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First Fun Run is a success

DuBois Area Middle School students are required to run a mile for physical education class which can be a challenge for many. This year, however, parents, teachers and the community found a way not only to make the event fun but also to raise money for the school by hosting a Fun Run. **A2**

BCAT will host metal arts show

The Brockway Center for Arts & Technology (BCAT) will host its first metal arts show, entitled "PA Pride: Metal Arts in the State of Pennsylvania." **A3**

Tough decision: Police or utilities

Faced with a choice of paying its utility bills or two part-time police officers, a tiny western Pennsylvania borough has opted to pay the bills. **A5**

Landry Jones to start for Steelers

Landry Jones had his first regular-season NFL action last week. Now, it looks as if he will make his first start this week. **B1**

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- Jeffrey A. Lieber, 41
- Margaret L. Mancini, 77
- Sheridan Thompson, 88

Tomorrow's Forecast



Cloudy. A chance of showers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 50 percent. **Full report, A2**



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From left to right, Producer & Director of Photography Ryan Haggerty, Mike Page of DuSan, actor Imani Khiry, Wilbur Buck Jr. of DuSan, and sound technician Mike Hurst film a scene for the feature film "Blood On The Leaves" in the parking lot of Showers' Field Tuesday morning. (Photo by Katie Weidenboerner)

Local film crew shoots scenes in area for new feature movie

By Katie Weidenboerner

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DuBOIS — A local film crew is nearing completion on a project which has taken them throughout Clearfield and Jefferson counties in the past two weeks.

Blood on the Leaves, an independent feature film with local ties began production at the beginning of the month and is slated to be released in June of 2016.

The local entertainment production company, Sideline Pictures, is heading the project as their second foray into feature length content.

Vincent Barnard, Craig Inzana, and Ryan Haggerty - all three having connections to DuBois Business College - are producing the film along with about one dozen talented professionals from Maryland, Ohio, New York, and Pittsburgh.

A character driven drama, the story centers around an urban youth who is grappling with the sins of his past as he buries a body far from the city in an old Penn-

sylvania logging plot.

In the midst of digging a shallow grave, a tree falls, injuring him and pinning him to the ground.

A nearby bow hunter, startled, drops his bow and runs towards the sound of the fallen tree. The hunter is unable to move the massive tree, or free the city boy.

Just as he is leaving to find help, he stumbles across the covered body. The city boy pulls a gun on the hunter, and they are locked in a standoff, alone in the middle of the woods.

"It is a social issue film. It's character driven, but the young kid is black from Philadelphia and the older guy is white," Haggerty explained. "Of course they are stereotyping one another, but they find out very differently about one another. We're letting people come to that on their own because the story itself is so powerful."

On a recent morning, in the parking lot of Showers' Field, two DuSan ambulances helped the film crew with a scene - providing them sound bites of sirens, medi-

cal advice to make scenes look authentic and the back of an ambulance to film a scene in.

"We've had a lot of community support which has been fantastic from the city to local businesses," Haggerty said. "We've had things donated from locations to props."

To underline the level of support that has been received, Haggerty said Cook Riverside Cabins in Cook Forest offered them the location to film and even cut down a tree for them to film a scene.

The BOTL project was born after Barnard and Inzana completed a feature length web series last year entitled "Blue Card."

The series was shot entirely in DuBois, Port Allegany, and Brockway, and went on to successfully screen at the Reitz Theater in DuBois and be distributed through InnovaTV Networks online.

"Seeing their success in doing that with very little money and with local resources inspired Vincent to write this script that could be made here," Haggerty said.

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Dam dilemma: Projects could cost \$15 million

By Jeff Corcino

Special to The Courier-Express

CLEARFIELD — The Clearfield Municipal Authority could be looking at a pricey \$10 million project to improve the spillway at the Montgomery Run Reservoir.

Six years ago, the state Department of Environmental Protection designated the dam at the Montgomery Run Reservoir as a 'high hazard dam' because its spillway met 23 percent of the Probable Maximum Precipitation but it hasn't pushed the CMA to make improvements to correct it.

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CMA engineer James Balliet of Gwin, Dobson & Foreman estimated it would cost about \$10 million to upgrade the spillway to meet DEP's PMF standards.

However, Balliet said a DEP official recently informed him that the department is going to be more aggressive on correcting the high hazard dam, and said the CMA would soon be hearing from the department about the matter.

Balliet said it is hard to tell when this will occur — estimating it could happen in a couple of months or more than a year from now. Additionally, once the authority hears from DEP, it could give the CMA as much as 10 years to complete the project.

However, this puts the CMA in a dilemma. In addition to the spillway project, the CMA is also looking at replacing the filters at the reservoir at a cost of \$5 million.

Balliet said the CMA should wait to hear from the DEP on the timeline for upgrading the spillway before conducting the filter replacement project, because the spillway project will have priority.

But if the filters fail, it could result in the CMA spending \$100,000 for an immediate repair on the filters.

He said the traditional filtration systems, which consist mostly of layers of coal and sand, last about 10-15 years, and the filters at Montgomery haven't been replaced in 25 years.

The filters at Montgomery have lasted longer than expected because of the high quality of the water.

"That is one of the cleanest sources of water I have ever seen," Balliet said.

He said the water is so clean, that during winter, the water in the dam itself meets drinking water standards for tur-

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Area teacher returns to Brockway for a visit

By Andrew Bundy

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BROCKWAY — Bringing books, stuffed animals, and vegemite, Ryan Devlin returned to Brockway for a short visit.

Devlin, the 2013 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year, is now an exchange teacher in Australia. That country runs year-round schooling, which means that after every 10 weeks of school, students and staff get a two-week break. Devlin used this break to return to Brockway to meet his nephew, Beckett. "I'm a first-time uncle,"

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Brockway area students visit with teacher, Ryan Devlin in the school library. From left, front row: Johnathon Henry, Allison Shaffer, Kaleb Larock, Bailee Carberry and Abigail Michalski. Middle row: Madelynn Gorske, Madison Nagele, Wesley Keith, Katlynn Shaffer, Liberty Freemer, Ryan Devlin, Ruby Smith, Kolten Kahle, Brody Daubenspeck, Maria Buttery, Kyle Kennedy and Layken Larson-Huber. Back row: Mikaya Hannold and Brayden Ross. (Photo by Vanessa Olivio)

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