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PMWHS Art Show illustrates student/teacher talent



by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Mountain West High School's 14th annual art show on May 11 illustrated tremendous talent and reflected art's different roles in the district. A colorful collection of ceramics, paintings, drawings and more took center stage with proud instructors and creators joining spectators touring the crowded aisle.

Learning an appreciation of the arts through hands-on opportunities is considered ideal for all skill levels, said Mark Ciocca. The art teacher explained the sense of pride in experiencing "original ideas" evolving from blank paper, canvas and clay to exqui-

site creations beaming." When I see what these students can do I am constantly amazed!"

Turning the spotlight to the district's talented teachers and how they are playing a part in her future plans, Alyssa Ortiz noted exploring different types of medium was, "a great way to see what I like." Her sights are set on collecting GenEd credits at Northampton Community College, then going on to East Stroudsburg University to study English and Art. Looking back on her high school experience, the senior from Tobyhanna considers her art training ideal experience for obtaining a degree in teaching.

Dozens of avid art students introduced onlookers to the talent that fills the district at Pocono Mountain West High School's annual art show on May 11. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

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No place for graffiti nuisance in Mount Pocono



Senator Mario Scavello proves a little elbow grease is a step toward eradicating graffiti in Mount Pocono. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“That’s what a good citizen does,” reasoned Mario Scavello as he joined Musa Bey on May 14, paint thinner in hand, as the neighbors annihilating nuisance graffiti in Mount Pocono. Describing disappointment matched by anger upon discovering “Trump” painted across the message board of the former St. Mary’s Church on Fairview Avenue, both agreed about the need to immediately cleanup the mess.

“I saw him [Scavello] and stopped because that’s what we’re supposed to do,” explained Bey.

Admiring the PA State Senator’s readiness in carrying paint thinner and rags in his car, the local businessman joined forces with an impressive arsenal of tools in the

back of his Cost Less Home Improvement Services truck.

Admitting the prepared practice carried over since his days as mayor of the borough, Scavello urged others to follow suit when faced with such sights.

Turning attention toward “political graffiti” as a whole,

tations to attack other people or to deface property,” he stressed adding, “There are clear lines and sharp corners in political discourse and it serves no real purpose to turn it up to 11 all the time.”

Mount Pocono Mayor Fred Courtright reminded the partisan perpetrator police are on the prowl with prosecution in the plan.

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Emergency Response takes teamwork



National EMS Week May 15-21 recognized pros like Pocono Mountain Regional EMS.

Photo by Lee V. Rosato

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

National EMS Week—May 15 to 21—found medical professionals including Pocono Mountain Regional EMS applauding not only colleagues but all those involved in medical emergencies. Finely tuned planning springs into action from dispatch to arrival with that same on-point preparedness of those on scene playing a pivotal role.

“Minutes may seem endless, as the ability to truly gauge time escapes minds

while caring for those in need,” said PMREMS operations manager Denise Doremus.

Explaining “teamwork takes over,” as 9-1-1 calls trigger the County Control Center to dispatch EMS to the scene, training for those likely to be immediately with the patient including CPR and the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED), and even Narcan Nasal Spray for emergency treatment of opioid overdose, “can help save a life.”

For those making the deci-

sion to drive or dial she suggests, “Ambulance paramedics and EMTs possess the equipment and skilled training to start professional treatment as soon as they arrive to a patient and continue administering that treatment on the way to the hospital.”

Reporting, “We’ve used our Lucas Devices twice since receiving the first less than six months ago,” she folds the generosity of community-wide funding into the teamwork tally for such crucial medical equipment.

As May 31 will bring this year’s subscription campaign, one of PMREMS’ largest annual fundraising initiatives, to a close she reminds, “It not only helps us [PMREMS], the \$75 annual subscription is designed to help residents as it covers the entire household for the year!”

She concludes, “Subscription mailers were sent back in March and there’s still time to grab a form or even sign up right online at pmrems.org.”

For information on how to “join the team” and pledge toward this year’s subscription or learn about training contact info@pmrems.org.

Nature Conservancy offers free bird banding adventure

The Nature Conservancy is offering a free family-friendly Bird Banding Adventure at the Thomas Darling Preserve at Two Mile Run in Blakeslee on Saturday, June 4, 8-9:30 a.m., an opportunity to see songbirds up close.

Darryl Speicher of Pocono Avian Research Center will gather birds in mist nests and demonstrate how birds are banded as part of a nation-wide research project. He’ll also share bird lore as he measures, estimates age and determines the sex for

each bird. Be sure to bring a camera and consider bringing a small folding chair.

Nature Conservancy staff will guide participants to the bird banding station at the Darling Preserve via a 15-minute walk; expect uneven footing, wear sturdy shoes or boots. Best-suited for adults and children age 7 and up. Advance registration is required. Call 570-643-7922, extension 310, or register at nature.org/Pennsylvania. This program is free, but contributions are appreciated.

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Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Mount Pocono sponsors PMPL

The Perkins Restaurant and Bakery in Mount Pocono is holding a fundraiser for the Pocono Mountain Public Library on Wednesday, June 8 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Present this coupon and 15% of your bill, minus the taxes and gratuities, will go to PMPL, and

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Skate to save wildlife

The National Junior Honors Society of Pocono Mountain West Jr. High is holding a fundraiser to support the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center on Monday, June 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Big Wheel, 3226 N. 5th Street in East Stroudsburg.

There will be roller-skating, raffles, and real live animals.

Admission is \$6 per person for a night of fun—a savings of \$2.50.

For more information contact Cheryl Feuerstein at cfeuerstein@pmsd.org.

Area Funerals

Virgilio Franch

Virgilio Franch, 91, of Mount Pocono, died Sunday, May 22, 2016 at Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg. He was the spouse of the late Pia Franch who died in 2011.

Born in Cloz, Italy, he was the son of the late Serafino and Giuditta (Clauser) Franch.

Virgilio retired from the shoe industry. He worked for Genesco Apparel Company for many years.

He is survived by his sons, Serafino Franch of Raleigh, South Carolina, and Robert Franch of East Fishkill, New York; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 27 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 28 at the Church of Saint Denis, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, New York. Burial will follow at Saint Denis Cemetery.

Roger Jason Kresge

Roger Jason Kresge, 57, of Tobyhanna, died Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at his home. He was the husband of Judith (Dombrosky) Kresge, with whom he shared 26 years of marriage.

Born in Allentown, he was a son of the late Fredrick J. and Joyce (Stone) Kresge.

Roger was a member of VFW Post 3448 in Tobyhanna.

He is also survived by a son, a stepson, his brothers, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

There are no services at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Judith Kresge c/o Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, PA

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Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Anita I. Salamone

Anita I. Salamone, 57, of Tobyhanna, died on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at her home. She was the wife of James Salamone.

Born in Somerville, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Alyce (LaMarie) Maynard formerly of Bound Brook, New Jersey and the late George D. Maynard.

Anita was a graduate of Bound Brook High School and a 1981 graduate of Delaware Valley University, where she received two Bachelor's degrees. She worked for several State Parks in Pennsylvania and New Jersey over the years, most recently at Promised Land State Park.

Anita was an active volunteer for the United Way.

She is also survived by two sisters; Judith Jepsen and her husband, Lee of North Carolina, Susan Jones and her husband, Robert of Bath, and many nieces and nephews.

A blessing service was held May 22 at the Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Private cremation entrusted to Bolock Crematory.

Lyon Felix Sierra

Lyon Felix Sierra, 46, of Tobyhanna, died Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at his home. He was the husband of Macdalia Matos, father of Amanda Sierra

and two grandchildren, Emilie and Jalen.

Born in the Bronx, New York he was the son of Carlos and Maria (Alers) Sierra of the Bronx, brother to Noel Sierra and Madeline Friedman and brother-in-law to Adam Friedman.

Lyon was a member of the Community Church in Mount Pocono.

He had a lifelong passion for art. He was a custom toy maker specializing in animation that sold in the United States, Spain and the United Kingdom. He was also an incredible tattoo artist who did much of his own work as well as work for his friends and

family.

A memorial service was held May 21 at the Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Private cremation has been entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Catherine M. Hess

Catherine M. Hess, 72, of Pocono Lake, died Friday, May 13, 2016, at Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg. She was the wife of Joseph Hess, with whom shared 32 years of marriage.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Kather-

ine (Atherton) Pakian.

Catherine was a manager in the restaurant business for many years before residing in the Poconos.

She is also survived by her children, Daniel Gall and his fiancée, Heather, of Moosic, Matthew Gall of Manville, New Jersey, Thomas Gall and his wife, Melissa, of Lehigh, Joseph Hess III of Lehigh, Michael Hess of Parsippany, New Jersey, and Christine Hess of Lehigh; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be private. Cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Remembering Joe Warriner Sr.

by Jeanine Hofbauer

The voice that echoed across a crowded room recognizable without a glance will be sorely missed, as much as the playful sense of humor and sweet predictable smile of Joseph E. Warriner Sr. who passed away May 17, 2016.

Born October 29, 1943, Joe lived a fulfilling life surrounded by those who truly loved and admired him. Preceded in death by his beloved wife Sharon L. Warriner and



son Joseph E. Warriner Jr., his devotion to family and friends will forever remain in our hearts.

Survived by daughters, Christina Warriner and Fran Jardine, he cherished his granddaughters Sydney & Kelsey Jardine proudly and spoke of all "his girls" whenever given the chance.

Entranced by classic movies and westerns indoors, he often embraced outdoor rec-

reation opportunities that included camping, fishing and four-wheeling.

Serving as Tunkhannock Township Supervisor, Pocono Mountain Regional Emergency Medical Services board member, and past president/current Rotarian with the Blakeslee Rotary Club echoed his dedication to lending a hand.

Friends and family joined in an afternoon Celebration of Life on May 25 at Van Gilder's Jubilee.

Honoring Joe's commitment to community, donations can be made in his name to the Blakeslee Rotary Club, P.O. Box 3, Blakeslee, PA 18610 in lieu of flowers.

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Pocono Alliance gives First Youth4Solutions Grant to MCTI Interact Club

Pocono Alliance created its first ever Youth4Solutions Grant this year to help spark community involvement in Monroe County. A grant of \$500 was to be awarded to a youth community service project that addressed an important need in the community. The winning youth group

was from the Monroe Career & Technical Institute Interact Club who proposed the idea of building garden beds at a local homeless shelter to help start a sustainable food source for those in need.

“Monroe Career & Technical Institute Interact Club prides itself on living up to



Diane McFadzean named Woman of the Year



The General Federation of Women's Clubs hosted their annual conference at the Hershey Sheraton Hotel in Harrisburg. Women from each local chapter are represented at this annual 3-day conference.

On May 13, the annual Woman of the Year Award was presented to Diane McFadzean of Greentown in honor of her work as the Founder and Director of Feeding Families Ministry. This ministry provides food for those in need, as well as holiday outreach programs, warm clothing for winter to those in need, and homeless outreach programs.

Diane was nominated by

her family and webmaster Nancy Quinn, who presented an application and letter regarding the work she does in Monroe County for those in need. Applications were presented to a panel of the GFWC members, where Ms. McFadzean was chosen as the winter. The crystal award was presented to her at the annual women's club banquet.

Feeding Families Ministry has served over 8,000 people last year. They serve families every Thursday and Friday from their location in Mount Pocono and provide outreach to the community in many other ongoing projects as well.

the Rotary motto of Service above Self. The students have been working in tandem with our Futures For Agriculture students for the past few months to design a project that helps Street2Feet provide healthy food to those in our community that are less fortunate. With the financial support from Pocono Alliance, the students are now able to put that plan into action. This grant empowers the students to become leaders in their community from learning to write a grant to seeing their project become a reality,” said MCTI Interact Club Advisor Robert Yarnall.

Pocono Alliance's vision is to see a community that is dedicated to helping others, and that is just what the Youth4Solutions Grant seeks to spark in our community's youth. Having a group of young people that are so dedicated to getting involved in the community is helping

Pocono Alliance reach its vision. The youth will build the garden planters, put them in place at the local shelter, plant the seeds, and teach the shelter clients how to maintain the planters.

“As a student at Monroe Career & Technical Institute and the Vice President of the Interact Club, I was excited to receive the Youth4Solutions grant from Pocono Alliance. The grant gives our club the opportunity to help provide healthy food for the less fortunate in our community. Our Interact Club along with members of the MCTI FFA chapter are excited to show the community what our youth can accomplish when provided with the opportunity,” said Philena Hartman, MCTI Interact Club vice president.

“Pocono Alliance is committed to building relationships and creating solutions in our community. We recog-

nize that giving our youth a voice in that process makes them part of the solution and gives them ownership in our community. As such, we are thrilled that the MCTI's Interact Club is the recipient of our first Youth4Solutions grant. We congratulate them on their proposed project of partnering with Street2Feet to provide healthy food sources for low income families in the Pocono community,” said Pocono Alliance Board president, Kim Filipkowski.

Pocono Alliance provides resources to the community by building relationships and creating solutions. Pocono Alliance programs focus on self-sufficiency, healthy living and child & family development. For more information, visit Pocono Alliance's website at www.poconoalliance.org or on Facebook under Pocono Alliance.

Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets in Pocono Lake

Depression and Bipolar Support Group-Pennsylvania Pocono Mountain- serves N. Monroe, S. Lackawanna, and E. Luzerne counties. People diagnosed with a mood disorder, and supportive family members are welcome to attend. This group is a powerful addition to professional therapy and medication, giving you the opportunity to talk to other people who have “been

there.”

A support group can help you to realize that the disorder does not define who you are, and helps you rediscover your strengths and sense of humor, which you may have thought was lost. You will also receive motivation and encouragement to work with your professionals, and to follow your treatment plan. In addition, there will

be educational programs offered several times a year. The Depression and Bipolar Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, 1188 Rt. 940, Pocono Lake.

This is a free support group. Those diagnosed and supportive family members are welcome.

Pocono Medical Center launches online service for access to immediate care centers

Pocono Medical Center offers a new online service, PoconoRapid.Care, for patients to schedule their Immediate Care visit online from the comfort of their own home.

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"As we develop new technologies we focus on patient engagement, specifically patient preference. PoconoRapid.Care helps create alternate routes for patients to conveniently schedule their minor care appointments in real time from the comfort of their own home by just the click of a button on their desktop or mobile phone," said Ferd Feola, Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Pocono Medical Center.

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Red Cross presents Geoffrey Roche with award

Representatives with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross recently presented Geoffrey Roche with the Sponsor Recognition Award on behalf of Pocono Medical Center.

"The Sponsor Recognition Award honors blood drive partners that provide exceptional leadership and personal dedication to the Red Cross," said Veronica Torres, district manager, donor recruitment department for the Northeastern PA. Blood Services Region. "Since 1969, Pocono Medical Center has helped ensure the success of their blood drives by doing publicity, recruiting and scheduling donors, and creating innovative ways to make blood donors feel appreciated."

Pocono Medical Center was given a 2015 goal of collecting 650 pints of blood through hosting a series of Red Cross blood drives. The organization exceeded that goal and collected a total of 656 pints at 31 community blood drives.

"As a true community hospital, we recognize how strong of an impact something as simple as donating blood can have on the lives of the families in our community and beyond, which is why we are so grateful for the efforts of The American Red Cross supporting us in our commitment toward building a healthier community," said Brendon Abbazio, Community Relations Specialist at Pocono Medical Center. Sponsoring a blood drive can be a rewarding experience for organizations such as businesses, schools, churches, and other civic groups. It is a great opportunity to build morale and camaraderie as fellow members, students, or employees work together for a good cause. Almost any organization can support the American Red Cross by hosting blood drives. A Red Cross representative will work with the sponsor to determine the best set up for the blood drive.

For more information about hosting a blood drive or to schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

For more information or to learn more, please visit poconohealth-



system.org, or visit facebook.com/poconomedicalcenter.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at

least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Junior Envirothon results

The Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center hosted the Junior Envirothon competition on May 12 for fifth and sixth graders, and on May 13 for seventh and eighth graders.

Competing teams from area schools were tested on their knowledge of the Pocono environment at four stations—Animals, Trees, Ponds, and Invasive Species.

The overall first place winner for the fifth and sixth grade competition was the “Crazy Creative Chipmunks” team from Clear Run Intermediate School. Receiving the overall second place trophy was the “Fighting Red Efts” team from Clear Run Intermediate School.

Teams were also recognized for high scores at the individual testing stations. Station winners for fifth and sixth grade were “Crazy Creative Chipmunks,” Clear Run Intermediate School (Animals and Trees); “Ridiculous Red Maples,” Pocono Home School (Ponds); and



“Crazy Creative Chipmunks” team from Clear Run Intermediate School.

“Cray Cray Fish,” Clear Run Intermediate School (Invasive Plants).

The seventh and eighth grade overall first place winner was the Home School team of the “Nature’s Minions.” The seventh and eighth grade overall second place trophy was awarded to

the “Completely Irrelephant” team from Pocono Mountain West Junior High. Station winners for seventh and eighth grade were Pleasant Valley Middle School’s “Ravenous Raccoons” (Animals), Home School’s “Nature Minions” (Pond), and Pocono Mountain West Junior High’s



“Nature’s Minions” Home School Team.

“Highly Koalifid” (Trees) and “Completely Irrelephant” (Invasive Plants).

The Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center would like to congratulate and thank all of the participating students, teachers, and advisors at this year’s Junior Envirothon – Home School Group, Evergreen Community Charter School, Clear

Run Intermediate School, Pocono Mountain East Jr. High, Pocono Mountain West Jr. High, Swiftwater Intermediate School, Tobyhanna Elementary Center, Pleasant Valley Middle School, and the Blue Ridge Home School.

This event was generously sponsored by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund.

James Jaskolka earns Journalism award

James Jaskolka of Pocono Pines was the recipient of an award from the Society of Professional Journalists at the recent Region 1 Conference held in New Haven, Conn. Jaskolka was a finalist in Breaking News Reporting, receiving the Mark of Excellence Award for his article, “Fire breaks out in Bedford,” reporting on a fire caused by the art studio’s kiln. Jaskolka is also the editor-in-chief of The Beacon. Jaskolka is a senior majoring in communications studies.

The Beacon is Wilkes University’s award-winning student-run newspaper. The Associated Collegiate Press

and the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association have recognized the newspaper for excellence.

The SPJ is a national organization of professional journalists and editors, which holds the Marks of Excellence competition each year. Reviewers for this region’s competition included journalists from The New York Times, The New York Law Review, and others.

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Calendar of Events

Friday & Saturday, May 27 & 28—Home, Garden & Craft Sale, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Clymer Library (start 10 a.m. on Friday). 570-646-4912

Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29—Farm Animal Frolic, Quiet Valley Historical Farm, 570-992-6161, www.quietvalley.org

Saturday & Sunday, May 28 & 29—Shawnee Celtic Fest, www.shawneemt.com

Sunday, May 29—Community Aviation Day Fly-in-Drive-in Breakfast, sponsored by Mt. Pocono Rotary Club, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Pocono Mountains Airport, 570-839-7161

Saturday, June 4—Native Plant Sale, sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Pocono Township Fire Company carnival building, Tannersville, 570-839-1120, www.brodheadwatershed.org

Saturday, June 4—History in Bloom tour, sponsored by Monroe County Historical Association, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., starting at Kettle Creek

Environmental Education Center, 570-421-7703

Saturday, June 4—PLUMC Flea Market, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, 570-646-2650

Saturday, June 11—Used book and media sale, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Mount Pocono, trinitymtpocono.org

Saturday, June 11-Sunday, June 12—Greater Pocono Area Relay for Life, 10 a.m. to 10 a.m., East Stroudsburg University

Saturday, June 11—Belvidere in Bloom, garden tours and more, Belvidere, NJ, 908-878-2137, www.belvidereinbloom.com

Friday, June 17-Saturday, June 18—Bioblitz, sponsored by Monroe County Conservations District, 3 p.m.-3 p.m., West End Regional Park, 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Saturday, June 18—Princess Tea, sponsored by Western Pocono Lioness Club, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Cherry's, Kresgeville, 610-509-3519

Wednesday, June 22—Golf Tournament, sponsored by Blakeslee Rotary Club, Mountain Laurel Golf Course, 570-646-7337

Sunday, July 3—Shawnee Mountain Ski Area Fireworks Display, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday & Sunday, July 16 & 17—Poconos Wurst Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14—Sweet Corn & BBQ Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday & Sunday, September 3 & 4—Pocono Garlic Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday, September 25—Colors for the Season fashion show and luncheon, sponsored by Western Pocono Lioness Club,

Hideaway Hills Golf and Country Club, Kresgeville, 610-681-8138

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9—Autumn Timber Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16—Pocono Food Truck & Art Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Breeding Birds at Quiet Valley Farm

On June 16, join Kettle Creek Environmental Education staff from 7 - 9 a.m. at Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in search of the numerous birds who nest at Quiet Valley. The varied habitat provides ideal nesting areas for a number of beautiful song-

birds. Please dress to be outside. Walk will begin in front of the Gift Shop at the Quiet Valley Farm. Cost: \$6/non-members, \$4/EE Center or Quiet Valley members. Children under 12 free.

For more information or to pre-register, call the EE Center at 570-629-3061. As an added bonus, on the day of walks Quiet Valley is offering a reduced entrance fee to the farm for all walk participants.

To pre-register for the program, please call the Center at 570-629-3061, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on other programs, visit mcconservation.org.

Get the recipe for Lasagna Gardening

Lasagna gardening is an easy organic gardening technique using several different layers of compost to enrich the soil for a new garden bed. Come learn planting tips, time and money savers to make gardening easier, plus finishing touches for a beau-

tiful garden display. On June 12, Penn State Master Gardener of Monroe County Andrea Ekstedt, will present, "Lasagna Gardening-Get the Recipe" from 1:30-2 p.m. in the Bryant Park Garden, at the corner of Bryant Park and Park Ave,

Stroudsburg. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m.

The program is free to the public. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover the cost of printed handouts and garden supplies.

For more information on Penn State Extension, upcoming events in the area and directions to the garden call Monroe County Penn State Extension Office 570-421-6430, email monroeext@psu.edu or visit extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events.

Pocono Garden Club planning annual Flower Show

The Pocono Garden Club will be planning for the annual Flower Show during a special meeting scheduled for June 13 at 1 p.m. Preparations and general meeting will be held at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Running Valley Road, Bartonsville.

Melanie Frassinelli, owner of Melanie's Wedding-Event Florals in Stroudsburg, will present a floral design demonstration depicting an arrangement from the Flower Show theme category.

Members are encouraged to participate in the monthly design titled "Honoring Him," a succulent dish garden incorporating an accessory focusing on your favorite man's hobby.

The horticulture entry is a single stem from an Iris or any blooming perennial including roses displayed in a clear container. Any flowering plant will be included in the

houseplant entry. Anyone interested in plants and gardening is welcome. For more information, email Linda at nonnie0506@yahoo.com.

History in Bloom tour

Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the History in Bloom - A tour of central Monroe County's gardens fund-raiser on June 4 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. (Rain date: June 11).

This driving tour will feature nine beautiful and unique gardens located in Jackson, Hamilton, Pocono, and Stroud Townships. The History in Bloom Garden Tour will begin at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg.

Homeowners and volunteers will be stationed in each garden to share their knowledge, methods, ideas, and materials used to create their garden. Experienced garden-

ers will be available to answer gardening and landscape questions. Musical performances and mini-workshops will be offered at garden locations throughout the day.

Advance ticket sales are \$15 per person and are available at four locations: The Stroud Mansion, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg; the Potting Shed, 829 E Ann Street, Stroudsburg; Stonewall Gardens, Route 447, Canadensis; and Ross & Ross Nursery, Route 191, Paradise Valley.

Day-of tickets will be available at the start of the History in Bloom Garden Tour at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center from 9 a.m. until noon and cost \$20

per person. A raffle featuring gardening items, gift certificates, baskets, and the new Liztech pin "Tussie Mussie" will also be held throughout the morning. Weber's Rimrock Gardens, 2217 Rimrock Drive, Stroudsburg, will donate a percentage of sales every Saturday in the month of June to the Monroe County Historical Association.

Tour participants must pick up maps and wristbands at Kettle Creek no later than noon. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended as some properties may be physically challenging.

Of special interest, the Brodhead Watershed Association will be hosting their Annual Native Plant Sale the same day at the Pocono Township Fire Company's "carnival building" Route 611,

Tannersville from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Be sure to swing by and pick up a few additional plants and flowers for your own garden.

For additional information about the 2016 History in Bloom Garden Tour or to purchase your tickets, please contact the Monroe County

Historical Association at 570-421-7703 or e-mail mcha@ptd.net.

The mission of the Monroe County Historical Association is to promote, protect, and preserve the rich history of Monroe County. Visit www.MonroeHistorical.org for more information.

Family Scavenger Hunt

On June 4, the Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center will sponsor a Family Scavenger Hunt program beginning at 10 a.m.

Participants will be given a list of natural objects to find. Prizes will be awarded to all

participants during this two-hour program.

Cost is \$5/non-members, \$3/children under 12. EE Center members free.

To register, call 570-629-3061.

For information on other programs, visit www.mconconservation.org.

Pocono Photo Club to show Natural Monroe images

Monroe County Conservation District's Environmental Education Center will host an Art Opening by the Pocono Photo Club called "Natural Monroe" on June 4 from 11

a.m. - 1 p.m.

Photos reflect the natural beauty of Monroe County as seen by this diverse group of photographers.

Additional images can be

viewed on their Facebook page, where all are invited to join in sharing images from the world around us.

This exhibit will run June 1-30.

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Clymer Library to host book sale fundraiser

This is a superb opportunity to help the Clymer Library at the same time that you stock up on books for your summer reading. Mark your calendar for June 9 through 11 to take advantage of quality gently-used books and more.

A vast quantity and variety of gently used Books, DVDs, CDs, Audio Books, Magazines and Games will be offered for purchase at remarkable prices. This is also an ideal time to purchase gifts for family and friends. A little money goes a long way- adding a bag of books to supplement those birthday or holiday gifts. Books start at 50¢, CDs at \$1, DVD's at \$2.50, and games and puzzles at 25¢ each.

Fiction, non-fiction, and titles of all varieties are being offered; many written and produced by famous and fa-

vorite authors. There is something for every age group. If borrowing from the library doesn't accommodate your travel and vacation schedule, this is an ideal opportunity to stock up with first-rate books and other media. And, "How-To" reference books are an excellent investment for your personal library.

Hours of the Book Sale at the Clymer Library are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on both June 10 and 11, with free admission. In addition, a special evening sale kicks off the event on June 9 from 5-7 p.m. For an entrance fee of \$5.00 per person, this evening is a jump-start to purchase your favorite authors. Light refreshments will be served.

On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., shoppers can bring their own empty bag, and for \$3 fill it with your selection of

books of any cost. Or you can purchase and use a Clymer Library tote bag for \$10.

The library encourages donations of gently used, good condition books, DVD's, CD's and games and puzzles (no missing pieces, please) for this event.

Clymer Library Book Sale proceeds will be used to purchase new books and for book repairs, as well as other media for use by the community. The sale is open to all residents, guests, and visitors.

Clymer Library is located at 115 Firehouse Road in Pocono Pines. For information on these and other summer programs at the library, call 570-646-0826 or visit the library's website at clymer-library.org and find them on Facebook.

Book and media sale

Trinity Episcopal Church will host its second annual used book and media sale on June 11 from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at 137 Trinity Hill Road in Mt. Pocono.

A large selection of books, movies, and music will be available for everyone.

Visit online at trinitymt-pocono.org for directions.

Fathers' Day Craft event

The West End Park and Open Space Commission will host a Father's Day Craft event on June 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ross Township Park, 258 Anchorage Rd., Saylorsburg.

Kids will get everything they need to decorate a Bar-B-Que apron for dad.

Please register at 570-992-9733 or bkozen@weposc.org.

Vendors wanted

Thornhurst United Methodist Church is soliciting Vendors for their upcoming 11th Annual Blue Berry Festival and Flea Market, which will take place on July 30 from 9

a.m. – 2 p.m. Vendors are not to sell food items. Contact Barbara Hudson at 570-643-6605 for further information.

MAPS at Kettle Creek EE Center

For the past 17 years, The Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center has been part of MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Sur-

vivorship), a continent-wide effort to gain greater insight into the lives of our breeding birds.

On June 11, MAPS starts

at dawn but the program will begin at 9 a.m. Cost: \$5/non-members, \$3/children under 12, EE Center members free.

To pre-register, 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.

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Growing tips for fresh cut flowers

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Penn State Master Gardener of Monroe County, Kathryn Ando, will present "Growing Tips for Fresh Cut Flowers" at 9:30-10 a.m. on June 4 at the Middle Smithfield Community Garden Park, Coolbaugh Road, East Stroudsburg 18302. Regis-

tration begins at 8:45 a.m.

This program is free to the public. A donation of \$5 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printed handouts & garden supplies.

For more information on Penn State Extension, upcoming events in the area, and directions to the garden, call the Monroe County Extension office at 570-421-6430, email monroeext@psu.edu or visit extension.psu.edu/plants/gardening/events.

A Raised Bed Garden is the ultimate problem solver

Ever wanted to try raised bed gardening? This talk will give you the information to get started. You will cover different raised bed types and sizes, soil preparation, construction materials, gardening techniques, and other helpful information that can turn your raised bed into the mini farm you've always wanted.

Penn State Master Gardener of Monroe County, Mindy Ando, will present "A Raised Bed Garden- the Ultimate Problem Solver" at 9-9:30 a.m. on June 4 at Middle Smithfield Community Garden Park, Coolbaugh

Road, East Stroudsburg, 18302. Registration begins 8:45 a.m.

This program is free to the public. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover costs of printed handouts and garden supplies.

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How to attract butterflies to your garden

Learn about the butterflies found in Monroe County. Look at life stages of butterflies and the plants they need for each stage. With this information, you can develop a beautiful butterfly friendly garden that you and the butterflies can enjoy all summer.

On June 12 from 2-3 p.m., Penn State Master Gardener of Monroe County Carolyn

Jones will present "How to Attract Butterflies to your Garden" at the Bryant Park Garden at the corner of Bryant St. and Park Ave. in Stroudsburg.

Registration begins at 1:45 p.m. Rain date is June 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The program is free to the public. A \$5 donation is suggested to cover the cost of printed handouts and garden

supplies.

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BioBlitz at West End Regional Park June 17 -18

The Monroe County Conservation District is partnering with the West End Park and Open Space Commission in sponsoring its sixth BioBlitz, funded by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund, on June 17-18 at the West End Regional Park, Chestnuthill Township. A BioBlitz is designed to be part-contest, part-festival, part-educational event and part-scientific endeavor that will bring together scientists from Monroe County, academia, the Monroe County Conservation District, and the public in a race against time to count the species of plants and animals living on the park's 244 acres.

The BioBlitz will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, June 17 and ends 24 hours later, Saturday, June 18, at 3 p.m. Teams

of scientists and helpers will be sampling the fauna and flora of the entire property in a methodical count of what lives there. There will be ample opportunity for the public of all ages to get involved by accompanying the teams in the field or by observing and helping to count and sort a variety of species at the BioBlitz headquarters. You can help for a few hours or just stop by to learn about the process. Kids of all ages will be excited to observe and learn about how scientists do their jobs in the lab and the field.

The planning has begun and we are looking for people interested in helping with the survey, as well as encouraging the public to visit us Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. during the BioBlitz. The

West End Regional Park was established in 2002 through the cooperation of Chestnuthill, Ross, Eldred, and Polk Townships and the Monroe County Open Space Program. The park is located on Merwine-Hilltop Road. The BioBlitz is generously supported by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund. For more information, an updated schedule, or to sign up as part of a survey team, please call the EE Center at (570) 629-3061.

If you are interested in being a "blitzer" 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. For information on other programs visit www.mcon-servation.org.



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2017 NASCAR Schedule Set

As part of new sanctioning agreements between NASCAR and race tracks, 2017 race dates have been announced. Next year, Pocono Raceway will host NASCAR Cup Series races on June 11 and July 30, and also the NASCAR XFINITY Series and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series at 'The Tricky Triangle.' "This is great news for our fans," said Pocono Raceway president & CEO Brandon Igdalsky. "This is by far the earliest we have known race dates and really think it will benefit all racing stakeholders. Now, they don't have to guess when our races are, they can plan. NASCAR did a tremendous job in putting the schedule together early and that's a testament to all of their hard work."

The NASCAR XFINITY Series is making its inaugural stop at Pocono Raceway on June 4 and will return in 2017 on June 10. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will be held as part of the second NASCAR weekend in 2017. "The only change really from this year was our first NASCAR weekend being moved back a week in 2017," said Igdalsky. "We are hopeful this change will allow more students who might have been in school to get out to the racetrack and enjoy a tremendous experience at Pocono Raceway."

Pocono Raceway will host seven national motorsports events during the 2016 racing season, including a NASCAR XFINITY Series race for the inaugural time on June 4. The Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) race is set for June 5, the Pennsylvania 400 NSCS race on July 31, and the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race on August 21. The Pocono Mountains 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck race is scheduled for July 30, two ARCA Series Presented by Menards races with General Tire #AnywhereIsPossible 200 on June 3, and the Mod-Space 150 on July 29 is offered as well.

Tickets for all races are now on sale at www.poconoraceway.com or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

2017 Pocono Raceway NASCAR Schedule

June 10: NASCAR XFINITY Series
 June 11: NASCAR Cup Series
 July 29: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series
 July 30: NASCAR Cup Series

Mountain Landscaping sponsors golf outing

Logan Evans, owner of Mountain Landscaping, presents title sponsor check to Pocono Lions Club past president Fred Jabara. This is the fourth consecutive year that Mountain Landscaping has been the main sponsor of the Pocono Lions Charity Golf Outing.



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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

This was another odd week with the weather. April showers, but in mid-May. So here we are in late May, and our trees are still not out in full leaf. At least one national media outlet is trying to convince us that April was the warmest on record, but look around. Nature says otherwise.

We head into the Memorial Day weekend with a boost of nice weather that should move along the area's flowering plants. Our purple lilacs are beginning to fade though our white ones are still in their prime. Our lawn pinks flowers are nearly done, but the new warmth has triggered our rhododendrons. If it would stay warm, especially at night, I think we're also going to have a rather spec-

tacular display of lilies ... coming soon.

I've located my flags for Memorial Day, and I hope to add a new garden flag to celebrate the coming patriotic holidays.

The political chaos that is this year's primaries has me treating the political barbs like I do sports. As I start my day I check the latest news and sports scores from the late games, then look for the latest stinging insult to a candidate. Lately the Democrats have been after each other creating a new source of insults. I feel that having a contest undecided up to and including the party conventions is a good thing—in that it should make good candidates even better.

This year, the Democrats' Con-

vention will be in Philly, easy driving distance for any local delegates, protestors, or political junkies. For the period of the convention, I have read that the bars in the area will be permitted to stay open beyond the 2 a.m. mandate (for celebrating, or drinking to drown sorrows?).

The Pittsburgh Penguins had some trouble with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Traditionalists want the Penguins, one of the older teams in the league, to prevail over the Florida upstarts; they also wanted St. Louis to beat San Jose. On Wednesday, the Sharks took a bite out of that hope. The Penguins were to swim or sink on Thursday.

The Red Sox are playing well, and the Phillies are a surprise to

and enjoyed a program. Our Sunday was spent visiting my uncle in New Jersey. We enjoyed doing some errands with him, and then dinner. On our way home we tanked up at under \$2 a gallon. Gas prices are up quite a bit this spring, so it's no surprise that the government is announcing that inflation is up. Gas prices affect everything. The problem is that this puts a squeeze on families' budgets. But worse, rising prices means that the feds want to raise interest rates, which is going to push inflation up and squeeze family budgets all the more.

I'm hoping to see a Memorial Day parade or two, and then maybe find a way to take a day off. THIS is a birthday week, mine, plus — *The Journal-Herald* celebrates becoming a merged newspaper AND the first issue of the future *Journal of the Pocono Plateau* was introduced from Blakeslee to Pocono Summit — 21 years ago.

We had to return to White Haven to drop Chess off, because the Blakeslee Rotary Club was hosting a veterans' dinner, and we were part of the crew. We met vets from Vietnam and Iraq and their spouses, shared dinner with them,

Solar walls, strategic installation equals free energy

by Justin Eimers
Tobyhanna Army Depot

Tobyhanna will soon reap the benefit of free energy after the strategic installation of solar walls on seven buildings across the installation.

The technology — two-stage transpired solar walls — uses ventilation fans to draw air through micro perforations in "solar cladding" into an air cavity. The air is then trapped behind a polycarbonate panel and heated a second time as it is drawn through another panel and is directed into the building. Ceiling mounted high-volume low-speed fans then de-stratify the building air to ensure uniform heat distribution.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Engineer and Contracting Officer's Representative Dean Gillett (a resident of Tobyhanna) described the process in simple terms. "Basically how it works is dark, perforated metal panels called 'solar cladding' are mounted to the building's south-facing exterior walls to create an air cavity. The cladding is heated by solar ra-

diation from the sun and ventilation fans create a negative pressure in the air cavity, drawing the solar-heated air through the exterior panel perforations," he said. "It's the heating generated at the sole expense of running a fan."

Taylor resident James Harbert, resident engineer and administrative contracting officer for the USACE, Philadelphia District, said the project will provide significant savings for the depot. "The use of these transpired solar collection panels will decrease heating costs, provide higher air quality, and de-stratify air temperatures in high-ceiling warehouses and mission areas," he said.

Support structures for the panels are being installed on buildings 7 and 8, and are scheduled for installation on buildings 3, 4, 5, 6 and 55. Environmental personnel conducted a renewable energy and energy conservation study in fiscal 2009 with support from the USACE to determine whether the solar wall project would be feasible and cost effective for the depot. Technical evaluations and



Solar walls being installed on seven buildings across Tobyhanna Army Depot will decrease heating costs, provide higher air quality, and de-stratify air temperatures in high-ceiling warehouses and mission areas.

(U.S. Army photo by Steve Grzedzinski)

on-site monitoring were carried out to pinpoint the best locations for each wall. Then the project was submitted to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for consideration to receive funding through the Energy Conservation Investment Program.

Jim Thorpe resident Brian Decker, a mechanical engineer in the Installation Services Director-

ate, said the project was selected based on its promise to provide substantial savings for Tobyhanna. "The project's savings-to-investment ratio was deemed high enough to receive ECIP funding from OSD," he said, adding that the savings will equal 115 percent of the project's cost.

Personnel in the depot's Environmental Safety and Occupa-

tional Health Branch have estimated the project will conserve a staggering amount of energy while continuing Tobyhanna's mission uninterrupted.

"Tobyhanna is looking at annual natural gas and electricity savings in excess of 30,000 MMBTU (million BTUs) with a 20 percent reduction in criteria air pollutants," said Wyoming resident David Ruskey, environmental engineer in the branch. He added that the depot adheres to a permit defined limitation restricting emissions and the solar wall project will help meet those restrictions. "The emission-related savings are based on sustained compliance with our air permit which allows us to operate without interrupting our mission," he said.

The anticipated completion date for the installation of all panels is August 31.

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Coolbaugh aids with library loan

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

Coolbaugh Township came through for Pocono Mountain Public Library approving ordinance #125-2016 Authorizing Issuance of a General Obligation Note for \$923,500 during the May 17 meeting.

Calling the decision the “viable option” to aid a “staple of the community sitting in our front lawn,” supervisor chair Bill Weimer noted lender ESSA Bank would own the property if the township didn’t assist in satisfying a loan containing funds used in complet-

ing construction of the facility. A rate of 1.58% is in place for five years, converting to a 2.5% capped variable with a payback expected of 7 1/2 years.

“The taxpayers from Coolbaugh are paying the whole thing,” stated Michelle Fairser-vice.

Harry Smith wanted to know about neighboring Mount Pocono’s assistance asking, “What are they doing?”

“I wish we could get something out of Mount Pocono,” replied Weimer.

A dangerous structure in Pocono Farms East will soon be

no more as supervisors voted to tear down the fire damaged walls on Belgravia Road by May 25 after following due diligence procedures preceding the order of demolition for the eyesore that has been vacant for years. No party responded

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Sen. Scavello to host free heel scan bone density screening

State Senator Mario Scavello will host a free Heel Scan and Bone Density Screening on Thursday, June 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at his Pen Argyl District Office (2 North Robinson Avenue, Pen Argyl). The screening is hosted in partnership with Easton Hospital.

Bone density screenings are recommended for women over 65, men over 70, or anyone who has broken a bone after age 50 as a critical step in recognizing the warning signs for osteoporosis. Individuals are tested using a painless procedure called a heel scan, where the foot is placed on an ultrasound de-

vice to measure the mineral density of the heel.

“As we age, our bones begin to break down and cannot rebuild as quickly,” Senator Scavello said. “Osteoporosis causes bones to become brittle and leads to greater risk of fracturing a bone while doing even the simplest of tasks.

This free screening is crucial for residents of my district to prevent future injuries and protect against the effects of osteoporosis.”

Women are asked to not wear pantyhose, so as not to interfere with the scan.

To make an appointment call Senator Scavello’s Pen

Argyl District Office at 610-863-1200.

Senator Scavello represents the 40th Senatorial District, which includes portions of Monroe and Northampton Counties. Visit www.marioscavello.com or email mscavello@pasen.gov for more information.

NEPA Craft Beer Festival

The inaugural NEPA Craft Beer Festival will take place at the Mohegan Sun at Casey Plaza on July 30 from 1-6 p.m., featuring over 50 craft beer vendors and other handcrafted merchandise vendors.

The afternoon event will have participation from local craft beer companies, with a mix of nationally branded craft breweries. General admission tickets include a commemorative sampling glass, 4 hours of unlimited samples from the expansive beer selections, and access to concessions. General admission early bird pricing will be available for a limited time.

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available for this event. VIP tickets include early admission to the event with a full 5 hours of beer sampling, a commemorative sampling glass, exclusive ac-

cess to the VIP area, special features and VIP only beer selections, plus access to the main festival.

Designated Driver tickets include access to the Designated Driver lounge which will feature snacks and ample non-alcoholic beverages. Free Designated Driver tickets are available when buying 4 or more tickets.

Tickets are on sale now at <http://www.nepabeerfest.com/tickets> and will be available at the NBT Bank Box Office at Mohegan Sun Arena, all registered Ticketmaster outlets, charge by phone at 800-745-3000, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Additional fees may apply.

Please follow <https://twitter.com/NEPABeerFest> and like NEPABeerFest on Facebook for up-to-date information about the NEPA Craft Beer Festival.

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ACROSS

1. “Sisterhood of the Traveling _____”
6. Pavlova’s step
9. Southeast Asia food staple
13. Fire starter
14. “My _____ Private Idaho,” movie
15. Red Cross supply
16. Indian soldier in British Army, historical
17. CSI evidence
18. U in UV
19. *Climber support
21. *Light recommendation for some plants
23. Computer network acronym
24. Green stroke
25. Olympic chant
28. Cry like a baby
30. Depletes
35. X-ray units
37. *Organ of photosynthesis
39. Nary a soul
40. Doing nothing
41. Reduce pressure
43. Tolkien villains
44. Spy’s other name
46. Judo gym
47. Same as Celt
48. *Cross between plant

DOWN

1. Attention grabber
2. Copycat
3. Back of neck
4. Chatroom agitator
5. First U.S. space station
6. *Where peas live
7. Barley bristle
8. Big mess
9. Auction off
10. _____ and crafts
11. Buddhist teacher
12. Yemen’s neighbor
15. Brunei’s ruler, e.g.
20. Altogether
22. Beehive
24. Stone’s Oscar winner
25. Dickens’s _____ Heep
26. Lamentably
27. Impromptu
29. *Garden intruder
31. Pippin’s last name, “The Hobbit”
32. More painful
33. Cry of surrender
34. *Cabbage Worms and Potato Beetles
36. One way to prepare Ahi
38. *Popular apple
42. _____ bear
45. Soliciting of a bribe for a church office
49. Bad-mouth
51. Glucose and fructose, e.g.
54. Chopin’s composition
56. On the fritz
57. Intersection of two arcs
58. Hahn or von Bismark
59. Fogginess
60. Elizabeth Gilbert’s “Eat, _____, Love”
61. “My bad!”
62. Org. with a mission
63. Rotten and stinky
64. _____ pit
67. Ice-T on “Law & Order: SVU”

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Pocono Raceway shows green with NASCAR XFINITY

The first NASCAR XFINITY Series race at Pocono Raceway, the Pocono Green 250, will highlight sustainability initiatives at the track and the work of its partners. Pocono Raceway's President and CEO Brandon Igdalsky, a board member of the Green Sports Alliance and winner of local, regional and national awards for his sustainability work, has announced.

The Pocono Green 250 is set for Saturday, June 4 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX. Tickets are now on available at www.poconoraceway.com or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

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Pocono Raceway features a three-megawatt solar farm that powers not only the facility but the local community as well. Pocono Raceway was the first facility to rely 100 percent on solar power generated onsite with the opening of the 25-acre Solar Farm across the street from the raceway in 2010.

Pocono Raceway recently launched a partnership with Penn State University with

an aggressive and ambitious goal to make the raceway a "near zero waste" facility. New food and beverage provider Spectra and Pocono Raceway are working with "Rock & Wrap It Up" on a food donation program to support local charities and food banks. A pilot program will begin this weekend with a local composting facility in an effort to divert even more bio waste from landfills.

Coca-Cola and Anheuser-Busch have contributed

recycling bins to the track in efforts to reduce the amount of recyclable items being thrown in the trash.

Pocono Raceway also works hand-in-hand with NASCAR Green. Partnering with the Arbor Day Foundation, the raceway has planted more than 8,500 trees, 8,000 of those as part of the NASCAR Clean Air Tree Planting Program which has planted enough trees to offset all national series NASCAR racing for the next 40 years.

For the past five years, NASCAR has relied on Sunoco E15 fuel for its three national touring systems, a blend that is a 15 percent ethanol using American-made ethanol from corn grown by American Farmers. Sunoco Green E15 is blended at Sunoco's fuel facility in Marcus Hook, PA, and has reduced greenhouse gas emissions in the sport by 20 percent.

Tickets for all races are now on sale at poconoraceway.com or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

Get ready for summer at the Clymer Library

The Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, announces programs and events for early June. For more information or to register, contact the library at (570) 646-0826 or stop by the circulation desk.

Summer Reading

Registration begins Monday, June 13. For the children's program, the theme is "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read." Kids ages 11 and under can track the number of minutes they spend reading or the number of books they read to meet their summer goals. Children ages 7-11 can go online to register at www.clymerlibrary.org, and those ages 6 and under can visit the circulation desk to fill out their log sheets. Kids have the opportunity to earn prizes while taking part.

For the teen program, "Get in the Game," students who have just completed grades 6-12 can sign up online at www.clymerlibrary.org for a free account, and then can keep track of how much they read to earn prizes and raffle entries. The grand prize is a Kindle Fire bundle.

The theme of this year's adult program is "Exercise Your Mind: READ." Patrons ages 18 and up can register on the library's website—www.clymerlibrary.org—or in person at the library. Every adult patron who registers and reads at least one book will receive a gift tote with a pedometer and more. Each week a patron will be randomly selected to win an incentive prize including restaurant gift certificates, winery tours, and ski passes. Exciting programs and pre-

sentations have been scheduled for most Thursdays this month.

Steel Creek Duo Returns

Back by popular demand, the *Steel Creek Duo* will perform on Thursday, June 2 at 6 p.m. *Steel Creek Duo* is an acoustic group comprised of singer/songwriter Jeni Hackett on vocals and guitar and Ken Duncan on bass. The two musicians bring a different influence to the band and the combined musical backgrounds add a rich fullness to the sound of *Steel Creek*. Sign-up required.

Making the Most of your Retirement

Are you prepared for retirement? Come and find out what you can do to make the most of your retirement funds at a special program on Friday, June 3 at 2 p.m. at the library. This program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Sign-up is required.

Children's Story Hour and Lap Sit

The library's popular Story Hour for children ages 3-5 will be held on Monday, June 6, 20, and 27 at 10:30 a.m. Lap

Sit for kids ages 2 and under will be held Thursday, June 2, 16, 23, and 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Sleepy Time Story Hour

Join Children's Technician Miss Kristi for a story hour before bedtime on Tuesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. You can even come dressed in your pajamas. No sign-up required, but parents need to supervise children at all times. For children up to age 6.

Junior Book Club

If you are in grades 4-6, join the Clymer Library's Junior Book Club. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. Book discussion is held on this date, so sign up today. The group will be reading *Lost in the Sun* by Lisa Graff. For more contact Children's Technician Miss Kristi at kbelcher@clymerlibrary.org, or call the library at (570) 646-0826. All book requests need to be made in advance because the Clymer borrows copies from other libraries.

Clymer Library Seeks New Member for Board of Trustees

The trustees of the Clymer Library are seeking a resident of Tobyhanna or Tunkhannock Townships to become

part of the library's board. In addition to being passionate about helping the Clymer Library continue to grow as a resource to the community, applicants should have experience in one or more of the following areas:

Finance/Accounting—Experience—Working with the library director, the board's finance committee is responsible for guiding the fiscal management, capital expenditures, and budget preparation for the library.

Marketing/Public Relations Experience—The marketing committee develops and executes all press releases, fundraising campaign communications, and contact with media outlets to promote the many programs and other library activities.

Non-profit Fundraising—As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the Clymer Library relies on community donations, grants, and various fundraising events that require creativity, planning, and coordination with library staff and volunteer management.

Facilities Management—The facilities committee assists the library director with day-to-day facilities issues involving contractors and vendors for building and grounds. The committee also assists in the planning of future renovations and refreshing projects.

If you or someone you know has relevant experience in any of these areas and is willing to join a working board, please contact Library Director Laura Laspee at (570) 646-0826 or by email at llaspee@clymerlibrary.org for more information on the application process.



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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

PA State Police will be conducting extra patrols in the area, especially over Memorial Day weekend, looking for aggressive drivers and any driver under the influence of drugs. They will also be paying attention to seatbelts, ticketing those not wearing their safety straps. PSP reminds locals that there will be special traffic patterns on Route 115 south of Blakeslee before and after the NASCAR race in Long Pond on June 5. Keep alert for heavy traffic, and avoid the area of the track Sunday morning, and again after about 5 p.m. in the afternoon, unless attending the race.

Pocono Mountain Regional Police were called about an armed robbery that happened at the intersection of Campbell Way and Rob Roy Drive in Pocono Farms East, Coolbaugh Twp., on May 9. The PMRPD's first officer on the scene obtained a description

of the car used, and a good description of the driver. Officers fanned out, and saw a car fitting the description at the Five Points intersection in Mt. Pocono. Police made a vehicle stop—finding three Coolbaugh Twp. men, ages 18 to 20 inside. The victim arrived and made a positive identification. Arrests were made on 5-17 on three counts of robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and receiving stolen property. District Judge Tony Fluegel sent Joshua Andrews, 20, to jail in lieu of \$50,000 bail, and Francesco Reid, 19, in lieu of \$25,000 bail. A third man, Angel Rodrigues-Martinez, 18, is being sought. PMRPD asks that anyone knowing his whereabouts please call HQ at 570 895-2400.

5-13, a 28 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. man is alleged to have hit his girlfriend during a domestic incident just before midnight, and then chased her with a knife. She was able to escape and call 911. Police arrived and saw the woman had clear injuries. Officers were dispatched to arrest the man at his apartment, but police saw him leaving in his car. A short pursuit followed up To-

byhanna Rd. into Wayne and Lackawanna Counties before he stopped the car and was arrested. Police determined the man was under the influence—so will charge him with terroristic threats, simple assault and harassment for the incident, plus fleeing police, reckless endangering, and driving without a license—plus DUI.

Pocono Township Police were called to a Locust Drive East, Penn Estates home at 7:36 a.m. on 5-16, about a stabbing. Police learned that a 31 y/o Penn Estates man found out that his ex-girlfriend had moved into another man's home after moving out of his after 12 years. The woman, 31, and the new man, 33, were asleep in their second floor bedroom when they heard pounding on the front door. The 31 y/o man, Jermaine Quinones, forced open the door and rushed inside. He began to punch the 33 y/o in the face, and knocked him down. The 33 y/o grabbed his pocketknife and swung at Quinones in self-defense, cutting him (minor) in the abdomen. This did cause Quinones to flee. Police and Penn Estates

security responded. PTP located Quinones – took him to Pocono Medical Center to get treated and released, then arrested him for burglary, criminal trespass, simple assault and terroristic threats.

PMRPD was dispatched to a domestic argument at a home in APCP, Coolbaugh Twp., just after 7:30 a.m. on 5-24. Police met a woman at the APCP gate. She told them that the man involved was likely wanted for murder out of Newark, NJ. Police verified this, then went to the home to make contact with him. At first, he would not come to the door, or respond in any way to police. After 45 minutes, police were able to coax him outside, and he was arrested on the murder warrant. After he was arraigned before D.J. Fluegel, he was released to Newark, NJ, police detectives after waiving extradition.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PSP Hazleton is investigating a crash of a Mazda 6 on Interstate 81 north in Hazle Twp.

on 5-20 where the 33 y/o driver of a speeding car lost control of it, and slid into a berm, then hit a rock embankment. The car then spun back onto the road—and this ejected the driver and front seat passenger, 25, neither of whom were wearing seatbelts. The car then spun into the median. An 8 y/o girl was trapped inside, and the Hazle Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. responded and extricated her. The highway was closed during the rescue attempt. PSP, area fire police, and PennDOT assisted. Everyone was seriously hurt—all were flown out by helicopter to LV Hospital. The child died on 5-22 from her injuries at LV Cedar Crest Medical Center. PSP-H is asking if any area driver saw the crash, and can help their investigation by calling them at 570 459-3890.

The Pocono Plateau is NOT HIGH Enough for some

On 5-19, Pocono Township Police stopped Joseph Virgona, 29, of East Stroudsburg,

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Puzzle Answers

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Police Beat...

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for a traffic violation. He gave police a false name and information. Police were able to identify him, and found that he had two warrants out for his arrest—and they arrested him. A pat down found cocaine and a large sum of

money in his possession. PTP executed a search warrant on his car, and when conducted, they found crack and powder cocaine, and heroin—pre-packaged for street sales, plus some marijuana and some Alprazolam pills inside. Virgona was taken to the Monroe County jail and held due to the warrants. He will be charged with possession with

intent to deliver narcotics at a later date.

5-20, PMRPD arrested Anthony Diliberti, 20, for selling heroin out of a motel room in the Mt. Pocono Motel. During the arrest (at 11 a.m.), police found and confiscated several bundles of heroin, and lots of drug paraphernalia, including hundreds of packaging Baggies, plus scales. Police took

him before District Judge Tony Fluegel, who sent Diliberti to the county jail on drug dealing and possession charges, with bail set at \$10,000 straight.

PMRPD made a traffic stop of a car after they saw its driver commit several traffic violations in the area of the Five Points intersection in Mount Pocono at 2:33 a.m. on 5-15. The stop found a 30 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. man at the wheel, showing signs of being under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested for DUI, and also charged with speeding, and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Andrew Turner, 28, a wanted man in a drug bust at a home on Echo Lake Rd. in Coolbaugh Twp. on 1-15 of this year, was located and arrested by the US Marshall's Service in Westchester County, New York in early May. On 5-10, he was extradited back to PA and arraigned

here—then sent to the county jail in lieu of \$200,000 bail. He is also held at the jail on a Marshall's Service detainer because the US Secret Service also wants to arrest Turner for counterfeiting.

Stealin'

A call about a retail theft in progress at the Crossings outlets in Pocono Township at 4:26 p.m. on 5-18 had PTP responding. Police learned the thieves were fleeing, and got a description of their vehicle, which they located on Interstate 80 and made a vehicle stop. The vehicle had three men inside, and, after an investigation, police learned the trio had stolen nearly \$10,000 worth of clothes from six different stores. All of the stolen items were recovered from the vehicle. Jack Londono, Fabiola Vargas and Johan Orozco were all arrested for felony retail theft, and sent to the county jail.

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