0
114	Double Forfeit	0	0
121	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
127	Double Forfeit	0	0
Team Score:		44	12

Grove City			
Weight		B	GC
114	Tanner Hamilton (Grove City) won by forfeit	0	6
121	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Anthony Davis (Grove City) (Fall 1:25)	6	0
127	Connor Naser (Grove City) won by forfeit	0	6
133	Colton Ross (Brockway) over Peter Augustine (Grove City) (Fall 3:47)	6	0
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Hudson Hohman (Grove City) (Dec 1-0)	3	0
145	Will Schell (Grove City) over Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) (Fall 1:54)	0	6
152	Cody Hamilton (Grove City) over Dylan Bash (Brockway) (Fall 1:51)	0	6
160	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) won by forfeit	6	0
172	Hunter Hohman (Grove City) over Derick Pinge (Brockway) (Fall 1:16)	0	6
189	Ian McCreary (Grove City) over Jack Smith (Brockway) (Fall 1:37)	0	6
215	Nolan Renick (Grove City) over Madox Decker (Brockway) (Fall 2:59)	0	6
285	Delathian Boanes (Grove City) over Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) (Fall 1:58)	0	6
107	Double Forfeit	0	0
Team Score:		21	48

Slippery Rock			
Weight		SR	B
107	Double Forfeit	0	0
114	Aiden Shay (Slippery Rock) won by forfeit	6	0
121	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Tyler Phipps (Slippery Rock) (Fall 1:09)	0	6
127	Peyton Reich (Slippery Rock) won by forfeit	6	0
133	Colton Ross (Brockway) over Hunter Doerflinger (Slippery Rock) (Fall 1:13)	0	6
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Connor Metheney (Slippery Rock) (Fall 0:28)	0	6
145	Josh Tomasovic (Slippery Rock) over Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) (Fall 2:51)	6	0
160	Zac turberville (Slippery Rock) over Dylan Bash (Brockway) (MD 13-2)	4	0
152	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) over Alex Cornelius (Slippery Rock) (TF 17-2 5:15)	0	5
172	Jack Smith (Brockway) won by forfeit	0	6
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) won by forfeit	0	6
215	Michael Pirow (Brockway) won by forfeit	0	6
285	Jacob Reich (Slippery Rock) over Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) (Fall 4:26)	6	0
Team Score:		28	41

## JV Rovers at Sharpsville

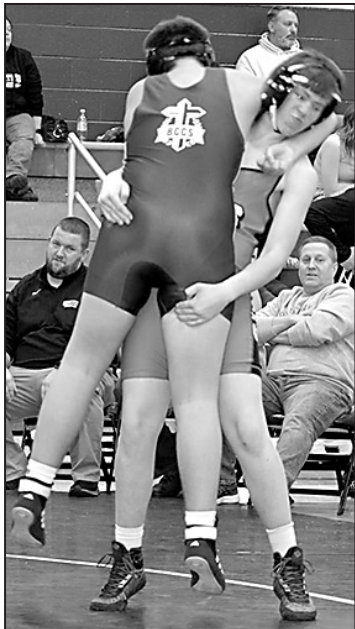
In JV matches, all the Rovers won!



Ashden Barefield(top) Fall 4:42



Edison Bazik(right) won by pin 2:30.



Derick Pinge (right)



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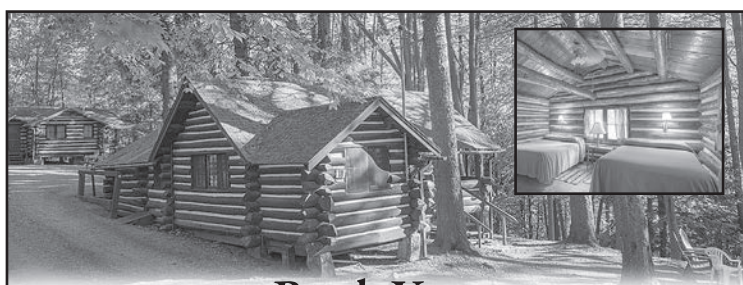




Collin Weir pin 59 seconds.



Jenedy Cuello (left)



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Cash Butters (top)

## Kane

### Weight

- 107 Gage Park (Brockway Area Hs) won by forfeit
- 114 Double Forfeit
- 121 Double Forfeit
- 127 Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Kayin Bard (Kane) (Fall 2:29)
- 133 Collin Weir (Brockway) over Evan Swanson (Kane) (Fall 3:38)
- 139 Colton Ross (Brockway) over Mason Avenali (Kane) (Fall 5:09)
- 145 Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Austin Campbell (Kane) (TF 17-2 0:00)
- 152 Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Tucker Nystrom (Kane) (Fall 3:38)
- 160 Reece Bechakas (Kane) over Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) (Fall 2:33)
- 172 Jedy Cuello (Brockway) over Xavier Mack (Kane) (Fall 3:23)
- 189 Ben Walter (Kane) over Madox Decker (Brockway) (Fall 3:20)
- 215 Russell Heasley (Kane) over Ashden Barefield (Brockway) (Fall 3:26)
- 285 Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) won by forfeit

### Team Score:

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Weston Pisarchick getting back swipes in Kane.

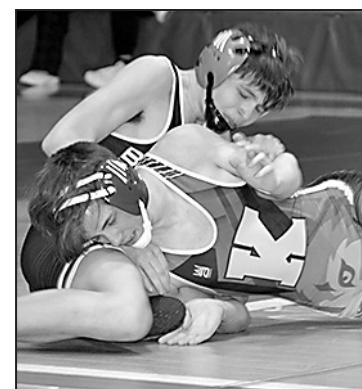
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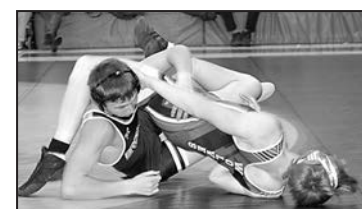
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Collin Weir attempting to turn Evan Swanson (Kane).



Colton Ross battling for his fall over Mason Avenali of Kane.



Parker Pisarchick (left) in a funk with Kane's Austin Campbell.



Dylan Bash in a pinning combination against Tucker Nystrom of Kane.



Jedy Cuello (top) attempting a takedown of Kane's Xavier Mack.



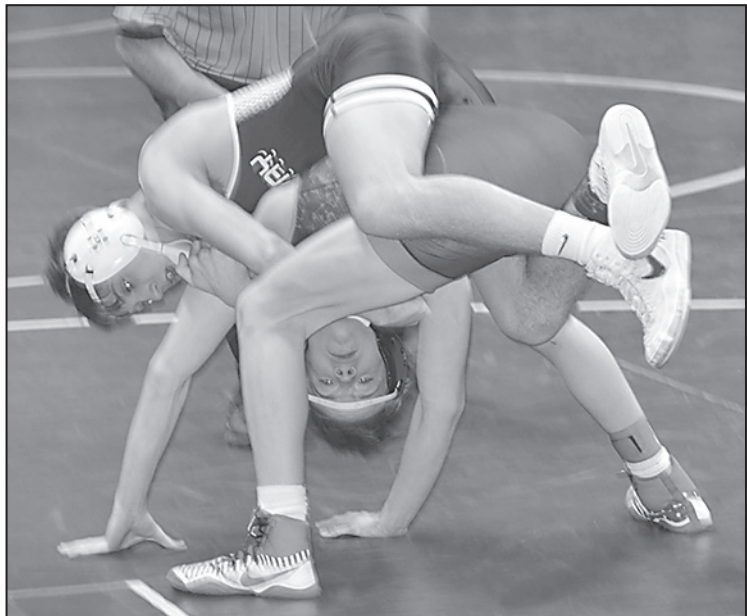


# IUP Tournament

107	Champ. Round 2 - Matthew Velez (Parkland) over Gage Park (Brockway) (Fall 3:13)
107	Cons. Round 2 - Gage Park (Brockway) over Dante Stevenson (Hickory) (Fall 3:48)
107	Cons. Round 3 - Gage Park (Brockway) over Madilyn Enterline (Greenville) (Dec 3-2)
107	Cons. Round 4 - Jordan Manyette (Trinity) over Gage Park (Brockway) (Fall 2:19)
121	Champ. Round 2 - Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Bradyn Schadel (Line Mountain) (TF 17-2 4:00)
121	Champ. Round 3 - Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Cash Diehl (Clearfield) (Fall 3:31)
121	Quarterfinals - Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Aiden Kunes (Central Mountain) (Dec 9-4)
121	Semifinals - Lincoln Sledzianowski (Bishop Mccort) over Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) (Dec 2-1)
121	Cons. Semis - Colton Wade (Sullivan Co) over Weston Pisarchick (Brockway Area Hs) (Dec 2-0)
121	5th Place Match - Josef Garshnick (United) over Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) (Fall 4:09)
127	Champ. Round 2 - Seth McClintock (Montgomery) over Collin Weir (Brockway) (MD 17-7)
127	Cons. Round 2 - Haidan McNamara (Fort Leboeuf) over Collin Weir (Brockway) (Fall 4:26)
133	Champ. Round 1 - Colton Ross (Brockway) over Gabe Lewis (Cedar Cliff) (Dec 5-0)
133	Champ. Round 2 - Colton Ross (Brockway) over Logan Ventura (Penn Trafford) (MD 12-3)
133	Champ. Round 3 - Mason Gibson (Bishop Mccort) over Colton Ross (Brockway) (TF 25-10 4:09)
133	Cons. Round 4 - Colton Ross (Brockway) over Jacob Brua (Hollidaysburg) (Dec 3-1)
133	Cons. Round 5 - Samson Deeb (DuBois) over Colton Ross (Brockway) (Dec 5-2)
139	Champ. Round 1 - Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Ayden Estep (Shippensburg) (TF 15-0 3:07)
139	Champ. Round 2 - Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Cohen Buccicone (Franklin) (TF 15-0 4:00)



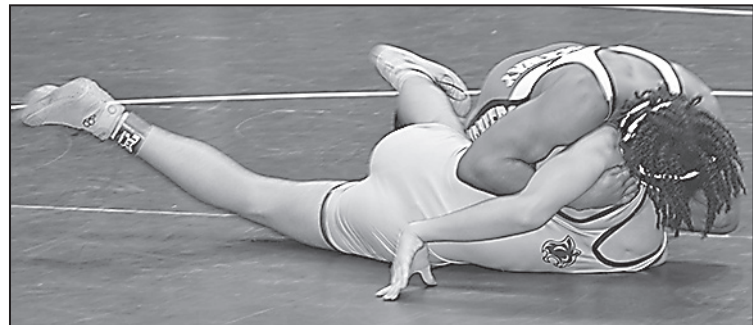
**Parker Pisarchick pinning Davey Aughenbaugh. Parker finished in 4th place.**



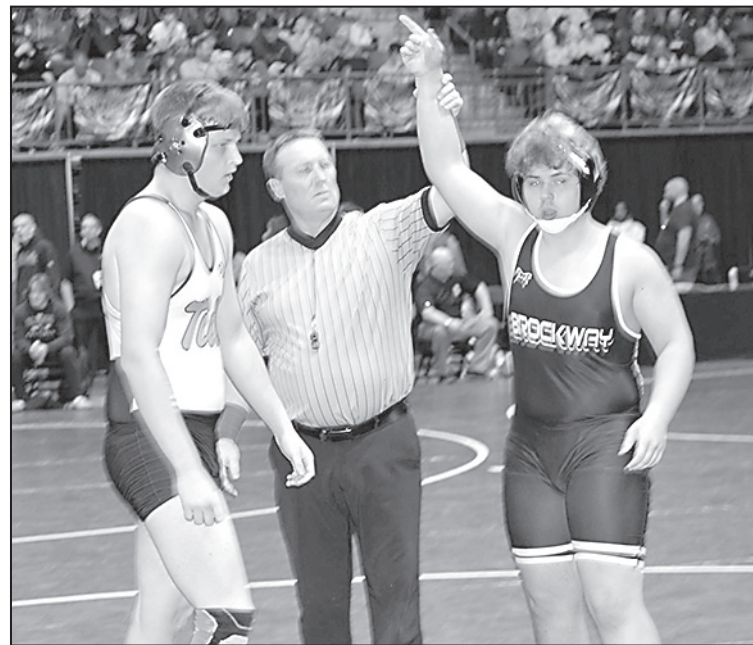
**Weston Pisarchick riding on top. He took sixth place.**

# JV IUP Mid-Winter Mayhem 1-Day Tournament

The mid-winter mayhem tournament also held a 1-day JV tournament. Two Brockway wrestlers had wins.



**Jendy Cuello getting the pin over Ryder Perez (Franklin)**



**Ashden Barefield getting his head raised after a fall on Owen Caldwell (Curwensville)**



**Channing Kline (right) in Johnsonburg.**



**Parker Pisarchick watching for the mat slap in the 0:43 fall over Johnsonburg's Brady Porter.**



**Blake Pisarcik on his feet going for escape from Robert Ruffing of Johnsonburg.**



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# Johnsonburg

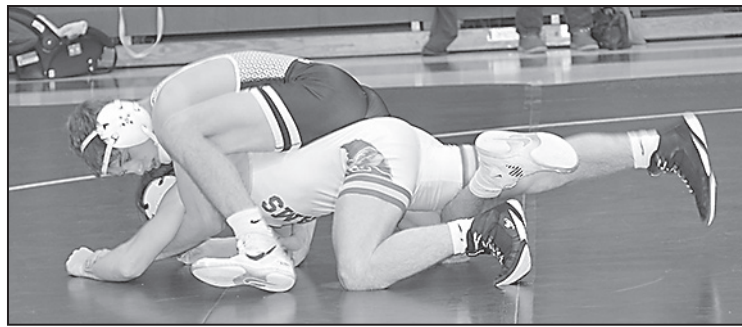
Weight		J	B
127	Joe Guzman (Johnsonburg) won by forfeit	6	0
133	Collin Weir (Brockway) over Brooke Santoro (Johnsonburg) (Fall 2:37)	0	6
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Brady Porter (Johnsonburg) (Fall 0:43)	0	6
145	Rocco Allegretto (Johnsonburg) over Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) (TF 16-1 0:00)	5	0
152	Avery Bittler (Johnsonburg) over Dylan Bash (Brockway) (Fall 3:10)	6	0
160	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) over Robert Ruffing (Johnsonburg) (Fall 3:43)	0	6
172	Cameron Larkin (Johnsonburg) over Jendy Cuello (Brockway) (Fall 1:08)	6	0
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) won by forfeit	0	6
215	Michael Pirrow (Brockway Area Hs) won by forfeit	0	6
285	Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) over Ed Horner (Johnsonburg) (Fall 1:43)	0	6
107	Ian Ginther (Johnsonburg) won by forfeit	6	0
114	Gage Singer (Johnsonburg) over Gage Park (Brockway) (Fall 3:12)	6	0
121	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Gino Casilio (Johnsonburg) (Fall 1:42)	0	6
Team Score:		35	42



Collin Weir going for the takedown against Brooke Santoro.



Jonathan Winnings securing a pin on Ed Homer (Johnsonburg)



Weston Pisarchick riding Johnsonburgs Gino Casilio.



Dad, Michael Pisarchick; Weston; brother/teammate, Parker; Mom, Shannon Miller; and sister, Sylvia Pisarchick celebrate Weston's 100 wins.

## 100 Wins

Weston Pisarchick recently secured his 100th win at the Clearfield Tournament. Congratulations Weston!



Weston Miscarchick's 100th win earned in the 2nd dual against India at the Clearfield Tournament.!



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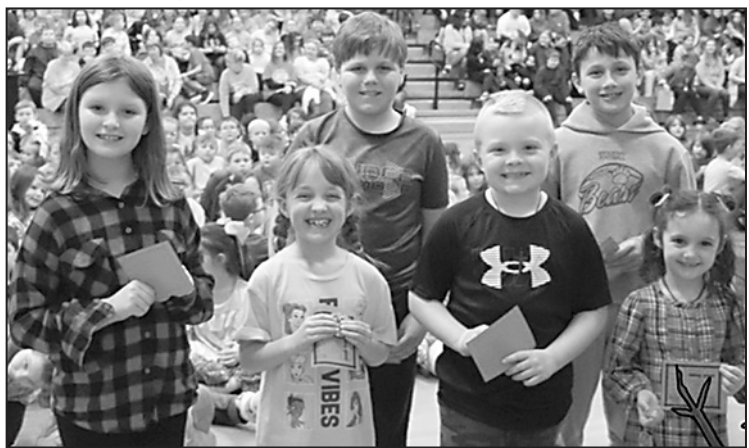
## Clearfield Tournament

Indiana 1		I	B
Weight			
285	Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) over Cash Allshouse (Indiana) (Fall 2:14)	0	6
107	Double Forfeit	0	0
114	Double Forfeit	0	0
121	Conner Sevajian (Indiana) won by forfeit	6	0
127	Nico Fanella (Indiana) over Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) (MD 9-0)	4	0
133	Carter Putt (Indiana) over Colton Ross (Brockway) (MD 14-5)	4	0
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Tuscan Blystone (Indiana) (Fall 1:27)	0	6
145	Jacob Snyder (Indiana) over Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) (Dec 4-2)	3	0
152	Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Graham McFarlane (Indiana) (Fall 0:34)	0	6
160	Will Turner (Indiana) over Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) (Fall 2:36)	6	0
172	Dominic Fanella (Indiana) over Jack Smith (Brockway) (Fall 3:55)	6	0
189	Jackson Higgins (Indiana) over Madox Decker (Brockway) (Fall 2:26)	6	0
215	Chris Seger (Indiana) over Michael Pirrow (Brockway) (Dec 8-3)	3	0
Team Score:		38	18
Indiana 2		I	B
Weight			
127	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Carter Putt (Indiana) (MD 10-0)	0	4
133	Nico Fanella (Indiana) won by forfeit	6	0
139	Tuscan Blystone (Indiana) over Colton Ross (Brockway) (Fall 0:17)	6	0
145	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Jacob Snyder (Indiana) (TF 15-0 0:00)	0	5
152	Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Graham McFarlane (Indiana) (Fall 3:16)	0	6
160	Will Turner (Indiana) over Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) (Fall 4:58)	6	0
172	Dominic Fanella (Indiana) over Jack Smith (Brockway) (Fall 3:41)	6	0
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) over Jackson Higgins (Indiana) (Fall 1:43)	0	6
215	Chris Seger (Indiana) over Michael Pirrow (Brockway) (Dec 5-2)	3	0
285	Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) over Takwon Davis (Indiana) (Fall 0:53)	0	6
107	Double Forfeit	0	0
114	Double Forfeit	0	0
121	Conner Sevajian (Indiana) won by forfeit	6	0
Team Score:		33	27

see CLEARFIELD on page 24

The deadline for articles and advertisements in The Brockway Mirror is the 15th of the month prior to publication.





**Brockway Elementary February Students of the month.**  
**Front row (l-r):** Brice Harriger, Brynn Bovaird, Jenessa Bennett, Harper Papa. **Back row (l-r):** Breanna Frantz, Haley Alsbaugh, Reed Preston.

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We believe cooperation between school, students, parents and community is vital to the development of a successful school.

We believe all students can learn and should be challenged to achieve their fullest potential.

## Clearfield

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Butler		BR		BU	
Weight					
107	Nicholas Savannah (Butler Hs) won by forfeit	0	6		
114	Santino Sloboda (Butler Hs) won by forfeit	0	6		
121	Sullivan Stutz (Butler Hs) won by forfeit	0	6		
127	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Ira Stiefel (Butler) (Fall 1:39)	6	0		
133	Colton Ross (Brockway) over Leo Iarrapino (Butler) (Dec 1-0)	3	0		
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Kase Chopp (Butler) (Dec 5-2)	3	0		
145	Gavin Rush (Butler) over Matthew Brubaker (Brockway) (Fall 4:13)	0	6		
152	Dylan Bash (Brockway) over Brycen Seth (Butler) (Fall 0:52)	6	0		
160	Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) over Dawson Davis (Butler) (Fall 5:21)	6	0		
172	Jack Smith (Brockway) over Devin Loy (Butler H) (Fall 1:04)	6	0		
189	Madox Decker (Brockway) over Braylon May (Butler) (Fall 3:34)	6	0		
215	Lucas Zanaglio (Butler) over Michael Pirrow (Brockway) (Fall 1:21)	0	6		
285	Diamond Cantera (Butler) over Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) (Fall 1:52)	0	6		
Criteria b					
Team Score:		37	36		

General Mclane		B		GM	
Weight					
121	Josh Caro (General Mclane) won by forfeit	0	6		
127	Weston Pisarchick (Brockway) over Ethan Snyder (General Mclane) (TF 17-2 0:00)	5	0		
133	Clay Kimmy (General Mclane) over Colton Ross (Brockway Area) (MD 14-4)	0	4		
139	Parker Pisarchick (Brockway) over Lukas Kuffer (General Mclane) (TF 16-1 0:00)	5	0		
145	Peter Sadchikov (General Mclane) won by forfeit	0	6		
152	Chance Kimmy (General Mclane) over Dylan Bash (Brockway) (Fall 1:12)	0	6		
160	Derek Dube (General Mclane) over Blake Pisarcik (Brockway) (Fall 1:47)	0	6		
172	Ben Watkins (General Mclane) over Jack Smith (Brockway) (Fall 4:25)	0	6		
189	Matt Caro (General Mclane) over Madox Decker (Brockway) (Dec 10-3)	0	3		
215	Magnus Lloyd (General Mclane) over Michael Pirrow (Brockway) (Fall 0:25)	0	6		
285	Ryan Dedrick (General Mclane) over Johnathon Winnings (Brockway) (Fall 1:22)	0	6		
107	Dom Snyder (General Mclane) won by forfeit	0	6		
114	Luke Gray (General Mclane) won by forfeit	0	6		
Team Score:		10	61		

## History

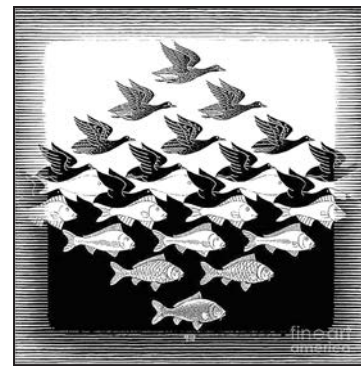
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aspects of human consciousness. As hyper realistic as his paintings appeared, the subject matter itself was not realistic, which was the case for many of the true-to-life paint Salvador Dali Swans Reflecting Elephants 1937

M.C. Escher earned that distinction in the 20th century. The Op Art movement of the 1950s- 1960s is another example of 3D Illusion art at its finest. The intention was to create optical illusions from geometric shapes that were “non-representational”, with colors (often black and white), forms, and patterns arranged in such a way that trick the brain and eyes, making it appear like it is moving or more dynamic than it really is.

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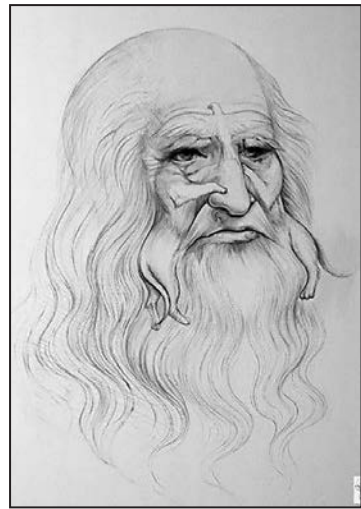
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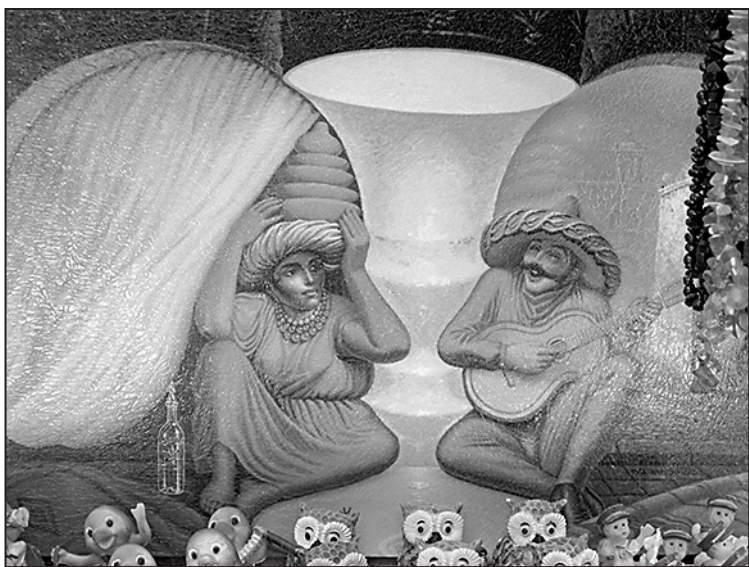
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Anamorphic Art (aka "Shape-Shifter" Art)



Crowd of kids at the Bowditch Model Railroad and Animated Miniatures Show.



This young man enjoyed the pin art board while visiting KidSpace.



KidSpace offers some cool illusion items.

## PA Wilds Center Selected for Erc Fellow Placement to Help Advance Rural PA's Outdoor Recreation Sector Over Next 2.5 Years

Marc Wilken, ERC Fellow from Philadelphia, to assist with pivotal growth projects

The PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship has been selected as a Host Community for the Economic Recovery Corps (ERC), an opportunity

made possible by the Economic Development Administration.

The PA Wilds Center's project, "Advancing Rural PA's Outdoor Recreation Sector," seeks to accelerate job creation and increase connectivity, awareness, participation, community engagement, and capacity for outdoor recreation and entrepreneurship in communities of rural PA.

As a Host Community, the PA Wilds Center went through a competitive process to be matched with an ERC Fellow who will be placed with the nonprofit for a 30-month period to implement the project beginning in early 2024. Each project across the U.S. receives a dedicated fellow (fully funded for the 30 months from the ERC program) who serves as a field catalyst to enhance, strengthen, and coordinate relationships and local efforts alongside the host community.

The ERC Fellowship program aims to build capacity in economically distressed areas across the U.S. while cultivating the next generation of economic development leaders. The ERC Fellowship was launched in 2023 through a \$30 million

cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). It is led by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and supported by 6 other national economic development organizations.

Among over 500 host community applications, PA Wilds Center was selected to participate in the first ERC cohort alongside 65 other host sites and fellows leading innovative projects. Officially starting in February 2024, the 65 ERC Fellows and Hosts will come together as a nationwide network of diverse practitioners and leaders with the passion, skills, and vision to advance new ways of doing economic development that promote transformative change and lead to a more just, equitable, and sustainable economy for all.

### The PA Wilds Center's ERC Project Overview

For over 20 years, the PA Wilds region, encompassing more than 2 million acres of public land, has been purposefully engaging in place-based development  
*see PA WILDS on page 29*



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## Budget Check Up: Tax Time Is the Right Time

Every year, about 140 million households file their federal tax returns. For many, the process involves digging through shoe boxes or manila folders full of receipts; gathering mortgage, retirement, and investment account statements; and relying on computer software to take advantage of every tax break the code permits.<sup>1</sup>



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It seems a shame not to make the most of all that effort.

Tax preparation may be the only time of year many households gather all their financial information in one place. That makes it a perfect time to take a critical look at how much money is coming in and where it's all going. In other words, this is a great time to give the household budget a checkup.

### Six-Step Process

A thorough budget checkup involves six steps.

#### 1. Creating Some Categories.

Start by dividing expenses into useful categories. Some possibilities: home, auto, food, household, debt, clothes, pets, entertainment, and charity. Don't forget savings and investments. It may also be helpful to create subcategories. Housing, for example, can be divided into mortgage, taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance.

#### 2. Following the Money.

Go through all the receipts and statements gathered to prepare taxes and get a better understanding of where the money went last year. Track

everything. Be as specific as possible, and don't forget to account for the cost of a latte on the way to the office each day.

#### 3. Projecting Expenses Forward.

Knowing how much was spent per budget category can provide a useful template for projecting future expenses. Go through each category. Are expenses likely to rise in the coming year? If so, by how much? The results of this projection will form the basis of a budget for the coming year.

#### 4. Determining Expected Income.

Add together all sources of income. Make sure to use net income.



#### 5. Doing the Math.

It's time for the moment

of truth. Subtract projected expenses from expected income. If expenses exceed income, it may be necessary to consider changes. Prioritize categories and look to reduce those with the lowest importance until the budget is balanced.


#### 6. Sticking to It.

If it's not in the budget, don't spend it. If it's an emergency, make adjustments elsewhere.

Tax time can provide an excellent opportunity. You have a chance to give your household budget a thorough checkup. In taking control of your money, you may find you are able to devote more of it to the pursuit of your financial goals.

#### 1. IRS.gov, 2023

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# JEFF TECH

## Student of the Month





Caleb Adams

The February Jeff Tech student of the month is Caleb Adams, a senior in the Welding/Metal Fabrication Program. At Jeff Tech Caleb is a member and serves as president of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS). He is also president of the Welding shop. Caleb also belongs to CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization) and the newly formed Jeff Tech ski club. Caleb's sending school district is the Punxsutawney Area School. Caleb is employed at FAMCO through the Jeff Co-Op program and also works at Walmart. His future plans are to go into the workforce.


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# Lumber Heritage Region Secures DCNR Grant for Innovative Mountain Bike Trail Project at Sandy Beach Park in Ridgway Township

Sandy Beach Park, nestled in the heart of Ridgway Township, is set to undergo a transformative project that combines recreation and heritage, thanks to a generous Partnership Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). The LHR is thrilled to announce the approval of the grant, which will fund the development of an exciting mountain bike trail within the park.

The innovative project aims to create a sustainable mountain bike trail system, enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike. The trail will not only provide a thrilling experience for mountain biking enthusiasts but will also pay homage to the region's rich lumber heritage, connecting the past with the present in an immersive and educational way. The park was once the site of a

sawmill and CCC camp making it a perfect site for this pioneering project.

The LHR recognizes the importance of preserving and celebrating the area's history, and this project represents a unique opportunity to blend the cultural significance of the lumber industry with contemporary outdoor activities. The trail will weave through areas of historical interest, providing riders with a scenic journey that highlights the symbiotic relationship between the community's heritage and its commitment to healthy, active living.

In a collaborative effort to bring this project to fruition, the LHR is proud to partner with the Allegheny Hike Bike and Ski Club. Their expertise in trail development and commitment to promoting outdoor recreation align seamlessly with the goals of this project. This partnership

will ensure the creation of a top-tier mountain bike trail that meets the highest standards of safety, sustainability, and enjoyment.

Moreover, this endeavor is expected to leverage over \$50,000 in spending, stimulating the local economy and creating job opportunities within the community. The grant from DCNR will not only enhance recreational offerings but also contribute significantly to the economic vitality of Ridgway Township and the surrounding area.

"We are excited to embark on this project that seamlessly weaves together our region's historical roots with contemporary outdoor recreation. The mountain bike trail at Sandy Beach Park will serve as a living testament to our commitment to preserving heritage while promoting an active and healthy lifestyle," said Holly Komoncz, Executive Director of the LHR.

Executive Director of the LHR.

The Lumber Heritage Region extends its gratitude to the DCNR for their support and recognizes the invaluable contributions of the Allegheny Hike Bike and Ski Club in making this vision a reality. The organization looks forward to breaking ground on this exciting project and providing the community with a trail that reflects the essence of Ridgway Township's past and future. A list of opportunities will be communicated for individuals interested in volunteering their time to make this project a

success.

Sandy Beach Park is located three miles west of Ridgway PA. Sandy Beach Park offers pavilions for rent, picnic tables, fire rings, volleyball, baseball and softball fields, a playground fishing, a dog park, and a disc golf course. For more information on park rentals, contact the township office. Sandy Beach Location & Contact:

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## PA Wilds, Southeast Ohio Receive Grant to Study Mobile Platform Development to Advance Rural Tourism Economies



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The PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, Inc. (PA Wilds Center) has received a \$387,500 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to work with partners to complete research, planning, and market analysis for a mobile platform that would accelerate the growth and value capture of rural place-based tourism sectors and their related supply chains.

The grant for the "Mobile Platform Development to Advance Rural Tourism Economies" project is being funded through ARC's ARISE Initiative, which is designed to drive large-scale, regional economic transformation through multi-state collaborative projects across Appalachia.

The PA Wilds Center is partnering on the project with the Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA), a council of governments that serves multiple rural counties in southeast Ohio and is home to the Baileys Trail System. A number of technical assistance partners are also supporting the application in an advisory role, helping the Center and ORCA to develop proposals and select consultants, providing insights into key development aspects and findings, and similar guidance.

PA Wilds Center founder and CEO Ta Enos said she is grateful to ARC and other partners for investing in the project.

"The PA Wilds is not the only region that is working to grow its outdoor recreation and tourism sectors in an intentional way that supports local businesses, inspires stewardship, helps attract

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# What to Expect in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

While a baby is in the womb, it depends on the mother's body for important functions such as breathing, elimination of waste and immune protection. Immediately after birth, the baby's biological systems must work together in a new way, and sometimes a baby will have trouble making the transition.

In the U.S., nearly half a million babies are born preterm, and it has been estimated that 9 to 13% of all infants require neonatal intensive care. If a baby is born preterm or with health problems, they may need specialized care in a neonatal intensive care unit, also called a NICU.

## What is a NICU?

A NICU provides newborn babies with intensive and specialized care. NICU staff includes neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners and nurses with special training to care for infants in an intensive care setting. Many NICUs also have social workers, nutritionists, therapy specialists and pharmacists to provide additional care.

There are many devices a NICU may use to care for a newborn, some of which may include:

- Nasal cannula: Provides pressure and oxygen to support breathing
- Feeding tube: Delivers breast milk, formula and medicine
- Intravenous line: Provides medicine and fluids
- Pulse oximeter: Measures the amount of oxygen in the blood
- Cardiopulmonary monitor: Monitors heart rate and breathing rate
- Temperature probe: Helps the warming bed regulate the baby's temperature
- Blood pressure monitor: Measures the newborn's blood pressure
- Specialized beds: Provide an environment for baby to grow and heal

## When are babies admitted to a NICU?

"Many of the babies who are admitted to a NICU are born before 37 weeks of pregnancy, have a low birth weight of less than 5.5 pounds or have a health condition that needs special care, such as breathing trouble, heart problems, infections or

birth defects," said Mohamed Hassan, MD, a neonatologist at Penn Highlands DuBois. "Twins, triplets and other multiples are admitted to a NICU because they are often born early and small."

Maternal factors that may lead to a baby requiring a NICU admission include but are not limited to:

- Teenage or advance maternal age pregnancy
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Bleeding disorders
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Too little or too much amniotic fluid
- Preterm labor
- Substance Use Disorder

Delivery factors may include but are not limited to:

- Baby's position during labor -- buttocks delivered first (breech birth) or other abnormal position
- Umbilical cord wrapped around the baby's neck
- Forceps or cesarean delivery

## How long do babies stay in the NICU?

"Every situation is different. Length of stay in the NICU is dependent on the baby's health needs," said Dr. Hassan. "Babies



who are born very early, stay in the NICU the longest. Very premature babies will often stay there until they reach their due date."

Babies who need intensive care typically do better if they are born in a hospital with a NICU. Talk to your obstetrician or birth provider about choosing the right location for you.

The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Penn Highlands DuBois is the only NICU in the region, with other nearest NICUs 100 miles away. The Penn Highlands NICU is a 16-bed unit with specially trained and certified nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, speech pathologists and social workers who work alongside Dr. Hassan to provide care. The NICU has state-of-the-art technology, equipment and tools that enable Penn Highlands to offer the best possible care to families and their babies. To learn more, visit [www.phhealthcare.org/nicu](http://www.phhealthcare.org/nicu).

# What You Should Know About Cervical Cancer

Each year in the United States, nearly 11,500 new cases of cervical cancer are diagnosed in women, and in Pennsylvania approximately 1 out of 164 women will develop cervical cancer in her lifetime.

Cervical cancer starts in the cells of the cervix, which is the lower end of the uterus and connects the uterus to the vagina. Practically all cervical cancers are caused by long-lasting infection with high-risk types of human papillomavirus (HPV).

It is not uncommon for people who are sexually active to become infected with HPV at some point in their lives. Most infections go away on their own and do not cause cancer, but when a high-risk

HPV infection lasts for years, it can lead to changes in the cervical cells.

Cervical cancer typically develops slowly, with the cells in the cervix undergoing changes known as dysplasia. These abnormal cells may become cancerous, growing and spreading more deeply in the cervix.

What are the symptoms of cervical cancer?

In the early stages of cervical cancer, patients do not usually experience any symptoms. It is only after the cancer begins to spread that most patients will have symptoms, which may include the following:

- Vaginal bleeding after intercourse

- Vaginal bleeding after menopause
- Vaginal bleeding between periods
- Periods that are heavier or longer than normal
- Vaginal discharge that is watery and has a strong odor or that contains blood
- Pelvic pain or pain during intercourse

Symptoms of advanced cervical cancer, when it has spread to other parts of the body, may include the above symptoms as well as the following:

- Difficult or painful bowel movements or bleeding from the rectum when having a bowel movement
- Difficult or painful urination or blood in the urine
- Dull backache
- Swelling of the legs
- Pain in the abdomen
- Fatigue

How is cervical cancer detected?

Screenings can help detect cervical cancer and precancerous cells that may develop into cervical cancer in the future. Most medical organizations suggest beginning screening for cervical cancer at age 21. Your physician can help you determine the best screening schedule for you.

"A Pap test, also called a Pap smear, is the recommended screening for cervical cancer, and when screened regularly, it can be highly effective," said Dr. James V. Lieb, DO, a board-certified oncologist and hematologist at Penn Highlands Oncology/Hematology in the Tyrone region. "Pap tests can detect precancerous cells, leading to treatment before cancer even develops. They are typically used in combination with a test for HPV."

Oncologists may also diagnose cervical and other gynecological cancers using CT scans, MRIs, transvaginal ultrasounds or colposcopy, which is an exam that uses special equipment to give

your physician a magnified view of your cervix, vagina or vulva.

How is cervical cancer treated?

"Cancer treatment plans vary from patient to patient, but many patients with gynecological cancer will be prescribed radiation therapy," said Dr. Lieb. "Radiation therapy uses powerful energy beams, from X-rays, protons or other sources, to destroy cancer cells. It is often combined with chemotherapy as the primary treatment for cervical cancers that have grown beyond the cervix."

Small cervical cancers that have not spread beyond the cervix are often treated with surgery. Surgical options may include removal of the cancer only, removal of the cervix (trachelectomy) or removal of the cervix and uterus (hysterectomy). The best option depends on the size and stage of the cancer, and whether the woman is considering a future pregnancy.

Cervical cancer can be highly preventable, and even curable, when it is caught early. Nearly all cervical cancers can be prevented by HPV vaccination, routine cervical cancer screening and appropriate treatment as needed. Talk to your primary care provider about the best preventive care options for you.

The Hahne Cancer Centers at Penn Highlands Healthcare provide comprehensive care for a wide range of cancers, including cervical cancer. Treatments at Penn Highlands include surgery, chemotherapy and radiation therapy. Penn Highlands' oncologists see patients in Brookville, Clearfield, DuBois, Huntingdon, Monongahela, Punxsutawney, St. Marys and Tyrone, where patients can also receive outpatient diagnostic testing, chemotherapy, immunotherapy and hematology services. To learn more, visit [www.phhealthcare.org/cancercare](http://www.phhealthcare.org/cancercare).

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# PA Wilds

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for its outdoor recreation and tourism sectors. The goal is to diversify local economies, attract investment, retain population, inspire stewardship, and enhance overall quality of life. This project guided by the PA Wilds Center aims to evolve stakeholder and investment frameworks, ensuring outdoor recreation programs remain locally informed and responsive to opportunities and challenges as the economy grows. The project will focus on the highly rural Pennsylvania Wilds region, covering 13 counties in north-central Pennsylvania.

The PA Wilds Center's ERC Fellow will conduct partner outreach, oversee governance plan evolution for the nonprofit's growing value chain network of more than 600 businesses and nonprofits, identify best practices for countywide strategic planning that can become a model for counties in the region

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to tap into the regional brand and network, and facilitate partner conversations on prioritizing recreation infrastructure projects.

"The ERC program is a great example of doing economic development differently and truly making a federal program inclusive to rural," said Ta Enos, Founder and CEO of the PA Wilds Center. "Finding organizational capacity to take on transformative projects is a major challenge in historically underserved rural areas all across America. Finding match dollars to compete is another barrier. The ERC program brings the capacity, and does not require a match. We are thrilled to be selected, and to see other rural hubs – including several in the outdoor recreation sector – secure fellows. Our ERC

Fellow will play a key role during a period of pivotal growth for the PA Wilds Center as the backbone nonprofit for the PA Wilds effort, as well as supporting how communities can use outdoor recreation to help revitalize and retain population."

### Meet Marc Wilken, the PA Wilds Center's ERC Fellow

PA Wilds Center is thrilled to introduce Marc Wilken, the Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) Fellow matched with the region to support the Advancing Rural PA's Outdoor Recreation Sector project.

Hailing from the Philadelphia area, Marc is excited to deploy his program development background to create vibrant communities through the outdoors. As a nature enthusiast and environmental advocate, he hopes to see the natural assets of the PA Wilds region help build more resilient ecosystems that can flourish and



Marc Wilken

position the people and places across the PA Wilds to thrive.

Marc will play a pivotal role in deepening the PA Wilds Center's partner networks at a critical growth period and evolving regional systems in a way that is truly transformational for rural communities, hitting all five of the intended outcomes: accelerated job creation; increased connectivity; increased awareness and participation; increased community engagement; and increased capacity.

Read about Marc's background and learn more about the ERC project: <https://economicrecoverycorps.org/fellows/>

Learn more about the ERC program and the various projects across the US and stay up to date on the ERC's happenings by signing up for updates at [www.iedconline.org/ERC\\_Updates](http://www.iedconline.org/ERC_Updates).

### ABOUT THE PA WILDS

The Pennsylvania Wilds is a 13-county region that includes the counties of Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, Lycoming, McKean, Potter, Tioga, Warren, and northern Centre. The PA Wilds is home to the greatest concentration of public lands in

the Commonwealth. The PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to integrate conservation and economic development in a way that inspires the communities of the Pennsylvania Wilds. Based in the region, the Center is the lead nonprofit for the PA Wilds Conservation Landscape effort, a 15+year collaborative effort by local, state and federal partners to establish the region as a premier outdoor recreation destination as a way to diversify local economies, attract investment, inspire stewardship, improve quality of life and attract and retain the region's working-age population. PA Wilds Center works closely with PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Department of Community and Economic Development, the region's county governments, and other investors in the regional strategy.

For more information on the PA Wilds Center, visit [www.PAWildsCenter.org](http://www.PAWildsCenter.org). To learn more about the WCO, visit [www.WildsCoPA.org](http://www.WildsCoPA.org). Explore the PA Wilds at [www.pawilds.com](http://www.pawilds.com). Find products made in the region at [www.shopthepawilds.com](http://www.shopthepawilds.com).



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## It's People that Make the Difference!

by Carole A. Briggs

The portrait of Judge William Thompson Darr hangs in the southeast corner of the Jefferson County Courthouse but there is no portrait of his wife, Hope Keith Darr!

I was a newly engaged young woman when I first met the judge's wife in 1956. Widowed in 1936, Hope lived alone in the big white house across from the Presbyterian manse. My fiancé and I had driven from Pittsburgh so I could meet his grandmother. We entered the double doors and called. She responded from the upstairs bathroom, "Come on in!" I learned that Hope Darr was a "what you see, is what you get" sort of person. A judge's wife for ten years, she put on no airs!

Born in Paxton, Illinois, in 1876, her parents soon divorced.



When Clarence Hall, also divorced, visited family members in Paxton, he met Hope's mother, married her in 1883, and the three of them came to Brookville, where Clarence ran a planning mill (where Brookville Lumber is located now).

The Chicago World's Fair or World's Columbian Exposition opened on May 1, 1893. That

spring, local people arranged to rent a house in Chicago and employed Alice Hall and Emma Conger to manage it. On June 1, Alice and her daughter Hope, Mrs. Elizabeth Marlin, teacher Martha McCreight, and Emma left by train. During the next six months, people from Brookville were among the 26 million people

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Hope Keith Darr is pictured in about 1910 with her three daughters, Helen, Mary, and Alice Keith. (Courtesy of the author)



## People

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or more who visited the 600-acre grounds and 200 or more buildings packed with art, food, entertainment, and technology. Some of the Brookville people who traveled to Chicago were H. C. and Blanche Litch, J. S. Carroll and his wife, F. L. Verstine and his wife, Elmer and Ada Pearsall, and Jay McKnight. What a time that must have been for seventeen-year-old Hope!

She attended Reynoldsville schools, Wilson College, and when twenty-four, married forty-year-old attorney William "Will" Thompson Darr in a quiet ceremony for family members on June 28, 1900. Five children were born, Joseph T. (died at the age of one), Alice Keith,

Helen Blood, Mary, and William Thompson. In 1915, her husband ran for the county judgeship but lost.

Early in 1920, Hope was appointed to the Republican Women's Committee for Pennsylvania to represent Jefferson and Indiana counties, joining "the most prominent Republican women of the state." "The appointment will give general satisfaction for it is doubtful if a woman better qualified could be found." She attended a Philadelphia meeting where platform goals were set that included the development of a budget system, increasing teacher salaries, the appointment of women to state boards and commissions, the representation of women on local school boards, and the protection of child labor, among others. In September of 1920, she became the second Brookville woman to register.

In the late summer of 1920, Hope was in her mid-forties, had four children ranging in age from seven to nineteen, and had household help, including a cook. She became active in leading programs for Republican women who would vote for the first time in the November election. She was present when Republican party officials met in September to elect conferees and draft resolutions and she arranged for "Voting Schools" in Hazen, Sigel, and Brookville.

That fall Brookville's Columbia Theater took part in a national "straw vote" for federal offices. Ballots were distributed at all showings to both eligible

men and women voters. Candidate Warren Harding won in a landslide.

A local newspaper estimated that about 7000 women would be eligible to vote in the county, 6000 of them Republicans, because "under the efficient leadership of Mrs. W. T. Darr, the Republican women were well organized with Republican canvassers in each election district."

On election day, Hope Darr was present at the Jefferson County Courthouse when Elizabeth McCreight Marlin was the first Jefferson County woman to cast a ballot. Hope and about 25 women were at the polls all day and had cars available to bring women to the polls. According to the Brookville American, the women "acted like veteran politicians" when explaining the ballot to voters.

Active in many local groups, she was chairman of the nominating committee in 1926, when the hospital auxiliary was formed. Hope was an active member of the Daughters of the American

Revolution (D.A.R.), raised funds for the Brookville Cemetery, belonged to the Eastern Star, and participated in the local Red Cross.

Widowed in 1936, she became a representative in the county for Gimbel's Department Store in Pittsburgh, taking orders from local people, driving to Pittsburgh to do the shopping, and then returning with the purchases. In November of 1950, Hope drove to Pittsburgh with four other women. A snowstorm hit western Pennsylvania and the women were stranded over the weekend, returning on Tuesday.

Hope Keith Darr continued living in the big white house until she fell and broke a hip in 1957. She moved into a convalescent home on Jefferson Street and died there a year later.

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## Local Home Health Nurse Marks 50 Years in Nursing

Nursing has changed a great deal in the last 50 years — just ask Nancy Farwell, RN, who is employed by Penn Highlands Healthcare at Home in Performance Improvement. Nancy began her professional nursing career in 1973 when she was fresh out of nursing school at DuBois Hospital. Upon graduation as a registered nurse, she joined the hospital's staff on the Medical/Surgical Floor.

"Back then, all of the nurses were female. Each of us was assigned six or seven patients of which we were responsible for their care for the day," related Nancy. "The floor nurses not only provided post-surgery/procedure care; prep for tests, surgery and therapy; treatments; feeding and bathing; but we also transported patients to tests and to their cars for discharge along with cleaning the rooms so they were ready for the next patients."

Nancy also said that everything has changed significantly over the years — from the nursing uniforms to the delivery and packaging of medications to the length of stay.

"Back in the 1970s and '80s, we wore white dresses and caps — not even slacks. Medications came to the floor for patients in loose bottles — they were not individually wrapped as they are today. Post-op patients — for any surgery — were guaranteed a six-to seven-day hospital stay while today people can have surgery and go home the same day."

Nancy transitioned to home health nursing in the 1980s and soon discovered that it is her favorite type of nursing.

"Back when I started in home health, it was a new form of nursing care available to patients. We saw a lot of our patients three times a week for nine weeks," she



said. "Our patients were assigned to us according to our home location if possible. For patients who needed authorizations from their insurance companies for the visits, the nurses were required to obtain the authorizations."

One of the most significant changes that Nancy has experienced as a home health nurse was the use of cell phones.

"At first, we were issued beepers and the on-call services would beep us if they had a message for us. Patients were also given our home phone numbers if they needed to reach us. Many

times when I was out with a patient, other patients would call my home and my husband would take messages until I returned home. We eventually received cell phones but reception was never good so patients continued to call my home."

Nancy very eloquently summed up her five decades in the nursing profession.

"While nursing has changed in the past 50 years, caring for patients has not. Nursing is the hardest job I have ever done, but one of the greatest satisfactions of my life!"

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## Mobile Platform

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workforce, keeps more dollars in the rural economy longer, and similar goals,” Enos said. “Many communities across Appalachia are championing similar efforts. We’ve seen from our own work in the PA Wilds, and in talking with our peers across Appalachia, that there are gaps and barriers in the tools and technology available to rural areas for advancing this kind of work in the 21st Century. This project is really about drilling down into that to see if there is a solution that can help all of us. And then figuring out what that would cost to build and implement, and what an appropriate ownership structure would look like.”

Enos said the project builds off lessons learned through the PA Wilds effort over the last 20 years, including operating precursor technology, hearing feedback from other rural landscapes, as well as early research and development the Center completed under previous grants in the last two years.

Based on the early R&D, the Center and ORCA are looking at the feasibility of a progressive web app platform with functionalities across six main areas: supporting a region’s efforts to grow visitation; advancing local supply chains and business-to-business sales; harnessing impact data to help inform local economic development strategies

and decision-making; supporting stewardship causes; improving access to capital for small businesses; and helping to recruit workforce.

Enos said most aspects of this “new” technology are already de-risked and operating successfully in the global marketplace. “The innovation of this project is in how these functionalities are tied together in a new way around rural economic development place-making strategies and networks; regional brands and the recreation and heritage experiences at the heart of them; and clusters of local entrepreneurs who, if better connected to each other and relevant consumers, will enable a virtuous cycle of growth.”

“The PA Wilds Center’s leadership in rural outdoor recreation based economic development was and remains an inspiration to ORCA and countless others doing this work across the country. We’re thrilled and honored to partner with the PA Wilds led team on this innovative project,” said Jessie Powers, the executive director of ORCA. “ORCA’s partners representing 17 Ohio counties and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources are excited to investigate integration of strategic app functionalities to accelerate growth and sustain our respective rural economies.”

Enos said the early vision is to build a tool that empowers locally led rural outdoor recreation and

tourism strategies and local businesses and one that leverages and accelerates the incredible ground-level development already happening in many communities across Appalachia.

The Center and ORCA will complete six plans over the next 18 months with the ARISE planning grant: a master business plan, ownership structure and standards of practice plan, a research and development cost analysis of each new functionality, a third-party review of the cost analysis and scaling plans, a user adoption playbook, and a user adoption guide for partnerships. The development of the progressive web app itself will take place during a different stage of the project, using other funding. ARISE planning projects are eligible to compete for \$10 million in implementation funds.

Ultimately, Enos said, the goal is to use the findings from the planning grant to attract investment to develop the new technology, with the pilot rollout occurring in the PA Wilds, Southeast Ohio and possibly other regions in Appalachia identified during the planning process. But first, she said, they need to see what the market and cost analysis shows.

“After doing this work for fifteen years, I am more convinced than ever that if we want a mobile platform solution that actually works for rural in a big way, its design is going to have

to emanate out of rural,” Enos said. “Maybe a better solution can’t be built. But maybe it can. It is worth taking a hard look at. We look forward to sharing our findings and ideas with a larger group of Appalachian partners in coming months. Whatever build we scope out, it has to be self-sustaining, and able to inspire action by all three sets of users needed to make it go – regions, local businesses, and visitors/consumers.”

The ARISE planning grant is being matched with \$133,000 in state funds from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, a foundational investor in the PA Wilds work, and \$125,500 in local funds, bringing the total project funding to \$646,000. This includes funding from the Ohio Recreation Council of Appalachia, the Richard King Mellon Foundation, The Conservation Fund, and Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central & Northern PA.

Technical assistance partners include representatives from Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Central & Northern PA, the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Office of Outdoor Recreation, The Conservation Fund, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, MMI Intellectual Property (a boutique intellectual property law firm), the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, and the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable.

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