



Today's edition

Death notices

- Lucille Davis, 98,
 - Dr. Raj K. Jolly, 62,
 - Mona Nesbit, 85
 - Richard Shefchunas, 70
 - Donald Terwilliger, 66
 - Lyle A. Welsh, 79
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Reader survey

We want to know what you think about the Courier-Express and Tri-County Sunday. Readers are asked to take a few minutes and complete a survey telling is what they like and don't like. ■ Page B6

Vacation tragedy

The N.C. Highway Patrol says a Pennsylvania couple vacationing on the Outer Banks is dead after they were hit while walking on a path adjacent to N.C. 12. ■ Page A7



DuBois wins title

Members of the DuBois 11-year-old All-Star baseball team take a lap around Way Memorial Field with the Section 1 championship banner Monday night after beating Union City, 10-7, for the title. ■ Page B1



Wednesday weather

Tomorrow, partly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent. ■ Page A2

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Monday Lottery

- Midday Daily: 5-1-1
- Midday Big 4: 6-3-6-3
- Midday Quinto: 6-2-9-7-6
- Daily: 4-0-7
- Big 4: 0-2-5-0
- Quinto: 8-6-5-0-3
- Match 6: 07-09-15-33-38-44
- Cash 5: 07-11-24-35-38
- Treasure Hunt: 07-14-18-20-30



Teen faces charges in arson

RIDGWAY — A Johnsonburg teenager has been charged in connection with an arson in Johnsonburg last summer.

Ridgway-based state police say the 17-year-old boy is accused of starting a fire in the basement of a vacant residence at 236 Main St., Johnsonburg, around 2 a.m. Aug. 25.

Elk County

The teen was charged in Juvenile Court with arson, burglary, criminal trespass, risking a catastrophe, criminal mischief and recklessly endangering another person.

His name was not re-

leased since state law restricts the release of information concerning juveniles charged with misdemeanors and/or most felonies.

The victim of the incident was Martin Hinchliffe. Damage was estimated at \$6,000. There were no injuries.

Other arsons

Police noted that the sum-

mer of 2012 was one of multiple arsons throughout Elk County and several have not been solved and remain under investigation.

Anyone with information on any of the unsolved arsons is asked to contact state police at 776-6136 or their local police department.

Those under investigation include:

- June 17, 2012: 429 Walnut St., Ridgway.
- June 28, 2012: Johnsonburg Hotel.
- July 2, 2012: 703 Market St., Johnsonburg (St. Joes Club).
- July 10, 2012: 141 Rettinger St. St. Marys (vehicle fire).
- Aug. 21, 2012: 208 Church St., Johnsonburg.

Second robbery suspect in custody

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REYNOLDSVILLE — The second of two suspects in a late April robbery in Reynoldsville is in custody.

Ryan Pearsall, 20, of Elizabeth, turned himself in Friday to the Reynoldsville police. He is currently being held in the Jefferson County Jail in Brookville.

Earlier, Jason Taylor, 23, Pittsburgh, was arrested by Pittsburgh police after a warrant for his arrest was issued by Reynoldsville police. Taylor is also currently incarcerated.

The two are charged with entering the J&M Gold Exchange in Reynoldsville and stealing gold and jewelry, including 69 rings. They are also accused of breaking into the State Store on Main Street by breaking the front window and stealing two bottles of liquor.

This drug-related crime is another example of how criminals have moved from the cities and suburbs into rural towns such as Reynoldsville and how today's police forces face situations that did not exist even 10 years ago.

According to Officer Troy Bell, who investigated the break-ins and thefts, interviews with Taylor indicated the robbery was drug-related and both suspects admitted that the use of illegal substances led to the crimes.

Mayor Peach Caltagarone congratulated the police force for its investigation and Bell said he appreciated the assistance from the state police and officers from nearby Sykesville.

He also pointed out the surveillance equipment the gold exchange uses helped make the identification.

Bell and Officer-in-Charge Bruce Cramer pointed out that this drug-related crime is another example of how criminals have moved from the cities and suburbs into rural towns such as Reynoldsville and how today's police forces face situations that did not exist even 10 years ago.

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REYNOLDSVILLE — In his first statement since being reinstated as police officer-in charge in Reynoldsville, Bruce Cramer thanked the people in Reynoldsville who stood by him during his suspension.

Cramer was suspended with pay March 7 and, on April 12 during a special meeting, that suspension was changed to one with-

out pay although his benefits were continued. At that meeting, council members Ralph "Tucker" August, Mary Jane Clark and council President Jack Matusky voted to halt Cramer's pay.

The council held two hearings in early May at the



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DUBOIS WATER — The water level in the DuBois reservoir in Union Township was about 6 inches below the top of the spillway in this file photo from 2012 showing water from the lake cascading down the spillway steps into Anderson Creek. The city is moving forward with plans to establish a secondary water source and the city council awarded several bids Monday associated with that work.

Reynoldsville man faces drug charges

REYNOLDSVILLE — A Reynoldsville man was charged Friday in connection with the distribution of heroin in the Reynoldsville area.

DuBois-based state police and the Troop C Vice Unit say they made several undercover purchases of heroin from Paul Neves, 33, 100 Brown St., Reynoldsville, at and around his residence after initiating an investigation July 2.

Neves was taken into custody Friday on a traffic stop in Reynoldsville. A search warrant was executed at his residence. Heroin, methamphetamine, marijuana, U.S. currency and electronics devices, several of which are believed to be stolen, were seized.

Neves was charged through District Judge David Inzana's office with one count each of manufacture,

delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance, criminal use of a communication facility and possession of a controlled substance.

He was unable to post \$30,000 bail and was placed in the Jefferson County jail. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 10.

Police say their investigation continues.

Reynoldsville

Reynoldsville fire hall. At Cramer's request, the hearings were open to the public. He was represented by attorney Tom Wagner, who had advised him to keep a low profile, not overreact and say nothing about the complaint until the hearing.

Cramer was reinstated June 7 and returned to duty

June 10. He said he had been depressed during the 13-week suspension, not knowing when or if he would be able to return to the job he loves.

He added that since his return, people in town have told him how much they appreciate what he and the other full-time officer, Troy Bell, are doing for the town. At the June council meeting, a number of residents spoke in his behalf, and Cramer

said that the support he had from the town meant a lot to him. He also expressed gratitude to Bell and Officer McMinn for taking up the slack during his suspension.

Cramer said he wants to move forward and close the previous chapter, saying he holds no grudge and simply wants to do his job. He said he loves the town and his job, and he, Bell, Mayor Peach Caltagarone and the

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