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In the know

It's time to fall back. Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

The Hickernell United Methodist Church's annual bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, on Springboro Road in Springboro — three miles west of Route 98. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A benefit dinner for Courtney Zawacki will be held Sunday, Nov. 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at Holy Cross Church, 7100 W. Ridge Road, Fairview. The menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad roll, drink and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children 10 and under. There will be a basket auction and 50/50. Takeout will be available. Proceeds will go to fund a canine companion through New Hope Assistance Dogs in Warren.

Heather Garden Club of Edinboro will meet Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the United Methodist Church, 113 High St., at 7 p.m. Judy Acker, master gardener and member of the French Creek Conservancy, will speak on owls. Membership and meetings of Heather Club are open to anyone interested in their community and the environment.

The Support Services of the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Department will host its monthly dinner on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the social hall, 125 Meadville St. This month's dinner will be a choice of homemade chicken noodle soup or chili, garden salad, cornbread and dessert. The cost is \$8 and includes all beverages. Takeout is also available. Proceeds benefit the Edinboro Volunteer Fire Dept.

Lake City unveils sewer plant upgrade

By Sandy Rhodes
Editor, FLAG area

LAKE CITY - An upgrade to Lake City Borough's sewer plant was the focus of a ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 28 at the plant, located on Maple Street.

The project cost was about \$5.06 million and was primarily funded with a low-interest Pennsylvania Infrastructure Authority loan, commonly known as Pennvest.

According to information provided by the Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority, the project was necessary because of the worn-out condition of several of the plant's mechanical components and other plant structures, which needed to be replaced or renovated to comply with operating permit requirements from the state Department of Environmental Protection.



Photo by Sandy Rhodes

From left, Joseph Legansky, secretary/treasurer for the Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority; Robert Pier, chairman of Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority; Bettie Stephens, Lake City Borough councilwoman; and Andy Graves, Lake City Borough mayor, take part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Waster Water Treatment plant on Monday, Oct. 28.

ment of Environmental Protection said Bob Pier, chairman of the Lake City Municipal Sewer Authority.

"This is a necessary project for Lake City and the best avail-

Felege steps down as Girard Township supervisor

By Sandy Rhodes
Editor, FLAG area

GIRARD TOWNSHIP — When Bill Felege made up his mind to step down as Girard Township supervisor, he did not waste any time.

Felege made the announcement during a township meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, and said his resignation was effective immediately. His last day as supervisor ended up being Saturday, Oct. 26.

"I want to focus more on my family," Felege said. "That is what it comes down to."

The 71-year-old has been involved in Girard Township government in one way or another for about 35 years.

He started as supervisor about a dozen years ago when then-supervisor Bill Westerberg approached Felege. Before that, he was involved in the planning and zoning hearing boards.

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Retired EUP professor publishes children's book with former Disney artist

By Rick Chernicky
Reporter

EDINBORO — Rather than creating stories out of thin air, Dr. Marian S. Taylor lets her stories write themselves, which is how she wrote her newest children's book, "Coming Down, Looking Up."

Taylor is a retired Edinboro University professor, but her career began at the elementary level where she taught first grade and served as a reading specialist.

She taught undergraduate and graduate classes while at the university, and spent many years directing the program for the development of reading specialists.

"Generally, my own children and grandchildren provided the inspiration for the children's book," Taylor said. "As the children rode in their car seats, I was constantly trying to point out something they could see, something they would be interested in to keep them happy. I soon realized that I had to point out things that were above the horizon or in the sky."

Taylor said these were things like trees, traffic lights, birds or the sky. Throughout



Photo by Rick Chernicky

Dr. Marian S. Taylor, former Edinboro University professor, holds her recently published book.

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WCNJ accepting information about local veterans

The West County News-Journal would like to pay tribute to all veterans in our Nov. 8 edition in recognition of Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

The WCNJ will publish the names of veterans that are provided by the veterans themselves or their family members.

If the veteran is alive, mark your submission "in honor of."

If a veteran has passed, mark your submission "in memory of."

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Veterans

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Submit the following:

- veteran's name
- veteran's rank at the time of discharge
- branch of the military in which the veteran served
- years of service

- where the veteran lives or did live

Make sure the veteran's name is permitted to be published due to security reasons.

The deadline for

submitting is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Information can be submitted by email at wcnj@neohio.twcbc.com or editor@zoominternet.net or by phone at 814-774-7073 or 814-273-4004.

Artist

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her book, the reader is guided through the journey of a baby looking through a car window.

"At some point, it struck me that, as a newborn, they were spending a great deal of time looking up, and I thought of this as being in touch with God," Taylor said.

Taylor grew up in Waterford, but she has lived in Edinboro for her entire marriage. Drawing rough sketches from both Edinboro and Waterford, Taylor works with Amy Duarte to create the final illustrations for her books.

"I first published with my own graphics and illustrations and then I met Amy, and she has been redoing the illustrations in the books," Taylor said. "I am so blessed to be working with Amy."

Born in Jakarta, Indonesia, Duarte is fluent in six languages. According to Duarte's web-

site, amyduarte.com, her career began as an artist working for Walt Disney Animation Studios. Moving on, she jumped into the world of visual effects and graphic arts with more than 30 films such as "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," "The Amazing Spider-Man" and "Mr. and Mrs. Smith."

She was appointed as a lead artist for several major motion pictures including "Fantastic Four," where she advised and guided a team of artists on creating the special effects of Jessica Alba's character, Sue Storm.

Through Taylor's words and Duarte's images, Taylor said she hopes that people can notice their environment from a different perspective as the result of reading her new book.

This includes looking at the world with wide-eyed wonder and enthusiasm, Taylor said.

"As a society, we have many things in common and we have challenges and varied experiences, but it is my hope that we can focus on our commonalities, our universal hopes and dreams, our love and our peaceful places," Taylor said.

Taylor has published eight children's books before "Coming Down, Looking Up," and within her books, she said she hopes to create a sense of unity.

Taylor said it's important for people of all backgrounds, religions and cultures to get along, as many people have a different way of doing things.

Having met Fred Rogers at his 1998 commencement speech at Edinboro University, Taylor said her books are meant to have a similar message to Mr. Rogers' idea that each person is unique and God speaks to us in a variety of ways.