



Outbreak shows health system under strain

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Julian Wilson, 7, of Austintown, Ohio, tries his luck at the ring toss during the Big Knob Grange Fair Sept. 2.
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Crowd celebrates fun day at 2026 Big Knob Fair



LEFT: Hayden and Allison Penn along with their son, Wesley, 1, take a look at the tractors on display.



RIGHT: Siblings Taylor and Trent Brimer try out the big slide.

BEAVER COUNTY

Shell paying settlement over pollution

Patrick O'Shea
Beaver County Times
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POTTER TWP. — Shell Chemicals Appalachia LLC has agreed to pay \$15 million to settle numerous air pollution violation complaints with the state and create an environmental remediation fund at its Beaver County plastics plant.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced at 4 p.m. Sept. 4 that Shell has formally acknowledged that it has exceeded total emissions limitations for air contaminants and violated other environmental requirements between 2023 and August 2026. The \$14 billion ethane cracker plant officially went online in November 2022.

As part of its consent order and agreement with DEP, Shell agreed to pay \$7.5 million in civil penalties, with 25% directed to Potter Township, its host municipality. Shell will pay another \$7.5 million to establish a Beaver County Environment Fund to support projects that benefit the environment, health, natural resources, public safety and small businesses in Beaver County.

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BCBH victim of ransomware attack

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A Beaver County has announced it recently was the victim of a ransomware attack on its computer system.

Administrator Lisa McCoy released a statement on Sept. 4 alerting the public that Beaver County Behavioral Health

discovered the ransomware on July 8 and the agency has been working with federal law enforcement as well as third-party cybersecurity and data forensics consultants to resolve the situation.

According to the statement, the investigation has determined cyber criminals copied data from the BCBH network, including protected health information. The investigation is ongoing,

and BCBH will be conducting a thorough review of the impacted data to establish what information may have been involved, who could be affected and where those people reside so that it can provide written notice.

Based upon BCBH's preliminary review, McCoy said, it has determined

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