

Making Sure They Aren't Forgotten



They were just boys. Twenty-seven in all. They left Beaver to fight in World War II and never came home. And now Ralph “Buss” Morton is doing what he can to make sure they’re not forgotten.

Morton is a lifelong resident of Beaver, having lived in the same house along Taylor Avenue for all of his 94 years. In 1944 he was drafted into the Army and served in both the European and Pacific theaters with the 86th Infantry Division as first sergeant of the 342 Regiment. Now he maintains the WWII monument in Beaver’s Irvine Park to honor and remember the 27 young men who gave their lives.

“These guys would all be around my age now,” he says. “That’s why I’m still carrying a torch for them.”

Back in the mid-2000s, the WWII monument was in poor shape. In a project he called “The Anzio Project” in honor of his friend **Stephen J. Anzio**, a Navy rear-gunner who was killed when his plane was shot down off the coast of Spain in July of 1943, Morton worked to have the monument redone.

“It turned out to be quite a project,” says Morton, who says it took months to complete and hours of researching the VA records. “But it was worthwhile. It’s a beautiful, deserving monument to the memory of all those guys.”

Originally the memorial was erected in 1953 by members of the old Philip J. Davidson American Legion post, which used to be in Beaver. It was refurbished and officially rededicated on Memorial Day in 2009 with a new bronze plaque, donated by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, listing the names of the 27 Beaver-area men killed during the war.

“I could be on that plaque, too,” says Morton, “except I was one of the lucky ones to come home so I could make sure the others aren’t forgotten—at least in my lifetime.”

In addition to Anzio, Morton was good friends with seven of the men remembered on the monument:

Wilbert E. Black – “He was a farm boy from Brighton Township. We were both members of the Class of 1937. He was the captain of the football team, and I played fullback. He was killed on the beach during the invasion of Italy.

Frank Grdenich – “Frank was a Bridgewater boy and another 1937 classmate. He was also on the football team. His fighter plane was shot down over France.”

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 10 – Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale, all day, Irvine Park Gazebo, Third Street; Beaver Town Yard Sale / Sidewalk Sale

May 17 – Spring Clean Up Day (south of Third St.)

May 26 – Memorial Day Parade, 10:30 a.m., Third Street

May 31 – Spring Clean Up Day (north side of Third St.)

June 7 – Beaver Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (presale June 6, 5-7 p.m.)

June 14 – Garrison Day

June 16-21 – Beaver Carnival

June 28 – Beaver Library Garden Tour, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aug. 9 – Beaver Cross Country “Howl at the Moon 5K”, 8:30 p.m., Beaver High School

William A. Lovell – “Bill was Beaver boy, a little younger. He couldn’t wait to get into the war and joined the Canadian Air Force; eventually he transferred to the U.S. Air Force. He was shot down early on during the invasion of Africa.”

John A. Roth – “His dad owned Roth’s Meat Market, where Kretchmar’s is today. John was a wonderful guy. Best dancer in the class. He was killed on the ground in France.”

Hubert H. Washburn – “Hubert’s dad was Dr. Washburn, whose office was at the corner of Wilson Avenue and Third Street. His brother Paul and I were BHS classmates. He was a medic in one of the airborne divisions. He and all the men on a plane going to a drop were shot down and died together.”

James H. Williams – “Jim was from Brighton Township and served as a PBY pilot in the Pacific theater. He was once the boyfriend of my first wife, Betty Glass. His plane was shot out of the sky.”

Editor’s note: Ralph Morton passed away peacefully on April 19, surrounded by his family. I am grateful for the brief time I got to spend with him.

Summer Tennis Lessons

Once again the Borough of Beaver will be offering free tennis lessons at the Beaver High School courts in Shaw Park. Dates for the lessons will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon from June 9 through July 18. No sign-ups are necessary. The instructor will be Riley Baker, tennis coach for girls and boys at Beaver High School. Many successful players at Beaver have taken part in this program. All ages and levels of play are welcome.



Lacrosse Team

If anyone is interested in starting a lacrosse team in the Beaver area (by spring of 2015), please email Joleen at vongray@gmail.com. We're looking for both players and coaches. Thank you.



Protect Our Water

Beaver Borough Municipal Authority obtains its drinking water from groundwater wells. Source water protection can help prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area that supplies water to a public well. Everyone has an important part to play in protecting drinking water, both today and for the future. Source water protection is a community effort – we hope you will help protect our water supply.

Ways to help – What can you do?

- Dispose of motor oil at a garage that will recycle it. Never pour oil on the ground or in a storm drain or sewer on the street.
- Bring household hazardous waste – such as paint, varnishes, and other chemicals – to a waste collection site.
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides on your lawn and garden.
- Do not dump swimming pool water into a creek or storm drain at the end of the season. Slowly direct the water into the sanitary sewer.
- Remember: anything you throw or store on the ground can find its way into the groundwater. Store and handle chemicals properly.
- Call the Department of Environmental Protection at 412-442-4000 immediately if you observe a chemical spill.

For more information, contact the Beaver Borough Municipal Authority at 724-773-6705.

Community Garden

The Beaver Community Garden has a few remaining plots for 2014. If you are interested in maintaining a garden plot for the 2014 growing season, contact Lynn Clayton at lynnjclayton@comcast.net or 724-775-5759.

Participating in a community garden can be a fun, rewarding and educational experience. Share the experience with your friends and family!

Residents of Beaver are eligible and welcome to apply.



Waste Disposal

Joseph J. Brunner, Inc. offers waste disposal services to Beaver Borough residents. Trash service pick-up is once a week. A standard trash can or bag is 32 gallons. Anything larger will not be taken. For additional waste disposal needs, the Borough offers garbage bags for purchase. The bags are \$2.00 each and include the cost of disposal. When you fill up a Borough bag, just put it out on your normal trash day. You will not pay any extra fees except for the purchase of the bag.

Recycling & Waste

Beaver is an environmentally friendly town. All residents are expected to take part in the town's recycling program. For your convenience, additional recycling containers are available at the Borough building. Additional recycling services are available at the Beaver County Waste facility at Brady's Run Park (724-770-2064). Visit beavercountypa.gov/waste-management for a listing of acceptable recyclable items including but not limited to: electronics, paper, glass, cardboard and used motor oil.



Building and Zoning Permits

Most construction work within the borough requires both zoning and state building applications. Since state forms are multi-copy, they cannot be placed on the Beaver Borough website; they must be picked up at the Borough office. The zoning application cannot be processed without the required state forms.

Generally, zoning and building permits are required for change of use or prior to construction activity such as rebuilding, moving, enlarging, or physically altering a building or other structure, including but not limited to:

- Major remodeling
- Changes to roofline
- Additions including garages/carports
- Fencing

- Sign
- Porch
- Deck or patio
- Swimming pool
- Storage building
- New electrical and plumbing
- Demolition

Maintenance activities, minor repairs or alterations that do not affect the basic structure of an existing building or increase the lot area coverage such as new siding, painting, re-roofing, landscaping, replacement doors or windows do not require a permit if same size.

This is not a complete listing. For specific answers to questions regarding your situation should contact Borough Zoning Officer Dan Martone at 412-292-6199.

Beaver to Once Again Host the 'Wall That Heals'

On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund unveiled a half-scale replica of the memorial in Washington, D.C., which was designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. Since its dedication, the "Traveling Wall", or the "Wall that Heals" has visited more than 350 communities throughout the nation, giving millions the opportunity to see this amazing tribute. Now, thanks to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter #862 (the largest VVA Chapter in PA and the third largest in the USA), Beaver will once again host the memorial wall from September 24-28. The opening ceremony will be on

September 24 at 7 p.m. in Quay Square. There will be various displays and vintage military vehicles on display during the week. The event will culminate with a memorial "Ride to the Wall", allowing motorcycle enthusiasts to replicate the actual ride held in D.C. each year to honor the fallen troops who served our county during Vietnam. It is with great honor that our Vietnam veterans are able to bring this memorial to the residents of Beaver once again. Don't miss this memorable event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND FURTHER UPDATES, VISIT
WWW.VVA862.ORG.

Yard Waste Disposal

Beaver offers its residents a yard waste disposal facility along the Ohio River. This facility is for the disposal of yard wastes only such as grass, weeds, and branches. The access road to the facility is located at the corner of Beaver Street and River Road. Residents wishing to use the facility must purchase an annual dumping permit at the Borough building for \$20. Facility is available to Beaver Borough residents only – no contractors.



Sidewalk Rules

All borough residents are responsible for keeping their sidewalks free of grass, weeds, snow, ice and any obstructions or dangerous conditions. Residents should contact Randy Morrow, code enforcement officer, at 724-601-9953 with any questions regarding rules governing the use and maintenance of curbs and sidewalks.



Beaver Town Yard Sale

The annual Beaver Town Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 10.

For more information, please contact Paula from Generations Photography and Gifts at 724-987-4944.



Spring Clean-Up

The annual Borough Spring Clean-up is May 17 for homes on the south side of Third Street, and May 31 for those on the north side of Third Street. Electronics will not be picked up.





Master Gardeners Annual Plant Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Located in the Irvine Park Gazebo, the sale will feature plants grown by experienced Penn State master gardeners. There will be plenty of hanging baskets, vegetables, annual seedlings, herbs, buckets of compost and garden accessories available for purchase to help achieve the garden of your dreams. The sale is free and open to the public. For more information, call 724-774-3003 or visit www.extension.psu.edu/beaver.



Memorial Day Parade

MAY 26, 10:30 AM

The annual Memorial Day parade will take place on Third Street, with a special ceremony following in the Beaver Cemetery.

Sponsored by the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation, the parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Third and Beaver streets. The parade will proceed along Third Street to the Beaver Cemetery's Receiving Vault and Chapel, where a formal program will take place honoring military veterans.

The Memorial Day parade will feature local veterans as well as the Beaver Area High School Band and JROTC, including its Fife and Drum Corps. Two re-enactor groups, the Revolutionary War-era, First Co. Fort McIntosh Garrison and Civil War-era 63rd PA regiment will also march.

Wreaths constructed by BCRC will be placed at the memorials to remember those who sacrificed their lives for our country. The parade will also include local fire departments, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and area Little League baseball teams. Children are invited to ride their decorated bikes in the annual contest sponsored by Snitger's Bike Shop. All veterans, retired or active service, are invited to march or ride in the parade.

This year's Memorial Ceremony will feature master of ceremonies Walter McDermott, president of the Beaver Area Heritage Foundation and keynote speaker Kathy R. Nairn, Director, Beaver County Veteran Affairs. Beaver Area Senior High School Class President Margaret Sestito will recite Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Patriotic music will be provided by the Beaver Area High School Band and Choir. The ceremony will conclude with a military salute performed by veterans and military re-enactors and the releasing of white doves.

For additional information, please contact Chuck Snitger at 724-728-3783.

Councilman Celebrates 25 Years as Race Director

Twenty-five years ago, Councilman Alexander Andres with a group of friends started "Charlotte's Run", a running race to raise funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America. Named in honor of his mother, who was afflicted by the illness, the race is now the oldest run in Beaver County and the longest running fundraiser for HDSA.

This year's silver anniversary 5K run will be held on Saturday, May 17, at 9 a.m. at the Beaver Valley Mall. Over 300 race participants, fans, sponsors, and volunteers are expected to turn out to support the event. Categories include individual, team, and a fun walk. Register at Lloyd's in Beaver, The Coffee Beanery at the Beaver Valley Mall, or online at firstgiving.com.

Andres resides on College Avenue. Since the race began, he has lost his mother and three siblings to this disease, including the much-publicized loss of his brother, who lived with him at his Beaver home. This community supported him in that time of grief and now has the opportunity to support him in this time of celebration. In 2011, the National HDSA organization honored him with the prestigious Marjorie Guthrie Award for Outstanding Service to the HD Community.





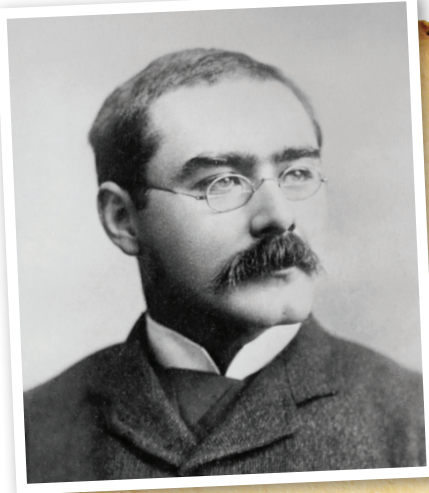
Seasonal Star Party

Sponsored by Beaver Valley Space Sciences Interest Group, the Seasonal Star Party will take place on Saturday, May 24, at the Bradys Run Park Baseball Complex on Achortown Road. View planets, double stars, galaxies and nebula through telescopes set up by members of the astronomy group. The party starts at dusk and is open and free to the public. Call 724-601-2898 for more information.



New Bike Racks

Beaver Borough is a bike-friendly town and a great place to take a leisurely ride with friends and family. The Beaver Business District Authority is installing two brand-new bicycle racks in town: one in the grassy area beside the Hostess Shoppe and one near the south side corner of College Avenue and Third Street. They are currently looking for donations to sponsor the racks. If you'd like to donate, please contact Mary Ann Peluso at 724-462-1963.



History Corner

RUDYARD KIPLING IN BEAVER COUNTY

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From the Beaver Argus, April 16, 1899

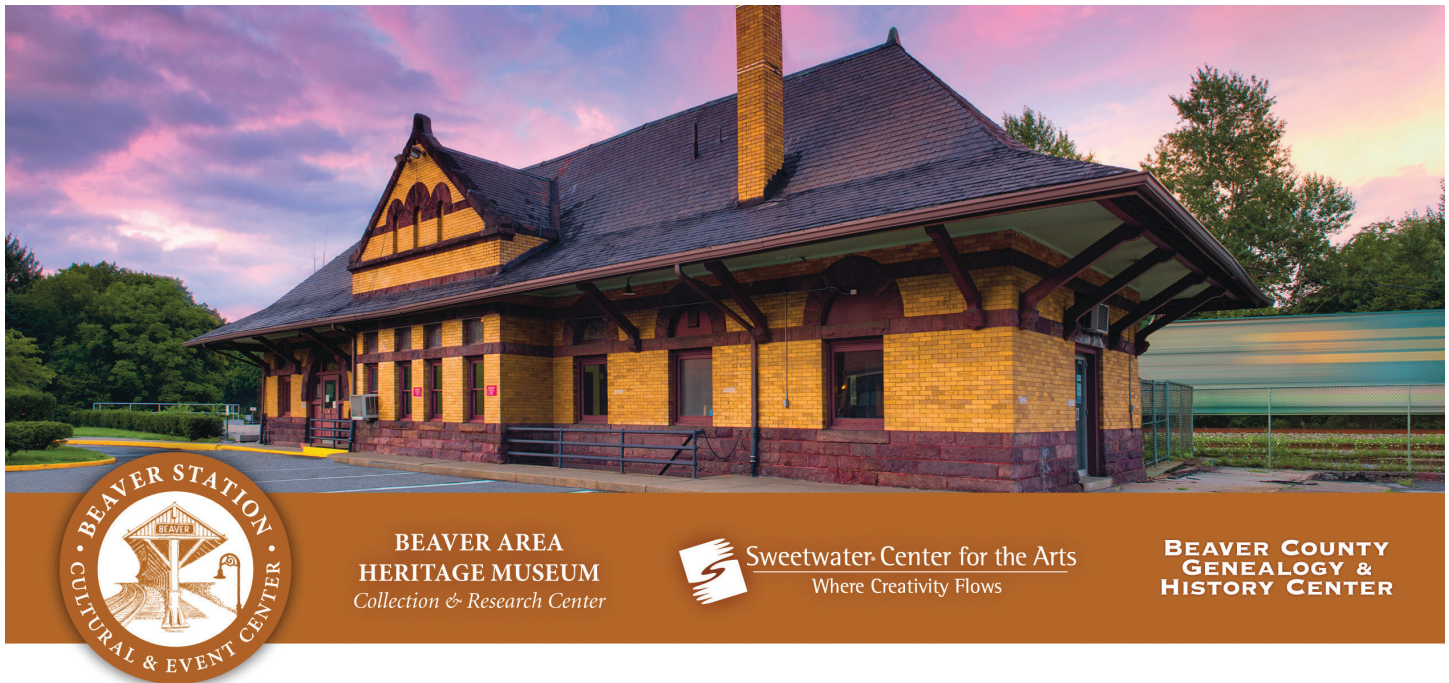
During his boyhood in India, [Kipling] lived in the town where resided a daughter of Rev. Dr. R. T. Taylor, for many years president of Beaver College. Dr. Taylor's daughter was the wife of a civil servant attache at Hyderabad, and the two families by reason of their nationality became very intimate. After Mr. Kipling had left India and was making his home in England, shortly before he took up his residence in Vermont, he came to this country on a visit and reading tour. Beaver was among the places he visited, and he put in a fortnight or more there as the guest of Dr. Taylor and other prominent families in the valley.

Many interesting anecdotes are told of him since that time. His habits were naturally much influenced by the life he had lived in India. It is related that one morning just after he arrived, a messenger was sent from the house where he was a guest to a barber in the town to have him come with his tools and shave the distinguished literateur. The knight of the razor set off post-haste, supposing that his waiting customer was ill. He found him in bed, but in remarkable spirits for one who, as he thought, was too ill to sit up. As he was about to leave, he discovered that if there was any one ill in the residence it was not Mr. Kipling, and that his presence had been required simply because the creator of "Mowgli" and his jungle friend did not like to be shaved after he arose. The barber still tells with gusto of his daily visits to the famous Englishman.

Beaver Area Heritage Museum and Log House

This season the Beaver Area Heritage Museum is hosting "Beaver Collects" – an exhibit of unique eclectic treasures from local residents. The various collections will change every few months. The 1802 Log House is also available for rental. Please call 724-775-7174 or visit beaverheritage.org for more information.





Beaver Station receives \$700,000 grant and is full steam ahead!

In late December this exciting new cultural and event center received a very tangible endorsement from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of a \$700,000 RACP grant. This, combined with over 140 private donations, takes the campaign total over \$1.6 million, assuring a completed project! Renovation is now underway; however, Beaver Area Heritage Foundation still needs an additional \$500,000 for the important finishing touches, including exterior amenities.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of something of permanent significance for our community. Please help us complete this important new Beaver County asset. Full project details are available at beaverstation.org, including an illustrated

case statement, a printable donation reply form and information on NAP tax credits for business gifts.

Interested donors can also contact Dave O'Leary at olearydavidc@gmail.com or 724-728-4099 for more information.



Beaver Municipal Pool

The 2014 Beaver Municipal Pool season will begin on Saturday, May 24th.
Hours: 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. Monday – Saturday; 12:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Sunday
(Hours subject to change in August)



Pass Type	Beaver Resident	Beaver School District Resident	Outside of Beaver School District
Student	\$75	\$90	\$105
Adult	\$90	\$105	\$115
Family of 2	\$135	\$165	\$215
Family of 3	\$195	\$225	\$275
Family of 4	\$255	\$285	\$335
Family of 5	\$305	\$355	\$405

There will be an early, 2-day sale of pool passes on Wednesday, May 14th and Thursday, May 15th. Passes will be sold at a 10% discount on these days only. Sales will be at the Beaver Municipal Pool from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. both evenings.

Also, watch for an announcement of new programs for the pool this summer. Details will be provided at a later date when all the details have been finalized.

The big news.....we will have a new diving board this year!!!

Book Sale

The annual Beaver Area Memorial Library will take place on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A presale will be held on June 6, from 5-7 (the fee for the presale is \$5.00). Most of the used books can be purchased for \$1-\$2 each. A special collectible and better books section will also be featured. On Monday, June 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a \$5-a-bag sale.

Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise Cancelled

Due to the Third Street road renovation project, this year's Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise has been cancelled. The event will return on August 1, 2015. Thanks to all those involved in the cruise. See you next year!

BAHS Grad Reps Wanted

The Beaver Area Heritage Foundation (BAHF) is looking for a representative from each graduating class from Beaver Area High School. The goal is to collect email addresses to create an email bank that would allow the BAHF to inform Beaver residents, past and present, of all the wonderful events planned for the year and all the wonderful resources now available at the train station/museum. Anyone interested should contact Tommi Wagner (Class of '67) at etw22@comcast.net

Yard Sale for a Worthy Cause

The Prudential Preferred Realty (soon to be Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices) 17th Annual Make-A-Wish Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at their office at 877 Corporation Street.

The sale will feature a little something for everyone including furniture, jewelry, small appliances, tools, books, videos, toys, seasonal items, etc. A pre-sale will take place the afternoon of Friday, June 6, from 1-3 p.m. All proceeds go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Dorothy at 724-774-2222 x 200.



Tweet! Tweet!

Beaver Borough is now officially on the Twittersphere! Follow us on Twitter today at @BeaverBoroughPA for updates on what's going on around town.



Followme!

2014 Beaver Area Chamber Events

If you are interested in sponsoring any of these events or volunteering to help in any way please contact Paula at 724-987-4944.



Monthly	THIRD THURSDAYS ON THIRD
May 10	SIDEWALK SALE/YARD SALE
June 16	BEAVER CARNIVAL
Sept. 20	BEER & WINE CRAWL
Oct. 25	HALLOWEEN HOP
Nov. 28	LIGHT-UP NIGHT

Army JROTC Snow Shoveling

This past winter the Beaver Area JROTC Battalion once again took on the project of providing snow shoveling to those who could not manage the task on their own. The focus this year was on single-family homes rather than parking lots of larger facilities, since most of those have snow removal contracts. The JROTC had two teams of cadets shoveling. The Beaver team was led by Andy Leis, who had three other cadets to help him shovel 28 separate homes in town, contributing over 100 hours of service over the course of the winter. Turner Delmaso and Kevin Fender led the newly established Vanport team, which was responsible for shoveling approximately 30 homes throughout Van Buren Homes and Tamaqui Village and consisted of five cadets contributing over 40 hours. Way to go, guys!

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Meetings

(All meetings are held in the Beaver Municipal Building, 469 3rd Street. Check beaverpa.us for dates and times.)

- Beaver Council, 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Shade Tree Commission, 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
(May meeting to be held on June 4th)
- Planning Commission, 3rd Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Business District Authority, 4th Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m.
- Civil Service Commission (meets as needed)
- Zoning Hearing Board (meets as needed)

Call For News

The Beaver Borough Newsletter is a great way to share good news with your neighbors. If you have information about an upcoming non-profit or charitable event, or if you have an idea for a story, please email it to valbrkich@gmail.com.

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