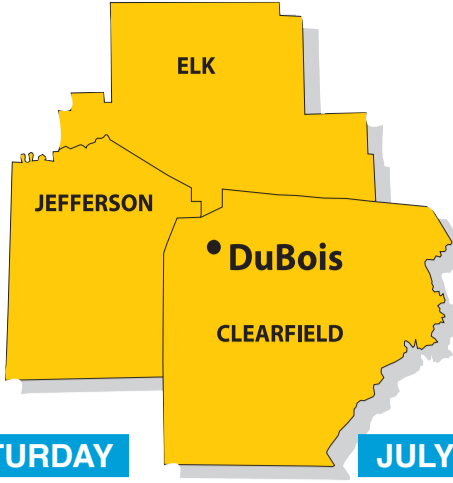


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Treasure Lake Church plans family life center

District needs new use for old school

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DuBOIS — Now that the former Highland Street Elementary School is vacant after last month's closing by the DuBois Area School Board, the district is turning its attention to how that building can be used.

"We are looking at some ways to use the building that doesn't cost us, in addition to some ways that we can recoup some revenue," Superintendent J. Mark Heckman told directors Wednesday.

Directors approved closing Highland at a special meeting June 21. Approximately 120 students, formerly from Highland, will be sent to Wasson Elementary for the 2013-14 school year. The district has assigned all of the Highland teachers and Principal Kathy Ginther to Wasson Elementary to help ease the

transition. Wasson will now have slightly more than 400 students. Heckman said with the Highland students being moved to Wasson, the district displaced Head Start students who were at Wasson. "We can move the Head Start kids to Highland," Heckman said. "It's not going to be an additional

expense because one of the reasons we closed it was to save the salaries and benefits of staff members. So putting Head Start classes there is not going to increase our salaries and benefits. "If we do a custodian on a sub-basis as needed, Cen-Clear (Child Services) is willing to pick up some of the cost of doing that. If we put them there, the building is still being used for students, it won't be our staff members, but we will have the building in use. One of the best things for a building is to use it and

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Agency endorses six major projects

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RIDGWAY — North Central's Appalachian Regional Commission six projects for 2014 were approved Wednesday for submission to the ARC in Harrisburg.

The top rated project is North Central's Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance, which provides money for its Enterprise Development program which offers business assistance by providing opportunities to collaborate and partner to create investments which result in new employment, capital investments, increased sales and increase the region's ability to compete on a global basis.

This program is requesting \$285,000 in ARC funding to matching pending state funds of \$285,000.

The second highest rated project is the Bradford Regional Airport Multi-Tenant Center project, which will construct a 20,000-square-foot multi-tenant building at the airport. The building will be designed to accommodate two or three tenants engaged in light manufacturing or distribution.

"The whole intent of this is to help the airport diversify its operation and not rely as heavily on the aviation business because the aviation business has been spotty for smaller airports throughout the state and nation," Bob Rusiewski, ARC program director.

Approximately 20-25 jobs are estimated to be created through this project.

The project already has \$950,000 in PennDOT Bureau of Aviation funding, equity of \$100,000, and the authority will be taking out a loan for \$600,000. The project is requesting \$250,000 in ARC funding.

Rated third is the Business and Education Connect, which is a North Central program connecting local employers with secondary and post-secondary students to help create an understanding of what career opportunities are available in the region.

The program is looking to hire two career counselors who would go into the schools to meet with the youth and help them to develop a career plan based on the labor market.

Currently there is \$12,000 in federal funding committed to this project and \$80,000 in local funding through industry partnerships.

Rated fourth for ARC funding is Lock Haven University Clearfield Campus Simulated Learning Lab project, which is requesting \$150,000 in ARC funding to provide a high fidelity computer simulation training to nursing, health education and physician assistant students, as well as regional healthcare providers and first responders.

The campus will convert an existing classroom into a sim lab with patient rooms, equipment, a medication room and nurse's station identical to a hospital setting. The center will also house five high fidelity simulation mannequins ranging from adult to neonate, as well as a virtual intravenous catheterization simulator.

"The Clearfield campus of Lock Haven

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FLOOD DAMAGE — Three areas of the Clear Run Road in Sandy Township were destroyed in the June 27 flooding. Repairs were estimated at \$100,000. The township is hoping repairs will be completed by the end of next week, however, the completion date is dependent on the availability of materials and also on the company resetting the guiderails. (Photo by A.J. Sylvis)

Coming Monday
 Page 1 and the front sports page of the Courier-Express will have a new look Monday! The redesign will make the pages lighter, airier and easier to navigate.

Today's edition

Death notices
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Lightning strikes
 The deaths of two people at a scenic overlook in northern Arizona this week bring to 14 the number of people killed by lightning strikes in the U.S. this year. **■ Page A6**



DuBois wins
 DuBois' Dom Kriner delivers a pitch against Sykesville in Game 6 of the Federation League semifinal series. The Rockets won, 7-6. **■ Page B1**



Saturday weather
 Tomorrow, mostly cloudy. Showers and thunderstorms likely. Highs in the mid-70s. Chance of rain 70 percent. **■ Page A3**

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REPAIR WORK — The Clear Run Road in Sandy Township remains closed as work continues to repair the June 27 flood damage. Motorists are being detoured around the closed road by using Lundgren, Greenwood Cemetery and Gamelands roads. (Photo by A.J. Sylvis)

Flood-damaged road being repaired

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DuBOIS — The Clear Run Road in Sandy Township remains closed as work continues to repair the June 27 flood damage.

Three sections of road sustained damage with initial repairs estimated at \$100,000.

Sandy Township Manager Dick Castonguay said work began several weeks ago to fix the road and was delayed this week due to the availability of stone.

He said hopefully the repairs will be completed by the end of next week, however, the completion date is dependent on the availability of materials and also on

the company resetting the guiderails.

In the meantime, motorists are urged to stay off Clear Run Road. There are barriers on both ends blocking the road to traffic. Motorists caught by police driving through the barriers will be prosecuted.

Motorists are being detoured around the closed road by using Lundgren, Greenwood Cemetery and Gamelands roads.

As a result of reports of excessive speeding through the detour around Clear Run Road, the Sandy Township police have been conducting Aggressive Driving Enforcement in the area.

The speed limit on these roads is 25 mph and anyone driving over the speed limit or in an aggressive manner will be cited.

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