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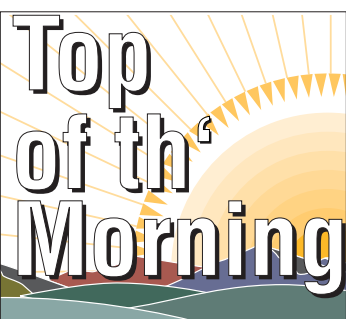
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Everett Fire Company released its call report for August.

Volunteers ran 20 calls for the months, bringing the total calls for the year up to 163. The calls included six motor vehicle crashes, five inside investigations, three ambulance assists, two brush/tree fires, an automatic alarm, a landing zone, a call for wires down and one call to assist Everett Police Department. The fire company has upcoming fundraisers: a gun drawing on Sept. 7, chicken barbecue on Sept. 14 and a food auction on Sept. 28. Follow Everett Fire Company n Facebook for updates.

The Bedford County commissioners approved an engineering contract for Jackson Mill Covered Bridge in East Providence Township.

A bridge approach is "pretty deteriorated," according to Aaron Craig, engineer with P. Joseph Lehman Inc. The bridge is a three-span structure and the spans that are the approaches are 100 percent timber and not covered. The two short spans on the mill side of the bridge are the ones of immediate concern. A detour has been posted. Craig said he's not sure until the engineering is completed when the bridge may be repaired and reopened to traffic but it may be next spring. The bridge, which carries Covered Bridge Road over Brush Creek south of Breeze-wood, was built in 1875 and refurbished in the 1990s. The engineering contract with Lehman was approved at \$23,300.

The Bedford County commissioners awarded a contract for work on Sweet Root Road, Bedford Township.

The commissioners approved the \$178,746 bid from Grannas Brothers Stone and Asphalt of Hollidaysburg to reconstruct and repave about 6,000 feet of Sweet Root from the Harry Rose residence to the iron bridge. Grannas Brothers submitted the low bid. The work will be funded through the township's Community Development Block Grant entitlement program which is administered by the county's planning office. Township Supervisor Greg Crist has said he expects the work to take place this fall.

Deaths

(Obituaries on Page 16)
HYRE, Audrey Tolva, 99, formerly of Hyndman.
LOWERY, Darrell Lee, 72, of Woodbridge, Va., formerly of Hyndman.
WERTZ, Theodore W. "Ted," 58, of Manns Choice, died Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013, at Windber Hospice. Obituary in Thursday's Gazette. Arrangements by Timothy A. Berkebile Funeral Home, Bedford.

Parking, sign changes coming to Bedford

**By Sharyn Maust
Gazette Managing Editor**
Bedford residents and businesses could see some parking and sandwich board changes coming, based on borough council's plans. To accommodate the Bedford Heritage Trail's expansion south to the Omni Bedford Springs, council on Tuesday accepted a recommendation

from its infrastructure committee to designate the biking/walking trail's route at the south edge of the borough. The trail will follow South Richard Street as it emerges from the Bedford Elks. At Simpson Street, the trail will go west one block to Juliana before it ends, leaving walkers and bikers on their own to the downtown area. But because bikes aren't allowed on the

sidewalks, a designated lane in the street is being planned. Walkers remain on the sidewalks. Committee chairman Steve Lambert told council that the recommendation is to take away the parking on the east side of South Richard between the borough line and Simpson and on the north side of the one block of East Simpson Street.

This is a residential area, but several council members agreed that few people park on the street in those areas because most of the homes have driveways. Setting a no parking zone during set hours was considered but the committee said they found that confusing for both motorists and bikers.

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Shuster tours local plant, discusses Obamacare, Syria

**By Bridgett Weaver
Gazette Staff Writer**
CESSNA — U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster visited Bedford Reinforced Plastics Tuesday afternoon to answer questions from staff there.

Bedford Reinforced Plastics makes fiberglass reinforced plastic building material which is strong, lightweight and nonconductive. Shuster received a tour before sitting down in the conference room and giving a short overview on things that he's been working on during the congressional break this summer.

He said he is focusing on replacing Obamacare, reforming spending in the Capitol and determining whether bombing Syria is the most beneficial option available to the United States.

On replacing Obamacare he said they need to come up with a better option because some small businesses are opting to pay the penalty for not providing healthcare for employees as a cheaper option to providing insurance.

"It's not because they don't want to (provide insurance)," Shuster said. "It's because they can't afford it."

He also said Congress could get rid of every committee in DC, and they would still have a deficit because the things sucking up most of the money are so-called

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Congressman Bill Shuster reaches over to check out some of the special plastic made at Bedford Reinforced Plastics Tuesday afternoon. Shuster was with Sales Manager Tom Wright and Marketing Director Eric Kidd for a tour, which was followed by a meeting where staff members could ask Shuster questions.

Gazette Photo/Bridgett Weaver

Property assessment appeals under way

**By Elizabeth Coyle
Gazette Associate Editor**
The 2013 property assessment appeal season began Tuesday with the first of 45 scheduled appeals before the Bedford County Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes this week.

The Bedford County commissioners also sit as the assessment appeals board which is tasked with hearing and deciding appeals.

After last year's marathon of about 1,000 appeals following the 2012 reassessment, the schedule is relatively light.

Commissioner Kirt Morris said more will be scheduled in coming weeks. Property owners had until Tuesday to file an appeal and the last stragglers were in the assessment office filing appeals to beat the deadline.

"I think most of them are residential and most of them came in late which tells me they weren't upset until they got their school taxes," Morris said. School taxes generally come out after budgets are settled on June 30.

The appeals started with four organizations seeking tax exempt status for their parcels.

Southern Cove Power Reunion, which owns a 47-acre lot with seven buildings that include a larger pole building and several other similar sized or smaller outbuildings near New Enterprise, had been rejected previously by the board for tax

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Roadkill Cafe adds postal service

**By Cara Beemiller
Gazette Staff Writer**
A popular one-stop shop in Artemas is adding another service to its expanded business. As of Tuesday, Snider's Grocery and Roadkill Cafe in Artemas, owned and operated by Barb Snider, is an official Village Post Office location with the United States Postal Service (USPS).

According to the USPS website, Village Post Offices are operated by community businesses to provide selected postal products and services, including stamps and Priority Mail Flat Rate packages and envelopes.

Although Artemas currently has a post office located approximately one mile from Roadkill Cafe, the idea of the Village Post Office is to add convenience and not competition.

"It seems like everybody that comes through the area stops at (Snider's Grocery and Roadkill) —Continued on Page 7



The Village Post Office located inside the Snider's Grocery and Roadkill Cafe in Artemas is officially in operation as of Tuesday. Pictured from left to right are John Murphy, retail specialist with the United States Post Office; Barb Snider, owner of the Road Kill Cafe and Wendy Collins, Artemas post master.

Gazette Photo/Cara Beemiller

Obama gains support for Syria strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama gained ground Tuesday in his drive for congressional backing of a military strike against Syria, winning critical support from House Speaker John Boehner while key Senate Democrats and Republicans agreed to back a no-combat-troops-on-the-ground action in retaliation for a chemical weapons attack.

Officials said the emerging Senate measure would receive a vote Wednesday in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Approval is likely.

"You're probably going to win" Congress' backing, Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, a conservative and likely opponent of the measure, conceded in a late-afternoon exchange with Secretary of State John Kerry.

The leader of House Republicans, Boehner emerged from a meeting at the White House —Continued on Page 5

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