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New zoning officer for Dennison Township

by Ruth Isenberg

During the reorganization meeting January 4, Dennison Township supervisors named a new zoning officer. Carl Faust was named to the post previously held by Keith Wheeler. He will be paid \$500 per month.

Most other posts remained the same. Sheila Weaver will be chair this year, with Mike Mack as vice-chair. One previous planning commission

member no longer lives in the township, and supervisor Bruce Thomas refused to be reappointed, so the supervisors decided to lower the size of the board to five. Mack was appointed to a four-year term.

During the regular meeting that followed reorganization, supervisors discussed complaints received from residents of Glen Oaks about trees and debris in the creek. Residents were looking for

help to clear the stream, but no government entities will remove the material from the stream, which is in a private development. DEP will send a permit application to allow residents to use machinery to do it themselves, at their own expense.

Auditing services of \$6,000 plus expenses from Mark Yanus was accepted.

The supervisors voted to pay off the loan taken out to

renovate the township building. Interest on the loan was 4%, higher than the 1% interest township funds are earning in the PLIGIT account.

Bill Bauersfeld presented the Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company report, listing three calls for the month, for 8.75 service hours, 18 training hours, and 4 maintenance hours. For 2015, the fire company responded to 70 calls.

SNOW WAS THE STORY of the week, as Winter Storm Jonas took over the area on Saturday. We didn't receive nearly as much snow as our neighbors in the Lehigh Valley, but Weatherly, shown above, totalled about a foot. White Haven's accumulation was less, closer to 8 inches. Snow removal went on for several days in both communities.

JH: Seth Isenberg



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Editorial

Unauthorized collections

by Ruth Isenberg

Income tax time is tough enough, with assembling paperwork, fathoming forms, and finally paying. The last year or two, there's been an additional hassle. Scammers have decided taxpayers make good targets.

IRS spokespeople are clear. The IRS will not phone you and demand money—particularly not in the form of a money order or pre-paid card. The IRS issues written notifications, and gives people time to pay amounts they owe. There are appeal processes, and many steps along the way before the agency can seize property.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be an IRS agent, and demanding money, do not panic. Do not give out any information, especially social security number or bank account. The best response is to hang up, then report the call, either at www.irs.gov or by calling 800-366-4484.

For that matter, don't give that information out to anyone who calls on the phone, or sends a threatening e-mail. Legitimate businesses respect their customers, even when they are having trouble paying, and try to work with them. They do not ask for payments that cannot be tracked.

Don't fall for a scammer who is out to steal from you. And if you realize that you have been scammed, make a police report. It isn't easy to catch these crooks, as many are operating from overseas. But going public serves as a warning to others, and may help prevent others from being scammed.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the Editor are welcome on any subject. They may be mailed to 211 Main Street, White Haven PA 18661 or e-mailed to journalnews@pa.metrocast.net. Letters must include a signature, which will be published, and a phone number for verification purposes, which will not. Topics of local interest are preferred, and form letters will not be published. Preference will be given to letters sent exclusively to this publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit for clarity. Letters which could be considered slander or libel will not be published, nor will personal attacks.

From the Archives

31 years ago in

The Journal-Herald

John Lemich, proprietor of Lemich Motors on Church Street in White Haven, resigned as mayor of White Haven borough in a letter sent on January 15 due to personal business matters. He was elected in 1981 to a four year term which would have ended at the end of this year.

A temporary solution was made to the White Haven Municipal Authority's turbidity problem at the Linesville Reservoir. WHMA engineer Ron Sturgeon reported that he, employees David Quinn and Leroy Carter, and authority member Jim Wood used Wood's wrecker to stretch a cable across the reservoir, then went out in a boat to replace a new 8" intake pipe. The pipe that was removed was badly clogged.

Carbon County Judge John P. Lavelle recommended to the State Supreme Court that Magisterial District 3-4 covering the Weatherly and Beaver Meadows areas be retained. The Supreme Court had advocated elimination of one magisterial district in the county. District Judge Andrew Moisey retired this past June, and his office in Beaver Meadows was closed. The area was supposed to go to Jim Thorpe for magisterial services, but the municipalities objected. Lavelle then ordered the District Judge from Lansford to hold office hours in Beaver Meadows on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. A decision is expected to be made soon because if the district is kept, there would need to be an election this year.

The Rev. Connell A. McHugh was named to be the new pastor of Saint Patrick's Church in White Haven by Bishop James Timlin of the Scranton Diocese. McHugh was an assistant pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Hazleton.

The White Haven Youth group, facing disbanding, may yet reorganize. Some adults have stepped forward to be advisors, and there is new interest from new members.

The 1985 Chevrolet Caprice is advertised for only \$11,295 (plus tax and tags) for a 4-door, V8 with automatic transmission... 7 in stock at Fairway Motors on Route 309 north in Hazleton.

High Elevations on Route 940 is serving dinners nightly from 4 to 10:30 p.m., and lunch from noon to 4 on week-ends.

Crestwood High School's students raised \$263 for African Famine Relief and gave that money to the Wyoming Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Todd Zimmerman of Penn Lake is the Northeast PA Foul Shooting Champ. He will advance to the Elks National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot" Contest this March. Todd represented the Freeland Elks Lodge 1145, and won the 10-11 year-old boys championship on January 19 in Lansford. Brian Carter, also of Penn Lake, finished third in the contest. Both Todd and Brian are members of the White Haven Aces basketball program.

Keener's Plumbing and Heating of Weatherly is offering a sale on new tub and shower units.

From The Weatherly Herald January 28, 1965

Justin McCarthy of Weatherly won the Wycoff (Department Store) top prize at their 28th annual art show in Stroudsburg. The show had 16 artists, submitting over 250 entries. The art depicts an aerial view of the Delaware Water Gap as the artist sees it "in bright new colors."

On the front page is a photo of William "Bumps" Gregory, Jr. who showed his Black Angus steer "Clover" at the PA State Farm Show. He and his cousin, Richard Gregory, stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richie, formerly of Weatherly, while in the Harrisburg area. Clover was bought in November weighing 436 pounds. When sold at the farm show, it weighed 1,055 pounds. Bumps was a member of the Laurytown 4H Club, whose leader is John Gregory.

From The Weatherly Herald January 1935

Professor R. R. Rahn of the local high school has purchased the orchard and farm tract in the southeastern part of Weatherly from the E. R. Warner estate. Some of the choicest fruit raised in the community came from this orchard — which was a special hobby of Mr. Warner's.

Weatherly's gold-headed honor cane held by the community's oldest male resident since 1928 by Lewis Young, passes upon his death to Henry Schaefer. The custom originated by J. F. Kressley in 1907 when he bought the cane from jeweler G. W. Miller, Jr. of Weatherly.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lehigh Township Supervisors will conduct their regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month during the Year 2016, unless otherwise noted. The meeting dates and times are as follows:

Date	Time
February 1, 2016	1:00 P.M.
March 7, 2016	1:00 P.M.
April 4, 2016	7:00 P.M.
May 2, 2016	7:00 P.M.
June 6, 2016	7:00 P.M.
July 5, 2016 (Tuesday)	7:00 P.M.
August 1, 2016	7:00 P.M.
September 6, 2016 (Tuesday)	7:00 P.M.
October 3, 2016	7:00 P.M.
November 7, 2016	1:00 P.M.
December 5, 2016	1:00 P.M.

All meetings will begin at the times indicated above in the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1741 S. Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, Pa.

Carol Ann Lenahan,
Secretary

Letter to the Editor

EDITOR:

With a sincere Thank You, the White Haven Community Library would like to thank all the Artisans, Volunteers and Attendees who helped make our Quilt Show an enjoyable and successful Fundraiser for our non-profit Library.

The weather was sunny and warm for December, which helped to raise the attendance to the highest yet, for this event.

Our quilts were a beautiful addition to the Victorian backdrop of the event house supplied to us by Terry & Trish Kimmey. We thank them and the Library members, local individuals and the Quilterie, in Effort, Pa., who supplied the beautiful, one of a kind quilts.

Not to be forgotten, we are so grateful, to the hard working Library Volunteers who always go above and beyond to make our events successful.

We appreciate the donation of their time, homemade baked goods and handmade items, that added to the success of our event.

We are proud of our Library and its history, being a dying breed of disappearing Engine houses.

Since we are a non-profit, we rely on Grants, Donations and Fundraising to further our cause to finish our Engine House, while providing a place that the Community can use and be proud of.

Our major goal for 2016, is to finish our Community Room to offer a gathering place for meetings, get togethers, etc. for the public. With that in mind, we are hosting a "Hops & Grapes" event on April 30th, 2016, at St. Patrick's Church in White Haven. Watch for upcoming ads. Also, we presently have Collectable Ornaments for sale, that depict the engine house

on one side, and a description of its history on the back. In addition, for the Rail enthusiasts, there are also Engineer hats with our one of a kind patches with our logo on the front. Either item is for sale at the library. See a volunteer at the front desk to purchase either item.

If you can, stop by to see our progress and displays of local memorabilia. Again, Thank You for your continued support!

Betsy Searfoss
Fund Raising Committee
White Haven Area
Community Library

RSVP Carbon County seeks volunteers

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) of Carbon County is seeking volunteers to help in agencies/organizations in local communities. RSVP is currently looking for volunteers to help in the activity department of a local personal care facility.

This volunteer opportunity involves lending a helping

hand when residents go on trips for shopping, shows, and to restaurants. Help is also needed during activities such as bingo and other games, crafts, exercise sessions, or musical programs.

Other volunteer opportunities available are helping the American Red Cross at Blood Donor Events, Home Fire

Safety Program, and the Pillowcase Project for teaching children about fire safety and disaster preparedness. Also needed is help with the Ombudsman and the Apprise Programs administered by Carbon County Area Agency on Aging.

If you are over the age of 55 and are looking to enrich your life by volunteering, please call Carbon County RSVP at 610-509-4483 to learn more about all of the wonderful ways that you can help. If you would like to have someone speak at your next meeting or gathering, please call. To learn more about RSVP go to www.RSVPofLNC.org.

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Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe

Three Cheers for Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip

"Everyone seems to love this dip!"

No game day is complete without queso, and Sherry Monfils's Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip is a nice way to kick-up queso. The addition of bacon is great and adds some smokiness. The tomatoes with chili add a bit of heat, but not too much. Serve this is a super easy party dip with thick tortilla chips and it'll be a winner.

See step-by-step photos of Sherry's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/quesodip

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use "just a pinch"...

- Janet

Bacon Cheeseburger Queso Dip

What You Need

1 lb lean ground beef, can use ground turkey too
1 onion, diced
1 lb light Velveeta® cheese, cubed
4 oz reduced-fat cream cheese, softened and cubed
1 14.5 oz can diced tomatoes with chiles, drained
1 lb center cut bacon cooked and crumbled
1/2 c milk, you may need more
1 c shredded Mexican-style cheese

Directions

- In large skillet over medium-high heat, brown beef, drain the beef.
- Then, saute diced onion in large skillet until translucent.
- In large saucepan, melt Velveeta cheese, cream cheese and 1/2 cup milk.
- Stir over medium heat until melted.
- Add shredded Mexican cheese, beef, tomatoes and bacon. Mix until combined.
- If too thick, add a little more milk.

Submitted by: Sherry Monfils, Worcester, MA (pop. 181,045)
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Death Roll

REV. MYRON STEELE



was currently serving as interim pastor of The Presbyterian Church of White Haven.

He was a 60-year Mason and member of Irem Shrine Temple.

Preceding him in death was son Brad Jones.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kay Wharen; son and daughter-in-law Philip and Scarlet Jones of San Francisco, Cal; daughter and son-in-law Michal and Paul Markwith of Kingston; three grandchildren; sister L. Myrl Young of Dallas; a nephew and a niece.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Blakeslee United Methodist Church, Blakeslee, with the Rev. Joseph Healey officiating. Burial will be private, at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are by the Lehman Family Funeral Service of White Haven.

The Rev. Myron (Mike) E. Steele, 83, of White Haven died Saturday, January 21, 2016 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

A son of the late Myron and Evaline Simoson Steele, he was born in Larksville, and earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary. Prior to retirement he was pastor of the Lattimer United Methodist Church for many years, and

DANIEL ACKERS

Daniel F. Ackers, 76, of Effort died Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg.

A son of the late Leo and Mary Geshel Ackers, he was born November 12, 1939 in White Haven, and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of White Haven.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and prior to retirement had been employed for 34 years as a printer for the Bemis Co. of West Hazleton.

Preceding him in death was sister Dorothy Herbener.

Surviving are his wife of 42 years, the former Janet Knecht; son and daughter-in-law Daniel P. and Joanne Ackers of Scotrun, daughter and son-in-law Allison and Michael Moretz of Gilbert, a grandson; brothers and sister-in-law Gordon and Beverly Ackers, and Leo Ackers, of White Haven; sisters and brother-in-law Leona Ackers and Elaine Smith of White Haven, Mary Alice and John Quinn of Torrington, Conn.; nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held Tuesday at Gilbert, with the Rev. Robin Fisher officiating. Burial with military honors was in Hillside Memorial Cemetery, Effort.

Memorial donations may be made to Effort United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 545, Effort, PA 18330.

WACL to train volunteers

As the Weatherly Area Community Library prepares

for its opening, library hours will be set up and announced.

If you would be interested in volunteering at the library for a few hours each week, call the library at 570-427-5085 and leave a message. We will get back to you with information about our next library volunteer training.



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Weatherly Community Lenten Services listed

The Weatherly Area Community Lenten Services, sponsored by the Weatherly Area Ministerium, will take place as follows.

- **February 10—Ash Wednesday** at 7 p.m. at the Centenary Methodist Church with Holy Communion and Ashes. The Rev. Dawn Richie will be the speaker. Catholic Services will be at Our Lady of Lourdes.
- **February 17—Soup and Sandwich meal** at 6 p.m. at the Zions Lutheran Church, with worship at 7 p.m. The Rev. Charles Englehart will be the speaker.
- **February 24—Soup and Sandwich meal** at 6 p.m. at the St. Matthews UCC and Lutheran Church, with worship at 7 p.m. The Rev. Fr. Floyd Caesar will be the speaker.

- **March 2—Soup and Sandwich meal** at 6 p.m. at the Salem UCC church, with worship at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Lay Pastor Regina Lash.
- **March 9—Soup and Sandwich meal** at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with worship at 7 p.m. Speaker will be Albert Titus.
- **March 16—Soup and Sandwich meal** at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The Rev. Glen Hueholt will be the speaker. The Weatherly Area Community Choir will provide special music at each of the services. **Good Friday service** will take place at 1 p.m. beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Those who wish will carry the cross and process to the Centenary Methodist Church for a closing Prayer Service.

Lions selling Easter Flowers

The Weatherly Lions Club is selling beautiful vanHoeklen flowers for Easter.

Orders are being accepted now through Thursday, March, for: 6" tulips with 6 blooms, \$6; 6" hyacinths with 3 blooms, \$6; 6" lillies with 5 blooms, \$7; and 8" bulb garden with tulips, hyacinth and doffodils, \$9. No special color choices are available.

Pick up flowers on Friday, March 11 at the Weatherly borough office between 5 and 7 p.m.

To order call Bonnie at 570-427-8222, Teresa at 570-427-4321, or Chris at 570-427-4028, or pick up an order form at the borough office Weatherly Pharmacy, or TJ's One Stop, or leave a message on the club's Facebook page.

Chocolate Easter Egg sale

The Centenary United Methodist Church of Weatherly will hold their annual homemade Easter Egg Sale on March 18 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 – 6 p.m.

Varieties include buttercream, coconut cream, peanut butter, peanut butter roll,

and assorted. Cost is \$8 for a 1 lb. box.

To order, call Joan 570-427-8222, Joyce 570-427-8987, or Shirley 570-427-4652. You can also leave a message at the church by calling 570-427-8091.

Deadline is March 6.

Kidder part-time officers to see pay increase

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Reevaluating part-time officer pay rates during the January 21 Kidder Township meeting resulted in a 70¢ hourly increase for the force. Chief Matthew Kuzma reported surrounding areas pay up to \$18 per hour. Supervisor Thomas LaFond explained population played a part in proposing the \$16 per hour rate.

Philip Shedaker was appointed the department's newest part-time officer to fill in the void left by Brian Dale-sandro's resignation. In December, Michael Chica was appointed as a full-time police officer.

An effort to save money resulted in supervisors admitting the company hired to perform garbage bill bulk mailing "goofed it up." With many residents

left holding the bag on when to send payments, it was agreed a March 15 extension was in order.

White Haven Area Library's request for donation was met with supervisors uncertain over budget designation. Former supervisor Larry Polansky noted a \$250 donation was discussed, "based on the large population in the Golden Oaks area who use that library." A 3-2 vote with Thomas Bradley and newly elected supervisor Bruce Berger opposed approved the donation.

Bradley remains chairperson, elected at the January 4 reorganization, with LaFond vice-chair, as well as police chair. Berger was named Roadmaster.

Supervisors Bradley, LaFond, Berger, Frank Pieri and Barbara Franzosa,



Kidder Township holds its January regular meeting, the first for new supervisors Bruce Berger and Barbara Franzosa. From left are Berger, Thomas LaFond, Thomas Bradley, Frank Pieri, and Franzosa. JPK: Hofbauer Strategies

business manager Lisa Klem, secretary/treasurer Suzanne Brooks, solicitor Dan Miscavige and approximately 30 members of the public attended.

Kidder Township's next meeting is at 7 p.m. February 18 at the Township Municipal Building on Lake Avenue in Lake Harmony.

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

Our FREEDOM is FREE IF YOU HAVE A LICENSE

Dealing with the snow is difficult, so Iraq War veteran Justin Anderson converted his tracked wheelchair for double duty. By adding a plow and a lever control, he is able to clear snow with ease. Not only does this disabled veteran use it to clear his driveway, he also helps by clearing the sidewalks for his neighbors. This man is a hero who bravely served our country, and is now a good-Samaritan who makes life easier for his neighbors and safer for the kids.

But that's what veterans do, find a way to overcome and remain productive, right? No, he is not licensed and does not have a permit. So against public outcry, bureaucrats are looking into the legality of the community service of this vet—who has had a leg amputated and is fighting brain cancer. One official remarked his snow clearing is not needed—there are plenty of kids with snow shovels looking for work.

What has happened to all the kids who took advantage of the snow to earn money? They are not there any-

more, but don't blame the kids. In America now, to pursue even a very small business, you must have filled out the proper form and been extorted by the proper bureaucrat and paid your share.

Here is a story from nearby: two high school seniors went door-to-door offering snow shoveling services because school was closed and instead playing XBOX they decided to earn some money. Out in the storm the neighborhood's people were glad to see them, especially the elderly and they were doing great. Then along came the police, who put an end to the "unapproved business." The cost for these 17 year olds to shovel your driveway in that town is a license of \$450. Freedom is not free, and enterprising youth cannot work. Neighborhoods who support and appreciate kids helping in the storm do not matter. Police hate to enforce oppressive laws like these, but have to. So it is easy to blame the "LAZY" kids, not the excessive government and the political parasites.

The parasites are already looking to require the veteran to have lights and

licensing on his snow plow wheelchair against the wishes of the people who rally around him, as well as kids who believe in the American way.

When will big Government be too big? When will the wishes of "we the people" matter? When will the common good outweigh the need for political hacks to get his name on another new law we don't need? All these questions—all hard to answer, but one thing for sure is that nothing will happen until those elected by us again realize they are there not for personal gain, not for bloated pay checks, pensions, and perks. They should be there to serve and represent us who pulled that voting lever and put them there.

So long as they can tell us what we should like, what we should eat (etc.), we are doomed. When they have to spend billions of dollars to convince us why they need a second term instead showing us their value during their first, we are doomed to serve them.

Finally, when those we elect convince us "it's the kids' fault for not working," it is really time to start listening closer. The veteran and kids should

be applauded and encouraged, not threatened and discouraged—but that's how they want us as citizens, uninformed and unaware. Keep quiet so the Government will take care of you.

We as citizens should vote to make a few new laws about voting. Here's one idea, post this message in halls with voting stations: "CAUTION, politicians can be hazardous to your rights and freedom, read about them carefully before re-electing."

The veteran above proves that like water, our American spirit can only be held back before so long, we will find a way.

Weatherly Egg Hunt set

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Weatherly Lions Club and the Weatherly Community Chest will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Children ages 2 through 8 may participate.

WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Monday, February 1
Kidder Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting — 6:30 p.m. — Lehigh Tannery Fire House
W.H. Recreation Board Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 2
Groundhog Day (Candlemas) W.H. Volunteer Fire Company Meeting — 7:30 p.m. — Fire Company Meeting Room

Wednesday, February 3
Dennison Township Board of Supervisors Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Township Municipal Building
K. of C. Council 10616 Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — St. Patrick's Parish Center

Thursday, February 4
W.H. Area Senior Citizens Meeting — 1:00 p.m. — V.F.W. Post 6615
East Side Borough Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Borough Building

Every Thursday & Monday Except Holidays
Joy Through Movement — 10:00 a.m. — W.H. United Methodist Church

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays
Scrabble Club — 6:30 p.m. — White Haven Area Community Library

Every Friday Except Fifth Friday & Holidays
W.H. Food Pantry — 10:00 a.m. to Noon — Rear, Hickory Hall, White Haven Center

Every Friday, Monday & Wednesday Except Holidays
Free Community Lunch — Serving 11:30 a.m. to Noon — St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall

Every Saturday
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - 7:00 p.m. — St. Patrick's Parish Center

Every Sunday
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - 7:00 p.m. — Mountainview Community Church

Every Tuesday
Al-Anon Meeting — 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. — Presbyterian Church of W.H.

Every Third Tuesday Except Holidays
Book Club — 7:00 p.m. — White Haven Area Community Library

Every Wednesday Except Holidays
Stretch & More — 10:00 a.m. — St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Happy New Year from WH Lions Club

Happy New Year from the White Haven Lions Club - we are very much looking forward to continuing in 2016 with a tradition of more than 75 years of service to our local community.

Our Club recently reviewed the list of causes we supported in 2015, including, but not limited to: the White Haven Food Pantry, White Haven Community Library, two local domestic violence shelters, Homeless Veterans, White Haven and Dennison Township Fire Departments, White Haven Ambulance Association, White Haven Summer Recreation Program, American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, local Giving Tree and Holiday Meal Programs, SPCA, White Haven Sports Association, and more.

We provide at least two \$1,000 Scholarships each year, and most years we are able to supplement those with additional scholarships.

As situations arise, we also provide donations to individuals and families seeking help with such needs as disaster relief, eyeglass purchase, medical expenses, home heating, and more. Each year we sponsor the Halloween Parade, which is an event with a long tradition of bringing our community together for a great day of fun and enjoyment.

The important work of the White Haven Lions is only made possible by our group of dedicated Lions and Volunteers, as well as the continued generosity of you, the many selfless individuals and businesses in our community who support these efforts. You make a true impact in terms of helping those in need. Please accept our most sincere thanks for all you have done and continue to do to make a difference.

To ensure continued success in its mission, the White Haven Lions Club could re-

ally use the help of additional members and volunteers. We work hard, with each member of volunteer contributing what they can. However, we also enjoy a good deal of comradery and have a lot of fun. We take this opportunity to invite interested persons to come out and see what we're all

about. Those with potential interest in Lions membership, or simply helping out here and there as a Volunteer, are invited to call Joe Quinn at 570-977-4368, or talk to any Lion. We look forward to hearing from you.

Spaghetti dinner Feb. 17

V.F.W. Post 6615 of White Haven will hold an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, February 17 at the post home. Cost is \$8 per person, with serving from 4 to

7 p.m. Take-outs will also be available at \$8.50 each. For more information call 570-443-3333.

White Haven Lions 2016 events

The White Haven Lions Club is pleased to announce dates for their annual Spaghetti Supper and Golf Tournament events in 2016.

The all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Supper will be held on April 19 from 3:30-7 p.m. at the Saint Patrick's Church

Parish Center. The annual White Haven Lions Golf Tournament will be held on August 1 at the Mountain Laurel Golf Club.

Please stay tuned for additional Club announcements throughout the year.

Readers—want your organization's activities featured in these pages? Send news tips, press releases and photos to the editor at journalruth@pa.metrocast.net, or call 570-443-9131 xt304.

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WEATHERLY THIS WEEK

Thursday, January 28

Senior Citizens Friendship Club Meeting – 1:30 p.m. – Salem U.C.C.

Bingo Night – 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.) – Tweedle Park

Friday, January 29

Unbaked Pizza Sale – 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. – American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 Post Home

Sunday, January 31

W.A.H.S. Senior Parents Bingo – 1:00 P.M. (Doors at Noon) – W.A. Middle School Gym

Monday, February 1

American Legion Post 360 Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Post Home

Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors Meeting – 1:00

p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 2

Groundhog Day (Candlemas) Packer Township Board of Supervisors Meeting – 6:00

p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Weatherly Lions Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Borough Building

L & L Fire Company Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Fire House, Laurytown

Wednesday, February 3

Weatherly Area School Board Caucus Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – W.A. Middle School

Thursday, February 4

Weatherly Rotary Club Dinner Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Weatherly Country Inn

Every Thursday

State Representative Doyle Heffley Outreach Office – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Weatherly Borough Building

Celebrates 94th birthday

Agnes Limberg, a resident at Heritage Hill Senior Community, Weatherly, celebrated her 94th birthday last week.

Born in Easton on January 22, 1922, Agnes was married to Laird Limberg for 32 years until his death in 1972.

Agnes has eight children: Michael Limberg, Hazleton; Dorothy Moser, Wayne; Karen Wright, Neschanic Station New Jersey; Mary Thompson, New Tripoli; Patricia Limberg, Colle-



ville, Texas; Diane Piparata, Easton; Laird Limberg, San Diego, California, and Jeffrey Limberg, Mesa, Arizona. She has 17 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Agnes worked for Pomeroy's Department Store and Binney & Smith Crayola Factory, both in Easton.

Her hobbies include crossword puzzles and traveling. She has visited Aruba, Alaska, Germany, Italy, Hawaii, and Mexico.

Agnes is a member of St. Jane Frances De Chantel Church, Palmer Township.

Do not put electronic devices out for garbage

Weatherly residents are reminded that electronic devices such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, televisions, and tablets can-

not be placed out at the curb for garbage pickup.

Weatherly borough will be holding another electronic recycling day on June 25. Res-

idents may choose to hold on to electronics until that time.

Details regarding the recycling day will be advertised closer to the date of the event.

Senior Menu

Week of February 1:

Monday: Menu not announced.

Tuesday: Roast pork, boiled potatoes, cabbage & apples, roll, ambrosia.

Wednesday: Chicken Marsala, red potatoes, green & wax beans, roll, peaches.

Thursday: Fish with tomatoes, au gratin potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, roll, cookie.

Friday: Vegetable soup, Swiss steak, buttered noodles, peas & onions, fruit salad.

Gertrude Hawk Candy sale

The Weatherly Music Parents annual Gertrude Hawk Easter candy sale began this week.

All orders will be due back

to the middle and high school offices by February 8.

Checks or money orders only may be made payable to the Weatherly Music Parents.

Salem UCC annual congregational meeting

Salem United Church of Christ's annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday following the 9:30

a.m. worship service. Members are asked to attend because several important topics will be discussed.

Soup sale

The White Haven St. Paul's Lutheran women will hold a beef vegetable soup sale February 6. Cost is \$7.50 a quart. Deadline to order will be February 3.

Pick up will take place between 2-3 p.m. on February 6 at the parish hall.

Please call Alma Clymer at 570-443-9116 to place your order.

Tweedle Park Bingo today

Bingo will be held today, January 28, at Tweedle Park in Weatherly. Doors open at 6 p.m. with bingo starting at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

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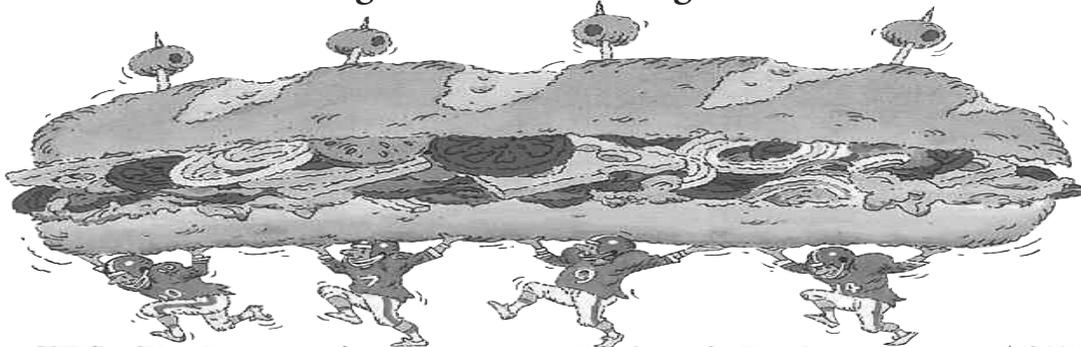
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A check for \$25,000 was presented to the Weatherly Area Community Library by the First Federal Charitable Foundation on January 21.

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and work in our communities. It continually serves the needs of its communities by actively seeking community development opportunities to support educational, civic, health, human services, social, and cultural organizations that address these objectives. For that, we are thankful," said Sue Ann Gerhard, president of the WACL.

Participating in the check presentation (from left) were Rev. Robert Von-Frisch, Treasurer, WACL; Sue Ann Gerhard, president, WACL; Megan Kennedy, executive director, FFCF; John Raynock, Board of Directors, FFCF; Ruth Isenberg, Vice president, WACL; and Tony Cusatis, president, FFCF.

WAHS Senior Parents to host bingo fundraiser

The Weatherly Area High School Senior Parents will host a bingo fundraiser on January 31 at the Weatherly Area Middle School cafeteria. Doors will open at noon with the first game being played at 1 p.m.

Tickets may still be purchased in advance at \$20 each. You can purchase the tickets by calling Jody Hoff-

man at 570-582-9665, Missy Isom at 570-582-7196, Jenn Solonowski at 570-578-0743, or any senior parent. Tickets may also be bought at the door for \$25 each.

There will be refreshments for sale and tricky trays will be raffled off at the conclusion of the event.

All funds raised will be used to pay for the All Night Party

to be held for the graduating seniors following commencement in June.

Volunteers are needed to work at bingo and the food stand. The group is also looking for donations of food. Call Isom if you can help.

Snow date for the event is February 14.

Earns master's degree from Temple University



Kathleen Marie Gerhard, daughter of Commissioner Tom J. and Sue Ann Ger-

hard of Weatherly, graduated on December 17 from the Temple University School of Social Work program with a Master of Science degree in Social Work.

She is a 2002 graduate of Marian Catholic High School, Tamaqua, and a 2006 graduate of Misericordia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work.

Gerhard currently resides in Clarks Summit, and has accepted a position with Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Wilkes Barre.

Weatherly UMC Lenten choir rehearsals and service dates

Weatherly Ecumenical Community Choir Lenten rehearsals will begin on February 1 at 7 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. All are welcome to join.

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Art Spotlight

by **Stephanie Grega**

Through its movement and motion, dancing is an art which transcends both the dancer and the audience into another world- one that contains a sense of belonging and strong emotion. At the Hafia and Choreo Debut for the Baretoes Belly Dancers, artist Abby Myers belly danced to a rhythmic Indian beat, as the electrically energetic audience of the Baretoes Yoga Studio of Tamaqua clapped along to the rhythm.

Myers serves as an advocate for this art form, which many people have stigmatized over the years as unwholesome. "The stigma has to do with historical connotations, particularly from the 19th and 20th centuries, which have marred this beautiful dance. What is unknown to many outside the belly dance world, is that there are so many different styles of belly dance. For example, there is Egyptian, Turkish, American Cabaret, Folkloric, and my personal favorites- the tribal styles and tribal fusion. Each style has its own unique history and cultural influences." said Abby.

She was drawn to the art since childhood, after trying out belly dance workouts she found on TV. "Six years ago, I decided to take it more seriously, and haven't stopped since. I was really lucky to be living in State College at the time, where there is a large belly dance community...I could never sit still, and was always dancing around the house since I was a kid. Belly dancing lets me burn energy, yet doesn't feel like exercise. I find myself with fitness goals related to my dance practice, so I'm continually training -but without the drudgery of normal exercise. I can also get technical with it, by studying the mechanics of belly dance movement." continued Myers.

The artist likes to use dancing as a way to creatively express different parts of herself that she wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity to express in everyday life. She enjoys bringing her love of jewelry, costume design/creation, and makeup artistry into the mix. Abby was a member of the Weatherly Area High School Band, and has always loved music and music theory. Belly dancing gives her a change to experiment with different music styles and exotic time signatures.

She makes jewelry and costume pieces for the troop's performances. "Anything tribal or primitive appeals to me, so I love using natural objects for my jewelry such as coffee beans, stones, twigs, and bones. I also love finding and using random bits and baubles I find in old drawers, flea markets, or the ground. Other random places I draw inspiration from are Alphonse Mucha, Star Trek, and old movies/ TV (while denoting the artistic liberties of the time)."

"I started making jewelry more in high school as a result of two things- I didn't have money to buy jewelry and I didn't like the items sold in stores. Most of it felt



Abby Myers belly dances at the Baretoes Yoga Studio.

Photo by Stephanie Grega



Abby models a peacock blue handmade belly dancing hip scarf.

empty, and didn't express my soul." Today, she loves to scour discount racks of costume jewelry to find pieces to break apart and turn into other creations.

Since she works in a very technical science field, she finds the creativity of art very balancing.

"I enjoy viewing and creating art as a way to relax. I feel complete as a person when I have both art and science in my life. I've been interested in art as



Pixie, one of Abby's cats, models her handmade shell necklace.

Photo by Abby Myers



A stunning belly dance charm necklace, made by Abby.

Photo by Abby Myers

long as I can remember. My mom is an artist, and her and my grandpa were always encouraging creativity in me since childhood. I enjoy thinking abstractly, and the continual process of figuring out how I communicate or bring an abstract idea into the physical dimension."

Abby says her mother constantly comments on how belly dancing is the one and only thing she has never grown tired or bored of. "It really is impossible to get bored with this art form, whether you are dancing, crafting, or researching its rich history. This art form is so rich, and encompasses everything I love, including dancing, crafting, music, history, and communication." concluded Myers.

For more information on this art form, visit <http://www.thenittygrittyguide.com/#!blog/c1hxz> and scroll down to "The Sacred Dance: Healing and Bringing Woman Together."

To view Abby's jewelry and crafting page, visit <https://www.etsy.com/shop/NakedElfe>.

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JANUARY 29, Friday – Unbaked Pizza Sale, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360, Weatherly

JANUARY 31, Sunday – Bingo, sponsored by Weatherly Area High School Senior Parents

FEBRUARY 5, Friday – Clothing Giveaway, sponsored by Freeland Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 7, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, White Haven

FEBRUARY 7, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire Company

FEBRUARY 7, Sunday – Pizza & Wing Sale, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

FEBRUARY 9, Tuesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven (Tuesday February only)

FEBRUARY 13, Saturday – Meatloaf Dinner, sponsored by Blakeslee Community Center

FEBRUARY 14, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Silver Ridge Hunting Club, Weatherly

FEBRUARY 17, Wednesday – Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by V.F.W. Post 6615, White Haven

FEBRUARY 20, Saturday – Cherry Festival, sponsored by Salem United Church of Christ, Weatherly

FEBRUARY 21, Sunday – Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

FEBRUARY 28, Sunday – Bingo, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

MARCH 2, Wednesday – Pierogie Sale, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church (Also Wednesdays March 9 & 16)

MARCH 9, Wednesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven

MARCH 18, Friday – Ham Raffle, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

APRIL 1, Friday – Awards Dinner, sponsored by White Haven Chamber of Commerce

APRIL 26, Tuesday – Election Day Dinner, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church

AUGUST 26 & 27, Friday & Saturday – Weatherly Festival

This column is open to all organizations in the Weatherly, White Haven, Freeland, Albrightsville, Blakeslee, Conyngham/Drums, Lake Harmony & Mountain Top areas. If your organization is planning a fund-raising activity, or other special event open to the public, you may have it listed by calling 443-9131. There is no charge for this service.

Cinderella's Closet dress sale

Noreen O'Boyle of the Frackville Rotary Club announced that the next Cinderella's Closet sale will be held on February 28 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Black Diamond Antique section of the Schuylkill Mall.

Formal dresses are \$10 each. Purses, shoes, and accessories are \$1 each.

Cinderella's Closet is a project initiated by Jessica Dalton when she was a student at North School Junior-Senior High School. Dalton asked the Frackville Rotary to continue this service upon her graduation from high school.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Thoughts while snow shoveling:

At the start when going out to face fully covered sidewalks and driveway, "This isn't too heavy. At least it's light and fluffy." After about 20 minutes, this becomes, "Gee, have I cleared that little?" After about a half hour, "I can do this," followed by "That'll do; I'll widen it later."

I did get paths done on the sidewalks, and the driveway open to get the truck out. I didn't finish the driveway, or fully clear the snows around the office. As of today – deadline day for this newspaper – I still have snow in the middle of the office sidewalk, but have widened the walking paths. Our neighbor has not connected a path through the snows on the sidewalks on their lot, so the block above us is only good for a walk

in the street.

Local crews did a pretty good job plowing the roads, even in the areas of the big snows. In the south part of our readers area, some people were dealing with over two feet of snow.

We lost a few locals with the

big snow, shoveling and from crashes. Not all is bright and white.

On Sunday Ruth and I, after doing more digging out from Saturday's storm, we had to take a drive to look at our snow-blanketed area. The little deli-

Journal-Herald Sports

White Haven Little League registration dates

White Haven Little League sign-ups are set for the 2016 baseball season. All sign-ups will take place at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. The league is accepting boys and girls ages 4-15 years of age. You must turn age 4 prior to August 31, 2016 to be eligible.

Fees are as follows: 1st child-\$40, 2nd child - \$35, 3rd child or more- \$30. Babe Ruth Fee: is \$75, and Concession Stand fee is \$25 per family.

Participants are asked to bring two separate checks- one

for the registration fee and one for the concession stand fee. Cash will be accepted.

The concession stand check will be given back if you work all your scheduled shifts. If you do not work your scheduled shifts, then the league will deposit your check.

Registration dates are January 28 from 6:30-8 p.m., January 30 from 1-2:30 p.m.,

February 11 from 6:30-8 p.m., February 21 from 9-10:30 a.m., and February 27 from 1-2:30 p.m.

cate frostings of snowfalls of the previous weeks are now buried with snowfalls from six inches to over a foot hereabouts. We thought that if we timed our ride to listen to the Patriots-Broncos playoff game that we could also get our dog, Chess, out for a walk. My timing allowed us to reach the center of Hickory Run State Park by halftime, and we chose to walk on the road to Boulder Field. In the wintertime this road is closed to be enjoyed by snowmobilers in weather like this. I counted on the fact that snowmobilers would have packed the snow for us to walk upon.

There was lots of deep snow in the woods and along the edges where the snowmobiles did not track, so Chess spent her time bounding through it. She spotted a fallen branch, and picked it up and brought it back to show me, then went bouncing off. We played stick all the way up the hill, and then all the way back to the truck. We climbed the hill and enjoyed a beautiful view through the trees of the setting sun amidst light clouds.

The snow defined last week. This weeks looks better, with a bonus of local Penguins hockey in the mix including a game Saturday night.

I'm upset about the Patriots' loss—there were two chances for them to win it, and they wouldn't kick a field goal. So I'm at the end of my fan rope a bit. I guess I'm going to root for Car-

olina in the Super Bowl – so I'll keep the fan fires burning a bit longer.

I keep tabs on UConn women's basketball – now with the third longest win streak in NCAA history. Odd thing about this is that the longest and second longest streaks are also the Huskies' from past groups of players. That's a tribute to the common thread, their coach, Geno Auriemma. Also on the "cool" side are the candidates for the Olympic basketball team, with lots of former Huskies and one current one, the team's awesome center, Brianna Stewart. Congrats to all.

Penn State's men's hockey team is doing well this year. They are doing great as a new program, winning against some of the nation's most powerful hockey programs. The future is bright for them.

This Friday night, we will be at the Jeff Dunham performance enjoying his comedy. Saturday eve we'll be cheering the Penguins. On Sunday afternoon, we plan to go to the 40 Story Radio Tower show in Jim Thorpe. The group of locals who put this monthly performance on really gets energized from the support of an audience. Tickets are only \$10 – the doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the show starts at 4. Local guitar maestro Craig Thatcher with his electric violinist sidekick Nyke Van Wyke is the featured musical act, so this month's edition will be extra good. See you there?



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Ritsick surpasses Madl as all-time scoring leader at Crestwood

by Steve Stallone, Sports Editor
When Crestwood senior Maddie Ritsick became the school's all-time leading scorer in girls basketball last Thursday, it was a milestone that even the two-time all-state selection had to stop and say "wow" to. Ritsick didn't pass just anybody when she scored her 1,487th point on a 3-point field goal against Tunkhannock. She moved past Diane Madl, who not only was the all-time leader in points, but one of Crestwood's most decorated athletes ever.

A three sport standout in high school, Madl was the biggest star to emerge from the Comets field hockey program back in the mid-1980s. The 1985 graduate went on to an All-American field hockey career at UConn and played for the United States in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. "I knew she was an Olympic field hockey player and basketball was her second sport, but she was one of the great athletes in the history of our school," Ritsick said about Madl, who just happens to be a family friend. Madl and Maddie's mother are close friends, and were in contact with each other over the weekend.

"She called my mom and congratulated me," Ritsick said. "It really didn't hit me yet, but (30 years) is such a big deal, and she was such a great player. It's cool to have your name out there with hers." Ritsick entered the game at Tunkhannock needing 13 points to tie Madl, and was not aware that she had done it when she knocked down a 3-pointer. "I don't keep track of my numbers during a game, but when coach called time out to stop the game, it was a moment of excitement," she said. "My teammates gave me high-fives and I was really excited." Ritsick will be recognized formally at an upcoming home game, and said she hopes to keep the record "for a while."

The fact that Ritsick was able to get the record was in itself remarkable. She accomplished the feat while still working her way back from ACL and MCL surgery after suffering a serious knee injury just 11 months ago during Crestwood's playoff win over Lake-Lehman. But she has come back with a vengeance. After rehabbing the knee for nine long months, she was back on the court for the Lady Comets' first practice and started on opening night, scoring 22 points and leading her team to a win over Meyers.

"It was my goal to be back by the beginning of the season, so I made that," she said. "By the one-year point, I'm hoping to be 100 percent, and hopefully a little before that." While she admittedly isn't back to 100 percent yet, she is getting close. She has scored at least 22 points in each of the Lady Comets' last six games, leading to four wins and keeping them within striking distance of the Wyoming Valley Conference leaders.

In fact, the Lady Comets have been one of the WVC's surprise teams this season, winning seven of their last 10 games overall after a 1-5 start. The return to form of Ritsick has been a big part of it. She is averaging an area-best 21.3 points

Crestwood Girls Basketball

per game, reaching double-digits in rebounds, knocking down shots from the outside (24 3-pointers) and is once again making a killing at the free throw line. She has been to the line a whopping 163 times, making 121 (74 percent).

Crestwood has also benefitted by strong play from the likes of Julia Makowski, Kate Snipas, Sara Hopkins, Marlee Dillon, Abbie Macko and Emily Shiplett. Makowski (6.8 ppg) has caught fire in recent weeks, reaching double figures in three of her last four games while averaging better than nine points per game in conference play. Snipas (7.6 ppg) has 23 3-pointers.

The Lady Comets cooled off a red-hot Dallas team (51-38) and handled Berwick (65-50) during WVC first-half play, and took both Pittston Area and Valley West to the wire before losing by four and six points, respectively.

Although at 5-3 they trail conference leaders Hazleton Area (7-1) and Pittston Area (7-1), the Lady Comets can certainly have a say in who wins it. They still have games remaining with both teams, as well as Valley West (6-2). And, at 8-8 over-

all, they can also improve on their seeding for the upcoming District 2 Class 3A playoffs. After all, a rugged early-season schedule and the rigors of WVC play have prepared them for what could be an extended post-season stay.

"I think we're going to make a great showing in the second half of the season," Ritsick predicted, saying team goals have always been at the forefront of her thinking. "I wasn't worried about individual statistics, I was more worried about the team

and what we could accomplish together. Making a run in the playoffs would be more important than any record."

The Lady Comets continued that push on Monday, beating Coughlin 61-25 behind Ritsick's game-high 22 points that included three triples and a 7-for-7 showing at the free throw line. Snipas chipped in 11 points, one of 10 Lady Comets to reach the scoring column.

Crestwood will be at Pittston Area on Thursday, and return home to host Hazleton Area next Monday. **CRESTWOOD (61)** Ritsick 6 7-7 22, Snipas 4 0-0 11, Dillon 3 0-0 6, Makowski 2 0-2 5, Shipton 2 0-0 4,

Hopkins 2 0-0 4, Murphy 1 2-2 4, Cuono 1 0-0 3, Shiplett 0 1-2 1, Termini 0 1-2 1, Andrews 0 0-0 0, Magin 0 0-0 0, Muse 0 0-1 0, Uhl 0 0-0 0, Macko 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 11-16 61.

COUGHLIN (25) Robinson 4 2-2 10, Curtis 2 2-4 6, Poray 2 0-0 4, Phillips 0 3-8 3, Meager 1 0-0 2, Cicon 0 0-2 0, Sherry 0 0-0 0, Ryan 0 0-0 0, Salinas 0 0-0 0, Carnell 0 0-0 0. Totals: 9 7-16 25.

Crestwood.....18 23 14 6 - 61
Coughlin..... 9 5 7 4 - 25
Three-pointers: Ritsick 3, Snipas 3, Cuono, Makowski.

Crestwood 70, Tunkhannock 28 - Ritsick reached her scoring milestone, and helped Crestwood to close out the first half of conference play at 4-3 with last Thursday's win in Tunkhannock. Makowski contributed 11 points to the victory.

CRESTWOOD (70) Ritsick 8 3-5 22, Makowski 5 1-2 11, Shipton 3 1-2 7, Snipas 2 2-3 7, Macko 3 0-0 6, Muse 3 0-0 6, Hopkins 1 2-2 5, Cuono 2 0-2 4, Dillon 1 0-0 2, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Shiplett 0 0-0 0, Andrews 0 0-0 0, Termini 0 0-2 0. Totals: 28 9-13 70.

TUNKHANNOCK (28) Hardy 3 2-4 8, Faux 2 0-0 6, Rossi 2 2-6 6, Frisco 1 1-3 3, Ritz 1 0-2 2, Avery 1 0-1 2, Barber 0 1-2 1, Manglaviti 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 6-17 26.

Crestwood.....16 16 27 11 - 70
Tunkhannock.....13 5 7 3 - 28
Three-pointers: Ritsick 3, Snipas, Hopkins, Faux 2.

Wyoming Valley West 56, Crestwood 50 - Colleen Cwalina scored 17 points to lead Valley West past Crestwood last week. Jordan Reilly added 14 and Erin Gibbons finished with 13 for the Spartans.

Ritsick scored a game-high 25 points and Makowski added 12 for Crestwood.

CRESTWOOD (50) Ritsick 8 7-11 25, Makowski 4 3-4 12, Macko 2 0-0 6, Snipas 1 0-0 2, Dillon 1 0-0 2, Shiplett 1 0-0 2, Hopkins 0 1-2 1. Totals: 17 11-17 50.
VALLEY WEST (56) Cwalina 5 7-9 17, Reilly 7 0-2 14, Gibbons 3 7-8 13, Smicherko 2 4-8 8, Scarcella 1 0-0 2, Gruver 0 2-4 2. Totals: 18 20-31 56.

Crestwood.....9 17 6 18 - 50
Valley West.....10 8 20 18 - 56
Three-pointers: Ritsick 2, Macko, Makowski.

Jr. High Basketball

Wreckers sweep Blue Devils in junior high hoops

The Weatherly Area junior high boys basketball teams posted a sweep over Shenandoah Valley last week.

In the eighth grade game, the Wreckers nipped the Blue Devils 56-45 as Ryan Schertrumpf scored 18 points and Scott Zoscin had 14. Alex

Donchak led the Blue Devils with 20.

The Wreckers rolled to a 51-12 victory in the seventh grade game. Scott Zoscin deposited 16 points and Antonio Colecio tossed in 10 for Weatherly. Leo Rivera had seven points for the Blue Devils.

Comets streak to pair of WVC victories

Crestwood Boys Basketball

Crestwood's boys basketball team continued its winning ways last week, defeating both Wyoming Valley West (68-58) and Tunkhannock (71-46) to improve to 6-1 in conference play.

Crestwood 68, Wyoming Valley West 58 - Jason Klusewitz scored 14 of his career-high 22 points in the first quarter as the Comets grabbed a 22-13 lead they would not relinquish. Josh Malkemes and Mendell Foreman added 16 and 12 points, respectively, for Crestwood.

Tyler Yankosky knocked down 25 points in a losing cause for the Spartans. Sean Judge scored 12 points, all from beyond the arc.

WYOMING VY. WEST (58) Judge 4 0-0 12, Frace 0 0-0 0, Saunders 0 0-0 0, Austin 3 0-0 6, Ruff 3 1-2 7, Yankosky 9 7-9 25, Hackett 3 0-0 6, Weaver 0 0-0 0, Anderscavage 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 8-11 58.

CRESTWOOD (68) Hopkins 1 4-4 6, Gegaris 1 0-0 2, Blass 0 2-2 2, J.

Klusewitz 9 0-1 22, Richards 1 2-4 4, McCue 2 0-0 4, Foreman 5 2-2 12, Malkemes 5 6-9 16, Jackson 0 0-0 0. Totals 22 16-22 68.

Valley West.....13 6 15 24 - 58
Crestwood.....22 15 13 18 - 68

Three-pointers: Judge 4, J. Klusewitz 4.

Crestwood 71, Tunkhannock 46 - Robbie Hopkins and Tim McCue combined for 10 second-quarter as the host Comets outscored Tunkhannock 23-9 to break open a tight game. Hopkins led the Comets (11-4 overall) with 14 points, while McCue and Matt Andrews added nine apiece.

For the Tigers, Tony Maloney led the way with 16 points. Tyler Faux and Evan Turner contributed 11 apiece.

TUNKHANNOCK (46) Newhart 1 0-0 2, Harder 3 0-0 6, Hoefert 0 0-0 0, Faux 5 0-0 11, Maloney 4 5-6 16, Brennan 0 0-0 0, Goodwin 0 0-0 0, Billings 0 0-0 0, Turner 5 1-1 11, Macko 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 6-7 46.

CRESTWOOD (71) Hopkins 5 1-1 14, Gegaris 2 1-1 5, Blass 2 1-2 6, Lysiak 0 0-0 0, J. Klusewitz 3 0-1 7, K. Klusewitz 0 0-0 0, Richards 0 0-0 0, McCue 4 0-0 9, Hawley 0 0-0 0, Foreman 3 0-0 6, Malkemes 2 1-4 5, Andrews 3 0-0 9, Jackson 2 2-2 6, Schmidt 0 2-2 2, Kaminski 1 0-0 2. Totals 27 8-13 71.

Tunkhannock.....9 9 14 14 - 46
Crestwood.....12 23 15 21 - 71

Three-pointers: Faux, Maloney 3, Hopkins 3, Blass, J. Klusewitz, McCue, Andrews 3.

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Wreckers drop three on the hardwood

Weatherly Boys Basketball

The Weatherly Area boys dropped three basketball games last week, falling to Schuylkill Haven (51-34), Lincoln Leadership Academy (77-25) and Mahanoy Area (60-27).

Schuylkill Haven 51, Weatherly 34 - Clinging to a five-point lead after three quarters, Schuylkill Haven used a 14-2 fourth-quarter run to pull away for the Division II-III crossover win. Austin Charles and Ethan Conage each scored 17 points for Schuylkill Haven, and J.T. Hughes followed with 15.

Zach Moon led the Wreckers with 14 points, and Gary Buck pitched in with nine.

The Wrecker jayvees posted a 36-33 win in the opener as Jared Zarembo scored 12 points and Jeremy Moser added 11.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN (51) Charles 5 5-7 17, Cannavaccivolo 0 0-0 0, Conage 2 2-4 7, Mills 3 2-2 8, Hughes 4 7-8 15, Allen 0 0-0 0, Boyer 1 2-4 4. Totals: 15 18-25 51.

WEATHERLY AREA (34) Stover 2 0-0 4, Moon 4 4-7 14, Moser 0 5-6 5, Buck 4 0-0 9, Zarembo 1 0-0 2, Arthur 0 0-0 0, Bizarre 0 0-0 0. Totals:

11 9-13 34.
Schuylkill Haven.....8 16 13 14 - 51
Weatherly Area.....8 13 11 2 - 34
Three-pointers: Charles 2, Conage. Moon 2, Buck.

Lincoln Leadership Academy 77, Weatherly Area 25 - Elijah Adams' 15 points led four Lincoln Leadership Academy players in double digits in the non-league win at Weatherly. Jake Stover had seven points and Zarembo added five for the Wreckers.

Lincoln Leadership won the junior varsity game, 48-33

LINCOLN LEADERSHIP (77) Adams 6 2-2 15, Washington 4 2-4 10, Gonzalez 1 0-0 2, Moore 1 0-0 2, Rodriguez 1 2-2 5, Farmer 6 0-0 14, Davis 4 2-2 10, Speaks 3 0-0 6, Torres 2 0-4 4, Morales 2 1-1 5, Peralta 2 0-0 4. Totals: 32 9-15 77.

WEATHERLY AREA (25) Moser 0 0-0 0, Gerhart 0 0-0 0, Hinkle 0 0-0 0, Arthur 0 0-0 0, Stover 3 1-2 7, Bizarre 1 0-0 2, Moon 2 0-0 4, Berger 1 0-0 2, Osifat 0 0-0 0, Buck 1 0-0 3, Yurchak 1 0-0 2, Zarembo 2 1-2 5, Dempsey 0 0-0 0, Bleiler 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 2-4 25.

Lincoln Leadership.....17 26 22 12 - 77
Weatherly Area.....7 7 6 5 - 25
Three-pointers: Adams, Rodriguez, Farmer 2. Buck.

Mahanoy Area 60, Weatherly Area 27 - Host Mahanoy Area blew the game open with a 16-0 second quarter to pull away from the Wreckers. Matt Yedsena led the Golden Bears with 22 points, and Mike Joseph chimed in with 11. Jared Zarembo topped the Wreckers with eight points, and Gary Buck scored seven.

WEATHERLY AREA (27) Zarembo 3 0-0 8, Buck 2 1-2 7, Moon 2 0-1 5, Moser 1 0-0 2, Bizarre 1 0-0 2, Osifat 0 1-2 1, Berger 1 0-0 2, Arthur 0 0-0 0, Yurchak 0 0-0 0, Peiser 0 0-0 0, Hinkle 0 0-0 0, Dempsey 0 0-0 0, Eckert 0 0-0 0, Bleiler 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 2-5 27.

MAHANAOY AREA (60) Yedsena 9 3-3 22, Joseph 4 2-2 11, M. Derr 3 0-0 6, Wronski 2 0-0 5, Styka 2 0-0 4, Blackwell 2 0-0 4, Reeves 2 0-0 4, R. Derr 0 2-4 2, Fedor 1 0-0 2. Totals: 25 7-9 60.

Weatherly Area.....10 0 12 5 - 27
Mahanoy Area.....18 16 10 16 - 60
Three-pointers: Buck 2, Zarembo 2, Moon. Yedsena, Wronski, Joseph.

Weatherly Girls Basketball

Lady Wreckers inch closer to playoff berth

The Weatherly Area girls took one step closer to a long-awaited District 11 playoff berth with last week's 60-43 win over Schuylkill Haven.

The Lady Wreckers now have nine wins this season, and need to move over their final six games to clinch the program's first playoff spot since the 2004-05 season. Emily Zoscin and Shelby Berger scored 21 points apiece to lead the Lady Wreckers past Schuylkill Haven in the Schuylkill League Division II-III crossover game. Berger knocked down five 3-point field goals en route to her 21-point game. Megan Peifer added 10 points to the victory. Sarah Donati scored 17 points to pace Schuylkill Haven.

Weatherly won the jayvee game, 44-37.

WEATHERLY AREA (60) Zoscin 8 4-8 21, Berger 8 0-0 21, Hartz 3 0-2 6, Gillott 1 0-0 2, Peifer 5 0-4 10, Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Caravella 0 0-0 0, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Gower 0 0-0 0. Totals: 25 4-14 60.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN (43) R. Werez 1 0-0 2, Donati 8 1-3 17, Pruden 1 0-0 2, Umbenhauer 1 6-10 8, Bernitsky 1 1-2 3, Farr 3 2-6 11, M. Werez 0 0-0 0. Totals: 15 10-21 43.
Weatherly Area.....23 11 12 12 - 60
Schuylkill Haven.....10 11 13 9 - 43
Three-pointers: Berger 5, Zoscin. Farr 3.

Mahanoy Area 55, Weatherly Area 40 - Freshman Abbey McGee's season-high 14 points helped Mahanoy Area get past the Lady Wreckers in a Division III showdown last Thursday in Weatherly. Fellow freshman Madison Cavenas added 11 points for Mahanoy Area (13-4 overall, 6-3 D-III).

Megan Peifer scored game-high 17 points for the Lady Wreckers, who fell to 9-7 (3-6 league).

Mahanoy won the junior varsity game 49-35.

MAHANAOY AREA (55) Babinsky 2 3-4 7, M. Bisco 4 0-0 9, L. Bisco 3 1-2 8, McGee 7 0-1 14, VanHorn 1 0-0 2, Byrne 1 2-7 4, Cavenas 4 3-8 11, Abrachinsky 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 9-22 55.

WEATHERLY AREA (40) Zoscin 2 2-4 6, Berger 3 1-2 9, Hartz 3 0-0 6, Gillott 0 2-4 2, Peifer 7 3-4 17. Totals: 15 8-14 40.

Mahanoy Area.....18 15 12 10 - 55
Weatherly Area.....10 14 7 9 - 40

Three-pointers: M. Bisco, L. Bisco. Berger 2.

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Journal-Herald Sports

Cougars pin loss on Comet wrestlers

Hazleton Area rolled past Crestwood 66-6 in a Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling match last week in Crestwood. Crestwood got its only win of the night at 106 pounds where Tyler Shaud pinned Liam Katz in just 39 seconds.

The highlight of the night for Hazleton Area came from junior Jimmy Hoffman, who scored a technical fall over Saige George for his 100th career victory. The Cougars won 10 of the match's 11 contested bouts and picked up three forfeits at 113, 145 and 195. Eight of the Cougars' 10 head-to-head wins were either by major decision, technical fall or pinfall to score extra points.

160: Joe Larock (HAZ) dec. Anthony Kowalchik (9-3)
 170: James Brielmeier (HAZ) major dec. Ryan Black (14-0)
 182: Steve Longazel (HAZ) fall Paul Ashton (3:04)
 195: Carson Kinney (HAZ) by forfeit

220: Collin Gunsser (HAZ) fall Shane O'Rourke (2:31)
 285: Zach Fuchick (HAZ) fall Tyler Nuss (1:36)
 106: Tyler Shaud (CRE) fall Liam Katz (0:39)
 113: Jacob Maurer (HAZ) by forfeit
 120: Jayson Brielmeier (HAZ) fall Jason O'Neill (1:31)

126: Chris Lasecki (HAZ) tech fall Brandon Rinehimer (17-2)
 132: Anthony Martoccio (HAZ) dec. Ron Grevara (7-3)
 138: Jimmy Hoffman (HAZ) tech fall Saige George (15-0)
 145: Keith Lowery (HAZ) by forfeit
 152: Shane Noonan (HAZ) major dec. Liam Stone (11-0)

Senior ski and snowboard clinic



In collaboration with Area Agency on Aging of Luzerne and Wyoming Counties and Jack Frost Mountain senior ski group, a free senior ski/snowboard/telemark clinic will be offered on Wednesdays from now through the end of ski season.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the learning center (ski school) office. Clinic will begin at 10 a.m. and last at least an hour. All seniors, men and women older than 55, are welcome to attend.

A special luncheon will be served on February 3 following the clinic. Marianne Infantino, a board member of AAA and avid skier, will speak about how she started the senior ski club some 25 years ago. Representatives of AAA will talk about eating healthy and staying in shape for ski season. Joe Yozviak and Bill Runner will talk a bit about ski safety and improvement.

Joe Yozviak will work with the expert skiers, while Eric Uelan and

Richard Mailman work with advanced skiers. Suzanne Lawser and Bill Runner will work with the novice/intermediate skiers. Telemark instruction will be conducted by John Barnitz and snowboarding by Tom Rogish.

While the clinic is free, skiers must have a lift ticket and equipment. No crowds and plenty of Pocono Powder. For additional information, call the Jack Frost Learning Center at 570 443-8425. For more information on the senior ski group, google "jackfrostgeezers."

CHS Hoops for Hope



The Crestwood School District and Mountain Top Relay for Life are proud to present the eighth annual Hoops for Hope, which will take place on March 15 at Crestwood High School. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for students/senior citizens. Pre-sale tickets (along with other items) will be on sale in the high school lobby from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning on March 10.

Participating in the charity basketball event will be teachers, students, and members of law enforcement. Squads scheduled to compete in the six-team bracket format are: Crestwood Juniors; Crestwood Seniors (2014 and 2015 champions); high school/mid-school teachers; elementary teachers; local law enforcement

officials; and Mountain Top Youth Basketball League coaches and referees.

After an intermission of foul shots and three-pointers for prizes, games will continue for first and third place. There will be an appearance by CHAMP, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders mascot.

During the games, teams from the Mountain Top Relay for Life will have individual tables selling various items in the cafeteria. Refreshments will also be available for purchase.

Students are reminded to sign in if their teacher is offering extra credit for attending.

At the conclusion of the games, names will be pulled to cover a teacher in silly string.

Money collected will benefit the Mountain Top Relay for Life.

Weatherly Swimming

Sirkot places second in swim meet

Last Thursday, the Schuylkill League's independent schools gathered at Pottsville for the inaugural Schuylkill Independent Invitational swim meet. Independent swimmers from Weatherly, Marian, Halifax, Millersburg and Nativity competed in the event, with a chance to post qualifying times for the upcoming league and district competitions. Pottsville swimmers also swam to fill lanes and provide competition.

Marian freshman Danny Berlitz won the 200 freestyle in 1:47.66, and then took the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.18, seven seconds faster than second-place finisher Jacob Sirkot of Weatherly.

Berlitz was coming off a record-setting performance at his Schuylkill League swim debut on Jan. 12, when he broke Tamaqua's pool record in the 500 freestyle.

Schuylkill League independent swimmers are required to go to two dual meets per season to compete in the league meet, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 13, at 11 a.m. back in Pottsville.

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