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Sycamore Trees Planted Along Brookville's Waterfront



Tree Volunteers: (l-r) Audrey Sorek, Kerrigan Swartz, Jack Pete, Killian Radel, Caleb Kornbau, Easton Belfiore, Carson Moore, Jack Briggs, Mr. Benjamin Pete, Madeline Reitz, Abi Keith, and Riley Eble. (photo by Arthur McKinley)

Sycamore Trees were planted last week along Brookville's riverbanks in an effort organized by Arthur McKinley with help from volunteers from Mr. Ben Pete's Biology class at Brookville High School. Fifty trees American Sycamore and London Plane trees have now been planted along Brookville's rivers. These trees are known to thrive near waterways and in urban environments.

The new trees were planted along south bank of Redbank near the Kayak Launch (across from Giant Eagle) on public land that is zoned
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James English Book Signing

Book Signing event and lunch thought-provoking exploration of personal identity set amidst a war and an era that forever altered American identity. Readers will follow William Dougherty's journey into manhood from a disturbing childhood in rural Nebraska to aerial combat in Vietnam.



James English, a Native of Brookville, will hold a discussion on his recently published book, *First With Guns*. This novel is a

If you would like to attend this event, a Donation of \$25.00 will reserve a signed copy of the book

that will be available for you at the event. Donation tickets will be available at the Rebecca M Arthur's Memorial Library, or by contacting Jean English at 814-849-8431

Already purchased this book, bring your copy of *First With Guns* or your Donation Ticket and join Jim on May 18th as he discusses his book. This would be a great Book Club activity.

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Local Man Appointed Music Director of Berkshire Choral International

Exciting news was received recently with the announcement that Brookville's Dr. Sean Taylor, D. M. A., has been appointed Music Director of the Berkshire Choral international, succeeding Dr. Frank Nemhauser, who retired after 38 years at BCI. Sean has served as a BCI faculty member for the last decade and began there as an apprentice 17 years ago.

In this new role, Taylor will lead BCI's renowned chorister



Dr. Sean Taylor, D. M. A.

education at all in-person programs, oversee artistic administrative duties, and supervise both music faculty and BCI's acclaimed Apprentice Program. This summer he will travel to Denver in July and to Vienna, Austria, in August, where BCI will perform at the famed Golden Hall of the Musikverein.

Berkshire Chorale International is based in
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When the Blackbird Sings

by Jennifer Black

I try to think of great things for you to read, and as each day that passes, needless to say I come up with another great idea.

Running in and out of businesses all week long and greeting people, you can come up with some keepers. How about the folks you walk by in the line at the grocery store, they make eye contact and just stick their nose up and look away and don't even want to say hello. Yes, this happens to many of us. This one individual, we had a disagreement over 15 years ago, and I did apologize, but they still are not over it. Seems like a long time to think about and dislike someone for that long and it takes away so much of your energy and time. This was just one idea that came to me about writing about this month. Then I thought that I am giving that person the same energy when I say in my head "get over it." I actually said in my head, "really Lord, they are not over it? How sad is that?"

As days went on, I thought of another idea to write about, and that is about getting rid of your "stuff." Get rid of it, I was talking with a friend I ran into at a restaurant and he showed me this cool mug with Grizzly Adams riding in a jeep, and I asked what he was doing with it and he said he was getting rid of it. I then said, we spend our lives gathering "stuff," or maybe we collect items and sooner or later we need to get rid of it before we die. Yes, we are all going to die, it's a fact, no way around it, and all that stuff that you have collected is going to end up in a yard sale, or a dumpster. Saving it is such a waste of energy as it sits in a closet or basement gathering dust. I know so many of us save our kids toys when they are little to give to our grandkids when they get here. More than likely the kids don't even show an interest in the items. So this is the month to clean and get rid of. Try to sell it. Send it to me by email and I can put it in the classifieds for a small fee. Make May 2024 the month you get the attic cleaned,

see *BLACKBIRD SINGS* on page 5

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Taylor

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Dr. Taylor began his musical career at Brookville Area High School, performing in the concert choir and in the school's acclaimed full-length musicals including "Singing in the Rain," in which he filled the lead role in his senior year. He later attended Westminster College for his undergraduate education,

received a Master's degree at Carnegie-Mellon University, and the Doctorate of Musical Arts from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music.

He now makes his home in Brownsville, Texas where he is Associate Professor of Music and Director of Choral Studies at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where he conducts the Master Chorale and Chamber Singers. Taylor is also conductor of the Valley Symphony Orchestra Chorale in McAllen, Texas, is artistic director of Alium Spiritum, a vocal quartet based in Brownsville, and director of traditional music at First Methodist Church in Harlingen.

Sean is the son of David Taylor of Brookville and the late Linda Taylor, who was a noted educator in Brookville for many years. Sean's wife, Diane, is also on the UTRGV Music faculty and they are the parents of a 4-year-old daughter, Cecilia, not surprisingly named for the patron saint of music.

Both Sean and Diane will perform in Brookville with Alium Spiritum in a concert at the historic Presbyterian Church on July 27.

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Yoga Brookville is now located at 194 Main Street, 2nd floor. Our entrance is between Tonell Jewelry and H&R Block. We began classes in our new location in April. We thank First Methodist Church for giving us space to hold classes until our studio was ready. We held open house in April. Anyone who is interested in seeing the studio, please stop in for a visit.

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Many joined in celebration at Larry Anthony's retirement party. Larry worked 42 years at the U.S. Postal Service. Congratulations, Larry!

Law Enforcement Officers to be Honored

American Legion Post 102 in Brookville and Denny's Restaurant are joining forces to honor law enforcement officers in recognition of National Police Memorial Day on May 15.

"There were 136 law enforcement officers killed in

the line of duty in 2023 and so far this year there have been 44 police officers killed," said American Legion Post 102 Commander Steve Ent. "That is far too many. Members of the American Legion know what it is like to lose a comrade.

"We see funerals for the fallen officers all too often on TV. Our hearts go out to their families and comrades. Fortunately, we have not had a fatality in our area," said Ent. "These days it could happen though. These men and women are our shield against chaos, and we want to show our appreciation for what they do."

On May 15, Post 102 will purchase a meal for any member of the Pennsylvania State Police, municipal police officers and sheriff's deputies whether they are on duty or not. "All they need to do is show their badge," said Ent.

"We are proud to be a part of this program," said Brookville Denny's restaurant manager Valerie Rodriguez. "We place a high value on our police officers and welcome them at our restaurant."

Denny's is open for breakfast at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 1 a.m. Officers can stop in at any time. There are no restrictions on meal selections. The offer applies only to officers.

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Ent noted that the program is not an initiative of the national American Legion.

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From the Inside

by PA State Senator
Cris Dush



\$19.1 Million in Broadband Expansion Funding to Bridge Digital Divide Across Senate District 25

Sen. Cris Dush (R-25) confirmed the approval of more than \$19.1 million in state funding across Centre, Elk and McKean counties to increase access to reliable, high-speed internet through the Pennsylvania Broadband

Development Authority (PBDA). "Expanding access to broadband infrastructure, especially for the citizens I serve in rural portions of Senate District 25, is proving to be every bit as critical as our utilities and transportation infrastructure," said Dush. "Without question, closing the digital divide is an automatic game changer for families, schools, hospitals, local governments, main street small businesses and homegrown industries, such as agriculture, forestry and fossil fuel production. Securing this highly competitive funding is an absolute must for keeping affordable and reliable digital broadband expansion projects moving forward and making our entire region more appealing for future development and family-sustaining job creation."

Specific grant recipients and

funding amounts are as follows:

- Windstream Pennsylvania LLC received nearly \$2 million for broadband projects in Centre County.

- Verizon Pennsylvania LLC received \$17.1 million for broadband projects in Elk and McKean counties.

Made possible by the federally funded Broadband Infrastructure Program, this inaugural round of grants represents a significant milestone in the PBDA's broader initiative to close the commonwealth's digital divide.

All funds must be utilized by Dec. 31, 2026. Grantees will be held accountable for the prudent expenditure of awarded funds. The PBDA has the ability to claw back any unused or misused funds.

The Pennsylvania General Assembly established the PBDA in 2021.

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Are you Paying Debts Unnecessarily that have been Discharged in Bankruptcy, the Creditor Cannot Prove, or Are Beyond the Time Limit for Collection?

Bankruptcy often allows debtors to discharge unsecured debts. However,

certain creditors, like banks and credit card companies, may sell these discharged debts. Collection companies often buy the accounts for next to nothing. When you are speaking

of billions of dollars, this represents an opportunity for the purchasers of the discharged debts to potentially make huge profits. For example, if the debt is \$1,000 and they purchase it for less than a dollar but collect the whole \$1,000 they are making more than a thousand times the



John Achille

profit on that dollar investment. This gives the new owners of the debt incentive to attempt collection.

One way this occurs is when they fail to tell the credit bureau that the debt is discharged and the debtor needs to pay it off to get a new mortgage or a loan.

Debt collectors also sometimes change the account number when they purchase the debt so it makes it harder to track the debt back to the original discharged debt.

Creditors such as credit card companies who illegally pursue the recovery of discharged

debts can be held liable for the repayment of any payments they collected illegally, fines and attorney's fees.

A credit report and score are important not just for loans, but they affect your charges for insurance and may affect your ability to rent. It is important for you to protect your credit bureau reports.

Collection companies or creditors have even attempted to collect discharged debts from individuals who had the debts discharged in a chapter 7 bankruptcy when they later got behind again and filed a chapter 13 bankruptcy. The creditor files a notice of a claim for the prior discharged debt in the subsequent

chapter 13 bankruptcy. A chapter 7 bankruptcy is a bankruptcy where they take a view of what your situation is on the day you file the bankruptcy and determine what, if anything, you must pay on your unsecured debts if your assets exceed your bankruptcy exemptions. A chapter 13 bankruptcy is a wage earner plan where you pay a portion of your debt over time, based upon your income. The payment plan could be over years.

Of course, if a bankruptcy is thrown out because the debtor has not done what he was supposed to do, bankruptcy was withdrawn by the debtor, or the debtor was later found to have additional assets not reported by the person filing the bankruptcy, the debt may become collectible legally, as there would be no discharge or the additional assets would become available to the creditors. The debtor may also feel morally obligated to pay the debt when he is able, but should obtain approval from the bankruptcy court before

repaying a discharged debt.

There is a huge market in selling debts, whether discharged or not discharged in bankruptcy. In order for the debt collection company to collect non-discharged they have to show they own the debt, which may require proving the assignment of the debt from the original creditor, but also present admissible evidence to document the claim. This becomes difficult if they are using records created by someone else that they cannot authenticate. If you were being sued by a debt collector or credit card company, you should seek the advice from an attorney that handles these types of matters, as the creditor may not have a valid claim. Defenses may involve the statute of limitations or inability to prove their claim.

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Blackbird Sings

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Greg Dinger started his career at Beverage-Air in August, 2002. His current position is Refrigeration Assembler.

Greg (AKA Doc) has been employed at Beverage-Air for 22 years. He is a great worker and knows his job very well. He is always on task and never hesitates to do whatever is asked of him. Greg is also pleasant to work with and gets along well with his Refrigeration Team. He is always at work and consistently stays on task until the end of every day.

In his free time Greg likes to build things in his workshop, play corn hole and ride his side by side.



Greg Dinger

Trees

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“Recreation Conservation” public parkland but is mostly used for parking.

Arthur McKinley stated “Trees will help to beautify the area and make our waterfront more inviting for recreation (walking, biking, jogging, dog walking, picnicking, fishing, etc.). We hope that the Borough will support planting additional trees on the riverbanks, along our town’s Historic Main Street and on the roads leading into Brookville.

For a number of years, Arthur

McKinley has been on a mission to bring Brookville’s three rivers back into focus. In 2019 he proposed a “Brookville Riverwalk” and developed extensive plans, petitions and over \$10,000 in funding for the project which was not pursued by the Borough. Later, while serving as a board member with the Chamber of Commerce he organized 2 “Picnic Areas” on private riverfront land and started the river tree plantings with High School volunteers.

More recently he has proposed a “Pathways Project” to designate safe in-town recreational paths for walking, running, biking, and

dog walking. The “Pathways Project” with directional signage was designed to be created at low cost and without consultants, grants, outside contractors. It would connect the popular Redbank Valley Trail system with Brookville’s already existing public sidewalks, municipal parks, bridges, riverbanks and historic Main Street. It would also help to connect the town’s neighborhoods, northside, southside, eastside, etc. It could instantly create a new central attraction for Brookville, generate foot traffic, encourage new commerce and lead to new pride and beautification efforts.

**BROOKVILLE to
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and Plane Mate Prototype
Vehicles for Metropolitan
Washington Airports
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**Plane Mate and Mobile Lounge
Prototype Vehicles have arrived onsite at
Brookville Equipment Corporation**

Brookville Equipment Corporation (BROOKVILLE) was given Notice to Proceed (NTP) on a \$16.4 million contract by Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) on November 2, 2023, for the rehabilitation and upgrade of the



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existing plane mate and mobile lounge vehicles at Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles International).

BROOKVILLE's rehabilitation will include one prototype of each vehicle type. When the work is complete, MWAA will have the option of revamping the rest of the fleet for an estimated \$143 million, not to exceed \$160 million, over six years. "We are so excited to have the opportunity to rehabilitate these vehicles and bring them back to life, after being a critical part of the operations at Dulles International. We plan to reimagine the functionality of these vehicles, with anticipation they will be in operation for decades into the future," said Joel McNeil, Executive Vice President of Brookville



Equipment Corporation.

The vehicles are used to transport passengers from the main terminal area to Concourse D, which is not connected to the AeroTrain. In the 1960s, Washington Dulles came up with the concept of the mobile lounge, in the peak of the jet age, by saving passengers time by eliminating

walking long distances from the ticketing gate to the jet ramp. Currently, the vehicles are used to disembark passengers from most international flights arriving at Dulles International.

The fleet in its entirety consists of 19 mobile lounges and 30 plane mates. The mobile lounges have been an essential part of Dulles International since opening in 1962 and are considered a historic element. The plane mates were an evolution of the concept and produced in Pennsylvania in the 1970's and 80's. The vehicles remain a critical part of the airport's passenger transfer operations. "Mobile lounges and plane mates are important parts of Dulles International Airport's operations. They provide flexibility and increased capacity

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to move passengers around the airport while offering unique views during the ride. Built in the 60s, it's time for a major overhaul of these iconic vehicles. We look forward to following the two prototypes through refurbishment," said Richard Golinowski, Vice President and Airport Manager, Dulles International Airport. As MWAA continues to expand the facilities at Dulles Airport, including the AeroTrain, the fleet remains a highly effective solution for moving passengers between terminals and aircrafts until future facilities are completed. The vehicles are considered nostalgic among many Dulles travelers, employees, and residents of the Nation's capital.

BROOKVILLE's contract consists of rebuilding, redesigning, and updating the interior of the units, as well as rebuilding the drive train and upgrading the engine to a Tier 4 Engine, lowering the emissions

Brown, Struzzi, Smith Pen Letter to PIAA to Level the Playing Field in High School Sports Broadcasting

Following years of inaction by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) to fix a broken broadcasting policy, Reps. Marla Brown (R-Lawrence), Jim Struzzi (R-Indiana) and Brian Smith (R-Jefferson/Indiana) have sent a formal letter to PIAA demanding change.

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A Decision Not Made Is Still a Decision

Whether through inertia or trepidation, investors who put off important investment decisions might consider the admonition offered by motivational speaker Brian Tracy, “Almost any decision is better than no decision at all.”



Robert Javens

This investment inaction is played out in many ways, often silently, invisibly, and with potential consequences to an individual’s future financial security.

Let’s review some of the forms this takes.

Your 401(k) Plan

One of the worst decisions may be the failure to enroll. Not only do non-participants miss out on one way to save for their retirement, but they also forfeit any potential employer-matching contributions. Not participating can be a costly decision. But under the SECURE 2.0 Act, employers will be required to automatically enroll employees in retirement plans starting in 2025.1

The other way individuals let indecision get the best of them is by not selecting the investments for the contributions they make to the 401(k) plan. When a participant fails to make an investment selection, the plan may have provisions for automatically investing that money. And that investment selection may not be consistent with the individual’s time horizon, risk tolerance, and goals.

In most circumstances, you must begin taking required minimum distributions from your 401(k) or other defined contribution plan in the year you turn 73. Withdrawals from your 401(k) or other defined contribution plans are taxed as ordinary income, and if taken before age 59½, may be subject to a 10 percent federal income tax penalty.

Non-Retirement Plan Investments

For homeowners, “stuff” just seems to accumulate over time. The same may be true for investors. Some buy investments based on articles they have read or based on the recommendations of a family member. Others may have investments held in a previous employer’s 401(k) plan.

Over time, we can end up with a collection of investments that may have no connection to our investment objectives. Because of the dynamics of the markets, an investment that may have once made good sense at one time may no longer be advantageous today.

By not periodically reviewing what we own, which would

allow us to cull inappropriate investments – or even determine if the portfolio reflects our current investment objectives – we are making a default decision to own investments that may be inappropriate.

Whatever your situation, your retirement investments require careful attention and may benefit from deliberate, thoughtful decision-making. Your retired self will be grateful that you invested the time ... today.

1. Investopedia.com, January 6, 2023. The auto-enroll feature does not apply to companies with 10 or fewer employees. Also, new companies in business for less than three years are exempt from the rule.

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5/3/2024, 11:30-5:00 PM

DuBois Mall

5/7/2024, 12:00-5:00 PM

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Sykesville

5/8/2024, 09:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Clarion Area High School - Gym

5/10/2024, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Brookville Evangelical Methodist Church - Basement

5/14/2024, 12:00-5:30 PM

DuBois YMCA - Gym

5/14/2024, 12:00-5:30 PM

St. Mary's Church, Reynoldsville

5/16/2024, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Alliance Church - Gym, Punxsutawney

In Memory of Stephanie Kennedy Hosted by her family

5/17/2024, 12:00-5:00 PM

Clarion Mall - Empty Store

Front

5/23/2024, 01:00-5:30 PM

Trinity Point Church of God - Fellowship Hall, Clarion

5/28/2024, 12:00-5:30 PM

Brockway American Legion Post 95 - Social Hall

5/29/2024, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
Clarion County YMCA Multi-Purpose Room

6/3/2024, 12:00-5:30 PM

Clarion Mall

6/8/2024, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Heritage House Brooke Emery Memorial Blood Drive, Brookville

6/13/2024, 1:00-7:00 PM

Comfort Suites/DuBois Country Club - Ballroom

6/18/2024, 12:00-5:00 PM

Clarion Mall

6/21/2024, 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

New Bethlehem First Fellowship Church - Church Hall

6/25/2024, 11:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Best Western Conference Center - Conference, DuBois

6/27/2024, 09:00 AM - 2:00 PM

DuBois Mall

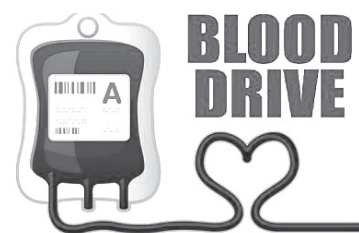
6/27/2024, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Pisgah Presbyterian Church - Family Life Center, Corsica

Over \$9,000 Raised in Brookville

A little late is better than not at all. The Brookville Community once again demonstrated its commitment to local families who have experienced financial difficulty in the past. This year, \$9013.47 was donated to the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. This total surpassed those of recent years. More than seventy people volunteered their time to ring the bell during the month of December 2023. Special thanks go to the businesses that welcomed "ringers": Hometown Market, Ace Hardware, Dollar General on the Boulevard, Christian Book and Gift, King Krunch, Paul Gray Real Estate, S & T Bank and The Brookville Mirror.

When volunteers and businesses come together, and people are willing to give, great results can happen! For the remainder of the year, maybe you and your family can put out the Salvation Army Jar. Start putting in change, or whatever you want and save it for our drive in November and December. The challenge is on for 2024 to be bigger and better. Thanks to all involved.



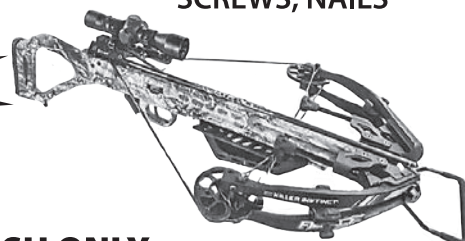
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- Move materials/products between departments using forklift and/or flatbed and roll-off flatbed trucks.

- Maintain order of scrap yard.
- Load and unload materials.
- Dump garbage and scrap hoppers.
- Monitor level of scrap metal dumpsters and report to supervisor.

- Accept packing slips and metal certifications and distribute accordingly.

Requirements

- High School diploma or equivalent.

- One year experience as forklift operator.
- Good driving record and CDL B License.
- Develop knowledge of all departments within manufacturing plant.
- Must follow safety protocols and procedures with safety being top priority in all you do.
- Must be able to follow instructions and work well independently.

Apply online at www.brookvillecorp.com/careers

Field Service Technician - Mining

Job Functions:

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

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- 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 Electrical experience.
 - Knowledge of blueprint and schematic reading.
 - Good communication and organization skills.
 - Problem analysis and resolutions skills.
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 - Utilize and maintain proper PPE.
 - Other functions as assigned.
- Requirements:**
- High School Diploma
 - Technical training preferred
 - One year of related experience
 - Capable of reading

blueprints and schematics
Apply online at www.brookvillecorp.com/careers

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
- Apply online at www.brookvillecorp.com/careers

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
 - Experience in MasterCam and/or GibbsCam
 - Strong knowledge of blueprint reading, GD&T knowledge preferred
 - Must be familiar with machine functions
- This is a night shift position. Will work Monday-Thursday 10 hour shifts from 4:30 pm to 3 am. 12% shift differential for nights. Overtime may be required on occasion and shift may change during a holiday week.
- see EMPLOYMENT on page 52*

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LOCAL Happenings

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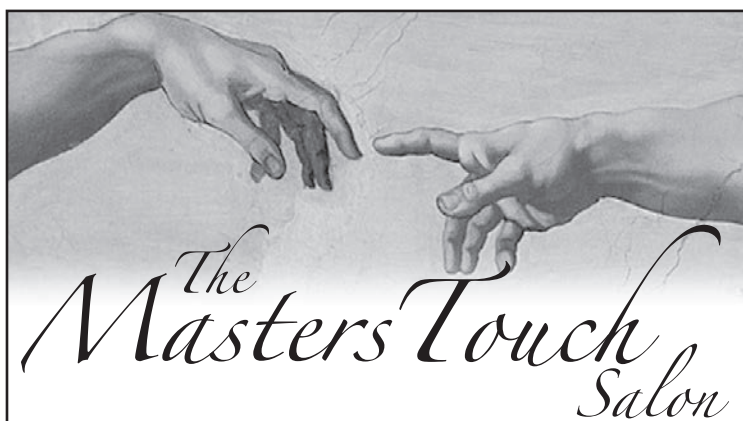
The Summerville Volunteer Fire Department hosts a Bingo night the first and third Saturdays of every month. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:15 p.m. Come on out to 12795 Harrison Street, Summerville for a great time with friends and bingo!

Public Forum

On the second Tuesday of each month at the Heritage House in Brookville PA from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be a public forum on national and international news. Come to discuss, share and be informed of important issues concerning our families and our nation. There will be periodical visits from Senator Cris Dush.

Annual Garage, Garden and Guns Raffle

The Sigel Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Annual Garage, Garden and Guns Raffle on June 8, 2024 at the Fire Hall, 9234 Rt. 949, Sigel, PA. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and the first drawing is at 1:00 p.m. Must have a ticket to enter. Complimentary meal and beverage, no take outs. There will be additional raffles, rip tickets and 50/50s the day of the event. Need not be present to win. Tickets are available from members of the Sigel Volunteer Fire Department. Check our Facebook page for raffle information or changes to the event. All proceeds benefit the Sigel Volunteer Fire Department.



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Trivia Night

Next Trivia Night at Fusion Cafe will be Thursday, May 23rd beginning at 7 p.m. Free and fun.

Adventure Camp

Brookville Church of God will be hosting an Adventure Camp for children ages 4 through 6th grade June 24-28, 2024. Registration each night will begin at 5:30 with camp starting at 6 and ending at 8:30.

Children will participate in adventure sports, such as a zip line and an outdoor obstacle course. They will learn to build a shelter and other survival skills.

During upbeat, high-energy rallies, they will also learn how Jesus helps us to prepare, commit and endure as He shows us the way.

Early registration will be held on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, and on Wednesday, June 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Brookville Church of God, 201 Freedom Lane, Brookville. There will be a \$5 registration fee. This fee guarantees campers a t-shirt and early registration, while not mandatory, guarantees the camper gets the right size of shirt. Watch for more details at the Brookville Church of God Facebook page or at www.brookvillechurchofgod.com.

Your kiddos won't want to miss this unique adventure! Put the early registration dates in your calendar with a reminder alert and sign them up!! It is going to be an extremely fun week.



Brookville Presbyterian Church Building Orientation

by David Taylor

The Susquehanna and Waterford Turnpike was a major overland route completed in 1822 that ran through the dense wilderness from the west bank of the Susquehanna River in Clearfield County westward and northwestward to Waterford, in Erie County. In 1830, when Brookville was laid out, the "S & W Pike" became the main thoroughfare in the new town. It was a popular route for stagecoaches and Conestoga wagons moving across Pennsylvania. The western boundary of the new borough was Gordon Alley, that ran north and south. It was named for attorney Isaac Grantham Gordon (1819-1893), who was elected to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 1873 and in 1887 became Chief Justice. His house still stands at 12 Walnut Street and is presently the home of Tulyer and

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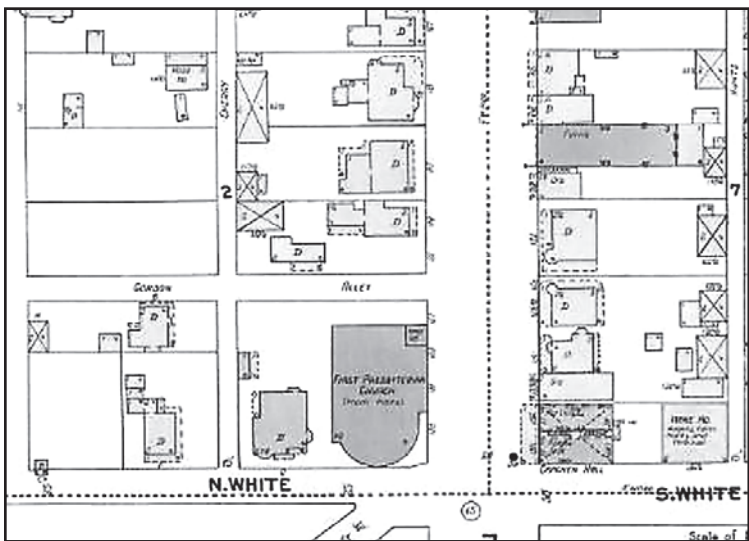


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its side elevation along Main Street. That building stood until early in the 20th century when it was replaced by the present 1905 church building which

interestingly, is also oriented to Gordon Alley. So, the section that faces Main Street is actually the side of the church. The southern portion of

Gordon Alley was vacated by the Borough, but the northwest section, including the side lawn of the Presbyterian Church, is still an unopened Borough alley.

Tracy Metherd. When a crude frame church was built along the S & W Pike in 1842, it was located just west of Gordon Alley facing the 'Pike. In 1869 it was replaced by a much more substantial Gothic Revival-style brick church that was oriented to the east and faced Gordon Alley, with



INTERNATIONAL DINNERS CONTINUE - The Brookville Presbyterian Church's last international dinner as part of the 200 Year Anniversary Celebration was held on March 28 during the Church's seder service. A traditional seder meal was included. The next monthly dinner is scheduled for May 2nd at 5:30pm and will be a Cinco de Mayo theme featuring Mexican food.

Raising Men/Women Lawn Care Service's "Mowing for a Cause" Tour Visits Brookville to Honor American Legion Post 102 and Brookville Honor Guard

Raising Men/Women Lawn Care Service (RM/W), a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young people through lawn care services, stopped in Brookville to Mow for a Cause by honoring the American Legion Post 102 and Brookville Honor Guard.

During each stop, Smith mows a lawn for a designated cause, raising awareness through social media and personal interaction. The Brookville stop occurred on Saturday, April 20th at the Jefferson County Courthouse Veterans' Memorial.

Rodney Smith Jr., founder of RM/W, is embarking on a nationwide tour visiting all 50

Local resident, Corry Riley, nominated the American Legion Post 102 and Brookville Honor Guard after a personal experience



Rodney Smith Jr.

with the Honor Guard. "While my daughters participated in the Raising Women Lawn Care 50-yard Challenge they continually mowed a veteran's 3-acre yard in Sigel week after week. When this veteran passed away, I was asked to officiate his funeral service. The Honor Guard attended the funeral service. This was my first close-up experience with the Honor Guard, and I was truly touched by their service. This is why I nominated the Honor Guard," Corry shared. "I'm honored to have Rodney visit Brookville and shed light on the invaluable service that the American Legion Post 102 and Brookville Honor Guard provides to our community."

On Facebook Smith shared, "The great city of Brookville see *MOWING* on page 22

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Morning Worship 10:45AM
Evening Worship & Youth Group
6:30AM
Wednesday Service 6:30AM

BAPTIST

First Baptist Church
101 Main Street, Brookville
Pastor David Blair
Sunday School 9:00AM
Worship 10:30AM
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study
Noon and 6:30PM

Kirkman Independent Baptist Church
Route 28 North, Brookville
Rev. Ray Peters
Sunday School 9:30AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00PM

Light House Baptist Church of Brookville
73 South White Street, Brookville
Pastor Ken Shirey
Sunday School 10:00AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM
Afternoon Worship 1:00PM
Nursing Home Ministry 2:30PM
Wednesday Prayer 7:00PM

Mt. Pleasant Independent Baptist Church
Route 322, Box 296, Corsica
Pastor Kenneth Lamons
Sunday School 10:00AM
Sunday Service 11:00AM
Sunday Evening Service 6:30PM
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30PM

Richardsville Baptist Church
Morning Worship 10:30AM

Zion of Jefferson County
Pastor Steve Kornbau
Jefferson St., Brookville
Morning Worship 9 & 10:30AM

CATHOLIC

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Rev. William M. Laska
Sunday Mass 10:30AM
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:15PM
Weekday Masses 8:00AM
Novena devotions in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Thursday 7:00AM
The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30PM

St. Dominic Catholic Church
Rev. William M. Laska
Route 949 South, Sigel
Sunday Mass 8:30AM
Holy Day Vigil 5:30PM

CHURCH OF GOD

Brookville Church of God
201 Freedom Lane, Brookville
www.brookvillechurchofgod.com
Pastor Sam Wilson
Sunday School 9:00AM
Morning Worship 10:30AM
Wednesday Adult Studies 6:30PM
Children & Youth Wednesday 6:30PM

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Church of Jesus Christ of The Latter Day Saints
Route 36 North, Brookville
Sacrament Worship 10:00AM
Sunday School & Primary 11:00AM
Relief Society/Priesthood 11:00AM

NAZARENE

Calvary Church of the Nazarene
110 Evans Street, Brookville
Pastor Bob Kuhn
SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30AM
Morning Worship 10:30AM
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting 7:00PM

LUTHERAN

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
2879 Langville Rd, Mayport (Ohl)
Morning Worship 9:30AM

Zion Lutheran Church
3119 Pine Run Rd, Mayport
(Shannondale)
Summer Worship:
8AM outdoors in our pavilion
11AM in the sanctuary
Worship after Labor Day:
Sunday School 10:00AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
160 Franklin Avenue, Brookville
Sunday School 9:45AM
Worship w/ Holy Communion 11:00AM

METHODIST

Brookville First Methodist Church
Jefferson & Pickering St., Brookville
849-5367
Rev. Joseph Short
Sunday School 9:00AM
Church Nursery 10:00-11:00AM
Morning Worship 10:00AM

Brookville Evangelical Methodist Church
30 White Street, Brookville
Rev. Mr. Loren McQueen
Early Service 8:00AM
Coffee Fellowship 9:15AM
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 10:35AM

Bellview Methodist Charge Ohl Community Church
Worship 8:30AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Stanton Community Church
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship 10:30AM

Mt. Tabor United Methodist
Pastor Douglas C. Wolfe
Sunday School 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM

Knox Dale Global Methodist Church
8025 Knox Dale Road, Knox Dale
Pastor Michael B. Coats
Sunday School 10:00AM
Worship 9:00AM

Meade Chapel Global Methodist Church
Pastor Michael B. Coats
Sunday School 11:00AM
Worship 10:00AM

Port Barnett Global Methodist Church
Pastor Michael B. Coats
Sunday School 10:00AM
Worship 11:00AM

Summerville Methodist Church
Pastor Diane Hetrick
Sunday School 9:45AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM

Sigel United Methodist Charge
Route 949 North, Sigel
Sunday School 10:00AM
Worship 11:00AM

Clarrington Methodist Church
154 Blue Ridge Road
Clarrington, PA 15828
Rev. Dale Livermore
Prayer at the Altar 8:30AM
Worship 9:00AM

Emerickville Methodist Church
Emerickville
Rev. Gary Sheesley
Sunday School 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM

Zion Community Church
Route 36 North, Brookville
Rev. Dale Livermore
Sunday School 9:15AM
Worship 10:15AM
Wednesday Fellowship Dinner 6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00PM

Strattanville Methodist Charge
Pastor Jeff Foor
Asbury Service 9:45 AM
Corsica Service 8:30AM
Strattanville Service 11:00AM
Church office 814-764-3332

PRESBYTERIAN

Brookville Presbyterian Church
100 White Street, Brookville
Pastor Dr. Stanley Bhasker
Sunday School 9:30AM
Worship 10:30AM

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church
Route 36 Sigel
Worship 9:15AM
Sunday School 10:30AM

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36 Church Street, Corsica
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Sunday School 10:00AM
Morning Worship 11:00AM

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Roseville Church of Christ
Route 322 Brookville
Preacher John Kerr
Bible Study 10:00AM
Morning Worship 10:55AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wed. Bible Study 7:00PM

Church of Christ
Route 28, Summerville
Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Morning Worship 10:20AM
Sun. Evening Service 6:00PM
Wed. Bible Study 7:00PM

Church of Christ
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Bible Study 10:00AM
Morning Worship 10:45AM
Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30PM

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http://holytrinitybrookville.org
Holy Eucharist Sunday's 11:15AM

OTHER

Center Hill Community Church
Pastor Guy Felmllee
6201 Knoxdale Road, Brookville
Worship 9:30AM
Sunday School 10:45AM
Bible Study & Prayer
Sunday 7:00PM
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Victory Praise & Worship Center
35 Winters Road, Brookville
Sunday Morning Service 10:30AM
Adult Bible Study Wednesday 6:30PM

Roseville Independent Chapel
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Email: rosevillechapel@gmail.com
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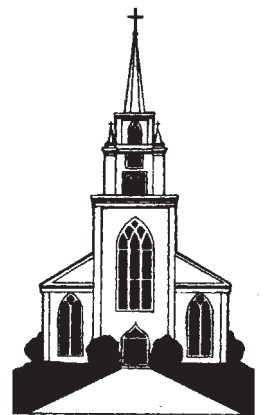
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FOCUS OF THE MONTH

by Pastor Shirey, Light House Baptist Church

Power of Christ

We often struggle with the understanding of the trinity of God (Father Son and Holy Spirit). The salvation given to man was made impart by all three.

1. God the Father made the plan! "It was done according to His will."

2. God the Son executed the plan! "Jesus died on the cross".

3. God the Spirit reveals the plan! "He is Comforter and Teacher."

I. Jesus Christ is God and has the power of God!

John 10:28 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

"²⁹My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

"³⁰I and my Father are one."

II. Jesus Christ is God and has the supremacy as God!

Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

III. Jesus Christ is God and has Supreme Power!

Matt. 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

IV. Jesus Christ is God with Power Everlasting!

1 Tim. 6:15 "Which in his times he shall shew, who is the

blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; "¹⁶Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

V. Jesus Christ as God Destroyed the Works of Satan!

1 John 3:8 "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."



Andy Burkett

Paul knew ultimately that his purpose was to live out Christ and to continue to burn for the kingdom of God! Paul expresses his desire to simply go into eternity but how would that serve the Church unless the Lord was ready for him?

I want to ask you some questions.

Is it hard for you to be here some days?

Why do you think the Lord has you here?

Have you submitted to the calling on your life?

Are you daily putting action to your faith?

Are you burning with desire to see a harvest come to pass?

Do you know the harvest is plenty, but the workers are few?

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labor. Yet I do not know what I shall choose. For I am pressed together by the two: having a desire to depart and to be with Christ, which is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more needful for you." (Philippians 1:21-24, MKJV)

I literally cannot fathom what some of you are going through on a daily basis. The pain, the

hurt, the abuse and so on. I can offer you this peace though. See Jesus right now where you are, no matter the situation. See Him lifted high and seated at the right hand of the Father. See yourself walking down the road towards Him and talking to Him face to face as you get closer and closer while doing everything, He tells you. Be consumed with His eyes be consumed with His Holy presence! I'm sure this is why Paul could withstand the beatings, shipwreck, imprisonment and so on. As Paul walked along, his head held high on the prize, He was CONSUMED WITH THE FIRE OF JESUS LOOKING AT HIM AND NOTHING ELSE WAS A DISTRACTION!

Father, I pray today that we would be consumed with the love of God. In this fiery love, nothing else is even noticeable, YOU ARE AN ALL-CONSUMING FIRE! I pray for my friends and family to feel this love and to be blinded by the Light of Your gospel. IN JESUS NAME!

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:18 (NKJV)

We would love to invite you to join us for a Saturday evening of worship and the Word at 7:00 PM! Some would say that our ministry is aimed at young people. I want to be clear; it is aimed at lovers of Jesus who want to worship, get in the Word and gather in fellowship with other believers! You can visit us on Facebook, or YouTube by simply searching The Brookville House of Worship or by going to www.brookvillehouseofworship.com. If you feel led to donate, you can do so by going to our website or by sending us a check to 227 Main St. Brookville, PA 15825. I want to personally thank you for reading this article and encourage you to seek the Lord, today is the day He has made, rejoice and be glad in it!



HOUSE OF WORSHIP

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain!"

Purpose. Purpose. Purpose.

In today's verses, Philippians 1:21-24, Paul is informing the church of the wrestling going on in himself (I get it and so did Paul, we are still in the flesh). However,



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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 & Recorders office is located at 200 Main Street, 2nd Floor, 814.849.1610. You must bring the DD-214 in person to be filed.

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Upcoming Events for the Brookville Chamber of Commerce

- Every Monday through September is Food truck Monday
- May 14th Eggs & Issues Cybersecurity and Small businesses \$15 per person at 7:30 am at Fusion Atelier/ CREATE
- August 17th Brookville BBQ Bash at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds
- August 29th Eggs & Issues: Legislature
- October 26th Haunted Brookville
- December 7th Tasting Tour

Sports *continued from page 7*

The PIAA recently entered into an agreement with the National Federation of State High School (NFHS) Association, the body that writes the rules of competition for most high school sports and activities in the United States. NFHS can provide a streaming service, and often, schools will choose to exercise that capability in high-profile situations. What this does is eliminate the ability for local media outlets covering the away teams to do what they do best and requires anyone who wishes to stream the game to pay a subscription fee to access it.

Brown, Struzzi and Smith issued this statement after sending the letter, signed by 45 lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, to the PIAA:

“The PIAA’s current broadcasting policy is unfair on many levels, and most importantly, to the families of the

players on the fields and courts of Pennsylvania. Our athletes work for years to hone their skills in their respective sports, and a lucky few get the chance to show those skills in PIAA playoff matchups. However, those matchups can be several hours away from their local communities.

“Pennsylvania is blessed with many local media outlets who faithfully cover high school sports throughout the season. More often than not, those outlets are happy to travel whatever distance is required to cover their teams for their communities. But time and time again, they’re blocked by the exclusivity contract between the PIAA and NFHS. These athletes finally reach their moment on the big stage, and all too often their friends and family are blocked from watching them by an NFHS paywall.

“During a 2022 hearing

the Department of Education assured lawmakers that the issue of exclusivity between PIAA and the NFHS Network would be resolved. On January 26th, 2023, legislation was introduced to allow visiting teams in high school athletic competitions, and their local broadcasters, the same rights to broadcast, stream and provide play-by-play as the home team. As of today, House Bill 30, the Fair Play in Broadcasting Act, has strong bipartisan support and could move from the House Education Committee at any time.

“It has become clear that fair broadcasting is not a priority being addressed in the PIAA. We, and the 42 other lawmakers who signed our letter, believe this issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible for the sake of Pennsylvania’s players, families and fans.”

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by Carole A. Briggs

When our church choir warms up on Sunday mornings, I'm there with the altos. On the wall of the choir loft, just behind the tenors, is a small brass plaque, inscribed "In Honor of Sara (misspelled!) Maude Henry, Director of Music, 1945-1989," a tribute to our long-time choir director.

In 1939, the "beloved" high school English and dramatics teacher Sarah Maude Carnahan, valedictorian and graduate of Grove City College and the University of Michigan, married H. Clair Henry, the supervising principal of the Brockway-Snyder Joint School District. In 1945, when he was elected assistant superintendent of county schools, the family which now included sons David and Thomas, moved to Brookville. In 1958, he was named superintendent at a salary of \$10,000 (\$107,379.24 today).

As a single woman in 1933, Sarah Maude Carnahan accompanied the choir of the Brockway Presbyterian Church choir when they performed Handel's *Messiah*. Married, she continued as an accompanist, volunteered with the Annual Red Cross Drive and a polio campaign, and was a member of the Brockway Women's Club.

In Brookville in 1948, she was the director, when a choir of "more than 50 voices" from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches performed the Handel oratorio. Ten years later, she once again directed the *Messiah*, this time with a choir of 35 in Brookville, continuing with a performance in Brookville in 1961, and performances in 1964 and 1965 with a joint choir in Brockway.

She knew a great many local soloists and convinced them to sing the
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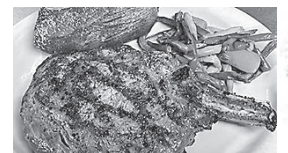
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Cook Forest State Park is 15 miles from Brookville and yet many never consider it as their vacation spot.

Did you know that Cook Forest is now a National Natural Landmark and was rated one of America's top 50 state parks by *National Geographic Traveler* magazine? And it was chosen by DCNR (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources) and its Bureau of Parks as one of "25 Must-see Pennsylvania State Parks." This 8,500 acre park is located right in our "back yard." It features 27 trails totaling about 29 miles for hiking with a terrain of rolling hills and cool valley streams.

The park is nestled close to the Clarion River and with its majestic Forest Cathedral, it is an absolutely beautiful landscape. The park is home to some of the oldest trees this side of the Rockies and they are quite impressive to see. There are many trails to walk which take you to the Forest Cathedral. The most popular trail is the Longfellow Trail.

Also along the Longfellow Trail you will find the Memorial Fountain. It is located behind the Log Cabin Environmental Learning Center. This fountain was built in 1950 in honor of the original members of the Cook Forest Association, who were important roles in creating the park. Well deserving honor.

Cook Forest also has Henry Run Sawmill Dam Falls. Many people don't even know about this gorgeous water fall because it can't be found on the park map. It is located along the Baker Trail, not far from the Clarion River. It can be reached from the Cook Forest Fire Tower or from Gravel Lick Road. the waterfall is a small 10-15 feet tall, but it is a something that you will be glad you saw.

The Cook Forest Fire Tower is an impressive 87.5 feet above the hilltop. When you climb the 108 steps to the top you will have a fantastic view. Be sure to ask the Park office when the tower is open for you to climb to the observation area. It is only open on occasion. However, you can still get a great view if you climb to just below that area.

Close by the fire tower is Seneca Point which also provides

a spectacular view of the Clarion River Valley without having to climb 108 steps. Seneca Point also provides for aview of the rocky ground where native tribes once ground grains and seeds. Look closely to see if you can find indentions made by their stone tools.

The Clarion River is an awesome place for canoeing, tubing, kayaking and fishing. It provides a relaxing, gorgeous scenic ride as it meanders through the park.

You may not have realized that Cook Forest also has a Swinging Bridge. It is slightly off the beaten path, located not far from the Park Office (about 1/4 mile). It can be reached from a variety of trails and it crosses Toms Run.

The North Country National Scenic Trail passes through Cook Forest. It runs with the Baker Trail, a 140-mile trail that runs from Freeport, PA through the Allegheny National Forest. 12 miles of the trail runs through Cook Forest State Park. The North Country Trail is a 4,600 mile trail that goes from Vermont to North Dakota. How great is it that a section of this trail goes right through Cook Forest?

Cook Forest State Park's Ridge Campground offers 217 campsites with picnic table and fire ring. Some sites are rustic, while others off electric, water and sewage hookup. Pets are

permitted in designated areas for an additional fee. Pets are prohibited at sites in the back section of the park.

The campground includes modern restrooms with showers during the camping season which is the second Friday in April through the third Friday in December. Shower houses #3 and #4 may be closed in the case of freezing temperatures.

River Camping is also available downstream from Gravel Lick Bridge at Thompson Eddy. This area is for those canoeing or kayaking and use is limited to one night. It is for tents only, with a maximum group size of ten.

If you don't like tent camping and you don't have a camper, Cook Forest also offers some rustic cabins for rent. The River Cabins are on a hillside looking over the Clarion River. The Indian Cabins are along Toms Run behind the Park Office. The cabins sleep four, six, eight or ten people. Up to two dogs are permitted only in designated cabins for a fee.

Each cabin has beds with mattresses, heat from a gas heater, refrigerator, stove, table and chairs. Frost-free faucets are outside and a shower house is close by. Firewood is not provided.

Reservations for campsite and cabins at Cook Forest can be made online at dncr.pa.gov or

by calling 888-PA-PARKS (888-727-2757 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Cook Forest also offers a variety of educational programs March through December. They include hands-on activities, guided walks and evening events which help participants to gain an understanding and appreciation of the natural resources the area provides.

The Sawmill Center for the Arts is a local, non-profit craft organization located in the historic sawmill. It offers many crafts, a gift shop and classes/demonstrations on crafts.

Also located at The Sawmill Center is the Verna Leith Sawmill Theater which offers plays, musicals and other entertainment throughout the summer months.

In June, The Sawmill Center for the Arts hosts a French and Indian War Encampment. This is a great series of living history events depicting life during the

French and Indian war. It includes woodland natives, cannon and musket firing demonstrations, sutler camp, council and trading events, nationally renowned living historians, French and Indian War era artisans, live tactical engagements and children's programs. Don't miss it! The encampment will be held June 9-10, 2024. Go to events.dncr.pa.gov for a complete schedule.

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MaBeth's Cabins has beautiful cabins situated on the wild and scenic Clarion River. It also has a camp store which has been a recognizable landmark in Cook Forest for many years. It is the place to meet and coordinate the days activities. It is open daily and the friendly staff is there to give you directions, help you get your fire started, gear you up with supplies for the day or just offer you a comfortable bench to relax.



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As you can see, there is so much to do right in our "backyard" at Cook Forest. It makes for a perfect vacation! And, you don't have to drive for hours to get there. If you can't get off work for a week, Cook Forest is so close that you can make a day trip multiple times this summer. Pack a picnic lunch and find a picnic table along the river, or eat at one of the restaurants in Cooksburg; hike a trail; kayak, canoe or tube; shop all the stores; and just enjoy a great day in the Forest!

Programs at Cook Forest State Park

Saturday, May 4 at 10:00am 'Bridge Clean Up'

Please join Friends of Cook Forest as we walk various trails in the park to clean old leaves and pine needles from our trail bridges to extend their lives. We'll concentrate on the Tom's Run Valley but could hit other trails if we have sufficient attendees. Please meet at the Log Cabin Environmental Learning Classroom where we'll assign trails and distribute supplies. We have gloves, but stiff brooms or light shovels would be greatly appreciated. (2hrs)

Saturday, May 4 at 1:00pm 'In-Line Spinner Class'

Please meet at the Park Office Conference Room to learn how to make in-line spinners for fishing. Program conducted by Bill McClintock,

camp host and in-line spinner enthusiast. Participants will make their own spinners. All materials provided. Class is free but registration required. To register, please contact the Park Office at cookforestsp@pa.gov or (814)744-8407. 15-person limit. Children must be with participating adult. (2 hrs)

Saturday, May 11th at 9:00am Beginner's Mushroom Hike

A beginner's mushroom hike will be held Saturday, May 11th, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Shelter #1, Cook Forest State Park, Cooksburg, PA for those age 10 and up.

This hike is hosted by Clarion Conservation District, PA Mushroom Company, & the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club.

Come explore the fungus among us! Join experienced foragers for a 1-2-mile-long beginner's mushroom hike through the forest to learn about local mushroom species, mushroom photography, how to grow your own mushrooms,

and more! Bring a collection container (basket, empty egg carton, etc.).

Registration and payment of \$15/person is due by May 3rd via cash or check written out to Clarion Conservation District and mailed to 249 S. 2nd Ave. Clarion, PA 16214. The first 20 people to register will receive a free mushroom grow kit (1 per person). Scholarships available if financial support is needed. Specialty mushrooms and additional grow kits will be available for purchase at the end of the hike. For scholarship inquiries, questions, or to register, contact hbequeathccd@gmail.com, call 814-393-6147, or register online at [Error! Filename not specified.https://forms.gle/8pN2PhVJCGhtjrCS6](https://forms.gle/8pN2PhVJCGhtjrCS6).

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Thank you so much to @RiverviewIU6, @iu5edinboro, @ariniu28, @MIUIV for helping make the 2024 #RemakeDays festival so special for our region. Without you #RemakeDaysNWPA wouldn't be possible!

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for making these events possible! **Cook Forest Living History Weekend, May 24-26**

Please join us for a fun filled weekend of living history as we journey through various historical eras of the United States: French & Indian War, Colonial Period, Civil War, Spanish American War, and Pennsylvania's lumber heritage. Join living historian and master story-teller Paul Stillman, historical interpreter Dave Clark, and historian-songwriter Van Wagner, as they take us through these noteworthy periods of *see COOK FOREST on page 21*



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by Paul Gray

Troop 64, Presbyterian Church

The troop did their semi-annual road clean up to keep Pennsylvania beautiful. We do this in the spring and the fall of each year.

We cleaned along both Swap Run Road and Sentner Hill Road just below Belgiumtown. Initially it didn't seem like there was going to be a lot of trash but we got a contractor bag full of trash for each road. (hubcaps that have been set free take up a lot of space)

Coming up this month the scouts will put flags on the veterans' graves at about five cemeteries in and around Brookville. Placing over 1,000 flags on the graves honors our veterans helps the boys understand some of the sacrifices that our veterans made to keep out country free.

In April we did our swim test at the YMCA so that the boys wouldn't have to take the test at summer camp when we check in. We are so thankful for Tina, Mona and Bethany at the Y to let the boys take this swim test now. With the test out of the way the boys can go straight to setting up camp for the week.

Looking ahead for the summer, the scouts are working very hard to earn money now to go to camp. This year it costs \$450 per scout to attend summer camp at Camp Mountain Run. The boys are selling candy bars to raise that money. If you could help by buying some candy bars from the boys, it would be greatly appreciated. You may buy them at the Brookville Mirror office at 203 Main St., Brookville, PA 15825 or from a scout who may be selling them at Hometown or Ace Hardware.

If you would like to give the scouts a donation to help with summer camp tuition you may send a check to: The Presbyterian Church, 203 Main St. Brookville, PA 15825. Your money will help the boys enjoy the great outdoors, sleep under the stars, earn life skills, make new friends

around campfires and grow into better men and citizens.

If your boy would like to attend a meeting to see what scouting is all about, please come. Weather and light permitting, we play volleyball, corn hole, ping pong and Foons ball at the meetings along with practicing scout skills like first aid, knot tying and fire building. We are into community



Road clean-up Crew.



Swim test at the YMCA

service and practicing values that build boys instead of mending men.

If you know of a boy (10 years to 17 years old) that could benefit from learning about service, leadership, responsibility, numerous topics (scouts can

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American history through first person character portrayals, hands-on demonstrations, and song.

Friday, May 24 from 8:00-10:00pm

'Seneca Point by Candlelight'

Take a walk back in time with historical characters from the past. Please meet at the Fire Tower parking lot where a 1750's French Marine will guide us through the ancient rocks of Seneca Point in search of old Seneca & Abenaki warriors on their trek south along the Catawba Trail.

Saturday, May 25 from 9:00-11:00am

Paul Stillman as a 'Seneca Indian'

A Native American visits us from the past on his trip from New York as he travels south along the historic Olean Trail. Please bring your camp chairs and meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom where he

will be preparing for his trip.

Saturday, May 25 from 1:00-2:30pm

Paul Stillman and Dave Clark as 'The North Meets South'

Come see the Civil War through a New York regimental line soldier and a rebel of the Army of Northern Virginia. Please bring your camp chairs and meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom.

Saturday, May 25 from 8:00-9:00pm

'An Evening with Ben Franklin' by Paul Stillman

One of the founding fathers of our country. Science, glass music, and philosophy are only part of Doctor Franklin's life. Join the elderly statesman as he reminisces about his involvement in the French & Indian forts of the 1750's. Please bring your chairs & blankets and meet at the Ridge Camp Park Amphitheater.

Sunday, May 26 from 1:00-2:00pm

Dave Clark as a 'Private of the 71st New York Regiment During the Spanish American

War'

Private Charles Johnson Post recounts the charge up San Juan Hill. Post, an illustrator for William Randolph Hearst's newspaper, endured the hardships of a soldier in the "Splendid Little War in Cuba." Please bring your camp chairs at meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom.

Sunday, May 26 from 2:30-3:30pm

Paul Stillman as a 'Colonial Craftsman'

Learn how things were made during the early part of the 18th century during a quill and bamboo pen fabrication workshop. Please bring your camp chairs at meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom.

Sunday, May 26 from 4:30-6:00pm

'Tall Timber: Van Wagner's Timber Heritage Program'

Celebrate the past and present of Pennsylvania's timber heritage with historian, songwriter, and forester, Van Wagner, as he demonstrates dozens of tools spanning 200 years of logging history. He will also focus on the old rafting days when millions of board feet of Pennsylvania Timber were assembled into various styles of rafts and piloted down our streams and rivers. Please bring your camp chairs and meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom.

Sunday, May 26 from 8:00-9:00pm

'Evening Concert by songwriter Van Wagner'

Featuring acoustic songs about the cultural and natural heritage of Pennsylvania at the Ridge Camp Park Amphitheater. Van's music has been featured on the *History Channel*, *Country Music Television*, and several film productions. Be prepared to not only be entertained, but also inspired to learn more about Pennsylvania's history. Don't forget your chairs and blankets!

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Session II- July 8-19
Session III- July 29-August 5
Sessions run five days a week for two weeks. Spots fill quickly. Register your child at the Brookville YMCA today!

Summer Fun Program:

Our Summer Fun program runs from 6 AM to 5:30 PM five days a week. We offer swimming, trips, game room, snacks, and so much more.

Please contact the YMCA to enroll your child in summer fun.

Lifeguard Classes:

Lifeguard classes will be available soon. Please contact the Y for more information.

PAL Preschool:

Session 1
This program is designed to introduce 3- and 4-year-old children to their first experience in a structured classroom. This program emphasizes social development, self-esteem, language development, basic skills and positive values - using creative activities and developmentally appropriate curriculum and a caring and nurturing environment. Your child must be 3 on or before July 1st to enroll. The program runs: Mon/Wed from 9-11:30 AM OR Tues/Thurs from 9-11:30 AM.

Session 2
This program is designed for kindergarten readiness. This program will reinforce the basic skills necessary for a positive experience in kindergarten. Children will be encouraged to participate in age-appropriate activities, which facilitate the development of the child socially, intellectually, emotionally and physically. Your child must be 4 on or before July 1st to enroll. This program runs: Mon/Wed/Fri from 9-11:30 AM OR Mon/Wed/Fri from 1-3:30 PM.

Body Pump:

Body pump is back on Wednesdays at 5 PM with Jenny. This class is for all fitness levels.

Toning with Tools:

Toning with tools is now offered on Mondays and Thursdays at 12 PM.

Cycling Schedule:

Monday- 5:45 AM
Tuesday- 12 PM
Wednesday- 5:45 AM
Thursday- 5:15 PM
Saturday- 7 AM

Healthy Recipe: Southwest Salad

This recipe is part of a heart healthy, high fiber and high

protein diet. It is also Diabetes appropriate.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 3 tablespoons salsa
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 6 cups chopped romaine lettuce
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3. Divide among 4 plates and sprinkle with cheese. Serve with lime wedges, if desired.

Contact the YMCA at 849-7355 for more information on events or visit our website: www.brookvilleymca.com.

Take advantage of all your local YMCA has to offer.

We hope to see you at the Brookville YMCA!

Summer Hours:

Monday	5 AM-8 PM
Tuesday	5 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	5 AM-8 PM
Thursday	5 AM-8 PM
Friday	5 AM-8 PM
Saturday	7 AM-2 PM
Sunday	Closed

Mowing

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allowed me the honor to mow at their local veterans' memorial. I also had the honor of meeting up with two Air Force veterans, Gary Cooper Sr., and Dave Deamer, who shared insights into their military experiences. Both chose the Air Force, influenced by personal connections and the allure of uniforms and aircraft. Gary served ten years,

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with a stint in Germany, while Dave was stationed stateside in Germany and served a combined six years. They reminisced



(l-r) Gary Cooper Sr., Dave Deamer and Rodney Smith Jr.

about adapting to local German cuisine and discussed the friendly locals and the cold, snowy weather. When asked about advice for young people considering military service, they recommended the Air Force or Navy for their relative ease and better provisions. Highlighting the importance of serving their country, Gary mentioned a family tradition of military service, while Dave felt a personal call to contribute during the Vietnam era. Their stories underline a deep-seated brotherhood among those who serve.”

“I’m thrilled to announce that

I’ve secured a lawn in every state for my upcoming 50-state mowing tour, ‘Mowing for a Cause!’ This unique journey is more than just about lawn care; it’s a mission to highlight and elevate the voices behind meaningful causes,” said Rodney Smith Jr.

Smith’s mower, adorned with ribbons of various colors representing different causes, serves as a symbol of his commitment to amplifying important messages.

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(l-r) Casey Riley, Rodney, Ali Riley. The girls completed the 50-yard challenge in the summer of 2021 completing 108 yards.



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How is Parkinson's Disease Treated?

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, nearly 60,000 Americans are diagnosed each year with Parkinson's disease, a brain disorder that causes shakiness, stiffness and problems with balance and coordination. While there is no cure for Parkinson's, treatment is available to help reduce symptoms.

What causes Parkinson's?

“The main symptoms of Parkinson's occur when nerve cells in the basal ganglia, which is the part of the brain that controls movement, become impaired or die,” said James Pacelli, MD, a neurologist with Penn Highlands Neurology in DuBois, Pennsylvania. “Unfortunately, we still do not know what causes the nerve cells to die.”

see PARKINSON'S on page 25



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Backwoods Chicks 2024

by Dana Hannibal

The Jefferson County Conservation District will be holding the second Backwoods Chicks camp at Quiet Creek Herb Farms August 2-4, 2024. The weekend camp is an opportunity for women to connect with one another and gain important knowledge on sustainability practices, water pollution, conservation, and outdoor recreation. Topics this year will include: canning/food preservation, rain barrels, DIY salves, zero waste/reduce waste, acid mine drainage (AMD) shirt making, foraging, fishing, yoga, gardening, and much more! Call or email Dana Hannibal to register at 814-849-7463 or dana@jeffersconservation.com. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Family First

by Lynn Groce



As we enter a new month, we might find ourselves having a long to-do list. To make our lives less busy, we often prioritize certain tasks and try to create a daily list that is achievable. However, procrastination can be a major obstacle. It tends to barge in uninvited and disrupts our focus. It can be quite loud and disruptive, making it difficult for us to stay on track. Dealing with procrastination can be frustrating, but we must remain vigilant and try our best to avoid it.

Your friend named "Focus" politely knocks on your door. After inviting them in, you both sit down to discuss your plans and a To-Do list. However, at this point, procrastination may try to sneak in and disrupt your progress. It is important that you do not let it get the best of you and instead, stay on track and keep moving forward.

I hope you're enjoying a good laugh now, as I presented it as a story, but procrastination and focus are inherent to human nature. We all tend to procrastinate at times, just as we can be focused when we need to be. However, when these two tendencies coexist, one is likely to dominate over the other.

Sometimes, I choose not to do it even though I know I can. I often fall back on excuses for not doing something, but I'm getting to the age where I want to achieve more in my life. I feel upset about it. I'm learning that procrastination is a choice,

and I can either choose to do something about it or sit on the porch until I'm ready to handle it. Sometimes, it's hard to let go of old habits, but I need to question if they are good for me. I'm putting this article out there today because, when you really think about it, why would you keep a friend around that's not good for you?

Here's some advice on how to stop procrastinating and get things done. Start by writing down what needs to be done and

then begin with the tasks that are right in front of you. Remove any obstacles that may be preventing you from completing your tasks. If you find yourself getting sidetracked, take a moment to reconsider what's most important. By prioritizing your tasks, you'll be able to done by one. Don't worry too much about what others think of you, focus on becoming a better person and achieving your goals. Peace out.

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Parkinson's

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Some cases appear to be hereditary. However, while genetics is thought to play a role, most cases of the disease do not seem to run in families. Rather, many researchers believe that Parkinson's occurs from a combination of genetics and environmental factors.

What are the symptoms?

Parkinson's develops slowly over years, and symptoms generally begin on one side of the body. As the disease progresses, symptoms often affect both sides. Symptoms can include:

- Involuntary shakiness in the hands, arms, legs, jaw and face
- Stiffness or tightness in the arms or legs
- Slowness of movement
- Poor balance and coordination



- Quiet or slow speech
- Dementia (in advanced stages)

How is Parkinson's disease diagnosed?

"There is no blood or imaging test that can check for Parkinson's," said Dr. Pacelli. "Instead, your physician will ask about your medical history and the symptoms you are experiencing. They will also perform a physical and neurological exam, which may include checking your hearing, vision, reflexes, balance, strength, memory and concentration."

Because the symptoms of Parkinson's disease are similar to other neurological conditions, your physician may order blood tests or scans to rule out other causes. They may also prescribe Parkinson's disease medication to see if it helps reduce your symptoms. If it does, that would likely indicate your symptoms are caused by Parkinson's.

How is Parkinson's treated?

At this time, there is no cure for Parkinson's disease. There are treatments, however, that can be effective at controlling symptoms and slowing the progression of the disease. Medication is typically very effective, especially if started in the early stages of the disease. If medication stops controlling your symptoms as the disease progresses, your physician may see *PARKINSON'S* on page 31

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health is a basic human right. It is fundamental to our overall well-being and profoundly influences how we think, act, and interact in the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life. With May flowers also blooms the chance to destigmatize how we think about, approach, and identify mental health issues in our society. Asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness, and there are so many resources out there just waiting to grasp and guide

the outstretched hands of those who wish to fight and improve their own mental health.

Whether it is reaching out to a nonprofit organization, prioritizing self-care, or even simply knowing your resources, now is the time to “take the mental health moment” and “be seen in green.”



Library patrons enjoyed “light” refreshments, “basked” in rare views, and enjoyed “brilliant” activities at our eclipse event held on April 8th.

Events at RMAML

May 4 @ 2pm - Join us for the 29th Annual Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony! Sarah Rossey is a longtime submitter to the Rebecca M Arthurs poetry contest but never a winner. She did not submit this time because she couldn’t stand even her own rejection. She comes to this judging with great admiration for the talent in our area and is so proud of everyone for their courage in sharing their work. Sarah is the office manager and creative director for The Watershed Journal literary magazine and Watershed



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What health screenings do I need?

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The Ruffed Grouse Society is proud to announce that they will see *WINGSHOOTING* on page 41

Library

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writer and artist and is co-raising an eight-year-old to explore her own creative path. Sarah has been in the PA Wilds for 14 years and loves living in an involved community in such an inspirational area. Come enjoy a night of light refreshments and poetry and see where our local poets placed!

May 10-11 - Our Food Vendor Rally Fundraiser is back! This unique event will be held downtown Brookville on N. Pickering Street, **May 10th and May 11th from 11am-9pm** each day. It will feature local food trucks and vendors with a variety of delicious foods available. So far, one of the vendors participating is Back Alley BBQ.

This event is sponsored in part by Rafferty Tire & Auto, Pro Market Realty and Top Tier Federal Credit Union. Who can turn down BBQ that benefits books?!

Interested in our Digital Literacy classes but unable to attend? Have no fear – Zoom is here! Starting this month, some of the past Digital Literacy classes offered will be available **VIRTUALLY!** Join us on this exciting new journey as we work to make these resources and classes more readily available through the power of Zoom! Check out our Facebook page and our website to be in the loop in this new endeavor and keep up with when these will be virtually available!

Tech Days will be available at Summerville Public Library this

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June 11-16, 2024 – Book Sale, book sale, book sale! It is time again for our annual book sale! Our sale will run during library hours. Our hours are Tuesday-Friday 9am-6:30pm and Saturday-Sunday 12:30-4pm. Due to space issues, we will only be able to accept book donations until **May 30th**.

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Hunter-Trapper Education

The remaining 2024 PA Game Commission Hunter-Trapper Education Basic Class in northern Jefferson County will be June 15, August 24 and September 14. **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, 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,

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Let's Have A Picnic!

by Carole A. Briggs



May brings new leaves, warm winds, and the urge to be outside, outside for a long walk or outside for a picnic. A picnic may be for two, twenty, or even two hundred

people! Picnics may be hosted by churches, fire departments, granges, fraternal groups, or families. But no matter, most folks enjoy a picnic!

The Fourth of July has always been a good time for a picnic. The weather is usually fine and celebrating the birth of our nation is a good reason to get together. According to an 1865

Brookville Republican, people gathered in Richardsville, Troy (Summerville), and Strattonville to the Fourth and celebrated the day with picnics, and the "continuous discharge of torpedoes and firecrackers." But in Brookville, the editor lamented, "There was not sufficient enterprise...to get up a see PICNIC on page 42

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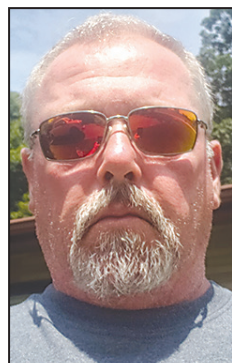
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Parkinson's

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recommend a surgical procedure called deep brain stimulation, in which electrodes are implanted in the brain and emit electrical impulses to stimulate cells and chemicals.

Lifestyle changes also can help manage symptoms. Your doctor may recommend ongoing aerobic exercise, outpatient physical therapy that concentrates on balance training and stretching, speech therapy and occupational therapy.

Other lifestyle changes that may help reduce symptoms include:

- A balanced diet that includes foods high in fiber (to help prevent constipation that is common in Parkinson's disease) and omega-3 fatty acids

- Exercise, which can increase your muscle strength, flexibility and balance

- Massage therapy to reduce tension

- Yoga and tai chi to increase stretching and flexibility

Your physician will work with you to develop a treatment plan that offers the greatest relief from your symptoms.

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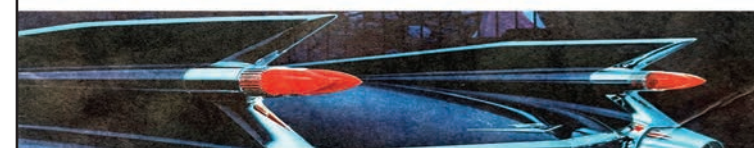
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5th Graders Participate in W.I.N. Fair

On Monday, April 22, 5th Grade students at Hickory Grove Elementary participated in a W.I.N. (What I Need) Fair. This fair is designed to provide students with the opportunity to be exposed and introduced to a variety of coping skills, while exploring a little about mental health. The students were able to participate in three out of ten available workshops. These workshops included:

1. Calming Glitter Jars with Mrs. Drake
2. Breathing techniques with Mrs. Confer
3. Nutrition with Heather Ansinger from the BASD Cafeteria
4. Worry Bracelets with Katie Morrison
5. Exercise with Coach Bill Morrison and the Raider Football players
6. Stress Balls with Denice Pazuchanics from WQED
7. Yoga with Leigh Reitz, Community Yoga Instructor
8. Art Therapy with Mr. Stephen Jaworsky and the Art Club Students
9. Music Therapy with Mrs. Laura Grabigel and the BAHS music students
10. Organization with Miss Jenny Lynch, R.I.U. 6

The program started off with a brief presentation on mental health and how it applies to 5th grade students, by contracted Mental Health Counselor, Katie Morrison. The program concluded with a motivational presentation by Brookville's own Head Football Coach, Coach Bill Morrison.

The W.I.N. Fair is an excellent community minded project as our 5th grade students reached out to the community in preparation for this event and received many great donations

that went towards a goodie bag that each student received which included items to help foster the use of the coping skills that they learned during this event. Our presenters ranged from district employees to members of the community. BAHS Friends of Rachel students assisted in many of the workshops.

A special thanks goes out to all that spent weeks planning and preparing a presentation, helped organize donations, or participated in any way to make this event happen. I hope this video that I attached works. It is a video of the music therapy station, which was amazing!!



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Despite periodic cloud cover, students were able to see the eclipse on Monday. Here's a picture of the group gathered in front of Northside Elementary. Thanks to all of the teachers and aides who provided instruction on this subject and made the most of this rare event.



Sixth graders recently engaged in the Too Good for Drugs program delivered by the Clearfield-Jefferson Drug and Alcohol Commission. Topics included setting reachable goals, saying no to bad influences, as well as the dangers of vapes, drugs and alcohol.

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Gary Fye is shown here with his sweet dogs and fourth graders at Hickory Grove Elementary. Fye's Labs are regulars in our schools, helping with everything from reading classes to kindergarten registration. We are so thankful for the Fyes and the Blazoskys and everyone who shares therapy dogs with Brookville Area Schools.

Turning Down the Temperature: Limiting Caffeine Consumption for Adolescents

by Hannah Melton

It is not healthy for high schoolers to make a pre- and post-school stop to pound an energy drink or coffee.

With more coffee and tea shops becoming more available, and servicing adolescents, it is essential Brookville parents take a closer look at preventing long-term dependency and health consequences of caffeine consumption.

see *CAFFEINE* on page 37



Sorren Morelli and Ryker Selnekovic have had the unique opportunity of performing side-by-side with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. They have been attending rehearsals in Pittsburgh, and their concert at Heinz Hall was held Tuesday, April 9. Great job to both musicians and strings teacher, Mat King.


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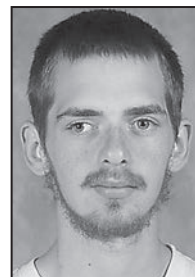


Bryson Tucker

The Jeff Tech student of the month for March is Bryson Tucker. He is a senior in the Welding/Metal Fabrication Program. Bryson's sending school district is the St. Marys Area School District. Bryson is the Jeff Tech senior class vice-president. He is also a member of the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) and CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization). He has represented Jeff Tech at the SkillsUSA team competition for welding/metal fabrication and placed third. Bryson is employed at Gasbarre

Products in St. Marys through the Jeff Tech Co-Op program. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, shooting trap, working on things and riding dirt bikes. His future plans are to attend Penn State for Mechanical Engineering.

April Student of the Month



Kyle Brigham

The Jeff Tech student of the month for April is Kyle Brigham. He is a junior in the new Electrical Construction Program. Kyle's sending school district is the Punxsutawney Area School District. Kyle is a member of CTSO (Career Technical Student Organization). He also does volunteer work helping people with things they need done. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, playing football and hanging out with his friends. In the future, Kyle plans to attend college to major in business so that one day he can build his own business.

Student-Run Manufacturing Enterprise Summit

Students from across the northwest and north central region of the Pennsylvania Commonwealth will be convening on May 7 in Warren PA for the first annual Student-Run Manufacturing Enterprise (SRME) Summit hosted by Northwest Industrial Resource Center (NWIRC).

The Summit, with this year's theme 'Reaching New Heights', is a conference geared for students who are running a manufacturing business, right out of their high schools, in order for them to share best practices for making their programs (businesses) stronger. Students will be presenting information about their successes and challenges over the past year, as well as providing tips and asking for advice. The day will include team building activities, networking

see SUMMIT on page 39

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Caffeine

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Caffeine is commonly used to help you feel more awake and alert, but the long-term health effects of excessive caffeine consumption should be taken very seriously.

Caffeine accelerates the time it takes for the body to receive signals from the brain. Caffeine is referred to as a stimulant drug. It is found in common items like coffees, teas, chocolate, sodas, and energy drinks.

The Mayo Clinic advises that you consume no more than 400mg of caffeine per day. This equals around 4 cups of coffee a day. If more than 400mg is consumed, it could lead to serious health risks.

The effects of caffeine differ

depending on the source of caffeine, individual differences in health, and quantity of intake.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation suggests that caffeine's short-term effects last about 30 minutes to 6 hours, which include increased faster heart rate, rise in temperature, headaches, dehydration, and stomach pains among other more individual responses.

Small doses of caffeine do not present a life-threatening risk, but not moderating your caffeine intake could lead to severe long-term effects that may plague older children as they continue to feed a dependency that is established earlier in the life cycle.

The CDC classifies long-term effects of caffeine as high blood pressure, cardiovascular diseases, reproduction and

developmental abnormalities, and mental disorders.

While new coffees, sodas, and energy drinks sweep over the nation with popularity. It is important for parents to talk with their children and make sure to provide them with healthier alternatives to caffeinated beverages. Moderating caffeine intake, by looking at the dosages in caffeinated beverages, can save you from many health complications that arise from prolonged caffeine dependencies.



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MEDICAL PRACTICE: Dr. Wm McKinley's office and see HISTORY on page 40

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- 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month Getting Crafty with Friends 1-3 pm
- Wednesdays Woodcarving 9 am
- Thursdays Coffee with the Veterans 9 am
- Caregiver Support Group 1st Thursday of the month at 3pm

Special Events

- Friday May 3rd, 10 am Spring Smash Cans (Date Change)
- Friday May 10th, 9:30 am

Ceramics

• Tuesday May 14th and 21st there will be Help here for Property Tax Rebate forms to be filled out 10 am to 2 pm both days.

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• Friday May 24th Sherri Patterson will be here at 10:15 am for a talk about Arthritis

• Friday May 31st 10 am We are making Cute Dog & Cat Door Hangers for Jefferson Manor

***NEW* Healthy Steps for Older Adults – One Day Class**

Wednesday 5/22 at the Heritage House 9 am to 3 pm (Registration 8:30am)

Lunch 12-1 pm-Please order your lunch with Tammy when you sign up for the class. Last Day to sign up for the class will be Friday 5/17 by noon. The program is designed to raise awareness of falls, introduce steps on how to reduce falls, improve overall health,

and provide referrals and resources.

May Lunch Menu

May 1

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

May 2

Grilled chicken Caesar salad with mixed greens, diced chicken, parmesan, tomato and croutons; cream of broccoli soup; dinner roll; blushed pears

May 3

BBQ chicken breast, brown rice, carrots, wheat bread, fresh orange

May 6

Pot roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, white bread, peach crisp

May 7

Baked salmon with white wine, cream sauce, white rice, island blend vegetables, wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce

May 8

Hot dog, hot dog roll, cheesy potatoes, green beans, pineapple and mandarin oranges

May 9

Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato with margarine, broccoli, wheat bread, gelatin

May 10

Pesto chicken, buttered pasta, tossed salad with tomato and dressing, dinner roll, seasonal

fresh fruit

May 13

Stuffed cabbage casserole, garlic whipped potatoes, carrots, white bread, seasonal fresh fruit

May 14

Swedish meatballs with gravy, buttered noodles, peas, dinner roll, seasonal fresh fruit

May 15

Roast pork with sauerkraut, whipped potatoes with chives, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, cookie

May 16

Baked pollock, macaroni and cheese, spinach, wheat bread, mandarin oranges

May 17

Taco bake, (taco meat, cheddar, lettuce, tomato, salsa), tortilla chips, corn with pimentos, pineapple

May 20

BBQ pulled pork sandwich, sandwich roll, coleslaw, ranch potatoes, cookie

May 21

Baked beef ravioli with shredded cheese, tossed salad with tomato, garlic breadstick, seasonal fresh fruit

May 22

Cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, hamburger roll, creamy potato soup with crackers, seasonal fresh fruit

May 23

Open faced turkey sandwich with gravy and stuffing ball, whipped potatoes with chives, sweet corn, white bread, cookie, butterscotch pudding

May 24

Chicken, spinach and cranberry salad with dressing; mixed greens and spinach; beets; breadstick; cake

May 27

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May 28

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- May 10th, 9:30 am **Ceramics**
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May 29

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May 30

Orange glazed pork loin, buttered pasta, California blend, wheat bread, peach crisp

May 31

Tuna salad sandwich with lettuce and tomato, white bread, bean soup, coleslaw, seasonal fresh fruit

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with company sponsors, and a panel discussion. The business

panel features individuals in various manufacturing roles, including Rick Young, President of Sintergy; Kyle Astor, Manufacturing Engineer Manager at Acutec Precision Aerospace; Kevryn Boser-Dixon, Reliability Manager at American Refining Group, and Shana Bailey, Marketing Manager at Viking Plastics. The panelists will share experiences and answer questions from the students focused on various areas of manufacturing including leadership, sales, engineering, quality, and marketing.

Lion Manufacturing is very excited and thankful to be a part of the SRME Summit. We hope to learn how to make our student run manufacturing business better in multiple aspects. We also are looking forward to seeing all the other Student Run Manufacturing enterprises and how they operate.

Schools participating in this year's Summit include: McDowell High School in Erie (McDowell Manufacturing), St Marys Area High School in St Marys (Dutch Manufacturing), Bradford Area High School (Parkway Industrial), Warren County Career Center (1st Class Precision Manufacturing), Clarion-Limestone High School (Lion Manufacturing), Titusville High School (Rocket Manufacturing), and Corry High School (in early planning stages of their program).

Businesses and organizations supporting the Summit include Haas, Miller Fabrication Solutions, Gasbarre Products, Ellwood Group, Beverage Air, American Refining Group, and NWPA-NTMA.

NWIRC was integral in helping these regional high schools plan and launch their programs, building awareness, and connecting with local manufacturers. The SRME model puts the information learned during coursework to practical use as they produce actual parts, deliver services, add value as part of the supply chain for local manufacturers, and possibly create their own original products.

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The Greenberg Cadillac Museum (the world's largest Cadillac Collection) has announced its opening dates from May through October on select weekend afternoons.

This unique museum is the private collection of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Greenberg and represents a lifetime of collecting

and restoring these iconic luxury automobiles. This year the museum has expanded its campus to a 4th large display building and displays over 80 cars from every decade from 1903 to the present. Visitors walk back in time to experience the evolution of American transportation technology and Cadillac's unique car culture.

Admission to the Museum is "FREE" with donation. This season, The Greenberg Cadillac Museum is presented in partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Greenberg's donations benefit the History Center.

Please plan a visit with your family and friends.

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Cadillac Museum Address: 67 South White Street (Route 36),

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JCHS Presents the 9th Annual Military Collectibles Show Saturday June 1st

Attention all militaria enthusiasts! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1, 2024, as we gear up for the highly anticipated 9th Annual Military Collectibles Show from 9 am - 3 pm, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Brookville, PA. With an exciting array of collections and memorabilia expected, whether you're a seasoned collector or just starting your journey into the world of military artifacts, this



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"Wildcat" monument located at Gettysburg. This is a casting of the sculpture, authentic to the original monument, by renowned Gettysburg artist Gary Casteel. Tickets are only \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Raffle tickets may be purchased in advance at the History Center or at the show. *Raffle tickets also will be available soon on our website*

so watch our website! The raffle drawing will be held at 3 PM, day of the show.

The Jefferson County Fairgrounds are located on Route 28 approximately 1/2 mile north of Interstate 80 (Exit 81). Adult admission is \$10 and children 17 and under are free

We are still accepting table reservations for vendors and exhibitors eager to showcase, sell, or trade their military-related treasures. To reserve your space or for additional information, please contact kburkett-jchc@windstream.net or give us a call at (814) 849-0077.

Also see our Event Page on our website, jchconline.org/events, and our facebook page (facebook/jchconline).
#MilitaryCollectiblesShow #JCHC #militaria #civilwar #militaryhistory

Wingshooting

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offer their popular Women's Introduction to Wingshooting Program at the Mt Jewett Sportsmen's Club on July 20-21 and August 24-25. Women's Introduction to Wingshooting is a course for women and taught by women. On both Saturdays, the course starts at noon and ends at 4:00 p.m. On both Sundays, the course starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

Register by contacting bjmf989@gmail.com. Attendance is required for both weekends to graduate from the program. Lodging is available, if needed, but is limited.

A hunt will be offered to the graduates on Sunday, September 8, at a nearby sportsmen's club.

No pre-knowledge of shooting is required. "We pride ourselves on helping a woman who has never even held a shotgun before learn how to become a wingshooter," says Sue McClelland of Smethport, one of the instructors. "And owning a shotgun is not necessary; we have shotguns that the attendees can try for size and then use during the program. When you finish this training, you can go on and shoot at targets for fun or hunt your choice of birds."

You must register to attend this course, and it is on a first-come, first serve registration basis. "We only take twenty women into the program each year so we can maintain the quality," offers Maureen McDonald of Coudersport, another instructor.

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Celebration.”
Picnics, of course, can take place at any time of the year, and when reviewing our local newspapers, it seems people picnicked as soon as the weather was pleasant!
Picnics often were more than just eating out in the open. In Richardsville on the Fourth, people gathered on the lawn of the Richardsville Baptist Church

to hear speeches before gathering for dinner. A large cake, three feet long and two feet wide, had been prepared by A. S. Rhines.
In 1870, the Roman Catholics held a picnic to raise funds to repair damages to the church building, including the organ and several paintings. The picnic was well-attended as was a program at Nicholson Hall that evening, and double the amount needed was raised for the repairs.
In 1872, the Fourth of July picnic in Brookville was

sponsored by the Brookville Fire Department and was meant to be a fund-raiser. The picnic was rained out. Fortunately, the ball held that evening in Nicholson Hall was a success, and funds were raised!
Another picnic, sponsored by the Ladies Park Auxiliary in August of 1916, succeeded in raising \$200 (\$5,730.86 today) for the park fund.
Like the Auxiliary, picnics were often hosted by organizations that drew people

together to enact business of one sort or another. A Grange picnic in 1879 included speeches about the purposes of the organization. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Oddfellows, American Legion, Summerville Telephone Company, Red Bank Telephone Company, and the Jefferson County Medical Society were other organizations that held large picnics.
Businesses often entertained their employees with a picnic. L. A. Leathers owned a thriving automobile business in Brookville

and hosted a picnic for his employees and their families in 1916. He continued these picnics throughout the 1920s and invited local photographer Frederick Knapp to take pictures (archived today at the Jefferson County History Center.) Brookville Park, near White-Brook, was the setting for baseball games between the mechanics and the office staff, races, volleyball, and a basket dinner. In 1925, after picnicking, the crowd attended a performance of “A Woman Pays” by the Bowdish Stock Company.



“An enthusiast of all things” farmer George W. Stewart hosted picnics “for his farmer friends” at his farm. Ten people or more gathered in 1908 for a harvest home picnic. (Courtesy JCHC Archives)

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Music was sometimes part of a large picnic. The S J Marlin Hook and Ladder Cornet Band entertained at an 1878 picnic, and the Brookville Brass Band played at many local picnics. The Emerickville Brass Band was part of the Harriger reunion in 1906, a picnic in Harriger Grove

where "regular meals" could be purchased for 25 cents. Besides Brookville Park and the old fairgrounds, many picnics were held in the various groves located throughout the county; groves, like Harriger's, Truman's Grove in Sigel, and the grove that now houses the History Center

Archives Building. Harriger's Grove, near Ramsaytown, has been a popular picnic site since 1895 when the *Jeffersonian Democrat* described a Children's Day rally and picnic lunch. Harriger family reunions were held there as well as picnics sponsored by various church groups.

Walter Dick Park became a popular picnic site when it was established in 1951. Located at the North Fork dam, parking, swimming, and playground equipment continue to make it a favorite picnic location. Named for civic-minded Dr. Walter Dick who died in 1951, the park is still a favorite spot for picnicking. One thinks of a picnic

happening on warm sunny days, but on several occasions, picnics were held beneath the moon. Someone hosted a "moonlight picnic" in 1878, and there were several others around the turn of the century. Hosted by young people, they were well-attended.

The *Jeffersonian Democrat* editor claimed in 1915, "One of the principal industries now is picnics." Looking forward to my church's picnic, I can echo that phrase. We are fortunate to have such wonderful expanses of forest in Jefferson County, great places to explore and enjoy a picnic lunch. We hope you enjoy several picnics this summer!
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manufacturing technologies, and build relationships with local companies. At the same time this work readiness is occurring, capacity for local manufacturers is advancing and the next generation of manufacturing talent is being cultivated. Through this experience, students interact with local manufacturers and learn their requirements – including performance metrics for production, quality, and on-time delivery. Students are getting the opportunity to be mentored, gain expert insight, and develop manufacturing skills. The working relationships established and developed will position the students for future employment opportunities.

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4-27-24	Volunteer Work Day	6-8-24 Men’s Member Guest
May		6-9-24 Men’s Member Guest
5-1-24	Ringerboard #1 Begins	6-18-24 Women’s Cancer Scramble
**		6-22-24 Matson Match-Play Begins **
5-5-24	Men’s Opening Breakfast **	6-30-24 Husband & Wife Championship
5-14-24	Women’s Opening Dinner	July
5-27-24	Memorial Day Swat	7-4-24 Swat
June		7-12-24 Calcutta
6-7-24	Men’s Member Guest	7-13-24 Calcutta
		7-14-24 Calcutta
		7-16-24 Ringerboard #2 Begins
		7-23-24 Women’s Member

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August
8-3-24 Brad Johnson Memorial
8-10-24 Club Championship
8-11-24 Club Championship
8-24-24 Fall Member/Member
8-25-24 Fall Member/Member
8-31-24 Andy’s Second-Swing

Event
September
9-2-24 Swat
9-7-24 September Slam At Lefevre
9-28-24 Fritz Cup

October
10-1-24 Women’s Closing
10-6-24 Men’s Closing

November
11-2-24 Best Ball
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- The player(s) with the lowest total score at the end wins.
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PFBC Sets 2024 Daily Creel Limits for Lake Erie Yellow Perch and Walleye

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced that the 2024 creel limit for Lake Erie Yellow Perch will remain at 30 per day and the creel limit for Walleye will remain at six per day.

The PFBC Lake Erie Research Unit evaluates the populations of Yellow Perch and Walleye in Lake Erie annually. If populations reach critically low levels, processes are in place to reduce harvest and rebuild the numbers of Yellow Perch and Walleye in the Lake. All jurisdictions on Lake Erie adhere to this system.

“The 2023 assessment showed that both Yellow Perch and Walleye populations in Pennsylvania waters of Lake Erie remain at levels that don’t necessitate regulation changes,” said Mark Haffley, PFBC Lake Erie Research Unit Leader. “Based on this, the 2024 creel limits are being maintained at the standard limits.”

At its March 22, 2024, meeting, the Lake Erie Committee allotted to Pennsylvania a Yellow Perch total allowable catch (TAC) of 457,000 pounds, a 14% decrease from 2023, and 16% below the long-term average of 546,768 pounds. The 2024 level includes a Yellow Perch TAC for Pennsylvania’s commercial trap net fishery of 100,000 pounds. Currently, Pennsylvania is a very small part of the total Yellow Perch harvest in Lake Erie. Yellow Perch harvest has averaged about 36,000 pounds over the last five years. In 2023, Pennsylvania harvested only 53,209 pounds (1.24%) of the 4.3 million pounds harvested lake wide.

The Yellow Perch and Walleye populations in Lake Erie are maintained strictly by natural reproduction. Good “hatches” and survival of young fish are necessary to provide fish for sport and commercial fisheries. The Lake Erie Walleye hatches have been record-setting over the last five years while the Yellow Perch hatches have been poor over the last five years. Both fisheries reflect these trends. Walleye fishing is excellent and Yellow Perch fishing remains below average. Sport fishing is very self-regulating. Anglers tend to fish

for species based on the quality of the fishery. In 2023, 86% of Lake Erie boat anglers targeted Walleye, while only about 1% targeted Yellow Perch.

Based on a 2024 abundance estimate of 72.07 million Walleyes age two or older, the Walleye population has decreased approximately 20% from 2023. It typically takes three years for Walleye within Lake Erie Walleye to fully grow to the 15” minimum size limit.

The PFBC’s objective is to keep harvest limits at conservative levels without being too restrictive to fisheries, but also be able to act promptly if Walleye or perch populations reach critically low levels. The PFBC adopted a regulation in 2012 which established flexible creel limits for

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solo parts, people like sopranos Becky Reitz, Anne Cobb, Molly North Baughman, Mrs. J. D. Rishell, Mrs. Frank Bartley, Mrs. Ronald Stahlman, and Mrs. Frank Hummell; contraltos Mrs. John Black, Martha MacLaughlin; tenors Wilber Hepler, James McLaughlin, and baritones Robert Dietz and David Bordon.

Music was only one part of Sarah Maude Henry’s life. In Brookville, she became active in Delta Kappa Gamma, the Martha V. Conrad Study Club, the Girl Scout Council, Business and Professional Women, and Meals on Wheels. Between 1963 and 1965, she taught Latin at the high school.

Active in the Presbyterian Church of Brookville, she directed the choir between 1945 and 1989, served as an elder and a trustee, was the paid director of Christian education for several years, and chaired Clarion Presbyterial (1975-1976).

She was a capable leader and in 1963 was named Pennsylvania’s Mother of the Year. From 1966 to 1968, she served as the state president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Women’s Clubs. In 1974, the Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Walter Dick Memorial Award “for her continuing devotion to the community.” She was president of Brookville’s Business and Professional Women’s Club (BPW) during 1974-1975.

When I arrived in Brookville in September 1971, the phone rang and Sarah Maude Henry told me, did not ask, but told me to attend

choir practice on Friday evening at 7 o’clock. An odd time for a rehearsal I thought, but learned later it was to accommodate baritone David Borden, whose work kept him out of town during the week. I learned later that she’d used the same technique on tenor Bob Hetrick, “We moved to Brookville from Quakertown on a weekend, and I think it was a Monday or Tuesday night when I got a call from Mrs. Henry. She said, ‘Bob, choir practice is Friday night, and you will be there...it was not a question, it was a directive!’”

My vocal experience was in

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elementary school as a student, never in a choir, but like Bob, I showed up and was placed in the alto section! Fifty-three years and half a dozen directors later, I am still there.

Two years later, in 1973, I helped organize a 200-voice choir concert, directed by Gloria Valentine from St. Marys. The singers came from 29 area churches and opened the Western Pennsylvania Laurel Festival with a concert on Sunday evening at Brookville Area High School. The group was accompanied by the Reverend Martin Peterhaensel, guitar; Rick Wells, percussion; Bruce Turnbull, Alan Dobson, Robert Estep, trumpets; and Ken

Johnson, bass. The performance was recorded. What a joy it was to sing compositions by Bach, some favorite spirituals, and parts of Handel's great *Messiah*.

In 1975, the Presbyterian Church revived a junior choir. James English recalled that he'd shouted out "Holy Hoboes" when we searched for a name for the group. He also recalled crying "Please, no more songs," when Sarah Maude was directing some singing at a tureen supper!

Sarah Maude Henry was well-acquainted with church music. Under her direction, we sang the classics of Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart. I remember them well.

I also remember that she often directed with a piece of music



The choirs of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Brookville often sang together. This photograph was taken in 1965 when the choirs sang in Brockway. (Courtesy Jefferson County History Center)

in her right hand. Sitting under that right hand, I was often the recipient of a tap on the head! Copyright@2024 Carole A. Briggs

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Obituaries

Jacqueline Michelitsch,

Jacqueline "Jackie" Michelitsch, 70, of Richardsville, passed away on Thursday, January 11, 2023

at Penn Highlands DuBois surrounded by her loved ones. Born in Ridgway on August 20, 1953, she the daughter of the late Michael and Dorothy Himes Newbert.

She was a graduate of Port Allegheny School and was a member of Port Allegheny Catholic Church and Brookville Firemens Club.

On May 13, 1972 in Port Allegheny she married her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Kirk Michelitsch. He survives.

Prior to her retirement in 2017 she worked as a cashier at several locations in Brookville and her husband's construction company. Her pastimes included kayaking, gardening, putting puzzles together, reading, building stuff and Goodwill shopping and spending time with Vi.

Those surviving in addition to her husband are her sons, Kent (Leslie) Michelitsch, Kirk Michelitsch and Korry (Christie) Michelitsch; her daughter, Kimberlee Michelitsch; her brothers, Matt Neubert and Michael (Mickey) Neubert; her 4 grandchildren, Matt (Gablör) Michelitsch, Gabrielle Hanna, Malachai Zimmerman and Christopher Michelitsch; her step grandchildren, Mandy, Erica and Zach Crain; her step great grandchildren, Ruth, Rae, Luna and Otto; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Furlong Funeral Home, 50 Broad St., Summerville, PA. has been entrusted with the final arrangements for Mrs. Michelitsch. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11AM at the Church of Nazarene pavilion, 110 Evans St., Brookville, Pa. Lunch will be provided. Friends and family may leave on-line condolences, light a memorial candle, share a memory and obtain additional information by visiting www.furlongfuneralhome.com.



Christine A. Chiodo

Christine A. Chiodo, 77, of Brookville, PA, passed away during the early morning hours of Wednesday, March 27, 2024, while a resident of Laurelbrook Personal Care in Brookville. She was born on June 26, 1946, to the late Joe and Jean (Belinski) White in South Side, Pittsburgh, PA.

Christine proudly served in the United States Army. She worked as a nurse at the San Antonio Army Hospital. Following being honorably discharged, she continued her work in the medical field for twenty-eight years, working in many of the Pittsburgh area hospitals.

Christine married Joseph Chiodo in 1993 in East McKeesport, PA; Joe survives her.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Brookville. In her free time, Christine enjoyed cooking, baking, and spending time with her husband.

In addition to her husband, Christine is survived by one sister, Jackie White. All services were held privately to the family and were entrusted to the McKinney – d'Argy Funeral Home, 345 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Immaculate Conception Church, 129 Graham Ave., Brookville, PA 15825. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dar-gyfh.com

Margaret Jane (Seeley) McCool

Margaret Jane (Seeley) McCool, 91, of Sigel, PA, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, while a patient at



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Penn Highlands DuBois Hospital in DuBois, PA. She was born on May 21, 1932, to the late Leroy and Eva (Songer) Seeley in Knoxdale, PA.

Margaret worked as head cook at the Jefferson Manor, retiring after twenty-five years; prior to the Jefferson Manor, she worked at the Cameron plant in Reynoldsville, PA. Margaret's top priority was being a caregiver to her family. She was the matriarch of the McCool family and will be dearly missed.

Margaret married Kenneth Eugene McCool on May 5, 1956, in Hazen, PA. Ken preceded her in passing on September 15, 2022.

Margaret loved the Pennsylvania Wilds that she called home. For many years she planted and maintained large gardens consisting of flowers and vegetables; she always kept her

mind and hands busy. She loved to cook, bake, and in later years she would regularly complete word searches and read. She loved creating things and was known to sew and crochet. She enjoyed family history and looking at family photos. She enjoyed art and loved watching Bob Ross on PBS. Margaret enjoyed listening to country music, especially Johnny Horton. She loved sharing her talents with her family and would spend all of her time with them if she could.

Margaret is survived by two daughters: Betsy J. McCool and Linda K. McCool.

In addition to her husband, Margaret is preceded in passing by one son: Kenneth Wayne McCool. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family having been preceded in passing by her

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parents; five brothers: John, Francis, Paul, Elmer, and Charles Seeley; and two sisters: Harriet Muth Brown and Goldie Lindemuth.

Family and friends were received on Saturday, March 30, 2024, the McKinney – d’Argy Funeral Home, 345 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825. A funeral service took place immediately following the viewing, and was officiated by Pastor Jimmy Swogger. Interment took place at Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Eldred Twp., Jefferson Co., PA. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dargyfh.com

Gladys Elaine Heath

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. Truly she was your servant, Lord; She served you just as her mother did; you have freed her from her chains.” (Psalm 116:15-16)

Gladys Elaine Heath passed



away on April 8, 2024 after a battle with Alzheimer’s. She was born on October 10, 1930 in Brookville, PA and there spent most of her young

life. She would tell you that she had “the perfect childhood” in Brookville as part of a happy and loving family.

Gladys was known for her laugh, her smile, her sense of humor, and her big heart. She had the ability to blend in with any crowd and carry a conversation no matter what the topic. She never met a stranger.

Her life was filled with accomplishments and hard work. She was valedictorian and the president of her high school class. She served as an executive secretary in two separate industries, worked in a blast-furnace in a steel mill,

became a florist and started her own business. Her biggest accomplishment was raising her four children largely on her own.

Gladys’ family asks that she be remembered for the joy she brought to others and not the sadness of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Dorothy Miller, and her siblings Helen Bockoras, Pat Beattie, and Bob Miller.

She is survived by her brother Jim Miller (Carole); her children: Sharon Curll (Van), Mary Ayer (Richard), Pat Williams (Neil), and Mike Heath (Sybil); her grandchildren: Clifford Ayer, Justin Williams, and Katy Barker; four great-grandchildren: Kelsey, Kiley, Penelope, and Alexandra. She will be laid to rest at Asbury United Methodist Church Cemetery in Day, Pennsylvania. A private ceremony will be held at the graveside at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the McKinney – d’Argy

Funeral Home, 345 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dargyfh.com

Vera Joanne Lawson

Vera Joanne Lawson, formerly of Corsica, PA, walked into Heaven on April 8, 2024. Born in



Oakmont, PA, on January 19, 1934, she was the daughter of Roy and Vera (Truesdale) Reibert.

Joanne was welcomed into Heaven

by her husband Bill Lawson with whom she had shared 68 years of marriage.

Joanne was well known for her pie making talent and preparing large family dinners. Her specialty being the coveted Peanut Butter Pie. She also loved to travel. Some of her adventures took her to Bahamas, Haiti, Africa, Alaska, Tennessee, Arizona, Georgia, and South Carolina. Joanne and Bill

loved their trips to Erie to pick peaches and cherries. But the main focus of Joanne’s life was caring for and raising 8 children and later adopting and raising 2 grandchildren. She was also the treasurer and secretary of her husband’s business, “Lawson Electric.”

Joanne is survived by her children: Patti of Charleston, WV, Amy McCall (Terry) of Lancaster, PA; Bonnie of Fayetteville, GA; Claude (Amy) of Corsica, PA; Robert of Brookville, PA; Steven of Evans City, PA; Elizabeth Ferroni of Seneca, PA, Jeremy (Sarann) of New Holland, PA and Sarah of Pittsburgh, PA; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, her son Bill, her grandson Mark, and her 5 brothers Bob, Joe, Bill, Ralph and Don.

There is so much more that can be said of about this amazing woman who lived 90 years on this earth. She had the love of a great husband, love from all her children, many great friends and *see OBITUARIES on page 50*



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we want to celebrate her life by remembering all the wonderful memories of her.

Family and friends were received on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the McKinney – d’Argy Funeral Home, 345 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825. A funeral service took place immediately following the viewing, and was officiated by Rev. J. Ray Baker. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dargyfh.com

Diane Bowser

Diane Bowser, 65, of Reynoldsville, PA, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, while at her sister’s home. She was born on August 15, 1959, to the late Bannard and Dorothy Maxine (Duttry) McCracken in DuBois, PA.

Diane is survived by one daughter, Angela Zdda; four grandchildren; four sisters: Nancy (Jim) Miles, Cindy (Rick) Brocius, Judy Buzzard, and Carol (Henry) Swab; three brothers: Rick McCracken, Gary (Laurie) McCracken, and Fred (Mary) McCracken; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Diane was preceded in passing by one son, Ron McCracken; and four brothers: Hugh “Bud” McCracken, Donald Leroy McCracken, David George McCracken, and Robert Lewis McCracken.

Services were held privately to the family and were entrusted to the Snyder – d’Argy Funeral Home, 206 E. Main Street, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dargyfh.com

Ronald James McElhinny

Ronald James McElhinny, 72, of Brookville, PA, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024, while at his home. Ron was born on August 14, 1951, to the late Thomas Paul and Margaret Theresa (Petras) McElhinny in Brookville, PA. He graduated from Brookville Area School District with the Class of 1969.

Following high school, he went on to receive his master’s degree in chemistry and biology from Clarion College. He was a member of the Allegheny County Trout Unlimited, Heath Station Sportsman’s Club. He was also Catholic by faith. Ron was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed flyfishing and hunting. He also

loved to tinker around his yard and with cars. He was a humble man who enjoyed watching all types of sports, especially the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers.

Ron is survived by one brother: Francis (Marge) McElhinny; three nieces: Jody (Steve) Buterbaugh; Lisa (Bob) Simpson; Jill (Frank) Catanzaro; and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Ron is preceded in passing by one brother: Thomas Paul McElhinny Jr.

Following Ron’s wishes, there will be no public services being held at this time. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the McKinney – d’Argy Funeral Home, 345 Main Street, Brookville, PA 15825. Online condolences and other information may be found by visiting www.dargyfh.com



Preventative

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“Some health screenings are recommended based on your age and gender,” said Dr. Dobariya. “Other screenings depend on risk factors, such as family health history, lifestyle factors such as smoking and diet, and other health conditions you may have.”

If you have elevated risks, you may need to start some screenings earlier than recommended or have them done more frequently. Scheduling an annual checkup with your primary care provider is a great way to ensure that you get the screenings you need when you need them.

Your primary care provider may

recommend a multiphasic blood test, which is one test that can check for early warning signs of conditions such as coronary heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, diabetes and others. In addition, here are some general preventive health screening guidelines for adults:

Age 18-39

- Blood pressure annually
- Cholesterol: baseline test in your 20s, more frequently if you have high cholesterol
- Skin: full-body check for moles or other spots that could be skin cancer
- Women: clinical breast exam annually, pelvic exam annually with an HPV test and Pap smear every three years if results are

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normal (until age 65)

- Men: testicular exam to check for cancer

Age 40-64

Follow the guidelines for ages 18 to 39, plus talk with your primary care provider about these additional screenings:

- Fasting blood sugar (hemoglobin A1C) test every three years after age 44 to check for diabetes

- Colonoscopy starting at age 50 and repeated every 10 years if results are normal. If you have a family history of colon cancer, talk with your primary care provider about earlier or more frequent testing.

- Annual vision screening
- PAD (peripheral artery disease) screening based on risk factors

- Stroke/carotid artery screening based on risk factors

- Low-dose CT lung cancer screening annually starting at age 50 if you are a current or former smoker



- Women: mammogram every one to two years starting between age 40 and 50, depending on your provider's advice. If you have a family history of breast cancer, talk with your provider about earlier or more frequent testing.

- * Men: prostate cancer screenings, including digital rectal exam and PSA (prostate specific antigen) blood test starting at age 50 or age 40 for high-risk individuals

Age 65-plus

Follow the guidelines for ages 40 to 65, plus talk with your primary care provider about these additional screenings:

- Bone density or DEXA screening starting at age 65 and repeated every two to five years,

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- Colonoscopy every five years until age 75

- Mammogram every one to two years until age 75

- Annual vision and hearing tests

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Discover Brockway: Small Group, Big Plans

by Jessica Clontz



(l-r) Jessica Clontz, Nancy Morrison, Devin Trentini, James Burkholder, Dave Steele, Sharon Varischetti, and Matt Oknefski. Not all board members were present for the photo.

With delicious eateries, unique shops, cozy cafes, and a trout stream flowing along scenic walkways, the small town of Brockway, Pennsylvania, has much to offer our local region which is why a group of community members has started a new 501c3 nonprofit called Discover Brockway. Lead by Brockway native, Dave Steele, Discover Brockway gained traction in the summer of 2023 when local citizens began meeting regularly to share ideas related to economic development, beautification, and ecotourism opportunities. After recognizing the many strengths of the small town as well as opportunities for growth, the group decided to formalize their efforts through creation of the nonprofit. Discover Brockway board member, Sharon Varischetti, commented, "With our guiding principle, 'working together to unify and beautify Brockway', we aim to embark on projects and plans that enhance our great community. We strive to

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- Keep equipment and work area clean and orderly.

- Other functions as assigned.

Requirements:

- High School diploma.

- Technical training in welding

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- One year of welding experience required.

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- Other functions as assigned.

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- Keep equipment and work area clean and orderly.

- Other functions as assigned.

Requirements:

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- High School diploma.

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- One year of welding experience required.

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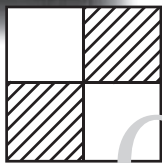
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We Are Weekend at Penn State DuBois a Great Success

The spirit of Penn State DuBois was fully alive and well during the inaugural We Are Weekend, a homecoming weekend event that took place on April 5 and 6. The event, which was a collaborative effort of the DuBois Educational Foundation (DEF), the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society and Penn State DuBois, featured multiple events throughout both days, culminating in the first Lions, Legacy, and Laughter event at the PAW Center.

The weekend began on Friday with tours of the DuBois campus and the Idea Lab, part of the North Central Pennsylvania LaunchBox powered by Penn State DuBois. Guests experienced and explored the campus firsthand and explore through guided tours that offered a glimpse into the innovation and creativity that is fostered at Penn State DuBois.

In the evening, the happenings shifted to Showers Field, only a short trip from the campus, for the Alumni Tailgate. Although the athletic events scheduled for the day were postponed because of weather conditions, comradery was still on full display as alumni, family and friends all gathered in the outfield box for food and drinks. Members of the baseball and softball teams at Penn State DuBois were also in attendance, as the event shifted into a meet and greet, allowing players to express their gratitude to numerous individuals who support them.

Saturday got off to a running start, literally, with the Lion 5K Run/Walk. Starting at the PAW Center, more than 20 participants completed a 5k course that included much of the campus and the area around it, ending at the PAW Center.

On Saturday evening, the pinnacle event of the weekend took place with Lions, Legacy and Laughter. The event featured a silent auction, basket raffle, grid boards and more opportunities for attendees to win prizes. The evening also included the Penn State DuBois Alumni Society Awards Ceremony, in which four individuals were honored. The honorees were:

- Kevryn R. Dixon – Dave Shaffer Outstanding Young Alumni
- William A. Clark –



Happy Valley Improv performing on stage at the PAW Center during the Lions, Legacy and Laughter event during We Are Weekend at Penn State DuBois. (photo by Penn State)

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The evening was highlighted by a performance from Happy Valley Improv, State College's premier long-form improv company.

All proceeds from We Are Weekend contribute to campus initiatives, such as dual credit opportunities for high school students.

"We Are Weekend was the culmination of much hard work by countless individuals," Alex Gasbarre, DuBois Educational Foundation president, said. "I would like to personally thank everyone involved with this event. I would also like to thank those who attended all the events throughout the weekend. Your support and your passion for Penn State DuBois mean so much to the students, faculty, staff and entire community. This inaugural



Participants in the Lion 5K Run/Walk cross the starting line near the PAW Center. The 5K took place as part of We Are Weekend at Penn State DuBois.



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Penn State DuBois Alumni Society award winners with campus representatives; from left to right, Jungwoo Ryoo, Mark Freemer, Kevryn Dixon, William Clark and Michael White.

We Are Weekend is something that I will never forget, and we hope it was an unforgettable weekend for everyone!”

“Overall, We Are Weekend was an uplifting and inspiring event I want to support for many years to come,” Jungwoo Ryoo,

chancellor and chief academic officer, said. “I thank our We Are Weekend team for their teamwork and dedication to produce such a fantastic event.”

Supporters of events like We Are Weekend advance the University’s historic land-

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inspire like-minded individuals to join us as we work to uplift Brockway.”

Many of Discover Brockway’s board members are local business owners who understand the challenges and advantages of running a small business in rural Pennsylvania, making supporting the local business community a priority for the group. Through social media spotlights, sponsored events, and organized forums, Discover Brockway aims to help the local business community thrive. Board member and business owner, James Burkholder, shared,

“Small businesses are essential for the economic vitality, social cohesion, and cultural richness of small towns. They contribute to the local economy by creating jobs, generating income, and supporting other entities through partnerships and collaborations. Small businesses also reflect the unique identity of a small town, providing residents with a sense of pride and belonging.” This sentiment was echoed across the Discover Brockway board as member, Matt Oknefski, concurred by stating “Small businesses are the lifeline to any community. When businesses close, so do the doors of our town’s economic future.”

Other areas of interest to the group include the beautification and revitalization of the town with a project to install hanging flower baskets along Main Street currently underway. Community members will have an opportunity to sponsor a flower basket through an upcoming fundraising drive. Discover Brockway board member, Nancy Morrison, stated that “this project is low-cost yet high-impact and can serve as a catalyst to unify the community and inspire growth.”

Outdoor recreational enthusiasts know the hidden gem that is the Brockway area. Discover Brockway board member, Josh Clontz, commented, “I’m an avid fly fisherman and have been fortunate to have fished in many cool places around the world but

my home waters of Little Toby Creek are my favorite. It’s a great stream surrounded by thousands of acres of public land. We also have awesome hiking and walking trails within minutes of downtown. I’d like to see Discover Brockway promoting responsible recreation and conservation initiatives that also promote ecotourism in our area.”

Nestled among the rolling hills of Appalachia and surrounded by the forests of the Pennsylvania Wilds, a small but mighty community refuses to succumb to economic and demographic challenges and, instead, has banded together to elevate the community they proudly call home. Sharon Varischetti reflected on the place she has always called home by sharing, “Growing up and raising our family in this vibrant community is a privilege I cherish beyond measure. Brockway is a town where the bonds between neighbors run deep, where laughter of children echoes in the park, where safety is assumed, and where friends and family return home to celebrate our beloved 4th of July.” As Discover Brockway President, Dave Steele, noted, “we aim to give back to a town that gives so much to its citizens.” Readers are invited to follow Discover Brockway’s social media pages on both Facebook and Instagram and stay tuned for exciting projects and volunteer opportunities ahead.

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Walleyes and Yellow Perch based on the annual quotas established by the Lake Erie Committee, which consists of fisheries managers from Pennsylvania; Ohio; New York; Michigan; and Ontario, Canada.

Under the regulation, the PFBC sets daily creel limits for these species by April 15 each year.

"Adaptive fishing regulations are based on the most recent fishery assessment results and are better aligned with the current status of the Yellow Perch and Walleye stocks," Haffley added. "This regulatory flexibility gave fisheries managers the ability to change daily harvest limits prior to the onset of the summer boat fishing season on Lake Erie."

Celebrating Older Americans Month

Powered by Connection

Established in 1963, Older Americans Month (OAM) is celebrated every May. Led by a federal agency, the Administration for Community Living (ACL), OAM is a time to recognize older Americans' contributions,

highlight aging trends, and reaffirm commitments to serving the older adults in our communities. This year's theme, "Powered by Connection," focuses on the profound impact that meaningful connections have on the well-being and health of older adults — a relationship underscored by the U.S. Surgeon General's

Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and

Community. "It's not just about having someone to chat with," said Molly McNutt, Executive Director for JCAA, "It's about the potential of community engagement in enhancing mental, physical, and emotional well-being." According to McNutt, by recognizing and nurturing the role that connectedness plays, we can mitigate issues like

loneliness, ultimately promoting healthy aging for more Americans. There are many activities offered at Jefferson County Seniors Centers. The Jefferson County Area Agency on

Aging is a resource to help you get connected to people, events, and programs to help you age well.

Some ideas for you to get connected:

- Contact local library and offer to read out loud to children.
- Organize a game day or night with friends at the senior center. Prizes can be awarded to the winners!

- Attend an upcoming Health Steps for Older Adults workshops (see page 2)

- Call local high schools to see when students are having Spring music concerts and attend.

- Get your friends together and see a play at the Reitz Theater in Dubois.

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