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BASD looks to save \$\$\$ on bonds

By Patti Slaughter
 BROOKVILLE — A savings of more than \$1.3 million could be available to the Brookville School District, if the school district decides to refinance some of its bond issues.

At Monday night's special school board meeting Alisha Phillips, managing director of Janney Montgomery Scott LLC of Pittsburgh, presented a brief overview of refinancing options available to the school district.

Phillips discussed two options regarding three of the five bond issues currently held

by the district. The first option would be a straight refinancing of the bonds, with no cash up front from the district. Estimated savings would be \$591,304.

The second option would have the board paying off all or a portion of its two smaller bonds and refinancing a third bond issue.

Depending on the amount of the bonds paid off, the district could save as much as \$1.339 million. "There is no bad way to do this," Phillips said, "it is just whatever you are comfortable with."

Business administrator El-

len Neyman pointed out that "you would never get those savings by reinvesting the money and sticking it in the capital reserve. You will only get these savings by refinancing your bonds."

A decision does not have to be made until the January board meeting, giving the board time to review and discuss its options, which may be affected when bids for the new roof on the high school come in. The estimated cost of the roofing project is about \$1.4 million.

The board appointed Janney Montgomery Scott LLC to

serve as the underwriter if the bonds are refinanced next year and Cohen & Grigsby, PC, will serve as bond counsel.

Lengthy discussions were held regarding two school issues.

The board had many questions before approving a memorandum of understanding with the DuBois Area School District for special education services. The services are provided to 23 special needs students who are attending Jeff Tech as well as one student who attends a half-day of classes at

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'Looking into the faces of heroism'

By Randy Bartley
 STRATTANVILLE — "These are the faces of heroism," said Clarion-Limestone High School Principal Mike Stimac, looking at the 180 veterans and families attending school wide assembly for Veterans Day. "You are always welcome at C-L. We can never repay our debt to you. This is a small token of our appreciation."

"This is a great day! It is a great honor for me to be able to stand here today and say... thank you from the bottom of my heart for my freedom," said Clarion-Limestone Superintendent John Johnson.

"I had a group of Veterans ask me when I was speaking at the traveling Vietnam Wall if I would consider placing a monument/memorial here at Clarion-Limestone School District. I promised them that day that I would work to that ends. Today I fulfill my promise to the veterans," he said.

"Special thanks to Clarion Monuments and Mr. Steve Aaron for their donation of the monument. I am very grateful for the donation. From this day forward we will have a lasting visual monument of gratitude for our students," said Johnson.

"This day the entire Clarion-Limestone Community honors our veterans. The district is the "hub" of our community, and we say thank you! In a day and age when our country faces threats from all across the globe we stand and support our military," he said.

"We have placed the old

Strattanville School Bell by the flag pole today as well," said Johnson. "This bell is honor of every student, teacher, and everyone that has ever been associated with the Clarion-Limestone School District. The Bell will stand for the outstanding education that has been, is now, and will be provided for the students of our district."

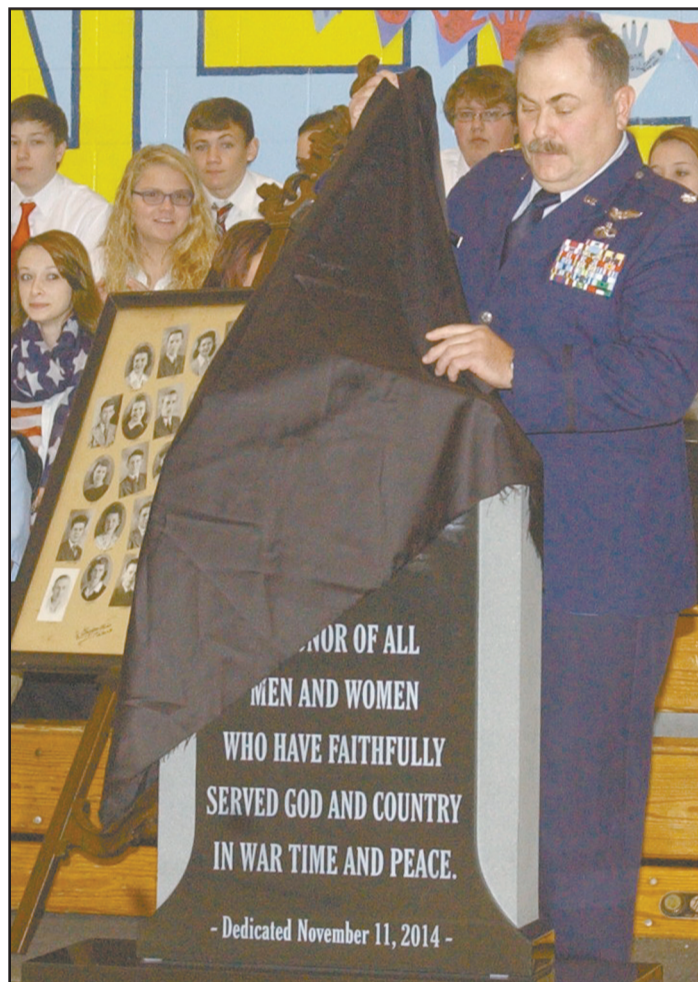
Two special guests attended the school-wide observation. They were members of the C-L Class of 1943.

"The Clarion- Limestone Consolidated Class of 1943 was not much different than other graduating classes of today," said Johnson "They had hardback text books and homework just like we have today. The school building itself has changed little over the years though.

"Back in 1943 the school did not have a cafeteria. Students had to pack a lunch. Some students would go to a small one room store across the street from the school at lunch time, where the elementary school is now. The store sold candy, pop, and various other items. A cold glass of Pepsi was only 10 cents," he said.

"A huge difference between now and then was that the country was at war During this time World War II was in full swing. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the threat of Adolf Hitler, the country was behind the war effort and victory," said Johnson.

"In this class most of the young men enlisted or got drafted into the military after graduation," he said. "In fact two, heroic C-L students, Rus-



U.S. Air Force Major Gary Wolbert unveils the veterans memorial at Clarion-Limestone. (Photo by Randy Bartley)

sell Jacox and Leonard Withrow enlisted and entered the war to fight for victory before graduation. Neither of them made it back home. Russell was killed in action and Leonard is listed as missing in action.

"During the war rations were put on many items. The class of 1943 did not get the opportunity to have a yearbook their senior year because of the rationing placed on paper.

"This picture of the class was found in the library. It serves as the yearbook for the graduating class of 1943," said Johnson.

It will be placed in a conspicuous spot in our school," he said.

U. S. Navy veteran Terry George told the assembly what it was like to serve in the mili-

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BAM: 'Starting to mobilize Phase I'

By Patti Slaughter
 BROOKVILLE — A number of positive reports were reviewed by the Brookville Municipal Authority at its November meeting.

Engineer Mark Glenn reported that "we are starting to mobilize on the Phase I system," extending water and sewage service to the new industrial park in Pine Creek Township.

He said that survey work has started for the project, with the survey crew "establishing control points in preparation for the engineering survey."

Brookville Municipal Authority personnel and representatives of Gwin, Dobson

and Foreman will meet later this month to begin discussing design concepts for the new White Street and industrial Park lift stations.

Glenn said that the EDA has not yet sent its approval of the plans for the sanitary sewer and waterline extension, but as soon as the approval is received, the project will go to bid.

In other action:

— it was reported that the water storage tanks on Sphere Street, the Industrial Park and Corsica were inspected by Conrady Associates last month. The preliminary report is that all the tanks are in good condition. "The inspectors were re-

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Economic benefits of trail explored

By Randy Bartley
 BROOKVILLE — Thursday the members of the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce heard a report on the economic impact of outdoor recreation and, in particular, trails on the local economy.

Cathy McCollom, the guest speaker has 32 years of professional experience in business and strategic planning, marketing, community revitalization and economic development. She is the Principal of McCollom Development Strategies, LLC specializing in community revitalization, historic preservation, business development

and tourism attraction initiatives for smaller communities. She presents regularly on the economic benefits of an outdoor recreational strategy.

McCollom launched and directed Pennsylvania's first Trail Towns, a program to connect communities bordering the 150-mile long Great Allegheny Passage with the economic benefits of the growing cycling market. McCollom also launched the Canal Town Partnership in Maryland and West Virginia and developed the regional visitor attraction and marketing initiatives for

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Better than parades or medals; A simple thank-you

By Randy Bartley
 BROOKVILLE — "Did you ever wonder what it meant when you thanked an active duty military person, or a veteran for his or her service?" asked former American Legion Post 102 Commander Herb McConnell at the annual Veterans Day ceremony in Brookville.

"If the person was a member of your family it would reaffirm that the decision to serve in the military was the right decision, and that your love for that individual and your approval of them was intact," said the former high school principal.

"If the person was a stranger to you they may be a little embarrassed, but at the same time be proud of the recognition you gave them for their service," he said.

"As a veteran, of the Vietnam war, I can assure you that

the simple act of saying thank you makes all of us glad not only to have served, but also proud of the sacrifices that we as individuals, and our families made to help keep this great nation free," he said.

Because there is no war movie, no video game, no newspaper article, no classroom presentation, no military ribbon or citation or parade that can take the place of that personal handshake and the words 'thank you for your service.' This simple sign of appreciation means very much to us that have served," said McConnell. "

If we continue to show our appreciation it will insure that legions of our young men and women will continue to serve, and sacrifice to preserve these United States of America under God and forever free," he

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Members of American Legion Post 102 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 204 gathered at the Brookville Area High School for the annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday. (Photo by Randy Bartley)



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