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Borough seeking flood mitigation grant

"It is going to happen again unless we do something about it."

Borough council president TJ Sliwinski spoke those ominous words at the recent council meeting as he outlined efforts to obtain a flood mitigation grant to help alleviate the problem.

Winding its way through the borough, the Sandy Lick Creek has flooded numerous times despite the flood control project along its banks, the most recent being in September of last year.

Sliwinski stated he was looking into a \$500,000.00 flood mitigation grant he was made aware of by State Representative Chris Dush.

The first step in the process, he said, was to gather information.

"We need guidance on what the best way is to solve this," he said.

Sliwinski mentioned not only dredging but also cutting back the



Flooding along the Sandy Lick in September of 2018

bank along the curve at the baseball fields to prevent a back-up there.

The borough is going to contact its engineering firm, PVE Sheffler, to discuss what should be done and how much it will cost. The firm completed a revised flood mapping project in

recent years. Sliwinski said he planned to talk to Representative Dush and the Jefferson County Commissioners to see if a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) could be used to provide the required matching funds.

Work on One Stop underway

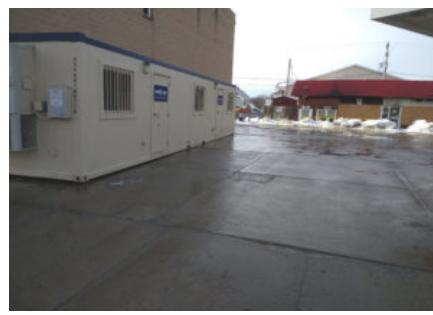
After a fire destroyed the Reynoldsville One Stop convenience store on January 22, owner Jim Brown of DuBois said he had only one thing in mind—to rebuild.

On February 14, there was evidence of that plan. A trailer has been located to the side of the One Stop parking lot (see photo). Brown hopes to get a temporary store up and running soon. He said the property hasn't been released by the insurance company yet, so there's no timeline for reconstruction.

Brown stated he would like to get rebuilding as soon as possible. "The

quicker the better," he said.

In the meantime, efforts are underway to establish small store in the trailer at the site on Main Street. The hope is to provide gasoline and other basic items until the new store can be opened.



The trailer in the One Stop parking lot

Council prepares for the next storm; takes action on a dilapidated building ordinance

The Reynoldsville Borough Council met on Thursday, February 21, instead of its usual Wednesday night meeting, due to a winter storm. Appropriately, snow removal and preparations for the next storm were topics of discussion.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Jessica Geer of Jessica Geer's Family Salon at 327 East Main Street asked the council for help with snow piling up in the area of her salon. She said the snow is making it hard for customers, especially the elderly, to enter her shop.

During the discussion, it was determined that it wasn't the borough doing the plowing there but a contractor for another business. The borough plans to contact that person and work out a solution.

With the recent snow and ice storms, council discussed the need to purchase more road salt. While the expense so far this winter is still under budget, the weather is taking its toll on supplies.

"We have enough right now for another two storms," said councilman Ralph "Tucker" August of the council's street committee. More salt will be purchased.

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What happened to Little League in Reynoldsville?



The Little League field will not see action again this year

Brian Mowrey of Sykesville provided a very simple answer as to why there is no longer an active Little League in Reynoldsville.

"We ran out of kids."

Mowrey has been involved with Little League as a player, a coach and an umpire

since 1983. He currently serves on the DuBois Little League board of directors.

To put things into perspective, Mowrey said that the Reyn-Sykes Little League Little had more than 350 players available in the early 2000's. Two years ago, there were 62 boys and girls ages 4-12 available.

As he explained, Little League eligibility rules and boundaries changed over the years. Players could participate in baseball in the area in which they go to school, so Reynoldsville lost the older players first since they went to the DuBois Area Middle School.

Another problem, he said, was the dropping number of adults who were interested in coaching.

Reynoldsville area youth interested in playing baseball do have a couple of options. They can participate in the DuBois Little League program, or they can play in the Sykesville Youth Baseball League. Sign-ups for both were held in February.

Mowrey said players from Reynoldsville do participate in DuBois, which provides, he feels, the best facilities in the state for youth baseball.

"The kids don't even realize what they have [in DuBois]," he said.

The Sykesville Youth Baseball League provides a chance to play baseball against teams from Sykesville, Big Run, Luthersburg, and Mahaffey, and Mowrey had praise for that program as well.

As far as the baseball facility in Reynoldsville is concerned, Mowrey and others continue to maintain it, but it is an expensive proposition. He says there is still a need for it, and there has been some discussion to redesign it to make it more for adult leagues. The Sykesville Federation team uses it, and there is talk about a possible travel team.

Times have changed, and all baseball leagues have seen a drop in interest for various reasons, but the love for the game is still there in many, so the efforts of Mowrey and others to provide opportunities to play will continue.

Winslow township meets; discusses police protection

The Winslow Township Supervisors met February 11 and were asked about Governor Wolfe's plan to charge municipalities a fee if they rely solely on state police protection.

According to PennLive.Com, the township could end up paying \$44,030 (\$17 a person) if the the plan is approved, but that's a big if.

"This has come up before," said board chairman Robert Krajewski. He said he expected the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors to fight it.

In other action, the board adopted a hazardous waste mitigation plan with the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management. They also approved a measure to increase the consulting fee for Robert Crosby from \$200 to \$300. Crosby is a certified operator and works with the township on its water system. The supervisors also discussed the purchase of a new truck.

Police and Fire monthly reports

Reynoldsville Volunteer Fire Department

The Reynoldsville volunteers responded to 18 incidents in February 2019. The break down is as follows:

*4 building fires (1 in the borough and three in mutual aid to other departments)

*1 motor vehicle accident with no injuries

*10 public service

*3 cover assignment, standby, move up

The average number of firefighters per call was 7. The total fire loss for the month was \$500.00. The volunteers responded to 3 calls in the borough, 8 in Winslow Township, 1 in Washington Township and 3 in other locations for mutual aid.

Reynoldsville Borough Police

The Reynoldsville Borough Police department filed its monthly report for February. The officers investigated 35 incidents. The break down is as follows:

*2 forgery/counterfeit

*9 general complaints

*4 harassments

*1 drug law violation

*2 thefts

*2 traffic accidents

*3 vehicle stops

In addition, there were 10 summary citations issued, including a dog attack citation. Also, a citation was issued for theft of services when a person filled a business's dumpster. There were 5 criminal citations last month as well.

Borough police are also getting reports on scams and vandalism. Complete details on that can be found on page 9.

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Singer comes home for Red, White, and Blueberry Festival



The road is about to come full circle. The Reynoldsville Red, White, and Blueberry Festival committee has announced that

Ellen (Deible) Starski, formerly of Reynoldsville and now of Nashville, will appear at the festival on Saturday, July 13.

According to her web site (ellenstarski.com), Starski released an album in May of last year. Titled *The Days When Peonies Prayed for the Ants*, the bio states Starski "wrote the songs during a span of a dozen years, tracing her trek from Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania--where she began playing guitar at 19 years old, before cutting her teeth as the singer of a bluesy bar band-- to Knoxville, where she kicked off her solo career with pub gigs and open mic performances. The journey then winds its way to Nashville, Starski's adopted hometown since 2008."

Starski is the daughter of Henry and Mary Deible of Reynoldsville. She is a 1998 graduate of the DuBois Area High School.

Starksi's music on this album draws inspiration from her family. There are songs on the album inspired by her daughter and her mother. There's also a song titled "Ode to Nanny and Cookie," which is a tribute to her grandmothers, Ellen Deible and Janet Cebulskie.

The Red, White, and Blueberry Festival kicks off July 12 and continues July 13 and 14 in and around the borough park in Reynoldsville.

To listen to samples of
Ellen Starski's music,
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Demolition bids and dilapidated buildings

Three bids were opened for the demolition of a building at 220 West Main Street. The bids ranged in cost from \$8451.05 to \$11,550.00. After some discussion, Councilman William Cebulskie made a motion, seconded by

Councilwoman Sue Ellen Wells, to reject the bids and proceed with the borough's plan to demolish the building at a cost of about \$3,000.00. The borough has an agreement with Advanced Disposal for dumpsters and hauling, which lowers costs considerably.

During the public comments at the end of the meeting, Audie Geer of Horizon Homes and Construction Services, one of the bidders, said he was in favor of the borough's effort in transparency when it comes to bidding jobs like this; this one was not adequate. He said the bid lacked the specifications needed to make an accurate bid. He also stated that he would have written his bid differently had there been more information.

Council president TJ Sliwinski thanked him for his input and said the borough will use his feedback when it comes to designing future bids.

On the subject of vacant and dilapidated buildings, the council approved the final reading of a new ordinance that's designed to help the borough deal with the problem. The buildings will be identified, and the owners will be required to register with the borough at a cost of \$200.00 a year. Right now, finding out who owns a vacant and/or rundown building can be difficult. This registration will aid

borough officials in contacting owners when there is a problem.

Code Enforcement Officer Larry Kirkwood says he will begin the process of identifying owners in the first ward section of the borough.

Police matters

Council voted to provide \$1190.00 to the police department to help complete the new computer system in the two police vehicles. A \$500.00 grant will be used to cover the rest of the costs. Sergeant Tammy Murray said the new printers and scanners will cut down the time it takes an officer to complete a traffic stop, providing more safety for the officer and the ability to go back on patrol faster.

The final insurance settlement for the damage done to the police garage last year by an Advanced Disposal truck was revealed at the meeting. Borough secretary Jacqueline Dixon said the total came to \$7661.30. Council decided to put that money in a separate account while it investigates the feasibility of a new police station.

Some discussion was given as to what to do about a new station, but the matter is now in the hands of a special committee chaired by Councilman William Cebulskie. The other members are Councilwomen Mary Jane Clark and Robin McMillan.

"We'll dive into it and go from there," Cebulskie said.

Disposal of electronics
Borough residents are reminded they can dispose

of their electronic devices such as computers and televisions at the Advanced Disposal offices near Brockway free of charge. They must show proof of residency.

For a time, electronics were collected at the borough maintenance building, but that ended because of misuse. Council president Sliwinski said there was a lot of "dumping and running."

RCA discusses a new business coming to town

At a recent Reynoldsville Community Association meeting, members discussed a new business that will be locating in what is currently the RCA office on Main Street.

Details are not available at this time, but the hope is the business will be open by May or June.

Board members also discussed the space available in the front of the old Supplies Plus building. It is hoped another business could locate there.

"We have store fronts available for very reasonable costs," said Sarah Caltagarone, RCA president.

The board also discussed the upcoming home brewer's event scheduled for May 4 at the Bellamauro. Vendors who would like to participate should complete the form on goreynoldsville.com.

Memberships for the RCA were also discussed. Letters will be sent out to local businesses.

Once upon a time in Reynoldsville by Christy Tost-Weaver

For the Reynoldsville Historical Society

Throughout my genealogy research, I often come across obituaries which include membership to obscure fraternal organizations. The one that has come up most often in conjunction with the Reynoldsville/Winslow Township areas is the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The origins of this group can be a bit obscure as there have been references to the order in existence in England as early as 1748 when a written record appeared for the Aristarchus Lodge No.9. It would be logical to assume that if this was already number 9, then there had to be more in existence before that time. The records were sparse throughout the early 1800's, as secret societies were largely outlawed in the United Kingdom.

According to the history of the order, the wealthy and those established in the aristocracy of England were the only sources of philanthropy at that time, and, like today, the needs of the working class were not fully understood by those in such positions. It was an absurd notion that laborers could organize themselves to form a benevolent society on their own behalf, thus branding this bunch of socially-minded individuals "Odd Fellows" (IOOF, 2019).

The Odd Fellows, unlike other benevolent trade guilds and societies, was made up of random professions and backgrounds. Their primary function was, "to care for their members in a time when there were no systems in place to insure one's welfare, health or job protections" (Fellows, 2019). In the absence of social welfare programs such as health insurance, unemployment compensation or food stamps, there was a strong likelihood that a family would become destitute in the face of illness or injury to the primary breadwinner, leaving them to starvation and homelessness. In the United States the problem was



International Order of Odd Fellows medallion

also compounded by large immigrant populations arriving with nothing with which to support themselves.

The order was founded on the principles of Friendship, Love, and Trust represented by three interlocking rings. According to the order's doctrine: "The command of the IOOF is to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan" (Fellows, 2019).

Frequently, when a member would arrive at an IOOF lodge out of work, the members would assist them in either securing employment or would refer them to the next lodge where they could be assisted. They also provided monetary assistance for those in need, particularly focused on the elderly and children.

The first lodge was established in New York in 1806, and the founding members were Solomon and John Chambers, father and son mechanics from London. The founding group included three boat builders, a vocalist, a comedian and the tavern owner who provided them the space (Fellows, 2019).

The Baltimore lodge was established by Thomas Wildey who is known within the order as the one who established the IOOF in the United States in 1819. Wildey had arrived in the United States amid the controversy of the war of 1812, the yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. Additional orders sprung up in Philadelphia in 1821 as well and in 1826; the groups were consolidated into the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Throughout the subsequent decades, the organization grew in

prominence throughout the country but saw a dramatic decline in membership and participation during the Civil War. However, following the war, the positions held by members, Union or Confederate, were resumed without issue, attesting to the principles of the organization itself which are, Friendship, Love, and Truth.

As with other fraternal orders, the Odd Fellows added a degree in 1851 known as the Rebekah degree. This was conveyed on the wives and daughters of the members and was known as the "Daughters of Rebekah." This provided opportunities for women to participate in the organization and ultimately lead to the creation of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies.

One article published in the Reynoldsville Star on February 20, 1895 shows that while the Rebekahs symbolized the compassionate values, they also had a sense of humor as well (see photo of clipping) (Editor, 1895).



James Thomas Henery of Rathmel with IOOF skeleton, 1895.

As with any other "secret society," the Odd Fellows have some peculiar rituals that symbolize various aspects of character. One is the symbolization of mortality

and involves the utilization of a skeleton. Various stories have been published regarding home owners finding these artifacts in crawl spaces or attics, and this has added to the mystique.

The dawn of the Industrial Age brought with it much uncertainty, and the numbers of fraternal groups increased dramatically at that time to meet the need. By 1889 the IOOF had memberships in every American State and was a

larger force than even Free Masonry. The Odd Fellows continued to thrive until FDR enacted the New Deal, thereby decreasing the need due to the establishment of work programs, social welfare and social security.

This order exists even today and is currently seeking new members. There are lodges in Falls Creek and Ridgway.

They Set a Trap.

About one year ago the I. O. O. F. lodge moved into the Reynolds brick block, bought new furniture, new carpets and got very stylish. They got so "stuck up" with their new quarters that they would not allow the Daughters of Rebekah, who meet in the I. O. O. F. hall, to hold box suppers or have luncheon parties in the hall, fearing the carpets would be damaged thereby. Saturday one of the Daughters of Rebekah told the editor of THE STAR that they proposed to work a scheme on the Odd Fellows Saturday night, and they did. The ladies all "chipped in" and prepared a very tempting lunch at the home of Mrs. Chas Herpel and about the time lodge was out they marched up to the hall in a body and sent in a messenger to announce that the Daughters of Rebekah were on the outside and desired admission. They were admitted with their baskets of good things and their "lords" did not refuse to partake of the lunch with them. The main object the ladies had in view was to get the Odd Fellows to eat the lunch in the lodge room and then they could not refuse the room to the Daughters any time they want it to hold a box supper, &c. The ladies were little afraid the men would refuse to eat the lunch in the lodge room, but the temptation was too much for the men and they forgot about the carpets. The trap was well baited.

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Veterans Corner by Krupa Steele Jefferson County Director of Veterans Affairs

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We are here to provide veterans and their dependents with direct assistance to identify, determine eligibility, assist in the preparation of applications for county, state, and federal veterans' benefits, services, and programs, including gathering information, such as military/medical records to support your claim, tracking claims, and assistance in filing appeals for denied claims.

Here is a list of just some of the benefits, services, and programs that may be available to eligible veterans and their dependents that we can help with:

Benefits and programs offered by the Jefferson County Veterans Affairs Office:

- *Burial allowances, headstone allowances and cemetery care allowances for veterans' grave care
- *Distribution of U.S. flags and bronze emblem markers for placement on appropriate deceased veterans' graves for Memorial Day
- *Jefferson County DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Transportation Program which provides free rides to veterans to VA medical appointments.

Some of the benefits and services offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:

- *Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption which provides exemption from the payment of all real estate taxes levied upon any building, including up to five acres of land upon which it stands,

provided that all eligibility criteria is met.

- *Veterans Temporary Assistance which provides temporary financial aid to veterans and their beneficiaries who reside in Pennsylvania for necessities of life (food, shelter, fuel, clothing and medical expenses). If eligible, a veteran or their beneficiary can qualify for an amount not to exceed \$1,600 in a twelve-month period. Surviving dependents could also be eligible for this benefit upon the recent death of a veteran.

- *Blind and Paralyzed Pensions which provides a pension of \$150 per month provided that eligibility criteria are met.

- *Education Gratuity: The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provides financial assistance (up to \$500 per term/semester up to eight semesters) to children of honorably discharged veterans who have 100% permanent and total service-connected disability rating by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and served during a period of war or armed conflict or children of veterans who die or died in service during a period of war or armed conflict.

Some Services and Programs offered by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

- *Health care
- *Education benefits for veterans, survivors, and dependents of veterans.
- *Veterans Non-Service-Connected Pension
- *Special monthly compensation
- *Family and caregiver program
- *Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) program
- *Death Benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for surviving spouse and dependents
- *Surviving spouse pension (death pension),
- *Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), accrued benefits, veteran's burial allowance, headstones, markers, medallions, burial flags, and Presidential Memorial Certificates.

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War memorial on track

Members of the Reynoldsville War Memorial Committee have been meeting in recent weeks to continue planning the veteran's park.

Efforts are underway to obtain two properties in the downtown. Once that process is complete, the structures will be demolished to make room for the park. Fund raising will then begin for the site preparation and the park itself.

Jeff Tech students are working on the site plans.

The committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Reynoldsville American Legion.



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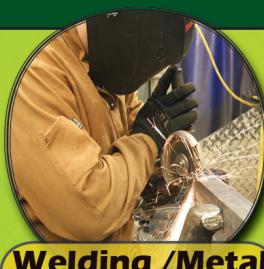
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Jeff-Tech Operating Committee hears from students, reviews budget



Students point out their repairs to the bus that will be used at Jeff Tech

The Jefferson County-DuBois Vocational-Technical School (Jeff tech) operating committee met on February 25, and the meeting was in an unusual place--the auto body shop. Before the regular agenda, students from the Collision Repair Shop, headed by Mrs. Pam Kerr, and the Welding Shop, headed by Mr. Thomas Weaver, made a presentation to the committee about what they are doing in their

DAHS students perform poem before *Hamilton* production in Pittsburgh

by Alexis Maze, DAHS Class of 2019

The bright lights shine on the center of the stage. I can't see them, but I know the audience is out there, waiting. My heart beats wildly in my chest. I've been on plenty of stages, performed dozens of times, but I've never felt stage fright like this...

Earlier this fall, DuBois Area Senior High School was selected to participate in the Gilder Lehrman foundation's Hamilton program. With this program, students in AP US History and drama club were offered a reduced ticket cost to see Hamilton with the stipulation that they complete a history and performance-based project. This project had students utilize historical documents to create a song, rap, poem, monologue, or any other performance.

Like every other student, I had to complete the project in order to go on the trip. My friend Jacquelyn (Jackie) Spicher and I decided to write our performance together. Jackie, a Poetry Out Loud enthusiast (and 2019 regional winner) showed me a spoken word poem where two girls told their story separately but used overlapping speech to unite them. This gave me the idea to utilize a common theme of Lin Manuel Miranda: history is determined by those who tell the story. We used the Boston Massacre as our subject and we each played the part of a townswomen retelling the story. We were both telling of the same event, which was shown by our overlapping lines. However, Jackie's side of the poem was made up of information from eye witnesses and testimonies, while mine was compiled from



Reynoldsville resident Alexis Maze (on right), along with her fellow DAHS senior Jacquelyn Spicher, wrote and performed an original poem for two voices prior to the Hamilton performance at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh, PA, on January 25, 2019. (Photo by Gilder Lehrman.)

propaganda. So, although we were both "at Boston on King Street, March 5," our stories differed greatly.

After all had submitted, the DAHS history teachers and Mrs. Dorothea Hackett deliberated on which student submission would be used to represent our high school. To the great shock of Jackie and me, they chose our poem. We then had to record ourselves reciting our work, which was sent to the Institute for review.

Weeks past and I had all but forgotten the poem when Mrs. Hackett called me out of class to excitedly inform me that out of all the schools attending Hamilton, our poem had been selected to be performed at the Benedum in front of a terrifying 2800 people.

...2800 people. Sitting out there, waiting. The stage manager, to whom we were briefly introduced minutes before, hands us a microphone. The group ahead of us finishes, and we are urged forward by the groups still waiting for

their chance in the spotlight.

The light blinds us as we walk on stage, and for some sense of comfort, I remember our agreement in case of emergency: if either Jackie or I forget a line and can't recover, the other one is to yell: "The British are coming!" And we would run off stage. This was only ever a joke between us though, we both knew we that failing in front of a crowd like this was not an option.

Even in my fear, I would never dream of missing this incredible opportunity to perform in front of not just strangers, but my friends, my teachers, and the cast of an amazing musical. Slowly, I turn to Jackie and give a slight nod to begin:

"I was there..."

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What's happening at CG?

by Beth Saxman

C.G. Johnson students celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Week the first week of March. Students dressed up to show how "CG Loves..."

Each day of that week the students dressed up to show their love for the theme of that day. On Monday it was *CG Loves Ourselves*. Students are asked to wear their favorite outfit. On Tuesday it was *CG Loves Our Environment* where students were asked to "Go Green" and wear green for the environment. On Wednesday it was *CG Loves Others*. Students were asked to pick a buddy and dress like twins. On Thursday it was *CG Loves Reading*. Students were asked to wear their comfiest clothes for "stop, drop, & read" throughout the day. Friday was the fun day, *CG Loves Having Fun*. Students were to wear their clothes (not shoes) backwards for Backward Day.

During the week of March 20, students will be visited by the Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation's Mobile Ag Lab. Each class will have the opportunity to visit the mobile classroom and participate in hands-on science lessons. The Ag Lab is sponsored in part by the CG Johnson PTA and a grant provided by the Glatfelter foundation.

March 22nd is the first-grade musical performance. Under the direction of music teacher Ms. Julie Gutowski, the first-grade class proudly presents Squirm. Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend the 2:00 pm performance in the CG Johnson gymnasium.

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Jeff Tech sending three to states



Backrow left to right: Kyle Knapp, Logan Smith, Cort Holben, Eric Bradford, Javen Fotta, Brendan Crate, Isaiah Troutman, Cassy Becker, Matt Beck, Lisa Reitz, Haley Keener Kiera Shaffer and Leah McConnell. Front row left to right; Ashley Maze, Lillie Pearce, Falisha Hutchins, Shelby Weyant, Kelsey DeLarme, Paige Lander, Ariel Forrest, Emma Horne, and Payton Adams. Missing from the photo are Emily Senior, Hunter Benton, Evan Grech, Gage Hickok, Gavin Lingenfelter, Nicole LeDonne, Korinne Anderson and Anna Martin. Photo taken by Nikki Howard, Cosmetology Senior.

Jefferson County-DuBois Vocational Technical School (Jeff Tech) students recently competed at Skills USA representing District 7 which is composed of 19 schools. Thirty students competed in the District competitions held at Stuckey's Subaru in Hollidaysburg, Fulton County AVTS in McConnellsburg, Central PA Institute for Science & Technology in Pleasant Gap and Admiral Perry AVTS in Ebensburg.

Thirteen of those students were awarded medals. Three first-place recipients are eligible to compete at the State Competition in Hershey, PA, April 10-12.

The students, their placements and the area of competition are listed below:

Lisa Reitz – 1st place Extemporaneous Speaking
Leah McConnell – 1st place Medical Terminology
Ashley Maze – 1st place T-shirt Design

Kyle Knapp – 2nd place Precision Machining
Nicole LeDonne – 2nd place First Aid/CPR
Logan Smith – 2nd place Automotive Refinishing
Matt Beck – 2nd place Collision Repair
Gavin Lingenfelter – 2nd place Automotive Refinishing
Lillie Pierce – 2nd place Nurse Assisting
Payten Adams – 2nd place Restaurant Service

Hunter Benton – 3rd place Welding
Brendan Crate – 3rd place Welding Sculpture
Ariel Forrest – 3rd place Architectural Design

Skills USA is a national student organization that instills the development of employability, participatory and leadership skills to complement the occupational skills developed by students in technical education classrooms or work-based learning sites.

Borough Police: be alert for scams, vandalism

There's an adage that states "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is." That's the message the Reynoldsville Borough Police want to get out to residents in the area.

Chief Troy Bell said there have been some scams of late in the area. The most prevalent is the check scam. A person receives a check in the mail and is told to cash it. They then can keep an amount and send the rest back. Later it's discovered the check is fraudulent.

Chief Bell said it is better to err on the side of caution

"If you don't know what the check is for, don't cash it," he said.

The borough is also experiencing problems with vandalism and criminal mischief. The latest targets have been mailboxes. Anyone with any information on the incidents should call 653-2510 and leave a message.

Chief Bell also pointed out that residents who need to talk to the police about something that isn't an emergency should call the police non-emergency number instead of the officer's cellphone. The call can then be recorded.

"We can refer back to it, and it helps in the investigation," he said.

The non-emergency number is 814.849.1617.



Learn the essentials of pediatric first aid, childcare, and household safety that every babysitter needs to know

BLAST! Babysitter Lessons And Safety Training

About the Babysitter Lessons and Safety Training Course:

Designed for children ages 11-16, their parents, and parents looking to hire a babysitter, the **BLAST!** program can prepare children to interview for a babysitting job, select safe and suitable games and activities, prevent accidents, perform first aid, and begin babysitting safely and competently.

The **BLAST!** course was developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the world's leading authority on child well-being.

Class size is limited!

Instructors:
Christal Blakeslee, EMT-P
Stefanie Williams, EMT
Billy Cebulskie, NREMT

A **BLAST!** course will be held at the following time and place:

Reynoldsville Ambulance Service
203 East Main Street
Reynoldsville, PA

Saturday, May 11th, 2019
9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

To enroll in this course, please email or call :

Billy Cebulskie, NREMT
Course Coordinator
Email: wpc3@psu.edu
Call: 814-653-8736

Cost: \$20.00 (Includes lunch)

REYNOLDSVILLE

STATION 60

Ambulance service receives pediatric expert certificate



Billy Cebulskie (l) and Dan Stitt (r) hold the pediatric expert level certificate recently awarded to the Reynoldsville Ambulance company.

The Reynoldsville Area Ambulance Service was recognized at the Expert Level through the Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program of the Pennsylvania EMS for Children Program.

According to the Pennsylvania EMS for Children Program the Prepared for Pediatrics EMS program is “a multi-tiered recognition program for EMS agencies who wish to establish programs and standards to improve their capabilities to deliver care to pediatrics. Participation in the program is entirely voluntary.”

The Pennsylvania EMS for Children Program is a cooperative effort between the Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of EMS and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. In order to be recognized at the Expert Level a service must stock their ambulances with extra pediatric equipment and supplies, have child welfare background checks done on all providers, have all EMS providers complete a minimum of four pediatric continuing education credits per year, provide several pediatric community outreach programs per year, and host car seat checks.

EMT Billy Cebulskie and EMT/President Dan Stitt established this program and continue to make sure that the ambulance service is meeting the yearly criteria to maintain the recognition. Currently, according to Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council listings, the Reynoldsville Area Ambulance Service is the only service in Jefferson County to participate in the program and is the only Licensed BLS Service in Jefferson, Clearfield, and Elk County to be recognized at the expert level.

Photo and story submitted

Master Gardner report: planning for seed starting season by Cheryl J. Shenkle



If your anticipated seed order has finally arrived, then this article is for you! Hopefully you ordered seeds appropriate to your growing zone, your soil type and to match the needs and wants of you and your family. You can also avert the “no one has it at their nursery this year” disappointment. Explore new varieties, heirlooms, ancient beans, and if you have a darned good contact in Russia, maybe you could score a Silene Stenophylla from 32,000 years ago. I jest!

When you first open the package, label each envelope with the current year and how many weeks that specific seed needs to germinate and grow before the last anticipated frost, and make a list. This may vary depending on when you intend to plant. Some gardeners prefer to plant a little late in the season to avoid frost while others want to get the plants into the soil early and then guard it daily, armed with covers and cloches, till the nights get warm enough to trust. Either way, the plants will be the same size near fruiting time. Add “Garden”, “Inside”, or “Winter Sow.” Now you’re set to proceed. Tuck the entire seed order into the fridge or a very cool dry spot in your house till planting time.

Have the proper soil ready and prepared, growing containers, and a location in which the seeds can germinate and grow into sturdy plants. That could be a window sill or under a grow light. If you’re determined to get fruits and vegetables in abundance, then being prepared is 90-percent of the success. If you simply want to sit back and play Garden Roulette, then don’t bother.

You will need a wide flat container, such as a milk carton cut in half from top to bottom, a plastic or foam food take-out container, a foam egg carton, or peat pellets, being sure to poke lots of small drainage holes. Use your imagination. Do not use too deep of a container, as it holds too much water for the baby seedlings; think baby bathtub. They will be transplanted when they are big

enough to survive a small amount of root damage without going into shock. Be sure not to crowd your seeds or the seedling roots will be damaged during transplanting after they have developed their second set of leaves. Allow enough room that the roots will not grow into each other. Give them lots of room to grow but not stay soaked after they are watered.

For perennials or larger plant seeds, use a taller container such as a commercial drink cup, a yogurt container, or an actual plastic pot if you have one. Remember that this is a nursery, and their next container will be even larger to give them room to grow to transplant size.

Moisten your seed-starting soil till evenly damp but not soggy, and pour your seeds into a small bowl with slanted sides. Using a dampened toothpick or wooden skewer, pick up a seed or two on the wet tip, and drop them right where you want them to germinate. Some seeds like to be covered lightly with soil, and some don’t. The larger the seed, the more likely it will benefit from being buried about 2-3 times its seed size. Extremely fine seeds can usually be sown on top of the soil. Some seeds prefer darkness in order to germinate, so details are important.

Cover the planted seed bed with plastic wrap till you see the first seeds germinating well. Remove the plastic and set the seedlings near a small gently blowing fan. Adding a thin layer of fine sand on top of the soil can keep them healthier and more insect free.

To water them, set the container in a shallow pan of room-temperature water for a few minutes. When you see dampness appear on top of the soil, remove the container to drain on a towel

or newspaper, then set it back under the grow lights. If possible, do not water from the top. Wait till the soil surface is completely dry and the plant leaves look less shiny to water again. The container will also feel noticeably lighter. Do not overwater or let the seedlings droop.

While seeds have their own internal food stores to get them growing, as soon as they have their second leaves, they will need a very light feeding of a water-soluble food in the approximate ratio of 1-2-1. Otherwise use an all-purpose fertilizer weakened to about half strength.

Seedlings need darkness for about 8 hours a night and bright light, not direct burning sunlight, for the rest of the day or they will be stunted.

Some seedlings, such as peppers, will benefit from having the tip pinched out at planting time. This forces them to develop side fruiting branches rather than tall gangly leaf growth.

If you’re not sure, then ask a Master Gardener who will be more than happy to help you with your questions. Certified Master Gardeners are local volunteers trained by Penn State to answer Horticulture questions with properly researched information.

2020 Master Gardener Classes will begin in October 2019. Call for details. For a “best practices” answer to your question, call Penn State Jefferson County Extension at 849-7361, Ext 508, e-mail JeffersonMG@psu.edu, or mail your question to 186 Main Street, Suite 3, Brookville, PA 15825.

The Speaker’s Bureau is also available for group presentations. Contact the office for specifics.

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Reynoldsville Library News by Karl Rebon



Does anyone feel like March is coming in like a lion this year? I'm not "lion" to you when I say I think it is. I literally think I saw things flying past my window that I don't think have ever sailed across it. I waved to Miss Gulch the other night as she was

driving her bicycle past. But, as the saying goes, if March comes in like a lion, it's supposed to leave like a lamb. By the end of March, let's hope that it's calm, and we will eventually see spring get sprung.

In March, we begin our spring story-hour. The theme is "Indoor Picnic." It will be something picnic related each week, and the kids will be encouraged this time to bring a "snack" with them to have at each week's picnic. The picnic starts on Tuesday, March 12th at 11 a.m. This is for children 2-5 years old. Parents are required to attend with their child. There will be stories, a craft, picnic time, and time to check out books. Call the library at 814.653.9471 to preregister your child. Space is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible.

I want to thank all of bakers and buyers for our Fun Fridays in February. It was a fun time each week. We have a variety of baked goods, and we have a lunch feature each week. The fun continues at the library, even though it's March!

Book suggestions for this month:

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

The Dreamers by Karen Thompson Walker

Whiskey When We're Dry by John Larison

Five Feet Apart by Rachael Lippincott

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

Movie suggestions for this month:

Crazy Rich Asians

The Hate U Give

Bohemian Rhapsody

The Grinch

Halloween

Anthem of a Teenage Prophet

All of these books and DVDs are at your library.

One final note: February is past us, but let's not make just one date in February about love. Let's make it every month, and every day. We don't tell each other we love one another enough. Before you know it, the ones that you want to tell, or do tell that you love them, are no longer here. So, my library friends, show love to those you love--family, friends, and everything in between. And while you are at it, spread some love among the pages and visit your library as well.

Random thoughts by Sam Bundy

Some have asked me how my retirement is going. Suffice it to say it has been busy, but I'm enjoying it.

It's a little more than a year since I realized I could retire from teaching after 25 years of chalk dust on my shirts. I thought I missed it, then I did some substitute teaching. I quickly realized I didn't miss it that much.

There's a big difference between having your kids in your classroom and somebody else's kids in their classroom.

Don't get me wrong, I never had a problem with the kids or the school (Brockway, by the way). In fact, I was impressed with how well things ran and how good the kids were. I just wasn't feeling it anymore.

Slowly, I am losing the routine that was a part of my life for a quarter of a century. In bad weather, I still check to see if there are school delays or cancellations, but I don't get that excited about it. When you're retired, everyday can be a snow day. I just want to know if I will be entertaining grandchildren.

My clothes have changed. I had three to four outfits that I would rotate when I taught. It didn't get updated from the 90's until we lost everything in a fire. Then I only updated to three outfits. They still hang, lonely, in my closet.

Now, I work in my home office in a long-

sleeved jersey and my Superman Happy Pants (pajama bottoms for those who don't know what Happy Pants are). No dress code to follow here. I got my hair cut short, so it's low maintenance as well.

When working at home, you can go to the bathroom when you want to. This may sound like a no-brainer, but when you're a teacher, it's a different story. You go when you get a break (if you get a break). There's a benefit in that. I developed teacher bladder. I can drive for hours without stopping. I just wish it still worked at night.

I had a tight schedule when I taught, but my new one is more relaxed. I try to partake of a "corporate nap" in the afternoon. The only time I could nap when I taught was during professional development sessions or faculty meetings.

One thing I haven't changed is my reading time. In fact, it's increased. I usually have two or three books going at once. I started to re-read the classics of my youth and some new stuff. It's that aspect of teaching I do miss, discussing the issues raised in good books. I loved exploring philosophies with my students and trying to figure out what it means to exist. Frying brains was a real treat.

I still put in long days with this newspaper and other aspects of my business, but I work when I choose to. It's busy, but it's a good busy, and I can enjoy it all in my Happy Pants.

Free 1-Day Grant Writing Workshop

March 28

Bellamauro Social Hall 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Presented by Neal Fogle of Penn State Extension

This workshop will break down the grant writing process into
workable strategies for success

Seats are limited. Please reserve a seat at goreynoldsville.com



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Chippy Chipmunk and author Kathy M. Miller

CG Loves Reading celebrated

One way to celebrate love on Valentine's Day is to celebrate the love of reading, and that's what happened at the C.G. Johnson Elementary School.

The students attended a program delivered by Kathy M. Miller of New Ringgold, PA. Miller is an accomplished teacher, musician, photographer, and children's author. Her *Chippy Chipmunk* series has received 35 national awards. Her message to the students was how they, too, can be creative and tell their own stories.

"I'm hoping to inspire them to use their natural surroundings for inspiration," Miller said. "There's so much in our own backyard that can be a subject for a book." Miller added that everyone—including children—has access to a camera, and that makes it an easy way to take pictures and create a story.

The students were excited when Chippy (see photo) made an appearance, and they gave him a high four (chipmunks don't have thumbs) on their way back to class.

Event coordinator Paula Foradori said it was a part of the Title I program for students and their parents.

"The idea of enhancing non-fiction was a part of it as well, and she does all non-fiction writing. "Two assemblies were held, the first for grades K-1 and the second for grades 2-3-4. "Today is Valentine's Day," said Foradori, "and we invited her (Miller) here today to show our love for reading."



To watch a video about this event, scan the adjacent QR code.



The Reynoldsville American Legion recently donated \$100.00 to the Cub Scouts and \$100.00 to the Boy Scouts. Legion Commander Francis Caltagarone is shown presenting the check to Boy Scout representative Dan McDonald



American Legion Commander Francis Caltagarone recently presented a \$4,000.00 donation to Krupa Steele, the director of the Jefferson County Department of Veterans Affairs. The money will be put towards purchasing van to provide transportation to veterans in Jefferson County.

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