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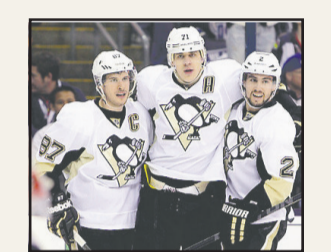
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Parents ask about safety

An assault on a student has parents questioning safety protocols in the Clearfield Area School District. **A2**

Tax auction

A widow was given ample notice before her \$280,000 house was sold at a tax auction three years ago over \$6.30 in unpaid interest, a Pennsylvania judge has ruled. **A10**



Penguins win

Pittsburgh Penguins celebrate a goal against the Columbus Blue Jackets during the first period of Game 6 of a first-round NHL playoff hockey series Monday. The Penguins won, 4-3. **B3**

Obituaries

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- Douglas J. Flick, 79
- Matthew Greenland, 76
- Shirley W. Kriner, 87
- John Groves Maine, 77
- Bernadine Pane, 88
- John W. Skehan, 62

Tomorrow's Forecast

Rain with a chance of thunderstorms. Not as cool with highs in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 90 percent.
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Police raid Brookville meth lab

BROOKVILLE — Three Brookville residents were arrested Monday night when police raided a suspected meth lab on Summit Street.

Brookville Borough police say they along with members of the Jefferson County Drug Take Force, county Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office, the state police Vice Unit and its Clandestine Lab Response Team served a search warrant at 74 Summit St.

Three occupants - 30-year-old

Eric Powell, 27-year-old Emily Dixon and 29-year-old Jake Wilson - were arrested and taken to the county jail to await arraignment.

Once the house was secured, officers say they found evidence of methamphetamine production.

Monday's raid is the latest in a string of activity by law enforcement authorities in northern Jefferson County targeting meth operations.

Mobile labs
Two suspected mobile labs resulted in charges recently.

A man and woman from Brockway were arrested in Reynoldsville earlier this month and charged with operating a mobile meth lab.

DuBois-based state police say Jeffrey Scott Kline Jr., 32, and Jessica Lynn Kline, 26, are charged as the result of an incident at the Uni-Mart on Main Street.

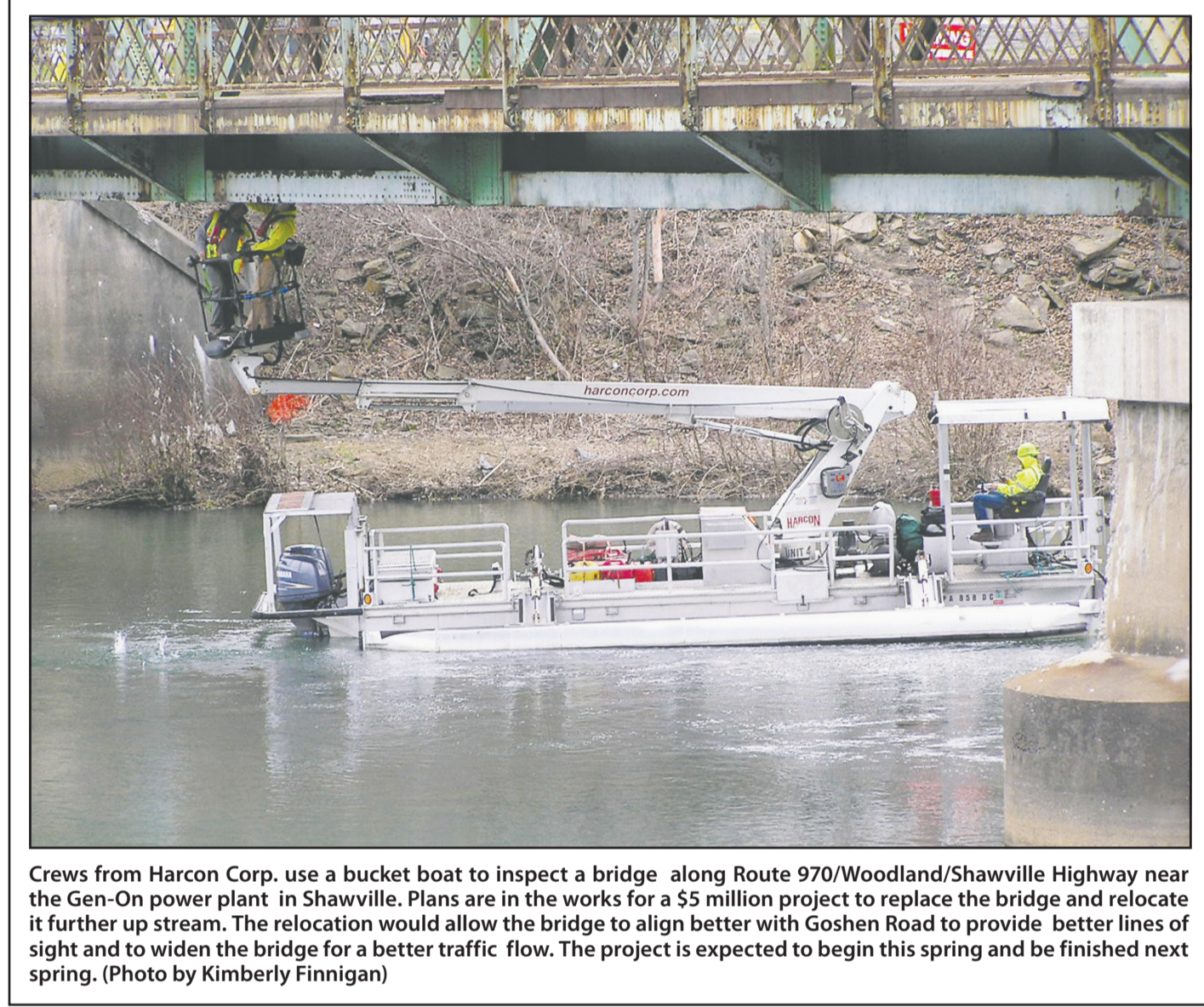
Reynoldsville Borough police found a vehicle disabled at that location and observed paraphernalia inside. They obtained consent from the Klimes to search the vehicle.

When they did, they found items associated with a methamphetamine lab.

Borough police contacted the state police, whose Clan Lab team was called to the scene.

A search of the vehicle revealed two "one pot" methamphetamine labs along with numerous other items related to a lab as well as other drug-related paraphernalia.

In March, Jackson Hulse, 26, was stopped for a traffic violation on **See Raid, Page A9**



Crews from Harcon Corp. use a bucket boat to inspect a bridge along Route 970/Woodland/Shawville Highway near the Gen-On power plant in Shawville. Plans are in the works for a \$5 million project to replace the bridge and relocate it further up stream. The relocation would allow the bridge to align better with Goshen Road to provide better lines of sight and to widen the bridge for a better traffic flow. The project is expected to begin this spring and be finished next spring. (Photo by Kimberly Finnigan)

DuBois Council will look at noise ordinance

By Nick Hoffman
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DUBOIS — "We want peace" was the plea to the DuBois City Council from a delegation from the Pulaski Club Monday.

Linda Spryszak told the council that the club is having a "terrible time" with noise complaints from one or more neighbors around the area of West Washington Avenue.

The state Liquor Control Enforcement agency has fined the club \$400 over citations arising from complaints on the night before Thanksgiving and on New Year's Eve.

The club doesn't know who's complaining since the LCE officers don't disclose that information but Spryszak said the club has made overtures to all its neighbors to reach some accommodation.

The club has live bands from 8-11 p.m. Friday nights and occasionally on a Saturday. The noise, she said, is not excessive and often not audible outside the building unless a door or window is opened.

She said the club, chartered in 1903, "just got back on our feet" and the noise issue could hurt its efforts through either loss of business or more problems with the LCE.

The city does not have a noise ordinance, which means the LCE can use its standards to determine whether the club is in violation. A local ordinance would supersede the LCE's enforcement.

City solicitor Toni Cherry said she has resisted presenting a noise ordinance to the council because of her concern that it would be an excessive intrusion by government into peoples' affairs.

But, she conceded in light of the club's concerns, "I'll take another hard look at this."

City Manager John "Herm" Suplizko said, "I think this council needs to move forward with a noise ordinance."

A draft will be prepared and presented to the council.

Paden Rishell of Boy Scout Troop 27 asked for and received the council's blessing for his Eagle Scout project, which will replace **See Noise, Page A9**

Jeff Tech continues to operate without principal; no action taken at meeting

By Cathy Moore
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REYNOLDSVILLE — The Jeff Tech vo-tech school continues to operate without a principal.

At Monday's operating committee meeting, the hiring of a principal was on the agenda. Following a closed meeting, however, it was not approved or deferred, but rejected.

Board member James Brown began to ask questions about a particular person who was interviewed for the position, but was told by Dan Hawkins, chief school

administrator, that personnel issues could not be discussed during public meeting times.

The board added a late item to the agenda.

Board member Lloyd McCreight made the motion to increase Vice Principal Melissa Mowrey's yearly salary to \$66,800, effective immediately. The motion passed.

The Jeff Tech budget was approved by three of the four sending school districts. Business Manager Sherry Hasselman explained that Brockway, Brookville and DuBois approved the budget. Punxsutawney school

board had three members vote yes, two members vote no and four no responses and therefore they did not "pass" the budget.

Megan Bundy was hired as the adult education coordinator, effective when practical, at a salary of \$50,000, with insurance benefits.

The board accepted the paving bid from Glenn O. Hawbaker, for the base bid plus two alternate projects.

The \$251,300 cost will cover paving of the parking lot, the concrete steps, railing and lights and installing a sidewalk outside the Cosmetology shop.

The decision to accept the bid didn't come easy. McCreight asked about specifics in the bid, including curbs and grading.

Hawkins replied that the four superintendents of the sending schools did not deem the grading issue to be one that needed to be completed.

McCreight questioned who made the decisions - the Jeff Tech school board or the four superintendents. Hawkins said the school board.

A roll call vote was taken for approval of the paving **See Principal, Page A9**

TLPOA directors handle full agenda

By A.J. Sylvis
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DUBOIS — The Treasure Lake Property Owners Association made quick work of a long agenda at Monday's board of directors meeting.

Directors voted to

- Authorize the completion of construction of a deck/patio at New Providence Beach for \$5,000.

There was some debate concerning the information on the bid. Director Wayne Marhelski said the board did not receive all the necessary information to make a decision and he voted against the motion.

- Accepted the bid from Analytical Services Inc. the low bidder, at \$8.95

Treasure Lake

per sample, \$462.85 per week and for \$1,002.40 for 16 weeks.

- Awarded bid for beach sand to Woodland Equipment and Supply Co. for 140 tons at \$48.22 per ton for a total of \$6,750.80.
- Awarded bid to Endress Trucking of Tyrone for 1,500 tons at \$18.50 a ton of 1B limestone, for 1,500 tons at \$14.75 a ton of 2B limestone and 500 tons at \$19.60 a ton of rip rap.

Marhelski commended the maintenance department for providing the information for the bids, saying it was unlike the previous bid items.

- Accepted the bid from Bradco Supply of Towanda for the Marathon 145 gallon rubberized asphalt 5.5 hp tar kettle in the amount of \$18,995, and the bid from Walsh Equipment of Prospect for a JCB Model vibrating roller in the amount of \$39,875.
- Awarded bid for pool chemicals to the low bidder, Univar.
- Affirmed action taken in four executive sessions, including the previously reported decision to enter into a short-term agreement with Omni Management Services to act as general manager of the POA.
- Affirmed Mike Solensky as an alternate member of the property control committee.

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