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## Changes coming to familiar landmark buildings in White Haven and Weatherly



by Seth Isenberg

This new year's changes are starting big in Weatherly. The long-empty Schwab School is now bank-owned. The new owner has started a clean-up of the inside of the property in order to prepare it to be shown. Borough manager Harold Pudliner said the

dumpster shown at the entrance is for debris and junk – old stuff in the basement and the like.

A few days ago, crews were at the former Warner's Central Garage, drilling monitoring wells. The business once had in ground tanks for gasoline. The gas pumps closed in the

1990s. The business closed late last year. The property is also bank-owned.

For both these properties, bank-owned means available for sale. With that said, it is possible that both properties may have new owners during 2016.

In White Haven, the former MetroCast storefront in the

200 block of Main Street, vacant since the fall, has a new occupant. The National Sisterhood United for Journeymen Linemen, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to assisting families of fallen or injured IBEW Journeymen Linemen, Utility Linemen, Apprentice Linemen, Ground-

men and Operators, is preparing a space for their office.

The new office will be right across the street from *The Journal-Herald's* office. More details about NSUJL when the office opens.





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# Editorial

## Be alert, not afraid

by Ruth Isenberg

Some days, if you are paying attention during the national newscasts, you wonder if you should have gotten out of bed in the morning. The news seems to consist of one warning after another—everything from the foods that can kill you, to the weather (that can kill you), to terrorists (who can kill you)...

It's all pretty serious stuff. And there are reasons to pay attention. Unless we know what to watch out for, we can't do much to deal with problems.

Too many media reports focus on the scary parts of the problems that we can't control. That kind of approach breeds fear. A better approach would promote alertness, and propose solutions or at least coping mechanisms. For example, the Zika virus is a serious health threat. Many stories emphasize that the mosquitoes that carry the virus will make their way to the United States. That's important to know, not so we become afraid to go outside, but so we do our part to eliminate standing water where mosquitoes breed.

Fear paralyzes and causes hopelessness. Fear is self-centered. Alertness gives us the opportunity to see the point of view of others, and to lend them a hand. Alertness allows us to develop solutions and avoid danger. Alertness also brings the positive aspects of life to our attention, while fear blinds us to everything but itself.

So listen to the newscasts, but stay alert to common-sense reality. Living in fear is limiting; staying alert is liberating.

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# From the Archives

## From *The Journal-Herald* February 7, 1985

Cub Scouts Richie Yohey, Charlie Farnsworth and Sean Higgins are pictured on the front page with their Pine-wood Derby space rockets. These boys built the top three rockets.

A committee of White Haven area businesses met February 4 to form a committee to promote business here. The committee will function as an independent member of the White Haven Industrial Development Association. Attending the meeting at Hanna's Ugly Mug Restaurant were Burton Schafer of First Eastern Bank, Wendell Jennings of Thriftway Market, George Jarick of G&A Hardware, Ron Law of Law Realty, Vern Hanna and Tom Pardi of the Mug, Jim Lachette of S&J Sub Shop, Steve Timinsky of Pocono Mountains Lodge, Butch Carter of Kevin's Place, and Jay Holder of *The Journal-Herald*.

## *The Weatherly Herald* January 1965

Miss Charlotte Hensel, Miss Kathy Koehler and Mr. Edward Hensel, Jr. assisted in leading services at youth week in the Weatherly Presbyterian Church. Miss Sandy Ritter and Miss Patricia Jacoby presented the sermon.

PP&L advertised in a big ad that it reduced rates for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in 3 ½ years.

Skyway Mobile Home Sales in RD1, White Haven, offers bank financing for up to 7 years on 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes.

## *The Journal-Herald* January 26, 2012

Fred Meier was voted in as mayor of White Haven borough at the regular council meeting on January 23. He replaces John Klem, who was elected to council and vacated the seat. Council at that meeting also voted to buy the police department a new set of computers, and some Tasers.

## Mullery aims to increase fundraising limit

PA State Representative Gerald Mullery (D-Luzerne) introduced legislation that would help ease the reporting and fundraising burdens on club licensees under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act.

Currently, state law requires clubs with proceeds exceeding \$20,000 a year to submit annual reports. These reports provide information on proceeds from each game of chance and the amount of prizes awarded, itemized weekly.

Mullery said his legislation would change that requirement from weekly to quarterly.

"House Bill 1807 does not change the information provided to the state- it simply eases the reporting timeline," Mullery said. "Filling out this necessary paperwork would not be as burdensome for our veteran and fraternal organizations and other nonprofit clubs."

Mullery's bill would increase the fundraising limit from \$40,000 annually to \$60,000 annually, allowing clubs to satisfy their charitable mission.

Beavers are back at Penn Lake, clogging up drainpipes with their dams.

Long time Penn State University football coach Joe Paterno, now retired, has died. He will be missed. In December, he and his wife Sue made a donation of \$100,000 to the University's library.

Wildlife Conservation Officer Fred Merluzzi, of Carbon County, met with Weatherly Cub Scouts Pack 007 at Tweedle Park in Weatherly to talk about endangered species.

## *The Weatherly Herald* January 1935

The Men's Class of the Salem Evangelical Reformed Church in Weatherly began the work of enlarging the kitchen – with most of the work being done by the members themselves.

## *The Weatherly Herald* January 1915

The ladies of the Weatherly Presbyterian Church will hold an oyster supper in the Williams Building, corner of 2nd and Railroad Streets, on Feb. 5 and 6. Supper is 25¢. Ice cream will also be sold.

A baseball ground near the park is a possibility this coming summer. There is a suitable piece of ground nearby, which, if it can be leased at a reasonable figure, will be Weatherly's ball park for the coming season.

The Candy Factory in town has extra hands working turning out Easter goods. Some workers are working overtime.

# Public Notices

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Articles of Incorporation for: REMEMBERING RYANNE CARA FOUNDATION

Were filed with the Department of State, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on January 21, 2016. The Corporation has been incorporated under the provisions of the nonprofit corporation law of Pennsylvania.

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## Renew handicap parking permits

All Weatherly residents with a current Handicap Parking Permit must renew the permit annually. The renewal application shall be accompanied by a \$5 fee for a non-personalized space.

New applicants requesting a handicap parking space, shall make application to Weatherly Borough for review. A \$5 fee is payable at the time of notification that the application is approved.

Handicap Parking Permit applications are available at the Weatherly Borough Office, 10 Wilbur Street, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 570-427-8640 with questions.

## Carbon GOP hosting Lincoln Day Dinner



**GOP LINCOLN DAY DINNER PLANNERS** pictured (from left) are **Susie Gerhard**, assistant secretary, **Commissioner Tom J. Gerhard**, **Kay Becker**, treasurer, **Lee Becker**, chairman, and **State Representative Doyle Heffley**. Missing from the picture are **Timm Berger**, **Pam Behler**, and **Kellie Heffley**.

The Carbon County Republican Committee will hold a Lincoln Day Dinner on February 12 at the Blue Shamrock in Palmerton. Cocktail hour will be 5:30 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$30.

"We are honored to have the following speakers and promise an energized evening for all those who attend," said Lee Becker, Chairman. Speakers will be U.S. Congressman Lou Barletta; PA Senator John Rafferty, nominee for PA Attorney General; Matt Connolly, nominee for U.S. Congress; and Rob Wonderling, former PA Senator and currently CEO and president of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

For more information or to order tickets, contact Tom and Susie Gerhard at 570-427-4846; Lee and Kay Becker at 610-377-4021; Timm Berger at 570-657-0306; Pam Behler at 610-392-4122; or Doyle Heffley at 484-695-0390.

## WH Ambulance back at Penn Lake

by Seth Isenberg

The White Haven Ambulance will be the first responder to Penn Lake ambulance calls again. Penn Lake borough council voted to restore White Haven Ambulance to "primary" for Basic Life Support—first place on the call list. This due the return to strength of the White Haven organization, which now has 17 volunteers. It is also due to the current primary, Bear Creek/Buck Township ambulance, not being able to respond to calls.

Penn Lake resident and WHAA officer George Wood explained that the White Haven Ambulance had been in Penn Lake for three serious calls recently. The WH Ambulance had to wait to dispatch until Luzerne County 91 tried to get Bear Creek to respond – making three

attempts before dispatching White Haven.

During the discussion, it was noted that Advanced Life Support – ALS (paramedics) was still provided by Plains as primary. White Haven offers BLS only.

After discussion, council voted to put the WH Ambulance as primary responder, effective immediately.

Borton-Lawson engineering will supply the new borough engineer for Penn Lake in 2016. They replace Reilly and Associates, who employ Don Totino. Totino served as Penn Lake's engineer for the past three years. The cost of this was questioned. It was understood that there would be little cost difference. Borton-Lawson has provided engineering for the Penn Lake dam for at least two decades. The dam is expected to be the borough's most important engineering issue going forward.

Council voted its first resolution of 2016, that a vacant lot in the borough is charged a sewer availability fee unless the lot has a no-building deed restriction. Discussion of this noted that no building would mean no garages,

sheds or gazebos on the restricted property. Borough attorney Jack Dean told the meeting that this deed restriction can be one "for less than \$100."

Penn Lake borough council will meet next on Thursday,

February 11 at the Penn Lake Community House, beginning with a work session at 7 p.m., with the regular meeting following right afterwards.

More on this meeting in next week's *Journal-Herald*.

## Weatherly cats must be licensed

All cats residing within the borough of Weatherly, including cats that are kept indoors at all times, are required by Weatherly Borough Ordinance to be licensed. The license fee is \$5 per animal for unaltered cats and \$3 per animal for altered cats. Proof of current feline distemper and rabies inoculation must be presented in order to obtain

a license. Proof that your pet has been neutered or spayed is required for the reduced fee.

Cat licenses should be renewed within 30 days after the first of January each year. Licenses may be obtained at the Weatherly Borough building, 10 Wilbur Street, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Book donated to WAEMS library

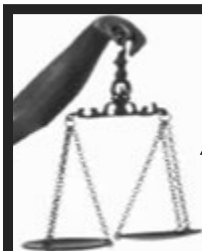
Alysa Cheever has donated *Judy Moody Mood Martian* by Megan McDonald to the Weatherly Area Elementary/Middle School Library.

Kiley Barnic donated *Journey Into the Mind* by Melissa Lagonegro.

Bradlee Connors donated *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus* by Barbara Park.

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# Death Roll

## JENNIFER FEDORICK

Jennifer P. Fedorick, 34, of White Haven died Friday, January 29, 2016 in Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown.

A daughter of Annette Bretsky Fedorick of Weatherly and the late William Fedorick, she was born December 20, 1981 in Hazleton. She was a 2000 graduate of Marian Catholic High School and a 2004 graduate of King's College with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

A Notary Public, she was employed by Barber Ford of Hazleton as a title clerk. She was also the owner of "Through the Lens Photography."

Preceding her in death were sister Elizabeth "Betsy" Fedorick and paternal grand-

parents Peter and June Garbaciak.

Surviving in addition to her mother are maternal grandparents Frederick and Marie Bretsky of Weatherly, stepfather Earl Stafford, best friend Bernie Suhamski, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday in Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church, Weatherly, by the Rev. Floyd Caesar, pastor. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Weatherly.

Memorial donations may be made to Marian Catholic High School, 166 Marian Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18255 or to Weatherly Pound, Spring Street, Weatherly, PA 18255.

Arrangements were by the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home, Weatherly.

## JOHN LEPLER

John H. Leppler, 90, of Weatherly died Thursday, January 28, 2016 in Heritage Hill Senior Living Community, Weatherly.

A son of the late Anton and Marguerite Hoffman Leppler, he was born in Weatherly and was a 1944 graduate of Weatherly High School. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and served in the Philippines.

Prior to retirement he was employed for 40 years by the Lehigh Valley Railroad and then Conrail. He was a member of Diamond Methodist

Church of Hazleton.

Preceding him in death was his wife, the former Dorothy Patanovich. Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law John and Debra Leppler of Mountainside, N.J., William and Ruth Leppler of Clark, N.J.; five grandchildren; companion of many years Marion Vieten.

Private services were scheduled at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to Ascend Hospice, 108 Cowpath Road, Suite 4, Lansdale, PA 19446.

## ERIC HOFFMAN

Eric D. Hoffman, 43, of Weatherly died Wednesday, January 27, 2016 of injuries sustained in a work-related accident.

A son of Barbara Ellis Hoffman and the late Daniel R. Hoffman, he was born June 28, 1972 in Hazleton. He was a 1990 graduate of Weatherly Area High School, and was employed by Allied Building & Manufacturing of Bethlehem. He also assisted in the operation of his family's sawmill.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, the former Brenda Allen; sons Cody and Ryan Hoffman, daughter Isobel Hoffman, sisters and brothers-in-law Bonnie and Richard Kane, Doreen and Edward Klynowsky, Tara and Timothy Kling, all of Weatherly; nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held Monday from the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home, Weatherly.

## Valentines balloons for Heritage Hill

On Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, seniors at Heritage Hill Senior Community will be receiving Valentine's Day balloons from their friends, families and the community.

Valentine's Day balloons will be personally delivered to

residents with a special greeting attached. Balloons are \$5 each.

To send a balloon to a resident, call Deb Hauze at 570-427-4500 by February 8.

For more information, call 570-427-4500.

## PTA meets on Monday

The Weatherly Area PTA will meet on Monday, February 8 at 7 p.m. in the elementary/middle school cafeteria. On the agenda will be the establishment of a Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee you must be present or provide a written statement indicating your willingness to serve on the committee.

Volunteers will be sought for Kindergarten Registration; Book Fair set up and Family Day; Classroom visits to the bookfair; and PSSA breakfast dates. Those who are interested in helping to plan for the

annual PowerWalk are asked to stay for a committee meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

If there is no school or an early dismissal on the day of the meeting, the meeting will be postponed.

Please direct questions to PTA president Donnell Stump via text or phone call at 570-579-8801 or by e-mail at wasdpta@weatherlysd.org

## Keep meter areas clear

Weatherly Borough residents are reminded that the path to your water and electric utility meter should be cleared of snow, so that the borough employee has access. Please keep the area clean from snow, ice, brush and debris.

## Music parents meeting twice

The Weatherly Area Music Parents will meet at 3:05 p.m. on Monday, February 8 in the

Middle School Band Room. There will be a second meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 6 p.m., also in the middle school band room.

Planning for the Spring Fling Bingo will continue. Plans for the end of year trip will also be discussed, as will opportunities for additional fundraising.

This group is open to the parents and guardians of any students musician from sixth through twelfth grade. Join us if your son or daughter is a member of the chorus or the band.

If there is no school on either day or an early dismissal, the meeting will be postponed.

Call secretary Donnell Stump at 570-579-8801 with questions.



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(Never known to fail) Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me, herein you are my mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3x). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3x). Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

A.M.M.



# WAHS principal Stuart Tripler resigns

by Donnell Stump

The Weatherly Area School Board at the January 13 regular meeting accepted the resignation of High School Principal Stuart Tripler, effective March 4. The position is advertised on the district website at [www.weatherlysd.org](http://www.weatherlysd.org)

The board also accepted the retirement of Stacey Titus, full-time instructional aide, effective January 6.

In other personnel moves, the board hired cafeteria aide substitute Nancy Ehrenfried, effective January 14. Ehrenfried's position is a 10-month 4-3/4 hour per day job with a

rate of pay of \$8.41 per hour. The board added Elaine Carr to the list of cafeteria aide substitutes.

Gerald Carter was hired as a full-time maintenance mechanic. This position was left vacant by the recent retirement of Rick Miller. Carter will be paid \$13.74 per hour plus benefits for this 8 hour per day, 12-month position.

Paul John Hadzick was hired as a full time cleaning aide, 6 hours per day, 10 months at an hourly rate of \$9.04. Board member Bill Knepper abstained on the hiring while Georgeann Her-

ling voted no. Board members Girard Fewins, Chad Obert, Matt vonFrisch, Brandon Pugh and Amy Potsko voted yes on Hadzick's hiring.

Johanna Dutton was added to the list of substitute teachers, all instructional areas with an emergency permit. Alyssa Myers was also added to the substitute teacher list.

An agreement between the district and Michael Matirko providing for Matirko to act as technology assistant for several days at the beginning of January was okayed. Matirko was paid \$10 per hour for the work.

A letter of agreement between the district and Carbon Monroe Pike Drug and Alcohol was approved which provides for drug and alcohol primary prevention services as well as student assistance program and intervention services for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year at a cost to the District of \$2,100.

Several recent telephone issues were discussed at the January caucus meeting. According to maintenance supervisor Bill Moyer, the line issues may be "outside" of the district's system. On at

least one occasion, the problems experienced within the school phone system were also being experienced at a neighboring business. Board member Gerry Grega asked that it be determined if the "fix" being considered will solve the problem or if it is an "outside" problem, for which the phone service provider may be responsible.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School Large Group Instruction Room. The public is welcome to attend.

## Veterans Corner by John Kearns

### US WAR VETERANS BANISHED FROM OUR NATION

Tijuana, Mexico – They served our United States on battlefields from Korea to Iraq, but now they live in the shadow of the nation they once served and many died for, deported to Mexico for offenses as minor as getting caught with marijuana. These brave fighting men and women were banished from our nation because they were not citizens when they donned the uniform, swore the oath and took up arms for America. Any U.S. obligation to them ended when they got in trouble with the law. What did they do so terrible?

Everyday we see Washington DC releasing bad illegal alien criminals by the truckloads. So why are hundreds of Mexicans who came here legally, then joined our Armed Forces and served with valor and distinction, being deported back to Mexico? Moral

Turpitude. Crimes like writing a bad check, a DUI, possessing marijuana or getting into a bar fight are enough to get veterans banished from the nation they fought to protect.

"Many of the men being deported served in Vietnam and didn't get the treatment that they supposed to get from the dysfunctional VA system, or worse are not allowed back in to be treated at a VA Medical Center." Often, noncitizen veterans are deported without even getting to tell their side of the story, said Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based attorney, retired Army lieutenant colonel and West Point professor. Stock has taken on several veterans' deportation cases, and says the situation has become significantly worse under the Obama administration.

Anyone who has served our country and risked his or her lives as a veteran deserves amnesty. There are so many who have done nothing to earn

citizenship or provide a military service to our country but are granted blanket amnesty. Misdemeanor US war veterans no, but multi-felony murderers and freeloaders yes? Where is the justice in that?

Reminders of their service and evidence of their patriotism adorn the walls of the shabby Tijuana home known as "The Bunker." Draped in US flags, decorated with military memorabilia, medals and photos, the three-room building is a step up from the cramped apartments many share with fellow "banished veterans." US War veteran Barajas has become a patron saint of deported veterans, his journey to The Bunker is not unique. He moved to the U.S. as a 7-year-old and became a legal resident through his parents. When he was old enough, he joined the U.S. Army, landing in the fabled 82nd Airborne Division where he served from 1995 to 2001. Deported, he now runs The

Bunker helping other deported US veterans by providing structure, chores and self-reliance allowing the veterans to tap the discipline they once knew in the US military.

The Bunker exists through the nonprofit [deportedveteranssupporthouse.org](http://deportedveteranssupporthouse.org), he tries to help U.S. vets who show up at his door.

Patriotism still runs deep at The Bunker, where deported US veterans help each other survive. According to [FoxNews.com](http://FoxNews.com), in one particularly cruel irony, honorably discharged veterans like Barajas remain eligible for VA benefits and medical treatment for injuries suffered during their service, but most of these benefits lie in the U.S. beyond their legal reach. They are still entitled to a military funeral and the VA will pay for the marker ... they cannot return to the United States now, but they can be buried in Arlington. Only then will they given me an Ameri-

can flag and our nation say, "Thank you for your service."

Up to 6,000 honorably discharged US war veterans who came here legally and served have been banished from our nation. Why the war on veterans? Many suffering war wounds or suffering from the effects of Agent Orange have earned disability and pensions that cannot be paid.

I personally and many other veterans stood side by side with these men and women during our service time, same uniform, same ID and taking the same risks. Like our other heroes stuck in a Leavenworth prison, our government cares nothing for those who served our nation. Punishment is harsh and quick for those who do the right thing. No good deed goes unpunished.

If anyone earned the right to be here in our nation, they did. We can only hope a change in DC will bring back some common sense to those who govern our lives.

## WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

**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

**Sunday, February 7**  
Breakfast sponsored by Marine Corps League Det. 1039 — 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — St. Patrick's Parish Center

**Monday, February 8**  
W.H. Chamber of Commerce Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — LK HairShop

**Tuesday, February 9**  
Bingo — 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.) — St. Patrick's Parish Center  
W.H. Lions Cub Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Jack's Grille  
Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary Meetings — 7:30 p.m. — Fire House

**Wednesday, February 10**  
Foster Township Board of Supervisors Meeting — 6:00 p.m. — Township Municipal Building

**Thursday, February 11**  
Penn Lake Park Borough Council Work Session — 6:30 p.m., Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Community House  
Foster Township Planning Commission Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Township Municipal 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

## Cardiac Rehabilitation patients receive award

Faith Chipeleski and Eric Matukonis were recently honored as the 2015 Patients of the Year by the cardiac rehabilitation staff at the Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton.

The cardiac rehab staff identified Chipeleski and Matukonis as having shown exemplary effort in achieving their cardiac goals by lifestyle changes and proving to be very active in modifying risk factors. They embraced smart eating and exercise programs, making those efforts part of their daily life.

The cardiac rehabilitation center is located at the

Health & Wellness Center, 50 Moisey Drive, Hazleton. It incorporates 20 education topics into weekly classes that include risk factors, medication, dining out, food labels, and more.

It has been proven that cardiac rehabilitation patients can feel better and live healthier lives when combining exercise, education, and behavior modification.

All cardiac rehabilitation patients must be referred by a physician. For more information, please contact the center at 570-501-6953.



Pictured from left are Corinne Stone, exercise physiologist; Eric Matukonis, 2015 Patient of the Year; Mary T. Alimecco, RN - director of cardiac services; Faith Chipeleski, 2015 Patient of the Year; Amanda Sperduto, exercise physiologist.

## Chicken & Waffle dinner

Laurel Lodge 467, F&AM of White Haven will hold a Chicken & Waffle dinner on Saturday, March 12 at St. Patrick's Parish Center. Serving will be from 1 to 6 p.m., and take-outs will be available on request.

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Cost is \$9 per person, and tickets can be obtained by calling 570-436-3777. While advance tickets are encouraged, walk-ins will be welcome.

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The 12th annual Go Red for Women, a nationwide movement celebrating the energy, passion, and power to band together and wipe out heart disease, will be held on February 5.

Free blood pressure and pulse oximetry screenings will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, and 3-4 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center at Hazleton cardiac department.

Blood pressures and pulse oximetry screenings will also be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton.

Red hearts and red dress pins are available for \$1 at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton Hilltop Café, and at the

Health and Wellness Center at Hazleton Cardiac, suite 107.

All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

## Bariatric patient information session scheduled

Obesity is a serious disease with symptoms that build slowly over an extended period of time. The National Institute of Health defines morbid obesity as being over 100 pounds or more above your ideal body weight, or having a body mass index of 35 or greater, and one or more health-related conditions.

Bariatric surgery, often known as weight loss surgery, is a treatment option

for people living with morbid obesity and who are struggling with weight loss.

Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton will hold a free new patient information session on January 28 from 6-8 p.m. at LVH-Hazleton's annex building, in the second floor conference room.

The bariatric information session is free, but space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please reserve your seat by calling 570-501-6322.

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## WEATHERLY THIS WEEK

### Thursday, February 4

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

### Sunday, February 7

Pizza & Wing Sale – 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. – L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

Silver Ridge Hunting Club Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Club House

### Monday, February 8

Lausanne Township Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Agnes Klynowsky Residence

Weatherly Area PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – W.A. Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

### Tuesday, February 9

Shepherd House Food Pantry

– 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Zions Lutheran Church Annex  
Citizens' Volunteer Fire Company Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Fire House

### Wednesday, February 10

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

### Thursday, February 11

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

Greater Weatherly Area Ambulance Association Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Ambulance Building

### Every Thursday

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

## Senior Menu

### Week of February 8:

Monday: Open face roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, ice cream.

Tuesday: Barley soup, chicken Caesar salad, crackers, fruit cobler.

Wednesday: Vegetable lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, crackers, fruited gelatin.

Thursday: Pork & peppers, buttered noodles, broccoli & carrots, crackers, banana.

Friday: Breakfast sausage, hash browns, peppers & onions, French toast, cottage cheese with strawberries.

## Friendship Club News

### by Marjorie Lou Anthony

The regular meeting of the Weatherly Senior Citizens Friendship Club was held Thursday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. in Salem U.C.C. President Marjorie Lou Anthony welcomed 21 members. Chaplain Theresa D'Andrea read *Psalm 98*, followed by the "Lord's Prayer" and Pledge of Allegiance.

As outreach person, President Anthony sent birthday cards to Joe D'Andrea and Mary Lloyd, and get-well cards to Winky Woods and Thelma Spaziani. There were no anniversaries. Please remember to call President Anthony at 570-443-7736 if you know of any member who is ill or has lost a family member. It was reported that Rachel Setzer hasn't been feeling too well; you all have her address, so send her a card.

Membership person Jane Wiskoski reported that all members present have paid their

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dues for 2016. Travel coordinator Karen Allen reported on coming trips for this year. She will have more information in *The Journal-Herald* at a later date.

President Anthony said that the Christmas party was a huge success. The food was delicious, the entertainment - Joe Lapchak - was great, and gifts were received by everyone, thanks to the committee and Mary Lloyd. It was a beautiful December day - we couldn't have asked for anything better.

We held installation of these officers for 2016, with Deacon Ray Wilkinson officiating: President Marjorie Lou Anthony, Vice President Saxon Brazzillo, Sec-

retary Barbara Tissier, Treasurer Joan Chambers, Membership Person Jane Wiskoski, Chaplain Theresa D'Andrea. The chaplain read "You Never Walk Alone."

After the meeting was adjourned we had delicious soups - pea, bean, lentil, potato, and stuffed pepper. Everyone enjoyed trying the different kinds. We thank the soup makers: Karen Allen, Karen Duda, Barbara Tissier, Theresa D'Andrea, Georgeann Herling and Beverly Kunkel, and Irene Eli for the crackers.

Our next meeting, on February 11 at Salem U.C.C., will be a covered dish meeting.

Bingo was enjoyed by all.

## L&L Spaghetti Dinner

L&L Rural Volunteer Fire Company will host a spaghetti dinner on February 21 from 1-4 p.m.

The menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, roll, and a beverage.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years old. The meal will be available to eat in or take out.

For tickets, call Dana at 570-578-6784 or Keith at 570-956-9154.

## Lions host voter registration drive

The Weatherly Lions Club will hold a voter registration drive on March 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weatherly Borough Building conference room.

Registration and absentee forms, as well as voter information, will be available.

Primary Election Day is April 26.

## 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 p.m. – 6 p.m.

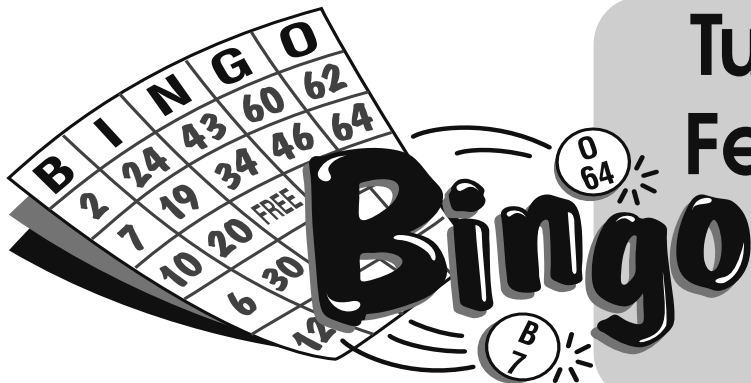
Varieties include buttercream, coconut cream, peanut butter, peanut butter roll, and assorted. Cost is \$8 for a 1 lb. box.

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 for orders is March 6.

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# Popovich Comedy Pet Theater comes to Kirby Center

International Circus Star and more than 30 shelter rescued pets will visit the Kirby Center on April 5.

Magic City Productions and CrossRhodes Entertainment will welcome Popovich Comedy Pet Theater to the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The world famous Popovich Comedy Pet Theater is a family-oriented blend of unique physical comedy, juggling, and balancing skills of internationally acclaimed award winner Gregory Popovich, and the extraordinary talents of his more than 30 pets: house cats, dogs, parrots, geese, and doves. All of the animals have been rescued from the animal shelters across the country.

"I have actually nicknamed my show 'A Second Chance,' because that is what my cats and dogs have been given, a second chance at life," said Popovich, founder of The Comedy Pet Theater and author of "You Can Train Your Cat."

Popovich supports animal rescue shelter across the country and will be donating a percentage of the ticket sales to The Humane Society of America to raise the awareness of rescuing homeless pets. More than 30 rescued pets will be performing on stage as actors in this smash hit. "The main idea of my show and of this tour is to raise awareness in our society about homeless pets," Popovich added.

Throughout the live performance, audiences will witness the Dog Classroom, the Amazing Housecats, and the

Animal Train. Other acts will include appearances from ferrets, white rats, trained doves, and more.

When asked how he trains dogs and cats for the show,

Popovich explained, "Each animal has a special quirky thing they naturally like to do. I figure out what this trick or talent is, and then I just encourage them to do it in my show."

## Maple Tree Tapping Day

Everyone is invited to join the Monroe County Conservation District E.E. Center on February 9 at 10 a.m. as they tap maple trees in the Meesing Sugarbush outside of Marshall's Creek. This day is set aside for preparation of the 2016 Maple Sugaring Season. You will have a chance to tap trees, run the tube collection

lines, set up the evaporator, and more.

You are welcome to spend one hour or the entire day in the Sugarbush. There is no charge for the day. You'll need to dress in warm layers and wear boots for trudging through the Sugarbush. The event is weather permitting, and pre-registration is sug-

## Hazleton Area

## Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration in the Hazleton Area School District for the 2016-17 school year will be held by appointment only on February 9 from

3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Hazleton Area Career Center cafeteria.

To make an appointment, call 570-459-3111, ext. 3000.

## ICS accepting kindergarten students

Immanuel Christian School in Hazleton is enrolling for kindergarten for the 2016-17 school year. Register your child by Friday, Feb. 12, and the \$50 application fee will be

waived.

Financial aid is available. Bus transportation is also available. Call the school office at (570) 459-1111 for more information.

When my pets are performing, they are showing off their favorite tricks!"

Tickets go on sale February 5 at 10 a.m. and will be available through the Kirby Center

gested so you can be updated on conditions. Warm beverages will be provided.

To pre-register for the program, please call the E. E. Center at 570-629-3061, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program is held on the Delaware State Forest's Meesing Outdoor Site Sugarbush on Creek Road approximately 5.5 miles north of Marshalls Creek.

Directions: From I-80 take the Marshalls Creek Exit (exit #309) onto Rt. 209 North toward Marshalls Creek. Upon

box office, online at [www.kirbycenter.org](http://www.kirbycenter.org), and charge by phone at 570-826-1100. Ticket costs are as follows- \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$27.50, plus fees.

approaching the roundabout follow signs for Business Route 209 and Marshalls Creek. At the next traffic light after the roundabout, turn right and immediately get in the left turning lane. At this light turn left, and immediately after crossing the bridge take left fork onto Marshalls Creek Road. Proceed approximately 5.5 miles and look for signs on right-hand side of the road.

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# Kathleen M. Gerhard to wed Bruce Arrowood



Tom J. & Sue Ann Gerhard, Weatherly, announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Marie to Bruce T. Arrowood, son of Bruce & Memory Arrowood, Mehoopany, and Sebring, Florida.

The bride-to-be 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.

She graduated in December 2015 from the Temple University School of Social Work program with a Master of

Science degree in Social Work. Kathleen currently resides in Clarks Summit, and is employed with Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Wilkes Barre.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Florida Culinary Institute, Palm Beach, Florida, and is currently employed at Status Solutions, Charlottesville, Va., as a Northeast Territory Manager.

The couple will exchange vows on April 2, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Weatherly.

## M. S. Kirby Library Easter Egg fundraiser

The Marian Sutherland Kirby Library will have Leda's Home Made Chocolate Easter Eggs for sale beginning on February 11. The eggs are still \$1.25 each, and are available in milk and dark chocolate. Stop in at 35 Kirby Ave., Mountaintop to purchase directly or pick up an order form for Easter delivery.

Choose from eleven delicious flavors made with quality ingredients: Peanut Butter, Crunchy Peanut Butter,

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Orders must be in by March 8, and payment is required with the order. Orders will be available for pick up at the library on March 17 during regular business hours.

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This year's Expo is actually a "show within a show," bringing vendors, businesses, home builders and remodelers together with Dr. Lori's Antiques Appraisal Show. Dr. Lori stars as the antiques appraiser on the Discovery channel's hit reality TV show, "Auction Kings" and appears on the FOX Business Network's "Strange Inheritance." She has been featured on NBC's "The Tonight Show" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." She will be featured in two shows daily.

Expo attendees can watch Dr. Lori's Show for free. Attendees who wish to have items appraised may purchase

an appraisal for \$25. Dr. Lori will provide tips on how to sell your unwanted stuff for top dollar. Learn the secrets of auctions and how to negotiate to find bargains and why you should not host a yard sale.

Exhibit spaces are available for local businesses to showcase their products or services. Remember, Expo exhibitors are also business owners who shop for products and services from other vendors. The exhibit hall has a wide range of spaces sizes available. For information on exhibiting, contact the Carbon Builders Association at 610-379-1099.

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# Coming Events

**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

**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 5, Saturday** – Voter Registration Drive, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

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

**MARCH 12, Saturday** – Chicken & Waffle Dinner, sponsored by Laurel Lodge 467, F&AM, White Haven

**MARCH 18, Friday** – Candy Easter Egg Sale, sponsored

by Centenary United Methodist Church, Weatherly

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

**MARCH 19, Saturday** – Children's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club & Community Chest

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

**APRIL 19, Tuesday** – Spaghetti Supper, sponsored by White Haven Lions Club

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

**APRIL 30, Saturday** – Hops & Grapes Event, sponsored by White Haven Area Community Library

**MAY 1, Sunday** – Spring Shoot, sponsored by Dennison Township Fire Company at L.O.W.L.P.A. Grounds

**AUGUST 1, Monday** – Golf Tournament, sponsored by White Haven Lions Club

**AUGUST 26 & 27, Friday & Saturday** – Weatherly Festival



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Some top prizes on the specially purchased "white ticket" include a Dell laptop computer, \$1,000 cash prize, Fire tablet, Disney Hopper passes, Ameri-

can Girl Doll, iPad air, gift certificate for fuel oil, Lottery tickets, vacation packages, Fit bit, 50" HD TV, and gift cards. Credit cards are accepted.

Proceeds will be presented at the Annual ACS Telethon that airs April 9 and 10 at Penn's Peak, and will broadcast live on BRC TV-13 and Service Electric cable TV. The public is invited to attend the telethon and enjoy all of the live entertainment. Tickets are on sale throughout the area.

To donate items or purchase tickets, please call 570-645-4228, or email madula@ptd.net. Bakers are always needed. Visit the auction /telethon on Facebook under "CancerTelethon" or www.facebook.com/cancertelethon.

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Nice warm days for winter have been melting our snow cover steadily. In the areas where big snows fell, what will soon remain are the giant snow piles left from plowing. By the time this column reaches you, winter normal will have returned. There's more snow in the forecast, so plenty of winter left.

In this month of Valentine's and Presidents' days, there's a lot to be said for it being short. Due to this being a leap year, winter keeps its hold on us one day longer. The early winter darkness, however, is letting go of its grip. It gets dark almost an hour later than in mid-December. Ruth and I like this, but it's not

enough. I'm finding myself counting the days until the return of Daylight Savings just before Saint Patrick's Day next month.

Ruth and I walked our dog Chess a couple of afternoons around 5 p.m. as the sun was setting. These sunsets have been beautiful. That beauty was enhanced in that there was no storm threat in those clouds. On one of our other walks, we were on an abandoned railroad bed south of White Haven that leads into a State Gameland. We were the only people who had trod this path since the big snow, so we left our footprints while seeing wild animal tracks of various sorts as we came

upon them. Walking along, we experienced pockets of warm, and then in a few feet, pockets of cold. This was actually fun, being able to stand at the edge of one zone and reach into the other. Neither of us are scientific enough to be able to explain this, but we finished our trek having enjoyed some good exercise and this experience.

Other sightings include a beautiful look at a hawk — about 15" tall with beige feathers from chest to the underside of its tail. She had perched on the telephone wires overlooking a field and the road, giving us a great view as we drove past.

We got our hockey fix with

two WBS Penguins home games. Lately our home team has been losing, but they played good hockey in losing. There will be hockey in Wilkes-Barre these next couple of weekends — we'll be there.

This past Sunday we went to the snow-postponed performance of the 40-Story Radio Tower show at the Mauch Chunk Opera House. The troupe performed funny radio skits, there was great music, and a short radio story — all around very entertaining. There were plenty of seats for more audience.

Monday night, we tuned in via internet to coverage of the Iowa caucuses. It will be our turn in two and a half months. I was leaning towards Martin O'Malley — oh well on that. There'll be some more weed-ing out on the Republican side after New Hampshire

and South Carolina. Then, we'll see who MIGHT be left for us to vote for when it's Pennsylvania's turn.

About the Super Bowl, my Charlotte, North Carolina-based brother is happy we're cheering for his team. While not exactly cheering, since my Patriots lost, I'd like them to win. I'm already looking forward to next year, though. The big sports event on my calendar is February 8, when the UConn Lady Huskies take on the South Carolina's Lady Gamecocks in Columbia, SC. This will be way, way better than the presidential primary there. UConn has another record-setting undefeated streak going of over 50 games and is ranked #1 this year with a 20-0 record. The Lady Gamecocks are also undefeated this year at 21 and 0, are #2 in rankings.

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# Weatherly boys climb past Line Mountain

## Weatherly Boys Basketball

The Weatherly Area boys out-scored Line Mountain 12-0 to open the game, and went on to post a 39-24 non-league basketball road victory last Wednesday. It was one of three games the Wreckers played during week, dropping Schuylkill League games to both Marian and Nativity. Gary Buck led the Wreckers' balanced attack against Line Mountain with 12 points. Jake Stover pitched in with nine points, while Jeremy Moser and Jared Zaremba scored six each.

**WEATHERLY AREA (39)** Buck 4 3-4 12, Stover 4 1-2 9, Moser 2 0-0 6, Zaremba 1 3-4 6, Pieser 2 0-2 4, Bizarre 1 0-0 2, Moon 0 0-3 0. Totals: 14 7-15 39.

**LINE MOUNTAIN (24)** Kaleta 4 2-2 10, Mace 2 2-3 6, Bartholomew 2 2-5 6, Derk 1 0-0 2, Lawrence 0 0-0 0, Ingram 0 0-0 0, Hill 0 0-0 0, Aurand 0 0-0 0. Totals 9 6-10 24.

**Weatherly Area.....12 9 11 7-39**  
**Line Mountain.....0 12 4 8-24**  
Three-pointers: Moser 2, Buck, Zaremba.

**Nativity 64, Weatherly Area 52** - The Wreckers shot out to a 25-18 first-quarter lead on the strength of the three-ball, but Nativity outscored

them over in each of the final three quarters to pull out the Schuylkill League Division III win.

The way that the host Wreckers started, it looked they were well on their way to their first league win. Zach Moon, Zaremba and Buck combined for seven three-pointers in that opening quarter. Moon finished with 14 points and four triples, Zaremba had 12 points on four three-pointers, and Buck also finished with 14 points. Zach Peiser contributed eight points. Derek James topped Nativity with 23 points and Ayden Adams had 15.

Trent Shatalsky's 24 points led Nativity's jayvees to a 68-61 win in opener. Zaremba topped Weatherly with 19 points and Steph Yurchak added 17.

**NATIVITY (64)** James 10 0-0 23, Szeliga 4 1-2 10, Adams 6 3-6 15, Hunyara 3 1-1 7, Nelson 4 1-4 9, Shatalsky 0 0-0 0, Rushmann 0 0-0 0. Totals 27 6-13 64.

**WEATHERLY AREA (52)** Stover 1 0-0 2, Bizarre 1 0-0 2, Moon 5 0-0 14, Buck 6 1-1 14, Zaremba 4 0-0 12, Peiser 4 0-1 8, Moser 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 1-2 52.

**Nativity.....18 17 21 8-64**  
**Weatherly Area.....25 9 14 4-52**  
Three-pointers: James 3, Szeliga. Zaremba 4, Moon 4, Buck.

**Marian 60, Weatherly 23** - Marian jumped out to a 7-0 lead early and never looked back, beating visiting Weatherly and clinching a berth in the upcoming District 11 Class AA tournament. Ten different players reached the scoring column for Marian (10-8, 7-4 league), led by John Woitko's 10 points. Zaremba paced the Wreckers with seven points.

Marian earned a 53-30 junior varsity win behind Noah Stauffer's 13 points.

**WEATHERLY AREA (23)** Moser 1 0-0 3, Bizarre 0 0-0 0, Moon 2 0-2 4, Buck 1 0-0 3, Stover 1 0-0 2, Zaremba 3 0-0 7, Peiser 2 0-0 4. Totals: 10 0-2 23.

**MARIAN (60)** Maylath 0 0-0 0, Cortese 1 2-2 4, Woitko 3 2-2 10, Miller 0 0-0 0, Puza 0 0-0 0, Karchner 3 0-0 6, Paisley 3 0-0 7, Kuczynski 3 0-0 7, DeAngelo 1 0-0 2, Mohammed 3 3-4 9, Paluck 0 1-2 1, Mummey 0 0-0 0, Myers 0 0-0 0, Inama 2 1-2 5, Collevecchio 3 0-0 9, Lentz 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 9-12 60.

**Weatherly Area.....2 10 6 5-23**  
**Marian.....16 17 24 3-60**  
Three-pointers: Moser, Buck, Zaremba. Collevecchio 3, Woitko 2, Paisley, Kuczynski.

hart (10). Justin Cannaria finished with 10 points to lead the Olympians.

In the seventh grade game, the Wreckers earned a 37-31 victory as Zoscin scored a game-high 16 points. Trevor Lowman added seven points for Weatherly.

## Trout Unlimited to host fly fishing speaker at next meeting

Western Pocono Trout Unlimited will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on February 16 at the Carbon County Environmental Education Center at Mauch Chunk Lake near Jim Thorpe. The featured speaker will be veteran fly fishing guide Rick Nyles of Skyblue Outfitters of Reading.

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## Weatherly Girls Basketball

## Lady Wreckers within one win of playoffs

The Weatherly Area girls moved within a win of clinching a District 11 Class A playoff berth with Saturday's 65-29 win over Lincoln Leadership Academy. With the victory, the Lady Wreckers improved to 10-9, needing one win over their remaining three games to qualify for the district playoffs.

Also last week, Weatherly dropped Schuylkill League Division III contests to Nativity (56-28) and Marian (51-28).

**Weatherly Area 65, Lincoln Leadership 29** - The Lady Wreckers ran out to a 24-point halftime lead en route to the non-league home win. Shelby Berger poured in a game- and season-high 25 points for Weatherly, while Emily Zoscin and Megan Peifer finished with 10 points each. Ramsey Rodriguez paced Lincoln Leadership with 13 points.

**LINCOLN (29)** Rodriguez 5 2-2 13, Richetti 4 0-3 8, Thomas 1 0-2 2, Ramos 2 2-2 6, Smith 0 0-0 0, Harris 0 0-0 0, Olivencia 0 0-0 0, Mormolejos 0 0-0 0, Andino 0 0-0 0. Totlas: 12 4-9 29.

**WEATHERLY AREA (65)** Zoscin 3 2-7 10, Hoffman 1 0-0 3, Caravella 1 0-0 3, DeSpirito 3 0-0 6, Gower 1 0-0 2, Obert 0 0-2 0, Berger 1 0 2-4 25, Hartz 2 1-2 5, Ache 0 0-4 0, Gillot 0 1-2 1, Peifer 3 4-7 10, Henry 0 0-0 0. Totals: 24 10-28 65.

**Lincoln Leadership.....8 9 8 4-29**  
**Weatherly Area.....23 18 10 14-65**  
Three-pointers: Rodriguez. Berger 3, Zoscin 2, Caravella, Hoffman.

**Nativity 56, Weatherly Area 28** - Nativity avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Wreckers with last Tuesday's Division III win atop Lawton's Hill in Pottsville. Jordyn Simons scored a game-high 26 points, including 13 of her team's 15 points in the first quarter, and Madison Clarke had a double-double for the Golden Girls (4-14). Clarke finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds.

Berger led the Lady Wreckers with 10 points, eight of which came in the fourth quarter.

Weatherly won the junior varsity game 36-33.

**WEATHERLY AREA (28)** Zoscin 2 2-2 7, Berger 4 2-3 10, Hartz 0 1-2 1, Gillott 0 0-0 0, Peifer 2 2-4 6, Gower 2 0-0 4, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Hoffman 0 0-2 0, Caravella 0 0-0 0, Henry 0 0-0 0, Ache 0 0-2 0, Obert 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 7-15 28.

**NATIVITY (56)** Ulsh 1 0-3 2, Sanders 0 0-0 0, Strausser 4 0-0 9, Clarke 5 0-0 11, Simons 10 6-10 26, McClure 0 2-2 2, Malacuskys 1 2-2 4, Klembara 0 0-0 0, Zimerofsky 0 0-0 0, Carpenito 0 0-0 0, Starr 0 0-0 0, Tobash 0 0-0 0, Hayes 1 0-0 2. Totals: 22 10-17 56.

**Weatherly Area.....8 8 2 10-28**  
**Nativity.....15 19 14 8-56**  
Three-pointers: Zoscin. Strausser, Clarke.

**Marian 51, Weatherly Area 28** - The Fillies pulled in front 28-8 at intermission and pulled away from there for the Division III win at Weatherly. Vanessa Whitecavage scored all of her team-high 14 points in the first two quarters, knocking down four three-pointers in the process. Madison Stoyer added 11 points for Division III frontrunner Marian.

The Lady Wreckers received a game-high 15 points from Zoscin, but no other player had more than five.

Marian pulled out a close 47-45 win in the junior varsity game.

**MARIAN (51)** Joseph 0 0-0 0, Erbe 2 0-0 4, Whitecavage 5 0-0 14, Correale 1 0-0 2, Schwabe 0 0-0 0, Agosti 2 0-0 5, Krusinsky 2 1-1 5, Raabe 1 0-0 2, Karnish 2 4-4 8, Stoyer 5 1-3 11. Totals: 20 6-8 51.

**WEATHERLY AREA (28)** Zoscin 4 6-13 15, Hartz 1 3-4 5, Berger 1 0-0 2, Gillot 0 0-0 0, Peifer 1 0-2 2, Gower 1 0-0 2, Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Caravella 0 0-0 0, DeSpirito 1 0-0 2, Ache 0 0-0 0. Totals: 9 9-19 28.

**Marian.....18 10 15 8-51**  
**Weatherly Area.....6 2 8 11-28**  
Three-pointers: Whitecavage 4, Agosti. Zoscin.

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## Comets pick up two WVC wins ahead of showdown

### Crestwood Boys Basketball

The Crestwood boys defeated Coughlin (49-36) and Pittston Area (69-53) for their sixth and seventh straight wins to keep pace with first-place Hazleton Area heading into this week's showdown of Division I frontrunners.

**Crestwood 49, Coughlin 36 -**

The Comets held visiting Coughlin to a total of six points over the second and third quarters en route to Division I win. Robbie Hopkins was the Comets' lone double-figure scorer with 12 points, while Josh Malkemes had eight. Melvin Robinson (14) and Devin Rajza (13) reached doubles

for Coughlin.

**COUGHLIN (36)** McAllister 1 0-0 2, Rivera 0 0-0 0, Rajza 4 2-2 13, Cerep 0 2-2 2, Robinson 6 2-4 14, Cobbs 1 0-0 3, Adams 0 0-0 0, Bennett 1 0-0 2, Jeremiah 0 0-0 0, Perdoma 0 0-0 0, Flippen 0 0-0 0. Totals 13 6-8 36.

**CRESTWOOD (49)** Hopkins 3 4-5 12, Gegaris 0 0-0 0, Blass 1 2-2 4, Lysiak 0 0-0 0, J. Klusewitz 2 2-2 6, K. Klusewitz 1 0-0 2, Richards 0 0-0 0, McCue 0 0-0 0, Hawley 0 0-0 0, Foreman 3 0-0 6, Malkemes 1 6-7 8, M. Andrews 1 2-2 5, Jackson 0 0-0 0, Schmidt 3 0-1 6. Totals 15 16-19 49.

**Coughlin.....13 2 4 17 - 36**

**Crestwood.....14 10 16 9 - 49**

Three-pointers: Rajza, Cobbs, Hopkins 2, M. Andrews.

**Crestwood 69, Pittston Area 53** - Lance Blass led four Crestwood players in double figures with 17 points, and the Comets notched their seventh straight win to keep pace with unbeaten Hazleton Area in Division I. The Comets built a 33-21 lead by intermission, and cruised from there to improve to 13-4 overall, 8-1 in conference play heading into Tuesday night's scheduled showdown at first-place Hazleton Area (9-0).

Robbie Hopkins dropped in 16

points and three triples for Crestwood, while Jason Klusewitz and Josh Malkemes joined in with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Dylan Osticco paced the Patriots with 14 points and Jordan Black had 10.

**PITTSTON AREA (53)** Black 4 2-2 10, Osticco 6 0-1 14, Mitchell 1 4-6 6, Smith 0 1-2 1, McGlynn 3 0-0 9, Mazurkivich 0 0-1 0, Klein 2 2-2 6, Guillaume 0 0-0 0, Williams 0 2-2 2, Woodruff 0 0-0 0, Ambrose 0 1-2 1,

Zaffuto 0 2-2 2, Tighe 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 14-20 53.

**CRESTWOOD (69)** Hopkins 6 1-2 16, Gegaris 2 0-0 5, Blass 7 2-5 17, J. Klusewitz 5 1-1 11, Richards 1 0-0 2, Foreman 2 0-2 4, Malkemes 3 4-4 10, Jackson 0 0-0 0, Schmidt 1 2-2 4. Totals: 27 10-16 69.

**Pittston Area.....7 14 21 11 - 53**

**Crestwood.....15 18 21 15 - 69**

Three-pointers: McGlynn 3, Osticco 2. Hopkins 3, Gegaris, Blass.

### Crestwood Wrestling

## Warriors slip past Crestwood matmen

Wyoming Area won the match's first five bouts, building enough of a lead to hold off a Crestwood comeback in Saturday's 33-27 Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling victory. The Comets made the match interesting after falling behind 21-0 thanks to pinfalls from Tyler Shaud (106), Brandon Rinehimer (126), Anthony Kovalchik (145) and Liam Stone (152). Saige George added a decision win at 138 for the Comets.

160: Stephen Sokach-Minnick (WA) dec. Jayson Crablo (11-4); 170: Zachary Briggs (WA) pin Ryan Black (1:22); 182: Adam Buczynski

(WA) dec. Paul Ashton (4-2); 195: no bout; 220: Damon Barhight (WA) pin Shane O'Rourke (3:57); 285: Nicholas Tomlinson (WA) dec. Tyler Nuss (2-1); 106: Tyler Shaud (C) pin Justin Esposito (5:28); 113: Brandon Williams (WA) by forfeit; 120: Robin Wroblewski (WA) dec. Jason O'Neill (7-4); 126: Brandon Rinehimer (C) pin Tyler Martin (5:03); 132: Patrick Heck (WA) dec. Ron Grevera (3-1 sv-1); 138: Saige George (C) dec. Kendrick Beyer (9-4); 145: Anthony Kovalchik (C) pin Nicholas Semanek (0:53); 152: Liam Stone (C) pin Jaryn Polit-Moran (5:27).

### Crestwood Girls Basketball

## Lady Cougars cool off Lady Comets for WVC win

A chilly shooting night, and a determined Hazleton Area squad cooled off the red-hot Crestwood Lady Comets during Monday night's Wyoming Valley Conference Division I showdown in Wright Township. The Lady Comets hit on just 26.6 percent of their shots, and just couldn't muster up enough magic as Hazleton Area took a huge step toward a second straight Division I championship with a hard-earned, 54-40 victory.

"This was a big one. We knew this was a big one because it's a rivalry, their strength is our weakness inside, and they were hot. They were feeling

that if they win, they're right back in this," Hazleton Area head coach Joe Gavio said of the Lady Comets, who had won five of its last six games since falling in Hazleton by 12 (57-45) in early January.

"They were a team that was motivated and hot. They just beat Pittston, and they're playing pretty good," added Gavio.

And the Lady Comets played like it early on. Bolstered by a spirited home crowd on a special "Pink Out" night for cancer awareness, the Lady Comets led the first-place Lady Cougars 13-11 after one quarter of play, but couldn't make it hold up under Hazleton Area's heavy full court pressure.

Hazleton Area made up for its own cool shooting night (32 percent) by forcing 21 turnovers, and got a huge effort from junior guard Kendra Pfeil. The 5-foot-7 Pfeil scored a game-high 19 points, grabbed a career-best 14 rebounds and registered eight steals to help trigger the Lady Cougar fast break that ultimately sealed the deal.

Pfeil, who came in averaging 10.5 points per game, broke the Lady Cougars' 0-for-7 dry spell to start the game with a fast break score, along with an old fashioned three-point play. When Alyssa Shamany finished off a break with a basket, Hazleton Area was up 7-2. But as she did all night long, two-time all-state forward Maddie Ritsick brought her team back with her power game in the paint. She scored down low from a Kate Snipas feed, then went to the perimeter to nail a triple and pull the Lady Comets (9-9 overall, 6-4 WVC) into a 7-7 tie.

Julia Makowski came off the bench to score off a Ritsick assist, then hit a free throw to put the Lady Comets in front. Ritsick's putback and a free throw in the closing seconds had Crestwood in the lead (13-11) by quarter's end. When the Lady Comets missed their first 10 shots of the second quarter and turned it over three more times, however, Hazleton Area was able to make a run and grab a lead it would never relinquish.

Maddie Mrochko scored two baskets in the lane, Ashley Martinecek got a basket on the break, and high-scoring McKenzie Yori got in on the act with her first two baskets - including a three-pointer - that fueled a 12-0 run to put Hazleton Area on top 23-13 five minutes into the second quarter.

Makowski ended the Lady Comets' six-minute scoring drought

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# Local football landscape continues to change

While Punxsutawney Phil was predicting an early spring during Tuesday's Groundhog Day ceremonies in Western Pennsylvania, most of the talk in the sports world was focusing on football, both locally and nationally.

On the local side, the Anthracite League was officially placed in mothballs as the Schuylkill League adopted the Anthracite Region's high school football teams this week. Anthracite Football League president Stephen Toth called a press conference for this Thursday to officially welcome the Anthracite Football League as a sport in the Schuylkill League. With the transition, the AFL will no longer be called the Anthracite Football League, but will be called Schuylkill League Football.

Additionally, Lehigh School District will serve as the Administrative chair, Jim Thorpe School District

will represent the Athletic Directors and Coach Mike Farr, of Schuylkill Haven, will serve as the coaches rep for the league and will be taking over the Football league leadership under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Schuylkill League. The former AFL has also split into two divisions beginning with the 2016 season after welcoming Pottsville into the league.

Blue Mountain, Pottsville, North Schuylkill, Jim Thorpe, Tamaqua and 2015 AFL champion Lehigh School will include Marian, Mahanoy Area, Shenandoah Valley, Panther Valley, Schuylkill Haven and Minersville.

The league could expand to include other Schuylkill League schools in the future.

**CHANGES IN DISTRICT 2** - Although it was only January, officials in District 2 were busy last week talking playoffs for the upcoming 2016

season. Things like a shorter season, an earlier start and more post-season berths for District 2 teams are planned under a high school football playoff proposal by the

## On The Sly

by Steve Stallone, Sports Editor

PIAA. Because the PIAA is allowing districts to choose between a 10-game/one-scrimmage schedule and a nine-game/two-scrimmage slate within the 15-week football calendar, it creates a "Week 0" for districts that pick the 10-game format, which District 2 has opted for. Under the previous format, the PIAA operated under a 16-week football calendar.

"This allows each district the ability with Week 0 to have district playoff formats in the best interest of their member schools," PIAA executive director Robert Lombardi said a day after the proposed state brackets for the next two-year cycle were passed on a first-read basis at last week's Board of Directors meeting. "This allows for the expansion for playoffs our member schools wanted." The playoff bracket proposals have to pass three readings to be accepted. The next meeting is March 17. Week 0 means that District 2 teams will actually begin on the PIAA calendar on the second scrimmage date. You'll now have to look at the schedule in District 2 as being in Week 2 when the PIAA calendar is in Week 1.

Under the new plan, District 2 will have expanded playoffs with 24 automatic qualifiers, and the potential for 25 qualifiers, across the six new

classifications. Only 14 teams from District 2 qualified for the district playoffs in previous seasons. There are 37 teams competing in District 2 counting Williamsport, which represents District 4 in Class 6A.

Under the new increased classification format, Crestwood would fall into Class 4A, where there would be an eight-team district playoff with the champion advancing to play the District 12 champ in the PIAA quarterfinals.

**SUPER BOWL TIME** - Local football is by no means the only pigskin talk these days. The once-beaten Carolina Panthers and Denver Broncos will hook up in Super Bowl 50 on Sunday.

The Panthers, who made a serious run at the 1972 Miami Dolphins' undefeated season, have clearly been the top team in the NFL this season. Enthusiastic quarterback Cam Newton has been a big part of their season, but is just one of a number of stars on both sides of the football for the Panthers. Denver's calling card has been defense, and that unit will try to keep the Broncos in the game against the high-scoring Panthers.

This game marks the final one for Denver defensive star Demarcus Ware, who is retiring. It also could be the final rodeo for Hall of Fame-bound quarterback Peyton Manning, who has hinted on retiring and would like nothing more than to ride off into the sunset with a second Super Bowl title.

Our call is too much offense and more than enough defense on Carolina's side ... PANTHERS, 31-17.

## Crestwood Girls Basketball...

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with a free throw and then a high bank shot, and teammate Abby Macko blocked a shot and turned it into two fast-break points as Crestwood was suddenly back within five (23-18). But Mrochko's driving basket in the final minute got the Hazleton Area lead to seven (25-18) at the half.

Crestwood refused to go away, keeping within five on Ritsick's end-to-end break and her inside basket off a Macko assist that made it 27-22 three minutes into the third quarter. At that point, Pfeil took over. She scored twice on the break, and in between cut to the basket and scored off a Shamany dish for her own personal 6-0 run that pushed the lead back to 11. It was one of several inside scores that the Lady Cougars were able to get against the taller Lady Comets in the halfcourt offense.

"Taking it to the basket was very important tonight because the shots weren't falling," Pfeil said.

"We really ran our motion well and we were getting layups off it," added Gavio. "We really ran our offense as good as we can run it."

Hazleton Area took a 10-point lead to the fourth quarter before Ritsick scored on a putback to cut it to eight (36-28) with seven minutes to play. But with the fullcourt pressure starting to take its toll on Crestwood, the Lady Cougars began pulling away. Back-to-back steals by Pfeil led to four points by Yori, and a Shamany steal resulted in two Mrochko free throws before Pfeil finished off her own three-point play to cap a 9-0 run that for all intents and purposes, put the game away.

"We didn't play really good tonight, but we gutted it out, and that's what good teams do when you don't have the A-game," Gavio said. "Kendra came through and had a great game. People made plays all over the place. "At this point in the year, with a week to go, it's called Ws, and that's what this was. I'm so proud of

our team tonight, because that was a will to win."

Hazleton Area withstood Ritsick's double-double (18 points, 17 rebounds) with better overall balance. Yori finished with 16 points - 11 in the final quarter - and Mrochko chipped in with 11 points.

Makowski had eight points and five rebounds off the bench for the Lady Comets, who are scheduled at Dallas and Berwick on Wednesday and Friday, respectively.

The win was the ninth straight for Hazleton Area (15-2, 9-1), and inched the Lady Cougars closer to what would be a second consecutive conference title. After a Wednesday game with Tunkhannock, they were to face second-place Pittston Area (8-2) in a Friday showdown at HAHS.

Crestwood captured a 38-31 win in the junior varsity opener as Andrea Shipton scored a game-high 14 points.

**HAZLETON AREA (54)** Pfeil 7 5-6 19, Yale 0 0-0 0, Yori 5 5-6 16, Mrochko 4 3-4 11, Shamany 1 2-2 4, Martincek 2 0-2 4, Sheeto 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 15-20 54.

**CRESTWOOD (40)** Dillon 2 0-0 4, Shipton 1 0-0 2, Hopkins 1 2-4 4, Snipas 1 0-0 2, Macko 1 0-0 2, Shiplett 0 0-0 0, Makowski 3 2-4 8, Ritsick 8 1-2 18. Totals: 17 5-10 40.

**Haz. Area.....11 14 11 18 - 54**  
**Crestwood.....13 5 8 14 - 40**  
Three-pointers: Yori, Ritsick.

**Crestwood 60, Pittston Area 48** - Last Thursday in Yatesville, Crestwood helped put a wrench in Pittston Area's own WVC Division I title plans with an upset victory. Ritsick scored a game-high 16 points and Sara

Hopkins added a season-best 13 to lead the charge. Crestwood knocked down eight three-pointers to the Patriots' one. Jamie Chisdock led Pittston Area with 15 points, while Marley O'Brien added 10 points.

Crestwood won the jayvee game 37-16.

**CRESTWOOD (60)** Ritsick 4 6-8 16, Hopkins 4 3-5 13, Macko 2 3-4 8, Makowski 2 3-3 7, Shiplett 2 0-0 6, Snipas 2 1-4 6, Dillon 1 2-2 4. Totals: 17 18-26 60.

**PITTSSTON AREA (48)** Chisdock 7 1-2 15, O'Brien 3 3-6 10, Durling 2 6-6 10, Ashby 2 5-6 9, Noone 1 0-0 2, Cummings 0 2-2 2. Totals: 15 17-22 48.

**Crestwood.....14 14 15 17 - 60**  
**Pittston Area.....14 9 8 17 - 48**

Three-pointers: Ritsick 2, Shiplett 2, Hopkins 2, Macko, Snipas, O'Brien.

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