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Headstart grows...up on the Plateau



ESU Rehab and Human Services major Victoria Patterson alongside Sophia Soba delves into coloring with Myonna Curley (standing from right).

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Twenty little starter students enjoyed a chance to explore the new Pocono Services for Families and Children's Head Start classroom February 29 at Tobyhanna Elementary Center. As parents learned dos and don'ts at orientation, the 3- and 4-year olds experienced the ABCs of how to be in an elementary environment alongside future friends and instructors.

Familiarity is a key component in the Monroe County program. These youngsters will call TEC their facility for kindergarten to sixth grade. The Pocono Pines location is number three in the non-prof-

it's strategically stationed Pocono Mountain School District classrooms, along with Swiftwater and Clear Run Elementary Center.

Pocono Services for Families and Children Director Tim Lee explained as need exceeded space, the Commonwealth- and federally-funded organization braced for expansion following annual community needs assessments indicating the Plateau region continuously showing the "greatest need."

He applauded "deeper family engagement" provided for not only pre-schoolers but also for families and county residents as a whole. Report-

ing 35% of Head Start employees are family members from the program, he says community-wide benefits also echo beyond elementary age pupils with East Stroudsburg University and Northampton Community College students as interns.

ESU senior Victoria Patterson considers the hands-on experience fundamental to her studies. Admitting the gratification of "seeing their progress," the rehab and human services major smiles, "This is where my heart is."

Returning with a cheek-to-cheek grin, 4-year old cutie Sophia Soba summed it up as "Good," when asked

about her new place to play and learn.

Expanding on that, Lee said "The feel is good and right," reporting the acquisition of former PMSD Coolbaugh Elementary Center nears. He sees gathering other agencies within the Tobyhanna space as an opportunity to bring resources closer to home for the local community.

Considering the program free to enrollees a "win-win situation for everyone" TEC principal Dr. Anastasia D'Angelo commented, "Besides the academic importance of Head Start, the socialization

aspect cannot be overlooked," adding, "The children receive a fantastic early start to their education and we receive students ready for kindergarten."

A March 31 Anniversary Gala at Stroudsmoor Country Inn will celebrate five decades of Head Start in Monroe County. The evening is set to highlight achievements, artwork and memories from the program's beginning to present. Deadline to join the date at \$50 a plate is March 18 with PFSC's Community Resource Coordinator Chris Grape-Garvey inviting a call at 570-421-2711 ext. 238

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Propane powered buses planned for PMSD

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Analyzing cost-effective means of transportation led to the March 2 unanimous PMSD vote to propel the district into modern day fuel efficiency by purchasing 25 propane powered buses. A focus on fleet replenishment led to the \$2.2 million commitment.

Replacing diesel buses with propane-powered buses will result in a monthly savings of nearly \$5,800 each in fuel costs. This will result in a two year return on investment.

The district will ask for proposals to decide between leasing or purchasing an 18,000 gallon filling station tank. Cost to purchase has been estimated at \$147,500.

Public comment included former board president Meg Dilger stating, "I'm really puzzled as to why we need 25 buses," adding, "I'd like to see

how it's justified," noting a decrease in student enrollment.

Board member Ricky Smith said the time has come to begin replacing buses, pointing out that no bus replacement had taken place for some time and the sale of district buses had reduced fleet numbers from 215 to 168.

JoEllen Chadwick asked if funds were in the budget and if money is needed for new hires to service the propane vehicles. It is in next year's budget and training for existing PMSD professionals is provided with the acquisition.



John Dickson thanks PMSD for helping with Monroe County Toys for Tots during the March 2 meeting.

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Announcing his intention of nominating PMSD public information officer Wendy Fable

and Dr. Catherine Sweeney for the prestigious Four Chaplains Award recognizing exemplary civilian volunteer efforts, Toys for Tots coordinator John Dickson thanked the pair for their tireless efforts in the holiday campaign. He applauded the district for helping to make Monroe County the number one program in the country twice.

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Donna Olson,
REALTOR® - Blakeslee,

has been recognized with the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award for 2015. She has also been recognized as a top-producer nationwide with the coveted CENTURY 21® Ruby Masters Award. Olson has been affiliated with the company since 1988. In her long career she has been honored with multiple Century 21 Centurian Awards. In addition to being a top notch real estate associate, Donna is a Yoga instructor.

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Daniel Seip,
Associate Broker - Blakeslee,

has been recognized with the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award for 2015. He has also been recognized as a top-producer nationwide with the coveted CENTURY 21® Ruby Masters Award. Daniel also received recognition at Select Groups annual awards luncheon for the Top Listing Agent within the company of 65 associates. Seip has been affiliated with the company since 2000.

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Dale Strzelec,
REALTOR® - Lake Harmony,

his strong commitment to service earned him the 2015 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award. Dale has been affiliated with the company since 2005. Dale has consistently received Quality Service recognition since 2011. He is a full time REALTOR® and is involved in many community activities and supports "Susan G. Komen for the Cure"

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Betty Glica,
REALTOR® - Blakeslee,

because of her ongoing commitment to service, she has earned her the 2015 Quality Service Producer Award. Betty has been affiliated with the company since 1998. In addition to her position as a full time REALTOR®, she also acts as Office Coordinator for the office.

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Lucille Richmond,
Associate Broker/Manager - Lake Harmony

has been recognized with the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award for 2015. Lucille has received the Pinnacle award for the past 4 years, representing years of outstanding service. Lucille has been licensed since 1988. This past year she was instrumental in organizing a fund raiser for Mary Ann Anderson - a sales associate in the company in need of a kidney transplant. A Miracle for MaryAnn raised more than \$10,000.

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Brian McCardle,
Associate Broker - Hazleton,

has been recognized as a top-producer nationwide when he was awarded with the coveted CENTURY 21® Emerald Masters Award. Brian has 32 years of experience in the real estate industry and has been affiliated with the CENTURY 21 System for his entire career.

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Linnea Holdren,
REALTOR® - Hazleton,

has been recognized as a top-producer nationwide when she was awarded with the coveted CENTURY 21® Emerald Masters Award. Emerald level status is awarded to a C21® sales affiliate who has met minimum sales production of 43 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. In addition to the Emerald Award, Linnea's ongoing commitment to service earned her the 2015 Quality Service Producer Award. Linnea works with the Hazleton Lions Club as the Club Photographer, Chamber Representative and a Lions National Global Leadership Trainer.

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Louise Gresh,
Associate Broker - Hazleton,

has been recognized as a top-producer nationwide with the coveted CENTURY 21® Ruby Masters Award. Ruby level status is awarded to a C21® sales affiliate who has met minimum sales production of 32 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. Her ongoing commitment to service earned her the 2015 Quality Service Producer Award. Louise has also been accepted as a Candidate Member for NREIS, the Institute of Real Estate Management, an international community of real estate managers dedicated to ethical business practices, maximizing the value of investment real estate, and promoting superior management through education and information sharing.

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Jose Valerio,
REALTOR® - Hazleton,

has been recognized as a top-producer nationwide with the coveted CENTURY 21® Ruby Masters Award. Jose focuses his business on helping the Hispanic population in the Greater Hazleton and Valley area. For many of his clients it is the first time purchasing a home. The advice and guidance he provides assures his clients of the best in honesty and integrity.

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Patricia Brooks,
Associate Broker - Hazleton,

ongoing commitment to service earned her the 2015 Quality Service Producer Award. In addition Brooks has been selected by the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® Leadership Team to serve as Vice Chairman of the Diversity Committee and as a member of the Legislative Committee. It is through the dedicated efforts of volunteers like Patricia that make Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS strong.

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Andrea Gerhard,
REALTOR® - Blakeslee,

has been recognized with the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award for 2015. Andrea completed the Certified Military Residential Specialist Training providing her the skills to handle with excellence the home purchase needs of active duty and former military clients. Andrea works closely with a 23 year Army Veteran in acquiring properties to be utilized as a place to help homeless veterans get back on their feet and lead productive lives.

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Dolores McLaughlin,
Associate Broker - Blakeslee and
Kathleen Belanger,
REALTOR® - Blakeslee,

successfully completed Facebook for Business, offered through Northampton Community College. These associates walked away with the tools to use Facebook to help their clients receive maximum exposure for their properties.

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\$1 Million Dollar Producers (not pictured): Carol Flynn, Team Van Hine and Mary Anne Kneuppel.

CENTURY 21 Select Group operates 8 offices throughout Northeast Pennsylvania. The company has been part of the Century 21 family since 1979, "We build on the training, tools and systems provided by CENTURY 21. As we look to grow our business and create the best possible real estate experience for the home buyers, sellers, and investors these talented and experienced professionals are crucial to our overall success," said Flartey-Kaminski

Area Funerals

Fred Suter

Fred Suter, 56, of Pocono Lake, died as a result of an automobile accident, Sunday, March 13, 2016. He was the loving husband of Dawn (Goldie) Suter.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, he was a son of the late Fred and LuLa (Peia) Suter.

Fred was employed by J.A. Reinhardt as a machinist for more than 30 years. He coached baseball and softball for many years while his children were involved in sports. Fred was past vice president of the Pocono Mountain Little League and was co-founder of the Pocono Pride 18 & Under Softball League.

He is also survived by his son, Matthew Suter of Pocono Lake; his daughter, Dana Fyffe and her husband, Jesse, of Spotswood, New Jersey; his brother, Rob Suter and his wife, Lori, of Franklin Lakes, New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews.

There will be a visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, March 17, at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 163549, Columbus, OH 43216-3549.

Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Church Women to meet

Church Women United of Monroe will hold a business meeting on March 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Hughes main Library, 9th St. and Chipperfield Drive,

Stroudsburg.

The meeting will not be held if schools are cancelled.

For more information, call 570-629-0649.

Ecumenical Good Friday Service hosted by PLWC

The public is invited to gather with members of the Top O' the Mountain Ecumenical Council Churches at the Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church at noon on March 25 for the annual Good Friday Ecumenical Service. Through sacred scripture, prayer, and music, participants will contemplate the Sacred Passion of Jesus Christ. Several area clergy will participate in the service. Pastor Luke Richards of the Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church will preach; the title of his sermon will be "How did we come to this?"

As a symbol of the common social outreach through the work of the Ecumenical Council, participants are invited to bring to the service any non-perishable items for the Ecumenical Food Pantry, which provides food to many local families in need. The Council also offers assistance for one-day emergency shelter, counseling, and a limited amount of emergency financial assistance. There will be a free-

offering to support this work.

Top O' the Mountain Ecumenical Council Churches are Blakelee United Methodist, Faith Lutheran, Pocono Lake United Methodist, Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church, Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish, and Salem United Church of Christ.

For Directions to the church or any other information concerning the service, call 570-646-9181.

Saint Nicholas Church Easter bake sale

Saint Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church will hold its annual Easter Bake Sale on March 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Among the baked choices are nut and poppy rolls, Easter Paschas (special breads), and Russian Easter loaves.

Also available are varieties of smoked and fresh kielbasa, cooked cabbage with spaetzle, New England and Manhattan clam chowder, stuffed cabbage, and Pirohi. Saint Nicholas Catholic Church is located on Route 940 in Pocono Summit between the Tractor Supply and the CVS

pharmacy.

Weekly Liturgies (mass) are held on Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 10 a.m. The Very Reverend Michael J. Salnicki is pastor.

For more information, call the Fellowship Hall at 570-839-8090.

Pocono Mountain Community Chorus Holy Week concert schedule

Members from 32 regional churches unite in song for Holy Week. The Pocono Mountain Community Chorus will present its 37th Annual Holy Week Concerts at the following area churches:

March 20 at 3 p.m. - Reeder's United Methodist Church; March 22 at 7:30 p.m. - Cherry Lane United Methodist Church (E. Stroudsburg); March 23 at 7:30 p.m. - Christ Episcopal Church

(Stroudsburg).

Founder and Director, Jack Hamblin, has selected a program of sacred music drawn from various periods,

composers, and styles for this very moving musical journey through Holy Week. Accompanists will be Judy Munoz and Gary Raish.

The Chorus is comprised of approximately 61 singers representing 32 different area

churches of all denominations. Chorus members are volunteers who sing without formal audition.

The Chorus rehearsed for seven Sunday afternoons before and during Lent to prepare for the three Holy Week Concerts.

A free-will offering is received at each concert to benefit the Chorus' Music Fund. All are welcomed to attend and share in this service in music.

Holy Week events at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

The celebration of Holy Week will begin with the weekend Masses of Palm/Passion on March 19 and 20. Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday and at 8 & 10:30 a.m. on Sunday.

On Palm Sunday evening, the Living Stations of the Cross will be presented in the church at 7:30 p.m. The cast and crew of this prayerful presentation, directed by Mary Finkernagel, will include members of the Confirmation Class, the Youth Group, and other Religious Education students. Several adults and younger children will complete

the cast.

John Marcinkowski, Director of Music, and members of the Adult Choir are preparing a beautiful musical setting to help transport those gathered to the foot of the Cross. Holy Week services will continue with the Celebration of the Sacred Triduum.

On Holy Thursday, March 24, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will begin at 7 p.m., and is followed by a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 p.m.

On Good Friday, March 25, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 2 p.m. Stations of the Cross and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 7 p.m.

On Holy Saturday, March 26, the Blessing of the Easter Food will take place in the church at noon. The Easter Vigil Liturgy begins at 8 p.m. (Please note: There will be no 4 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.)

The celebration of the Lord's Resurrection will be held at 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday, and the Easter Family Liturgy will begin at 10:30 a.m.

The worship site for St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is Our Lady of the Lake Church, located at 5112 Pocono Crest Road in Pocono Pines., adjacent to the intersection of Routes 940 and 423. For more information, please call 570-646-6424.

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Good Friday, March 25

2 p.m. Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

7 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Holy Saturday, March 26

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Upon leaving Egypt there was such haste that the bread dough did not have time to leaven. Today Jews abstain from all products containing leavened wheat and eat the traditional Matza.

In celebration of the holiday Congregation B’nai Harim will “Break the Matza” at a community Seder on April 17, at 3 p.m. at Lake Naomi Clubhouse, located at Miller Drive in Pocono Pines.

A full course Seder meal will be served and the “order” will be conducted by Rabbi Peg Kershenbaum. Cost is \$35 per person, children 3-12 cost \$13.50, and there is no charge for children under 3.

Please send reservations by April 12 to: Congregation B’nai Harim, Po Box 757, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

Please include your name, number in your party, and a phone number. For more information, call the message center at 570-646-0100 or visit the web site www.bnaiharimpoconos.org.

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Pocono water drive for Flint, Michigan residents

A benefit is currently being organized in East Stroudsburg to help supply clean water to the residents of Flint, Michigan. This event is designed to combat the major health risk that began when Michigan state officials, seeking to save money, redirected the city of Flint’s water source from Lake Huron to the heavily polluted Flint River, an unprecedented crisis unfolded

where people were unable to use the highly contaminated water for drinking, cooking, or bathing.

All of Flint’s 9,000 children aged 6 or under were exposed to dangerous lead poisoning, which will have severe and lasting effects on their health, and every resident of the city has received disturbing levels of toxic chemicals from the brackish,

discolored water now issuing from their faucets.

This event, a large-scale Water Drive, will be a benefit to support the Flint residents and help replenish resources. The event will be hosted by Tammy Peay, an accomplished and critically-acclaimed comedienne whose credits include a live performance at New York City’s iconic Carnegie Hall and appearances on TV, film, and comedy stages across America. Ms. Peay will be joined by the crowd-pleasing, gifted teen “triple threat” artist Xavier, whose whirlwind

“Bossed Up” tour last summer took the country by storm with is vocal, instrumental, and rap talents.

Both artists are deeply committed to making this Water Drive a big success, and Ms. Peay, who co-hosts a popular weekly radio broadcast, Talk ‘N Tea with Tammy & Nathan, underscored its importance, saying, “Water is life. The people of Flint deserve a clean, potable water source. I can’t believe something like this is actually happening in America.”

Jock N’ Jill’s Sports Bar’s Legendary disc jockey DJRatedR will provide toe-tapping music for this event, which takes place at

the Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center, 88 South Courtland Street, in East Stroudsburg, on March 19 from noon to 2 p.m. Pocono Cinema’s Board of Directors have graciously offered their space for this event free of charge to contribute to this worthy cause.

The show, organized by Bossed Up Management mogul Stephanie Smagler with the support of Global Marketing & Entertainment and Helping Hands And Beyond, will be an exciting and uplifting event. It will feature dazzling dance, music performances, and public information about the growing crisis in Flint.

The community is encouraged to support the show and to drop off cases of water in support of the cause at Pocono Cinema the weekend of March 19-20.

A few of the New York City Corrections Department employees have generously agreed to provide water and facilitate the transportation of all supplies donated to this effort, directly to the city of Flint, Michigan.

They would like to thank the popular Hip Hop Site lisentothedj.com for signing on to be the official media sponsor. For more information on this emergency relief effort, media inquiries, or ticket sales, please contact Ernest Jackson of MNS Media Group at mnsmedia@gmail.com.

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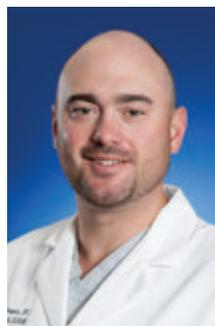
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Coming Events

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Saturday, March 19—Easter Party, noon, Clymer Library, registration required, 570-646-0826

Saturday, March 19—Fly fishing workshop, 9 a.m.-noon, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Saturday, March 19—Easter Bunny Photos to benefit Waggin' Tails, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Pet Supplies Plus, Route 611, Stroudsburg, www.waggin-tailsrescue.com

Tuesday, March 22—Family Game Night, 6 p.m., Clymer

Library, registration required, 570-646-0826

Thursday, March 24—Adult Coloring, 2-3 p.m., Clymer Library, 570-646-0826

Thursday, March 31—50th Anniversary Gala for Pocono Services for Families and Children, 5:30 p.m., Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 570-421-2711x238

Friday, April 1—Fun in the Sun dinner theater, presented by Pocono Mountain West High School Choral Department, 6:30 p.m., Pocono Mountain West High School, 570-839-7121 xt31401

Saturday, April 2—Paint for the Puppies, 1-4 p.m., Chestnut-hill Park Blding, sponsored by West End Park and Open Space Commission, 570-730-9887, www.ccreationscrafts.weebly.com

Waggin' Trails Easter Bunny photos

Bring your pets and kids for photos with the Waggin' Tails Easter Bunny on March 19 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Pet Supplies Plus, Pocono Commons, Route 611, Stroudsburg (next to Party City).

Cost is \$8 per photo. All proceeds benefit Waggin' Tails Pet Rescue of Brodheadsville.

Visit www.waggin-tailsrescue.com and www.facebook.com/waggin.tailsrescue.

Off the beaten path at Promised Land

Promised Land State Park in Pike County is one of 25 "must-see" state parks in Pennsylvania, but there are plenty of ways to get off the beaten path in this popular place. At 10 a.m. on March 26, the "Get Outdoors Poconos" hiking series will lead the way.

A 2.5-mile loop starts at the Snow Shanty Boat Mooring Area, off Pickerel Point near the park office. Hikers will see a mix of several kinds of oak, maple, healthy hemlocks and spruces, and hundreds of beech sprouts.

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Return to your starting point through a tunnel of black-green hemlocks running steeply downhill, toward swampy, ephemeral wetlands showing beaver activity.

You'll return to civilization feeling grateful that this wilderness of almost 3,000 acres belongs to us all, open to everyone.

Meet at the parking area of Snow Shanty Boat Mooring Area, off Pickerel Point Road, directly across Route 390 from the Promised Land State Park office. Restrooms and maps are available at the office. The program is

free, but registration is required.

Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727, or email info@brodheadwatershed.org (subject line "Promised Land hike").

Go to brodheadwatershed.org.

org/gopoconos. The Get Outdoors Poconos hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

Fun in the Sun dinner theater

The Pocono Mountain West High School Choral Department presents the 14th annual dinner theater "Fun in the Sun." This event, directed by Mandy Gambal, will take place on April 1 and 2 at Pocono Mountain West High School. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and seating begins at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$15 for Adults/Senior Citizens, and \$6 for children under 10.

Adult menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cheese lasagna, green beans, dinner rolls, and assorted desserts. Children's menu is chicken tenders with dipping sauce.

To order tickets, call the Pocono Mountain West High School at 570-839-7121 ext. 81401 and speak with Judy. Confirm which performance(s)

you will be attending.

Make checks payable to Pocono Mountain Chorus. Order tickets by March 28.

Send payment to Pocono Mountain West High School, c/o Mandy Gambal, 181 Panther Lane, Pocono Summit, PA 18346.

Bowl for Kids' Sake

On March 19, Big Brothers & Big Sisters will hold their annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser at Sky Lanes in East Stroudsburg from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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In celebration of Arts Education Month, the Pocono Arts Council is pleased to present its 23rd Annual Student Exhibition in the ARTSPACE Gallery, from March 5 – 26. An artists' reception and awards ceremony is scheduled for March 11 from 4-6 p.m. Work by fifty-three students will be on exhibit, with the following students receiving awards:

Best in Show- Devin Kagel, Pleasant Valley High School.

2-D Works: 1st Place- Richard Berwind, Pleasant Valley High School; 2nd Place- Victoria Scotto, Pocono Mountain East High School; 3rd Place- Shannon Simpson, Pleasant Valley High School; 3rd Place- Mary Cerbone, Pleasant Valley High School; Honorable Mention- Joseph O'Connor, Pleasant Valley High School.

Fine Crafts- 1st Place- Kevin Wimmer, Pleasant Valley High School; 2nd Place- Noel Anne

Sama, Pocono Mountain West High School; 3rd Place- Sabrina Parisi, Pocono Mountain West High School.

3-D Works: 1st Place- Emilie Seda, Pleasant Valley High School; 2nd Place- Hailey Mager, Pleasant Valley High School; 3rd Place- Jenise McDonnell, Pocono Mountain West High School.

Best in Photography- Reesha Patel, Pocono Mountain East High School.

Award sponsors are William & Patricia Hibschan, the Monroe County Bar Association Foundation, Northampton Community College, Monroe Campus, and the Pocono Chapter, PA Guild of Craftsmen.

For further information on the Pocono Arts Council, please call 570-476-4460 or visit www.poconoarts.org

Anyone interested in participating in next year's exhibition should contact the Pocono Arts Council to be put on a mailing list.

Christian recording artists featured in Cherryville

Popular Christian Recording Artists Wes Hampton & Charlotte will be featured in Cherryville at Bethany Wesleyan Church on March 29. This exciting concert event begins at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Cancer Telethon, which will take place on April 9 and 10.

For the past decade, Wes Hampton has served as one of the beloved members of the popular Gaither Vocal Band. Wes quickly won the hearts of fans of the Vocal Band with his pleasing personality and soulful tenor vocal tones. Prior to joining the Vocal Band, Wes served as Minister of Worship at The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, AL. In fact, Wes and his beautiful wife, Andrea, continue to make their home in Birmingham with their four handsome young boys.

The transition to the Vocal Band has proven to be virtually seamless, and audiences love Wes' clear, passionate voice and his sweet "heart." "Wes has heart," Gaither Vocal Band founder, Bill Gaither, explained. "That's a quality that simply can't be taught." In addition to sharing the stage with the Vocal Band on more than 50 dates each year, Wes also enjoys performing a considerable number of solo concert events each year. With two solo recordings to his credit, Wes' has firmly established his place among Christian music's most talented vocalist. Wes' warmth and humility bring a breath of fresh air to those who have the opportunity to witness his God-given talents and gifts.

The velvety voice of Charlotte Ritchie has become a favorite among Gospel music audiences throughout North America. She is presently a regular guest on the popular Gaither Homecoming Video and Concert Series and is also a special guest with the multi-Grammy Award winning Gaither Vocal Band during their concert events. She was first introduced to Gaither Homecoming viewers and listeners more than a decade ago during her years as a vocalist with Jeff & Sheri Easter.

Prior to her years with the Easters, she gained national attention as the talented soprano for legendary the Gospel Music Hall of Fame group, The Nelons. Since

embarking upon her solo career in 2008, Charlotte has enjoyed tremendous success with five recordings to her credit, including her very latest, A Beautiful Life. Her solo concert schedule takes her to festivals, churches, and women's conferences nationwide where audiences quickly embrace her incredible heart and one-of-a-kind voice. Charlotte and her husband, Greg, who serves as drummer for the Gaither Vocal Band, make their home just outside Nashville,

with their two children Landon and Jayna.

The Bethany Wesleyan Church cordially invites the entire community to be a part of this special evening of worship and celebration. Proceeds from this event will be donated to CancerTelethon.org. Complete information may be obtained about this event by visiting www.itickets.com. You can also call 1-800-965-9324 or 610-767-1239 for more information.

Become a "Streamwatcher"

For 25 years, Streamwatch volunteers of Brodhead Watershed Association have been checking local streams on a monthly basis. Volunteers are always welcome to join the efforts to ensure water quality remains good to excellent in our local streams.

Streamwatch training sessions will be held at 7-9 p.m. on March 17, and 10 a.m. to noon on March 19, at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 406 Upper Swiftwater Road, Swiftwater. You only need to attend one session.

Participants will meet team volunteers from their local watershed, learn what the program is all about, and get hands-on training with the equipment. At that time, you can decide if Streamwatch is right for you.

BWA offers other opportunities for volunteers, too. Visit www.brodheadwatershed.org.

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The meeting will feature the premier showing of the Wills Mansion Tour on video, along with the Christmas Squirrel Tale.

A light luncheon will be served. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of the Historical Association to attend, but new members are always welcome.

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It is illegal and subject to a fine if landscapers and garden services dump loads of leaves on a Township road or right-of-way

PICKUP DATES:

(May be adjusted in the event of adverse weather)

April 4 – April 8: Pocono Farms

*Residents on cul-de-sacs must deposit leaves on nearest Township road or at the compost facility noted below

April 11 – April 15: Pocono Farms East

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April 18 – April 22: Tobyhanna Village & surrounding areas not in private developments

April 25- April 29: Pickup at one location specified by the Community Associations in private developments

May 2 – May 6: Pocono Summit

**Note to residents & local landscapers/garden services:
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Spring brings rebirth of long-time farmer's market

by Ruth Isenberg

The return of spring after a Poconos winter awakens a hunger for all things new—fresh, homegrown fruits and vegetables, clean flavors of dairy and meat, a different look in home decorations.

Spring isn't just a time for new, it's also a time for renewed. This weekend, the Poconos will see the renewal of a Plateau landmark. The farm market at the corner of Route 940 and Stoney Hollow Road will reopen as Hanna's Farm Market.

Owner Carol Turcotte had a lot of reasons for making the

big career move from health care professional to entrepreneur. Much of her work was in the Lehigh Valley—two hours a day in a car, she ruefully noted. She wanted a change, something that would connect her to people and bring her peace. Farming had always been an interest, so she started doing research.

A farmer friend told her, "You'll always have money in your pocket, you'll always pay your bills, and you'll never be rich." That was encouraging. More help came from the University of Scranton, Penn State Extension and other farmers and farm markets throughout the area.

"They couldn't have been nicer," she says. "It's a great community." Hanna's Farm Market will carry products from many of those mentors. Her wares won't be just local, they will be "90% extremely local." Aside from a nut mix from Florida and a spice mix from Virginia, and some of the



hard goods in the gift portion of the shop, almost everything is from within 50 miles. That includes the salmon, which comes from a local fisherman who harvests wild salmon in Alaska once a year and freezes it for local distribution.

"People want connection with their food," Turcotte says. They want good products in a pleasant, friendly atmosphere, she believes, a place to call "their store." So from March through December, they will have just that. The store will be open, starting now, seven days a week from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., with Easter flowers, meat, seafood, eggs, dairy, jams, jellies, hot sauces, and some very special items for home and garden.

A grand opening is planned for April 16, with guest alpacas from an area farm, and lots of special treats. Special events are planned through the summer.

Turcotte plans to close the store November 1, but re-

open the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve for gift baskets, trees and poinsettias. Then two months off to restock and regroup, and another spring opening.

Carol's family was instrumental in getting the market off the ground. Her husband, Rick Hanna, noticed the vacant space on his commute to work in Blakeslee, and has been very supportive of the whole endeavor. So has her sister, Susie Turcotte, who was helping her set up the store in cold and snowy early March.

What's it like to open a store like this? Turcotte says it's full of anxiety, learning, and the anticipation of the unknown—"a lot like childbirth."

Come visit her this weekend and in the weeks to come. Hanna's Farm Market has much more to offer, and has to be experienced to be appreciated. This new arrival is warmly welcome on the Plateau.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The following are true and correct copies of joint resolutions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposing two amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Consistent with the procedures prescribed by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the General Assembly first proposed the amendments during the 2013 session and approved them for a second time during the 2015 session of the legislature. As required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and statutory law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has caused the proposed amendments to be published here.

Pursuant to law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth will submit the proposed amendments to the electors of Pennsylvania in the form of two ballot questions at the General Primary to be held on April 26, 2016. If a ballot question is approved by a majority of electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Those parts of the joint resolutions that appear in **bold print** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words

underlined would be added to the Constitution and the words in brackets (e.g., [Constitution]) would be deleted. The unbolded words would remain unchanged in the Constitution.

Following the proposed amendments is the text of the questions that will be placed on the ballot. Below each question is a "Plain English Statement" prepared by the Office of Attorney General, and published as required by law, indicating the purpose, limitations and effects of the ballot question upon the people of this Commonwealth.

Anyone who needs help reading this advertisement or who needs the text of the proposed amendments in an alternative format may call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-5280, ra-BCEL@pa.gov.

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

§ 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

(b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of [70] 75 years. Former and retired justices, judges and justices of the peace shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by law, no salary, retirement benefit or other compensation, present or deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or justice of the peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI, is suspended, removed or barred from holding judicial office for conviction of a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which prejudices the proper administration of justice or brings the judicial office into disrepute.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after

the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years, instead of the current requirement that they be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to require that justices, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that justices, judges and justices of the peace be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years. Justices of the peace are currently referred to as magisterial district judges.

If the ballot question were to be approved, justices, judges and magisterial district judges would be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years rather than the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years.

This amendment to the mandatory retirement age would be applicable to all judges and justices in the Commonwealth, including the justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, judges of the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, county courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal courts in the City of Philadelphia, and magisterial district judges.

The ballot question is limited in that it would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution related to the qualification, election, tenure, or compensation of the justices, judges or magisterial district judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to allow all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to remain in office until the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years. This would permit all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to serve an additional five years beyond the current required retirement age.

JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-2

Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, eliminating the Traffic Court of Philadelphia.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 1 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 1. Unified judicial system.

The judicial power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a unified judicial system consisting of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court, courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal [and traffic] courts in the City of Philadelphia, such other courts as may be provided by law and justices of the peace. All courts and justices of the peace and their jurisdiction shall be in this unified judicial system.

(2) That the heading and subsection (c) of section 6 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 6. Community courts; Philadelphia Municipal Court [and Traffic Court].

(c) In the City of Philadelphia there shall be a municipal court [and a traffic court]. The number of judges and the jurisdiction [of each] shall be as provided by law. [These courts] This court shall exist so long as a community court has not been established or in the event one has been discontinued under this section.

(3) That subsection (d) of section 10 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 10. Judicial administration.

(d) The Chief Justice and president judges of all courts with seven or less judges shall be the justice or judge longest in continuous service on their respective courts; and in the event of his resignation from this position the justice or judge next longest in continuous service shall be the Chief Justice or president judge. The president judges of all other courts shall be selected for five-year terms by the members of their respective courts, except that the president judge of the traffic court in the City of Philadelphia shall be appointed by the Governor. A Chief Justice or president judge may resign such position and remain a member of the court. In the event of a tie vote for office of president judge in a court which elects its president judge, the Supreme Court shall appoint as president judge one of the judges receiving the highest number of votes.

(4) That subsection (b) of section 12 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 12. Qualifications of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

(b) [Judges of the traffic court in the City of Philadelphia and justices] Justices of the peace shall be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or shall complete a course of training and instruction in the duties of their respective offices and pass an examination prior to assuming office. Such courses and examinations shall be as provided by law.

(5) That subsection (a) of section 15 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 15. Tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

(a) The regular term of office of justices and judges shall be ten years and the regular term of office for judges of the municipal court [and traffic court] in the City of Philadelphia and of justices of the peace shall be six years. The tenure of any justice or judge shall not be affected by

changes in judicial districts or by reduction in the number of judges.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 ABOLITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to abolish the Philadelphia Traffic Court?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to abolish the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia as part of the unified judicial system. If the ballot question were to be approved, the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia would be abolished by removing all references to the Traffic Court and the judges of the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Legislation enacted in 2013 transferred the functions performed by the Traffic Court to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. As a result, violations of the Vehicle Code previously adjudicated by the Traffic Court are presently being adjudicated by the Philadelphia Municipal Court. The proposed amendment would officially abolish the Traffic Court by removing all references to the Traffic Court and its judges from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

This ballot question is limited to whether the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia should be abolished. The ballot question would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution beyond the removal of all references to the Traffic Court and its judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to abolish the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia. As discussed above, legislation enacted in 2013 transferred the functions of the Traffic Court to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. This amendment would officially abolish the Traffic Court by removing all references to the Traffic Court and its judges from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Spring flowers have appeared with this unusually warm spell. The crocuses at our house have spread their purple petals from their planted bed along our sidewalk at the house. Daffodils will be making an appearance by the time this newspaper hits the streets. On our way to a hockey game, we sighted one of the flowering ornamental bushes planted by PennDOT in Wilkes-Barre at the intersection of Routes 115 and 309 ready to burst into full bloom. All of this is great, except that this is the end of winter. By next week, temperatures at night will be in the 20s. So enjoy these flowers. Let's hope for April to frost free.

The weekend before St. Patrick's Day featured some of the parades in our area's big Irish communities. We were in New Jersey on Sunday afternoon passing through Hackettstown, NJ, and were detoured around their rather large St. Patrick's parade. We passed the parade closely enough to watch and hear a bagpipe band pass by, and then see a local Irish dance school perform before it was our turn to drive away. We

were on our way to a quick visit to my Uncle Slater.

Our local Penguins have been losing lately. We were lucky to be at the Mohegan Sun Arena for their 6-5 come-from-behind win over Lehigh Valley on the 9th. The team has lost two since and will have to beat division leader and rival Hershey this coming weekend. We plan to be there to cheer this Saturday. The Penguins are also home Wednesday March 23, Saturday March 26 and Tuesday the 29th. The WBS Penguins hold the second spot in their Division for the Calder Cup playoffs, but will be needing to win to hold that spot, so come join us to cheer.

On our Saturday afternoon walk with Chess, our English pointer, we were on the eastern end of the Old Stage Trail in Hickory Run State Park. A little ways in, the Boulder Field Trail crosses near a small stream. I stopped to enjoy the beauty of the spot, sitting on a streamside rock with a view through the trees of the setting sun. Ruth and Chess went further up the trail without me. After about 10 minutes of peace, I was surprised to be joined by a medium-sized German shorthair pointer wearing a doggie saddlebag. He checked me out, waded into the stream for a drink, and then went on his merry way. A few minutes later his people came by and we talked. I let them know that Chess was likely to be up ahead. I saw the two dogs meet for a brief friendly hello. Chess then tracked me until she found my streamside spot. She too spent some time in the stream, and then the two of us went out to find Ruth to continue our walk.

On our ride into New Jersey on Sunday, Ruth sighted a great blue heron standing regally atop a rock in the stream that parallels Route 46. Further along, we sighted a volunteer fire station sign listing coming events and "members wanted."

I am still trying to catch up on the hour of sleep I lost this past Sunday.

We are sighting a whole lot of rabbits. They seem to be getting an early start this year. Perhaps it's due to the early Easter... and - Happy Easter to all who celebrate.

PMRPD Talks Fleet Mechanics

by Jeanine Hofbauer

As Pocono Mountain Regional Police vehicles cover an expansive area daily, the PMRPD Commission discussed maintenance costs during their March 8 meeting. Chief Chris Wagner said that the department currently allots on 10 hours for mechanic work. He suggested considering a full-time position. The board asked him to research this year's outside repair costs.

Alex Goldsmith of PFM Advisors presented the 2015 fourth quarter pension report. He announced a one percent net gain despite market uncertainty. He proposed an investment strategy involving real estate calling it "a little bit of a different flavor with a smoother return stream." He recommended a four percent allocation equaling \$680,000 of their \$17 million total. The decision to sign is subject to review and agreement with the union investment committee.

"Law enforcement expertise comes from the chief," explained solicitor Harry Coleman respond-

ing to Lynn Kelly's inquiry over the delegated decision to hire or relieve an officer from duty. The chief's decisions are reported to the commission.

The Commission agreed with Chief Wagner's recommendation to Jack Apgar a position that opened up with Holly Hutchinson's resignation. Apgar was number four on the 2015 hiring list. The offer is contingent upon acceptance by the June 16 list expiration date.

The process will begin to establish a new list effective for 2016.

Brian Sanford suggested changing the placement of public participation at the end of the meeting asking, "How does the public benefit to comment at the end?" PMRPC member Fran DePiano responded saying the commission will reconsider when public input will be permitted during the meeting.

ISS Solutions three year IT Service Agreement was approved with the tiered cost of \$24,538 for year one, \$25,057 the second year and \$25,697 the third year.

Saturday and Sunday the 19th and 20th will be the first ever public show in the new Kalahari Resort's convention center in Pocono Manor – the Greater Pocono Home & Outdoor Living Show. Come out from 10 to 6 on Saturday, or 10 to 4 on Sunday and enjoy a the Pocono Builders' biggest show ever.

On Sunday the 20th, there's another edition of the 40 Story Radio Tower show at the Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe. The show starts at 4 p.m.

Commissioners approved the bill pack totaling \$179,501.08 with funds to be distributed as follows:

General Fund	\$114,032.24
Prescription Plan	\$438.18
Capital Projects Fund	\$65,030.66
ESSA March Mortgage Payment	\$12,222.89

Commission members present at the meeting included Dave Moyer and Anne Lamberton from Tobyhanna Township; Juan Adams and Dave Pope from Coolbaugh Township; Mount Pocono's Mayor Fred Courtright; and DePiano and Brandon Igdalsky from Tunkhannock Township.

PMRPC's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 12 as finalization of mold remediation review occurs, it's suggested you contact the department to confirm the evening's meeting location.

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Meals on Wheels Seeks Plateau Volunteers

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Dishing out “March for Meals campaign to increase awareness” details, Monroe County Meals on Wheels’ Heidi Ferari discussed the Stroudsburg based non-profit’s need for Plateau volunteers during the Coolbaugh Township March 1 meeting. Making rounds across the region, the program director joined by volunteer coordinator Nancy Bittner delivered details including February figures reveal over 15,360 meals were served across

the county.

“We are there helping your neighbors who need us,” she stated adding, “ Not just the elderly.”

With hot and cold dishes delivered mornings typically until noon Monday through Friday, the pair posed reasons practically anyone can volunteer. Noting plateau drivers need only meet as far down as Swiftwater, she stressed flexibility, “We work around your schedule,”

Frozen meals to meet the need, with weekends, re-



Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Bittner (standing) dishes Meals on Wheels delivery details as program director Heidi Ferari (seated right) looks on.

cruiting volunteers and when faced with uncertain winter weather noted making it a welcomed option. Delivered once a week along with fresh fruit and bread, conquered the query of how to meet the needs of many.

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ganization are welcomed call 570-424-8794.

“We would literally have to rewrite another ordinance,” reasoned Lynn Kelly in response to a vacation homeowner’s letter requesting leniency on Act 457 ordinance requirements that septic systems must be pumped every five years.

Alma Ruiz-Smith called the

situation a “slippery slope” when considering elderly residents and limited income homeowners with Bill Weimer noting inspection at the time of pumping is of added importance. The group unanimously voted to deny.

Would-be disobeyers of posted no dumping signs at the recycling center were reminded camera footage of perpetrators bear hefty fines with a zero tolerance in mind.

Spring leaf cleanup dates were set for Pocono Farms, April 4 - 8; Pocono Farms East, April 11-15; Tobyhanna Village, April 18 - 22; a designated location within private communities, April 25 - 29 and Pocono Summit, May 2-6. Details will be posted on the township website: www.coolbaughtwp.org

Supervisors approved bill payments presented by new township controller Maureen Mills totaling \$302,834.42 with fund payments of:

General Fund	\$297,648.91
Sewer Fund	\$4,671.71
Escrow Fund	\$513.80

Supervisors Weimer, Kelly, Ruiz-Smith, Juan Adams and Anthony Lamantia were present for the meeting along with new Township Controller Maureen Mills, Administrative Assistant Erin Masker and an audience of approximately 20.

Supervisors are scheduled to gather for their next meetings are 7 p.m. March 15 then April 5 in the administrative building located on Municipal Drive in Tobyhanna.

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- Incited
 - Presidents' Day mo.
 - Pig trough stuff
 - "The Stars and Stripes Forever" composer
 - "Happy Days Are Here Again," _____ Reisman and His Orchestra
 - *Josephine Baker's turf
 - Blood fluid
 - Will Ferrell's Christmas character
 - Conical dwelling
 - *First Winter Olympics country
 - *Female pioneer
 - Uh-huh
 - Classic sci-fi video game
 - Boxer's punch
 - Hoodwink
 - Noble gas
 - Exclamation of

- sorrow
- Lord's servant
- Muslim ruler honorific
- Central Time _____
- North Pole workforce
- Dwarf buffalo
- Some sorority girls
- South American monkey
- Like gum after novocaine shot
- Poisonous plant
- Fill beyond full
- Epitome of easiness
- Satellite TV provider
- Final, abbr.
- *Black day
- *Lindbergh's _____ of St. Louis
- "Round up the _____ suspects!"
- Major network
- Healer
- Capital of Switzerland
- India's smallest state
- In an unfriendly manner
- Greek god of love
- It often goes with "flow"
- Magnetic field strength unit
- _____ gum, food additive
- Literary composition
- *F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Beautiful and the _____"
- What refugees do
- Snakelike fish
- Very successful
- Take one of these at a time
- Nordic native
- Curved molding
- Jurist
- Pollen producer
- Malaria to Bill Gates, e.g.
- Salmon on a bagel
- Ascetic Muslim monk
- *_____ Age
- Healing plants
- Swahili or Zulu
- Fox' coat
- Indian restaurant staple
- Come clean
- One of the Judds
- Clothes line
- Cheese on Peloponnese
- *Iconic baseball player
- Abdominal exercise
- Equestrian's seat
- Foreign intelligence service
- Provoke
- Irish playwright John Millington _____

- Cease-fire
- Toothpaste holder
- Consumer
- Eurozone money
- "Without," in French
- Striker's foe
- Part of eye

- Be a snitch
- *Hairstyle
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Police Beat...

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ranged for two of the kids to live with relatives.

Simmons and Maldonado are charged with receiving stolen property, plus drug possession and dealing, plus criminal conspiracy, endangering the welfare of children, and the gun charge. District Judge Tony Fluegel set Maldonado's bail at \$50,000 and Simmons' bail at \$100,000. The 49 y/o man is charged as a fugitive, plus possession of his personal pot and paraphernalia. He was denied bail as a fugitive.

PSP-F made a traffic stop on Interstate 80 east at mm283 in Tobyhanna Twp. just before 9:30 p.m. on 3-4.

The Wilkes-Barre-area driver was suspected of driving under the influence, and was given sobriety tests. He failed, and was arrested for DUI of a controlled substance. A pat-down found he was in possession of controlled substances. Charges are pending evidence evaluation.

A 47 y/o Delaware driver's car was stopped on Route 940 west of Moseywood Rd. in Kidder Twp. at 3:33 p.m. on 3-4. PSP-F Troopers determined he was driving drunk, and arrested him for DUI. Charges will be filed at District Justice Joe Homanko's office.

A 38 y/o Wyoming man was visited at his Starry Lane, Effort, Chestnuthill Twp. home by a 55 y/o Wyoming man

at 12:23 p.m. on 3-11 who came to get the 38 y/o to sign divorce papers. While there, the older man harassed him verbally. 911 was called. When police arrived, they met with the men. Police found the 55 y/o was driving with a DUI suspended license, and had a bit of personal pot in his possession. He's charged for the possession and more.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

A driver northbound on Route 115 hit a bear with its passenger side bumper at 6:51 p.m. on 3-4. The impact was near the intersection with Foothill Blvd., in Effort. The bear survived, and ran off into the woods. The driver was unhurt. The small SUV suffered a crushed fog light,

but no other evident damage. The driver was able to drive away after the PSP-F investigation.

PSP-F was called to a crash of a tractor-trailer off Interstate 80 east in Tunkhannock Twp. at mm288.6 at 6:28 a.m. on 3-5. The driver lost control and veered off the road into the left shoulder, overturning there. He was not hurt. The

passing lane was closed until cleanup was completed.

PSP-F is looking for a blue pickup truck and its driver. It caused a fender-bender when it pulled out of the Taco Bell/KFC onto Route 209 in Brodheadsville when it hit the side of a Saturn Ion driven by a local just after 8 p.m. on 3-13. No one was hurt, the Saturn was drivable. The truck fled in an unknown direction. Witnesses are welcome to call PSP-F to help.

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