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IS THAT CAR SEAT SAFE? PA State Trooper Carrie Gula checks the car seat belonging to Stacy and Tim Reed of Pocono Summit at the Blakeslee Community Center on Wed., June 1. The officers from the Fern Ridge barracks said that 70% of the car seats they check are installed incorrectly, or are the wrong size for the child using them. Car seat checks are scheduled monthly throughout the area, or can be done by appointment by calling the Fern Ridge barracks at 570-646-2271 or Swiftwater barracks at 570-839-7701. JP: Seth Isenberg

PMSD leaps & bounds ahead in athletics

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Recognizing two of Pocono Mountain School District's finest, directors applauded Khyasia Caldwell and Isaiah Wiggins during the June 1 meeting for propelling the district to top ranks in this year's PIAA State Track and Field Championship.

A monumental leap of 19' 5 1/2" captured gold for Caldwell, an East High School junior, in the 2016 Class AAA Girls Long Jump competition. West's Wiggins set a new school record of 47' 6 3/4" seizing 4th place.

Weller Health Education Center CEO Melissa Lee thanked the district for embracing a partnership lasting over 20 years. She described recent programs made possible thanks to a grant from Sanofi Pasteur where over half the funds went to PMSD. From programs for grades six and up that included topics such as adolescent depression, signs of addiction, and heroin use, to approaching younger students with "Kids in Motion," and "Gerry the Germ," she explained attention is on age appropriate content while recognizing, "We need to talk earlier."

Considering adolescent depression a "huge problem"

she noted the importance of coming forward while helping kids understand that it is a treatable illness.

With teen heroin use increasing 80% over the past 10 years, she applauded the district's proactive approach to prevention. "Pocono Mountain was really open in saying we know it happens. Thank you for being such a good partner."

The district's insurance broker. Robert Thompson of EHD, reviewed details on this year's plans reporting a pleasant drop in premiums of \$40,000. Steady stats in

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Tobyhanna Township: An open book for **TEC** students

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Learning how government works, TEC fourth graders joined Tobyhanna Township officials for their May 9 meeting. From infrastructure information to potential Blakeslee transformation into a "pretty cool place to hangout," the supervisors and staff shared insight about how the township works now, along with plans for the future.

Clymer Library director Laura Laspee gave details about the library's statistics, explaining "So you can see how the library's doing." She reported over 33,000 visits, nearly 51,000 audio and books checked out, and more than 5,000 participants in kids, teens and adult programs. She applauded the library's volunteers for their hard work and dedication that saved approximately \$50,000 in 2015.



Laura Laspee gives Clymer Library stats.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

"We pay them in kindness," she smiled.

Responding "14" to supervisor Heidi Pickard's question about how old a volunteer

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TEC fourth graders found out how government works at the May 9 Tobyhanna Township meeting. JP: Hofbauer Strategies

PMRPD presents annual report to Commission

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Noting a 4% increase in calls, Chief Chris Wagner detailed 2015 Pocono Mountain Regional Police data during the May 10 commission meeting. The 90-plus page report listed over 12,500 calls within the 236 square mile coverage area containing 333 road miles. A total of 3,300 traffic tickets were issued.

Weekly service hours averaged over 1,400 for the combined population of just over 43,200. Breakdown is Tobyhanna Township, 420;

Tunkhannock Township, 160; Coolbaugh Township, 530; Barrett Township, 119; and Mount Pocono Borough, 169.

Turning attention toward the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Foundation, treasurer Fran DePiano described the nonprofit as having the mission to "provide resources for essential equipment and programs not funded by the Police Commission." Noting money raised through annual events including this year's golf tournament slated for

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Dave Carbone, Edwin Miller, Don Pleau, Dave Moyer and Brandon Igdalsky pause for applause from Pocono Mountain Regional Police at the May 10 meeting. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

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needs to be, Laspee went on to outline hopes for a "refreshening project" with new computers topping the list of facility updates.

Calling Clymer, "a huge community resource," supervisor Anne Lamberton thanked all volunteers along with Laspee, who was joined by Clymer trustee Frank Caccione for the presentation.

Announcements for events in the community to kick off the summer were presented by Township Manager Phyllis Haase, starting with May 20's evening Concert in the Park and May 30's Memorial Day parade.

Zoning Officer Maureen Minnick explained why the township inspects buildings and other permitted property and charges a fee for administration

Superintendent of Public Works Ed Tutrone provided details about paving projects, explaining how and when to contact township offices.

"I think they need to pay it

like everybody else does," said supervisor John Holahan. He voted no on a request from Kalahari Resorts to waive a pool permit fee. The measure passed, 3-1, with Lamberton abstaining.

"It's important that they [supervisors] each have their own opinion," fourth grader Katie Baillargeon later commented, though admitting she may not give the same weight to older sister Abbi's opinion at home.

Considering local "the most important government in Pennsylvania," 176th Legisla-

tive District State Representative Jack Rader stated, "It's great to see children involved in our government."

Lamberton explained, "He [Rader] takes our voice back to Harrisburg."

Calling the visit her "last hoorah" before retiring at the end of the school year, teacher Patricia Dewitsky thanked the township for its hospitality as students toured the municipal center after the meeting.

The \$528,496.76 bill pack was approved with an invitation to the public to examine the files kept at township of-

fices

Supervisors present included Lamberton, Pickard, Holahan, John Kerrick and Don Moyer, township manager Haase, zoning officer Minnick, superintendent of public works Tutrone, solicitor Jonathan Reiss and an audience of approximately 40.

The next regular meeting is 7 p.m. June 13 in Tobyhanna Township's Municipal Building on Government Center Way in Pocono Pines.





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August 29 "exclusively funds" PMRP's K9 program, Bike Unit, Grant Writing and Community Outreach, he reported last year's efforts raised nearly \$23,000.

The Foundation gave close to \$15,500 in 2015 toward police equipment, grant writing and accreditation, and nearly \$9,000 already in 2016. Thanks to the Foundation. PMRPD will be the first department in northeast Pennsylvania to use Polaris Electric Bicycles, as two were recently purchased with Foundation funds.

He concluded the report recognizing all community support and donors with a special presentation of plaques to Kalahari Pocono Resort General Manager Don Pleau, Pocono Lions Club president Dave Carbone, Edwin Miller on behalf of the Miller family, David Moyer, president of Papillon & Moyer and Pocono Raceway president and Mattioli Foundation representative Brandon Igdalsky,

Considering a Memorandum of Understanding resolution with Pocono Township to assist with traffic details at

570-839-8436 ext. 5

The Crossings Outlets, "an issue of public safety in Pocono Township and the county," Chief Wagner reported PM-RPD will charge \$92.11 an hour, "actually higher than the PPU." The rate accounts for an officer's overtime salary plus pension along with wear and tear on department vehi-

The Chief announced a June 11 testing date for the 2016 Hiring List with the top 60 candidates moving onto physical testing, then interviews.

Reporting on municipality hours to date Chief Wagner listed Coolbaugh Township over by 298; Tobyhanna Township over by 176; Tunkhannock under by 273; Barrett under by 57 and Mount Pocono under by 143 hours.

Commissioners proved the bill pack totaling \$187,312.21 with funds to be distributed as follows: General Fund, \$130,492.60 Prescription Plan, \$1,472.58 Capital Projects Fund, \$55,347.03 ESSA May Mortgage Payment, \$12,222.89 D&M Construction, \$11,296.45 D&M Construction, \$20,750.56

Richard Henry Construction

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Commission members present at the meeting included David Moyer, Don Moyer and Anne Lamberton of Tobyhanna Township; Juan Adams, Pete Volpe and Dave Pope of Coolbaugh Township; Mayor Fred Courtright of Mount Pocono; DePiano and Igdalsky of Tunkhannock Township; and Ralph Megliola of Barrett Township.

PMRPC's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 14 at headquarters on Route 940 in Pocono Pines.

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Workers Comp kept figures favorable despite a rise in the Sports Accident policy.

Business manager Joe Colozza recommended, "I would retain the deductible as is," rather than increasing the deductible for a lower premium for the school district's property insurance.

Directors approved Sharp Energy's proposal to provide fuel for liquid propane gas powered buses purchased for the coming school year. The board agreed to lease the

18,000 gallon holding tank with an option to purchase upon meeting a 600,000 gal-Ion requirement, expected to occur in three to five years.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 15 at the Swiftwater campus Administration building.

A mulch "maybe" in **Tunkhannock Township**

by Jeanine Hofbauer

An average size garbage can can be aesthetically pleasing according to Tunkhannock supervisors, supporting plans to offer mulch in moderation during the May 11 meeting. The proposal to allow individuals with homes in the township to pick up the landscaping product at municipal offices came after reports residents were experiencing difficulty obtaining mulch from Coolbaugh Township.

Taking \$1,000 typically given toward maintaining "the beast' mulching machine under an inter-municipal agreement that no longer exists and turning the cash toward a mulch buy from Coolbaugh was tabled until pricing is obtained after some concerns are addressed.

"Is it going to start a trend?" questioned George Ewald, concerned that many orders might become expensive.

Zoning officer Kate Lambert

responded, "Once it's gone, it's gone."

April income reported was \$397,989.35 with \$257,501.80 expenses, leaving \$696,897.13 in the General Fund. Current bills of \$48,444.97 were approved.

Supervisors Ewald, Fran DePiano and Joe Warriner (who passed away May 17) were present, along with solicitor Dan Lyons, secretary/ treasurer Tina Kernan, zoning officer Lambert and an audience of approximately 10.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. June 15 at township offices on 1557 Long Pond Road in Long Pond.

POSITIONS OPEN Mount Pocono Borough Council is seeking volunteers to serve on the **Zoning**

MT. POCONO

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Deadline for advertisements in our next issue is Monday, June 17. Call 570-443-9131 xt302 to learn more.

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Area Junerals

Robert C. Fischer

Robert "Sonny" C. Fischer, 82, of Pocono Pines, died Monday, June 6, 2016, in the same home in which he was born, surrounded by his family. He was the husband of Shirley (Sylvainus) Fischer, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage.

He was the son of the late Otto and Florence (Sansenbach) Fischer.

Sonny served in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Fischer's Cottages and Fischer Craftmen Inc. in Pocono Pines. He was an active member of Salem United Church of Christ, where he served as past deacon, consistory member, vice president of consistory, and took care of grounds and maintenance. He was a member of the J. Simpson Africa Masonic Lodge Post 628.

He is also survived by his children, Craig Fischer of Greentown, Jim Saake and his significant other, Lori Izzo, of Whitehall, Sonya Hackenberg and her husband, Robert, of Pocono Pines, and Lisa Erlsten and her husband, Michael, of Pocono Pines; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Robert was preceded in death by his sister, Lois Hoffman.

There will be a visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. There will be a second visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service Saturday, June 11, at Salem United Church of Christ, 108 Church Street, Pocono Pines. A service will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Salem United Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1047, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

Gregory Vincent Cacace

Gregory Vincent Cacace, 55, of Long Pond, died Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at his home. He was the husband of Ellen Marie Saunders, with whom he shared

SUMMER SCHEDULE

SAINT NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DIVINE LITURGY (MASS) Saturday 5 PM Sunday 9 AM

Very Rev. Michael Salnicky, Pastor (570) 595-3265

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of Celia (Maniero) Cacace of Wisconsin, and the late Joseph Cacace.

He is also survived by his children, Michael Saunders-Cacace, and Anthony Providenti and his wife, Alicia all of Long Pond; brother Robert Cacace and his wife, Ann of Wisconsin; and two grandchildren.

The Reverend Father Sean Carpenter conducted a blessing service June 4 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the AS-PCA, by visiting www.aspca.org

Private cremation is entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory with interment in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn NY to follow at a later date.

Deyancie D. Monroe

Deyancie D. Monroe, 88, of Tobyhanna, died Tuesday morning, May 31, 2016 at Mountain View Care Center in Scranton. He was the husband of the late Cora G. (Wood) Monroe with whom he shared 60 years of marriage at the time of her death on September 8, 2011.

Born on March 15, 1928 in Tidewater, Virginia, he was a son of the late Thomas and Nettie (Blue) Monroe and lived in Tobyhanna since 1954, moving from Baltimore, Maryland.

He served in the United States Army and was employed as a quality assurance specialist at Tobyhanna Army Depot for 35 vears.

Deyancie was a member of Tobyhanna United Methodist Church, Bethel A.M.E. Church in Scranton, and the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are three children, Gregory Monroe and his wife Cindy of Jamison, Sharon Gilbert of Colorado Spring, Colorado, and Wayne Monroe of Tobyhanna; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Leon, Edwin and Oliver

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

A Welcoming Roman Catholic Community 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines Telephone: 570-646-6424 Fax: 570-646-1047 www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org

Please Note: New Summer Season Saturday Schedule

(Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend) Confessions at 4 p.m. Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses at 8 & 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass at 8:15 a.m.

Monroe, and a sister, Alice Mon-

A funeral service was held June 4, at Tobyhanna United Methodist Church, Main Street, Tobyhanna. The Rev. Jessica Ross officiated. Burial followed at Prospect Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

To honor Deyancie's memory, if you would like, we ask that you please make a contribution to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or American Cancer Society, 2158 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Henry Edward Brunn

Henry "Eddie" Edward Brunn, 92, of Pocono Lake, died Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at his home. He was the husband of Della (Keiper) Brunn, with whom he shared 55 years of marriage.

Born in Hanover Green/Nanticoke, he was a son of the late Henry and Alice (Morgan) Brunn.

Henry received his education in the Nanticoke Public Schools, graduating in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and from 1942 to 1946 was stationed at several naval stations aboard the USS Chandeleur in the Pacific The-

In 1947, he attended College, Bloomsburg State graduating in 1950. Henry was a pitcher for three years on the baseball team. In 1953, he received his master's degree from Penn State University. Henry taught mathematics in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New York State.

He is also survived by his brother, James H. Brunn of Kingston, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother, Herman Brunn.

Pastor Sherry Keiper conducted a service June 3 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Burial followed at Mountain Rest Cemetery at Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church, Locust Ridge Road, Pocono Lake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church, 203 Spur Road, Pocono Lake, PA

Richard Louis Boas

Richard Louis Boas, 74, of Long Pond, died Monday, May 30, 2016, at his home.

Born in Passaic, New Jersey, he was a son of the late Louis and Alice (Ormsby) Boas.

Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War, and was a member of American Legion Post 413 in Pocono Pines. He worked as a sales technician and retired from AT&T in 2004 as an account executive.

He is survived by one son, Sean Boas and his wife, Kim, of Long Pond; his daughter, Ann Dean and her husband, James, of Long Valley, New Jersey; six siblings, Steve, Phillip, Sheila, Mary, Kevin and Elizabeth; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his daughter, Bridget Boas.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Samira Malty

Samira Neamatalla Tomas Malty, 74, of Tobyhanna died on May 26, 2016 in the Pocono Medical Center E. Stroudsburg. Born in Gharbeya, Epypt, she was residing here with her

She is survived by a daughter, Hoda Girgis of Tobyhanna.

Graveside funeral services were held May 28 in the Stroudsburg Cemetery.

Vacation Bible School at Effort UMC

Effort UMC in Effort will hold its annual Vacation Bible School at the church July 25 through 29 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This year's theme is Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. At the center of every lesson, song, craft, and game is God's message of Jesus' love.

This VBS transports kids to ancient Egypt where they meet Bible heroes, visit the Egyptian marketplace, learn hieroglyphics, and more.

Registration is now open for children 4 through 12. Volunteers are also needed to help with snacks, crafts, music, storytelling, and games.

Please contact VBS Director Deb Audett at daudett@ptd.net or call the church at 570-629-1890 to register, volunteer, or obtain additional information.

Volunteers will need to sign an affidavit and/or obtain criminal background check clearance. Contact the church office for assistance.

Congregation B'Nai Harim plans progressive dinner

A progressive dinner is planned by Congregation B'nai Harim for July 9. Participants will meet for appetizers and beverages at the first home. The group will then disperse to individual homes for dinner. After dinner, the group will again gather for dessert and socializing at the

Cost for this fun evening is \$25 per person, and reservations must be made by July 1.

To join the fun, send a check

to reserve your place to: Congregation B'nai Harim, PO Box 757, Pocono Pines, PA 18350. Please include your name, phone number, and the number of reserva-

For more information, call 570-646-0100 and leave a message for Sonny.

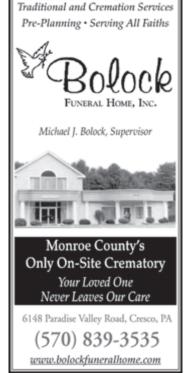
The annual golf outing is planned for August 22 at Pocono Pines. More information is available on the web site www.bnaiharimpoconos.org.

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Fresh Air Fund held at Community Church of Tobyhanna

On Sunday, May 22, Jenae Holtzhafer and her husband Brian held a Fresh Air Fund host information table at the Community Church of Tobyhanna. Several church members stopped by the table to inform them that they were in fact former Fresh Air children and shared their amazing memories of their time with their host families. One man recalled that he actually ended up moving to upstate New York to finish high school and he is still very close with his host family. Another man of Puerto Rican descent now calls himself a "Mennorican"

after growing up with his host family from a Mennonite community for so many years he still keeps in touch with them

Fresh Air summers are filled with children running barefoot through the grass, gazing at star-filled skies or swimming for the first time. Each summer, close 4,000 Fresh Air children visit suburban, rural and small town communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Towns Program. Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from seven to

The Holtzhafer family (from left) Jenae, Brian, Weston, and Addison have been hosting their Fresh Air child Robert, of the Bronx, since 2010 at their home in Emmaus.

Photo courtesy Jenae Holtzhafer

18 years old, who live in New York City. Children who are reinvited by host families may continue with The Fresh Air Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

Since 1877, The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free, enriching summer experiences and academic programs for more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income neighborhoods. For more information about hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, contact Jenae Holtzhafer at 484-350-9300 or visit The Fresh Air Fund online at www.freshair.



St. Max Parish hosts free dinner on June 26

The Social Concerns Committee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, will host its second free community dinner of the year on June 26 at 2 p.m. The parish invites our friends and neighbors to join them for fun, food, and fellowship. The meal is offered free of charge to all members of the community, regardless of need. Because of limited seating, reservations are required.

Feast on roast pork and applesauce, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Dine in a warm, friendly atmosphere and en-

joy some lively conversation while our dedicated volunteers serve you Sunday dinner. The meal will be held downstairs in Our Lady of the Lake Hall, which is handicap accessible. This free dinner is funded from the proceeds of the committee's three Lenten Buffets and from the generosity of the St. Max parish family.

To reserve your place at the dinner table, call 727-542-2280. Deadline for reservations is June 22. St. Maximilian Kolbe is located at 5112 Pocono Crest Road, near the traffic signal, in Pocono Pines

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Tractor Supply thanks contributors of Fill the Truck event

A great big "Thank You!" to all those that staffed and contributed to the annual Fill the Truck event at the Brodheadsville Tractor Supply Company. Best wishes to TSC manager Bob, who has generously supported The Garden of Giving and the annual Fill the Truck event, in the new store.

Special thanks also go to Greg Magill from 903 Landscape Supply for the use of the truck, trailer, and unloading all of the donations this and every year. For years they have contributed equipment, time, and materials that have helped The Garden of Giving grow.

There will be another Fill the Truck event in Lehighton on June 18 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Please stop by and purchase feed and supplies on the wish list for the wonderful chickens who have produced over 100,000 fresh organic eggs. TSC will also donate a portion of their proceeds to The Garden of Giving, and all contributors will receive a thank you gift.

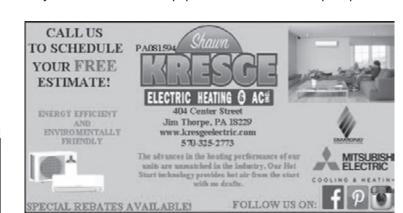
All crops are now in thanks to those that helped plant in

May and The Garden of Giving is now open Monday and Saturday for the rest of the season and the office is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday

The Garden of Giving welcomed two new board members, Tanya Goode and Fred Wager, Jr., and looks forward to their skills helping the Garden to grow even greater. There is still an immediate need for a board secretary.

The Garden of Giving produces fresh, nutritious, organic produce and eggs for our less fortunate neighbors and is always in need of chicken feed, volunteers to help with the chickens, in the Garden and office and at fund raising events.

For more information, please contact the Garden of Giving at 570-402-1282 or email GardenOfGiving@gmail.com.



Pocono Medical Center achieves patient excellence award

Pocono Medical Center announced today that it has achieved the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award™, a designation that recognizes superior performance in hospitals that have prevented the occurrence of serious, potentially avoidable complications for patients during hospital stays.

The distinction places Pocono Medical Center among the top 10% of hospitals in the nation for its excellent performance as evaluated by Healthgrades, the leading online resource for comprehensive information about physicians and hospitals.

On average, 270,457 patient safety events could have been avoided if all hospitals, as a group from 2012 from 2014, performed similarly to hospitals performing better than expected on each of 13 patient safety indicators eval-

uated by Healthgrades.

In addition, during this study period, patients treated in hospitals receiving Healthgrades Patient Safety Excellence Award were, on average:

40.2% less likely to experience an accidental puncture or laceration during a procedure, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.

44.2% less likely to experience a collapsed lung due to a procedure or surgery in

or around the chest, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.

54.4% less likely to experience catheter-related blood stream infections, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.

50.4% less likely to experience pressure sores or bed sores acquired in the hospital, than patients treated at non-recipient hospitals.1

"It is an honor to receive the distinct recognition as a healthcare system committed to superior performance in patient safety," said Jeff Snyder, president and CEO of Pocono Medical Center. "Earning a distinction that places Pocono Medical Center as one of the safest hospitals in the country is a direct result of the highly-skilled and dedicated physicians, nurses, and staff committed to providing excellent care."

"The recipients of the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award have not only found ways to reduce patient safety events, but to outperform expectations in prevention of safety incidents," said Evan Marks, Chief Strategy Officer, Healthgrades. "We applaud these hospitals for their performance and for their organi-

zational commitment to delivering high-quality care."

During the study period (2012-2014), Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Excellence Award recipient hospitals performed with excellence in providing safety for patients in the Medicare population, as measured by objective outcomes (risk-adjusted patient safety indicator rates) for 13 patient safety indicators defined by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).

"The implementation of best practice methods and our healthcare teams' willingness to outperform contribute to our success in reducing patient safety events and providing quality, comprehensive care," said Dr. William Cors, Vice president and Chief Medical Officer of Pocono Medical Center.

Pocono Medical Center also recently received a Hospital Safety Score of 'A' from The Leapfrog Group, ranking among the safest hospitals in the United States.

For more information about Healthgrades or to download a full copy of the report or to receive information about hospital and physician quality, visit: www.Healthgrades.com/quality today.

Environmental Center recognizes four

On April 8 at Trout Lake, several individuals were recognized for their outstanding efforts and service at the Annual Members and Friends of the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center's Dinner.

2015 Conservation Educator of the Year – Eric Argot, Scotrun

Eric, a second grade teacher at Tobyhanna Elementary Center, was recognized for his outstanding work running the TEC Green Team for several years. The team collects paper and plastics to be recycled instead of ending up in the dumpster. As a result, an overflowing dumpster has been reduced to half that amount.

He is also in charge of keeping the nature trail at TEC clean of trash and debris. TEC students use the trail to study the natural resources surrounding their school. Monroe County, the Pocono Mountain West School District and its students are fortunate to have such a dedicated teacher.

2015 Volunteer of the Year – Michael Carr, East Stroudsburg

Michael first started volunteering with Kettle Creek at the Meesing sugar bush in 2008 as a student at Northampton Community College. Since that time, Michael has been a frequent and dependable volunteer, assisting at special events such as Bug Fest, birdseed sales, seedling sales, and maple sugaring.

The center greatly appreciates Michael's long-time commitment to Kettle Creek



and congratulate him on this award.

2015 Service Award -Jackie Speicher, Director, Pocono Avian Research Center

Over the years, this organization has helped with numerous programs and projects at the EE Center. From their coordination of the MAPS bird banding research at Kettle Creek since 2000 to the Saw-Whet Owl banding project they conducted last fall.

Their programs have documented the bird populations at Kettle Creek, and have allowed them to get a banding station for the property, which will enable them to hold even more programs at the Center. The center is grateful for their hard work and support.

2016 Stanley Becker Environmental Resource Scholarships – Dana Petrosino, Blakeslee

The Stanley Becker Environmental Resource Scholarship was established by his wife, Stella and family, to recognize an outstanding Monroe County High School student who has chosen to pursue an environmental major at college.

The center is always impressed with the quality of applicants who apply for this scholarship. In cooperation with the Becker family, Dana Petrosino from Pocono Mountain West High School was recognized as this year's recipient.





Children's Summer Reading Programs at PMPL

DJ Jay kicks off the summer with a grooving dance party at Pocono Mountain Public Library on June 25 from 1-3 p.m. Play games, learn the chicken dance, the Macarena, the Cha-Cha, and the Electric Slide. This family event is free to the public. Dancing, treats, prizes, games, and more. Kids of all ages are welcome. Registration is required.

And don't forget to register for PMPL's Summer Reading Program. This year's theme for kids 12 and under is On Your Mark, Get Set, Read. You will explore sports, games, and movement through books, activities, nature, science, crafts, and more. Registration begins on June 13. Below are just some of the programs that PMPL will be having in June. Stop by the library for the Summer Reading calendar and more program information. Registration required for all events.

Tumblebus Open House with Mary Beth June 20 at 6 p.m.

Come and see the Tumblebus in PMPL's parking lot. The Tumblebus is equipped with energetic gym style fun. Mary Beth will show you the bus, and how to get the bus to your home for special parties and events. All ages welcome to join.

Geisinger Nutrition Program June 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Join the Health Team at PMPL and learn how to eat nutritious foods this summer and take care of your health. It is never too late to be a Nutrition Hero.

Buckhill Skytop Music Fest June 27 at 1 p.m.

Get musical theatre tips from professional thespian, Corrina Savers Adler. Audience involvement and fun for all. Learn what theatrical talents you may have.

KCEEC – Wildlife Rhymes June 28 at 10:30 a.m. at PMPL

The Kettle Creek Environmental Center presents this special program that teaches children about the wildlife that lives around us. Children will see animal furs and also see a slideshow.

Author Dee Kasarda Visits June 29 at 6 p.m.

Meet local author Dee Kasarda and hear her read her wonderful book about a lion fish. We are all someone special just like the lion fish. Make a special craft to take home.

Pocono Wildlife **Rehabilitation Center** June 30 at 10:30 a.m.

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Adult Programs at PMPL Programs to both Exercise and Relax the Mind

Pocono Mountain Public Library hasn't forgotten about the grown-ups. They have prizes and programs, too. When you log in your books, you are eligible for prizes. The first two drawings are on June 30 and July 30 for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Our last drawing is on August 30 for the grand prize- a \$50 gift card. You are sure to find this summer's adult programs a real treat. Registration is required for all programs.

Still Life Art Club

Have you ever felt a desire to create something beautiful? Come join our Still Life Art Club, where you can strengthen your artistic skills by painting or drawing a still life. A still life is an artistic exercise where you paint or draw an arrangement of objects. The Still Life Club Art will meet on June 14 from 10 a.m.-12 noon, and will continue every second Tuesday of the month. The library will furnish supplies for the first class, but asks that you bring your own for future classes. Participants will work from a still life setup with guidance from artist Bev Abel. Supplies are limited, sign up at circ desk or call 570-894-8860

Guitar Workshop

Did you just buy a guitar, but don't know where to get started? Are you having trouble learning chords? If you're a beginning guitar player, bring your guitar (preferably acoustic) and join Joe for an overview of the minor pentatonic scale. The minor pentatonic scale transcends all musical genres. It's found in blues, jazz, rock, punk, metal, funk, and hip hop. Learn the essentials that will get you on your guitar journey. Ages 10 and up. June 15 and 29 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Limit 10. Sign up at circ desk or call 570-894-8860 #3.

Graphic Novel Book Club

Join Gino & Co. at the Pocono Mountain Public Library for a lively discussion on comics and graphic novels. Bring in your favorite graphic novel and discuss it. It'll be a great way to meet new people and hear about interesting comics that you might not have heard about otherwise. This class will take place on June 22 from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Meditation to Quiet the Mind

Join Ananda certified meditation instructor, Bev Abel, for meditation classes to help you destress and relieve tension. Learn techniques to begin feeling more centered and calm. Meditation creates space in the body and mind to make you more relaxed and at peace. This class will take place on June 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 am at Pocono Mountain Public Library. Sign up at reference desk or call 570-894-8860

Jewelry Bead Workshop

Susan Field is back with her Jewelry Beaded Workshop. Make your own necklaces with beads and charms. Have fun and let it bead. Supplies are provided by the library. 16 and up. Registration required. The program will take place on June 20 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Sign up at reference desk or call 570-894-8860 #4.

Tuesday Table Top Time

Join the library for fun and games with old and new friends on Tuesday mornings. When it's hot and sticky out this summer, come and spend some cool time in the library. There will be lots of fun games and activities to choose from, like Scrabble, checkers, chess, puzzles, Keva blocks, Q-bitz, coloring pages, Sudoku, crosswords and more. No registration required. The program will be held on June 21, July 5, and 19 at 10 a.m.

The Purple Route to PMPL

Spend the morning at the library. Read a book or the Pocono Record, and have a coffee from the café, or browse on your device with our free wi-fi. On Tuesday & Thursday mornings, the Pocono Pony leaves the old K-mart off of 940 at 9:15 a.m. and arrives at PMPL at 9:29 a.m., and comes back in the afternoon at 2:10 p.m. The library is opened at 10 a.m. on those days and can accommodate early riders.

Summer Reading Experience for Teens

Area teens are invited to participate in Get in the Game: Read! Summer Reading Experience for Teens at the following public libraries this summer: Barrett Paradise Friendly Library in Cresco; Clymer Library in Pocono Pines; Eastern Monroe Public Library locations in Stroudsburg, Tannersville, and East Stroudsburg; and Pocono Mountain Public Library in Tobyhanna.

The online summer reading program is designed to encourage junior high and high school students to read for pleasure during the summer months, and enjoy the many benefits the libraries have to offer. Teens keep track of how much they read to earn prizes and entries for special drawings. The Grand Prize is a Kindle Fire.

Registration for the online reading program begins June 13. Teens can register by going to their library's web site and clicking on the Teen Summer Reading link. Program and registration information will also be available at the libraries; staff will be glad to assist you in getting started.

Special events for teens this summer include Recycled Bookend Craft and Scavenger Challenge. Event descriptions and sign-up information will be available online and at the libraries.

The summer reading experience is open to teens who have just completed grade 6 - grade 12 (ages 12-18). Visit your local public library to get all the details, or go to your library's web site and click on the Teen Page or the link for Summer Reading. Get in the Game: Read! Summer Reading Experience for Teens is sponsored by the Associated Libraries of Monroe County.

Visit the following websites for more information: Barrett Paradise Friendly Library www.barrettlibrary.org, Clymer Library www. clymerlibrary.org, Eastern Monroe Public Library www.monroepl.org, Pocono Mountain Public Library www.poconomountpl.org.



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Calendar of Events

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

Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12—Weatherly Hill-Climb

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

Friday & Saturday, June 24 & 25—Weatherly Library Auction

Friday-Sunday, June 24 & 26—Celtic Fling

Sunday, July 3—Shawnee Mountain Ski Area Fireworks Display, www. shawneemt.com Saturday & Sunday, July 8 & 9—Briggs Farm Bluesfeet

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

Friday-Sunday, July 29, 30 & 31—Race Weekend at Pocono Raceway

Friday, July 29 to Sunday, August 7—Buck Hill Skytop Music Festival

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

Sunday, August 21—Indy-Car at Pocono Raceway

Grand Opening of Regional Dog Park

HJP Park and Open Space announces the Grand Opening of the HJP Regional Dog Park. On June 11, registration for keys to the dog park will begin at 9 a.m.

Proof of DHLPP, Bordatella, and Rabies shots required. The fee is \$25. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a dog walk. All dogs are welcome to join, and you do not need to have a dog park key to participate.

Ribbon Cutting will be at 10 a.m. The ribbon will be cut by eight year-old Maura Mulherin and her dog Ellie. Plaques will be place by all those who sponsored fence sections.

The dog park is located in HJP Regional Park, 1186 Bartonsville Woods Road (Golden Slipper Road) Bartonsville. For more information, please call HJP Park Office at 570-629-0966.

Veterans Assistance Day

Senator Mario Scavello (R-40) and the American Legion will hold a Veterans Assistance Day June 14 at the senator's Tannersville district office. This service is offered on the second Tuesday of each month.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a service officer with the American Legion Pennsylvania Department will be on site to assist veterans with issues including: compensation and pension claims, education benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, burial

and survivor benefits, state benefits, and obtaining military personnel and medical records.

Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services. Please contact the Tannersville office to schedule an appointment at 570-620-4326.

The district office is located at 2989 Route 611, Suite 103 Tannersville, PA 18372.

You can follow Senator Scavello on Twitter and Facebook.

New Pocono Travel Guide available

The wait is over! The new Northern Pocono Mountains Travel Guide is now available for tourists visiting Wayne and Pike counties for the 2016 tourism season.

Thanks to the tremendous response from the tourism related business community in both counties, and the demand for this new expanded travel guide, 90,000 copies were printed, an increase of 50,000 over the 2015 guide. The guide is available at 500+ locations throughout PA, NY, and NJ including the Interstate Welcome Centers and Pocono Mountains Visi-

tor Centers. The Travel Guide is also accessible on the new responsive website, Pocono-Mountains.com/NPM.

Get your copy today or visit the new website, Pocono-Mountains.com/NPM to see all that The Northern Pocono Mountains has to offer you, your family and visitors all year round.

The Wayne and Pike County Commissioners and Hotel Tax Boards, and the PMVB make the newly expanded guide possible. The guide is published by Bailey Design and Advertising in Honesdale. For more infor-

mation on how to advertise or to find out how to obtain a Free Listing in the 2017 NPM Travel Guide, please call 570-251-1512 or email baileyadv@ptd.net.

If you are interested in having the guide available for your customers or guests you can stop by one of the following locations; Bailey Design and Advertising, 3305 Lake Ariel Highway, Honesdale, Lake Wallenpaupack Visitor Center, 2512 Route 6, Hawley, and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, 209 East Harford Street, Milford.

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Learn to compost for free

Why spend money on potting soil, fertilizers, and other items for your garden when you can make your own for free, by composting waste you already have? Turn your scraps into rich soil for planting. This is a great way to recycle your fruit and vegetables scraps, coffee grounds, egg shells, grass clippings, leaves and much more. Composting your food waste will reduce waste, your cost for disposal, and also save

valuable landfill space.

The Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority (the Waste Authority) is holding 3 composting classes this year. They will be held the second Saturday of the month in June, September, and October. The classes will start at 9 a.m. and last approximately 1 ½ hours. The classes are free, and composter bins will be available to purchase at cost.

One lucky winner will re-

ceive a free backyard composter. All classes will be held at the facility in Blakeslee, and a certified Master Gardener will be teaching the classes. In order to participate, you must register with the Monroe County Waste Authority. Classes are limited to 20 people.

For more information, or to register for class, visit www. thewasteauthority.com, email cparks@thewasteauthority. com or call 570-643-6100.

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Quiet Valley's Summer Garden Party and tour opening

On June 18, Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will open for their 53rd Summer Tour Season starting with their ninth annual Summer Garden Party. Visitors coming to the farm for the historic tour will experience guides portraying family members going about a typical day on a homestead in the 1800s. In addition to the tour, folks will have a chance to involve themselves in a variety of garden-related activities.

Tour a typical Pennsylvania German kitchen garden, get help with garden basics, sample yummy things made with fresh herbs and vegetables, and take home some recipes. At the outdoor brick oven herb breads will be baked and samples shared. This year, sign up early (by Noon) at the Bake Oven and make a small loaf yourself (one per family).

This year's feature areas, Pottery with Joan Glusiec and Pressed Flower Art with Alice Prall, will have demonstrations taking place periodically throughout the day.

There will be new adventures at the party including Foods with Funny Names, and older youth and adults will enjoy fairy garden art. The Children's Area will have lots of summer craft fun and bubble making for the younger set.

This event is sponsored in part by a Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Project Stream grant.

As a special fundraiser, the Victorian Tea will take place at 2 p.m. Ages eight and up can enjoy

the tea sandwiches, fresh baked cookies, scones and cake, along with herbal teas and lemonade. Quiet Valley's very own "Emma Marsh" will discuss proper table settings and share some samples of traditional linen pieces. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations are required. Deadline is June 15. Tea Party attendees interested in seeing the Historic Tour and Summer Garden Party will receive a discounted admission. Seating is limited, so call soon to reserve your spot. All money raised goes to support the non-profit historic farm mu-

All activities on June 18 are rain or shine and are subject to change. General admission for the Historic Tour is Adults \$10



Free hike at Blakeslee Natural Area

Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area, a 130-acre preserve, is a center of community life. Just off Route 115 and close to Blakeslee and Route 80, it is an easy-to-reach haven for walking, fishing, picnicking, photography, and peaceful contemplation.

At 10 a.m. on June 25, Carol Hillestad will lead the next free hike in the Get Outdoors Poconos series here, where well-worn paths take you to the brink of the creek and you are likely to find people fishing, spring through fall.

Three blazed trails make for lots of hiking options. There's a quick half-mile loop – Pine Trail – blazed in orange. Highland Trail, blazed in blue, is almost a mile long and loops through mixed hardwood and pine forest above the creek. The red-blazed Creek

Trail is a 2.3-mile, out-and-back walk along the creek.

Then there is the highlight everyone aims for: the falls. Wide, flat bedrock above the falls has been worn smooth by decades of sightseers and fishermen. With good balance and a walking stick, you can make your way down to the deep pools below the falls and along the very edge of the creek. Or take the easier high route to an overlook above, in a clearing furnished with picnic tables and benches.

The walking would be mucky, but volunteers have placed bridges and simple steppingstone crossings made of treetrunk slices and smooth rocks – anything to welcome people to this outdoor wonder.

Meet at the lower trailhead off Route 115. Take Route 80 to Exit

284 – Route 115 North. After the Tobyhanna Creek Bridge, the parking area is immediately on left. Two trailheads serve Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area — the hike starts at the trailhead which is closer to Route 80. GPS coordinates 41° 4' 59"N 75° 35' 4" W, elevation 1,560 feet.

For more information, call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727, or email info@brodheadwatershed. org. For information about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.

and Ages 3-12 \$5 and includes both the historic farm tour and Summer Garden Party. The farm is open for summer tours Tues. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Allow 2½ to 3 hours for complete farm tour.

Visit our website at www.quiet-valley.org for more information on Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm or call 570-992-6161. For more information call 570-992-6161 or visit us online at www. quietvalley.org.



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Robb Taylor and Erica Ashlee appearing at Clymer

personality Robb Taylor will be at the Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Rod in Pocono Pines, on Thursday, June 16. He will be singing songs from his second CD, as well as his third CDs titled 'The Hourglass & 'Dream catcher'. Joining him for the show will be Erica Ashlee of 'The Voice' fame, Gary Saint Manchester on bass, Vandy Galvez and Diane Rowland on backup vocals.



Taylor and his band are well known for concerts nationally for such charities as March Of Dimes, Global Reach, Make A Wish and Helping Hands. His movie credits range from major studio projects like Fisher King, Beloved, and 12 Monkeys to independent films such as The Killing of Bobby Green, If I Sang Out of Tune, and Sand Castles. Most recently he has worked with Pocono Shakes doing McBeth and Much Ado about Nothing.

Showtime is 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. For more information contact the Clymer Library at 570-646-0826.



Friday, June 10
Parade at 7 p.m. from old Wagner Electric (Tung-Sol) lot Will follow the normal parade route through town and end in the pit area at the hillclimb area

9-10 a.m. Touring runs for drivers on the hill
10 a.m.-4 p.m.(?) Timed runs - as many as conditions and time allows with lunch break approximately at noon 6:30 p.m. - Driver's Dinner at the Citizen's Firehouse Dusk - Fireworks display at Old Wagner Electric lot

Community Wide Yard Sales throughout Weatherly.

Sunday, June 12 9 a.m.-4 p.m.(?) Timed runs throught the day Approximately 12 noon a lunch break for drivers and workers with a Presentation of the Nation's Colors at the Start Line Trophy Presentation at the start line 45 minutes after the final run of the day.

Community Wide Yard Sales throughout Weatherly today also.

Free Pocono Mountain **Summer Concert series**

The 2016 Free Pocono Mountain Summer Concert Series at Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee is proud to present Elizabeth Knecht, fresh from her busy road appearances, as she brings her multi-talented one woman show to the concert stage.

On June 26 at 7 p.m., Elizabeth Knecht will sing and dance her way into your heart with her energetic performance of some Bob Fosse choreographed Broadway shows. Hear and see songs and dances from a wide variety of shows. Elizabeth's repertoire includes songs by Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, Harry Warren, Johnny Mercer and Irving Berlin, to name a few. This, not to be missed concert, answers the question of why the gentlemen who have been to see her performances previously will be jockeying for seats on the aisle.

Kelly Planer and the Perks heat up the venue with their bluegrass show on July 24 at 7 p.m. Wayfarers and Company will delight your ears with their mountain sounds on August 28 at 7 p.m. The final concert of the 2016 season will feature the southern gospel music of Donna Godshall on September 11 at 7

The Sunday evening shows are held rain or shine in the church sanctuary at 7 p.m. The free general admission performances are supported through sponsorships and free will offerings. The church thanks their 2016 concert series patrons and sponsors for their generous support this season, and invite area musicians to contact them about 2017 performance opportunities.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 550 Route 940 Blakeslee, one mile east of Blakeslee Corner and six miles west of Pocono Pines next to Matirko Hardware. If using your gps, use the address 550 Route 940 Pocono Lake, PA.

The venue is air conditioned and accessible to persons with disabilities. For more information, call 570-646-0309 or visit faithlutheranblakeslee.org. Like them on Facebook at "Faith Lutheran Church Blakeslee PA."



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Learn to fly-fish on the Brodhead



Fly-fishing experts from three Pocono organizations will share their knowledge with beginners during a hands-on workshop on June 26. The session will run 1 to 4 p.m. at For Evergreen Nature Preserve, Analomink.

Brodhead Watershed Association, Pocono Heritage Land Trust and the Brodhead chapter of Trout Unlimited are dedicated to enjoying and protecting Brodhead Creek – historically a world-class trout fishery – and wish to welcome newcomers to the sport.

Participants will receive an easy and entertaining introduction into equipment selection, casting techniques, trout stream entomology, and basic fly-tying.

Suggested donation is \$10 for BWA, PHLT or TU members, \$15 for nonmembers. Children under 12 attend free.

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Supporting community projects with your help

Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Our weekend was races, partly due to NASCAR's visit our area, and partly due to the full plate that kept us dashing from place to place.

Friday was a compressed work day so that we could attend the General Tire 200 ARCA race at Pocono Raceway. It had been on and off rain, but reports assured us that there would be a window to get in the ARCA race. It didn't look too promising as we turned south on Route 115 after coming down the Kidder hill on the interstate. There was this dark, gray cloud that looked to be hovering over the track. When we arrived there, there really was a dark gray cloud hovering over the track, it made Turn One dark. The clouds did not offer up any drizzle, and the race started with the dark cloud in place. After a while it went away. The die-hard fans who had come out enjoyed a pretty good ARCA race, and most of us were able to be home before dark.

Saturday had been predicted to be partly sunny, with

perhaps a shower. A much bigger crowd had come to the raceway to watch the Xfinity stock car race. Fans were treated to a mixed bag of racing that eventually was interrupted by a rain shower. Just as the track was dried out, another rain shower came through. Having a Sprint phone, I was able to access Accuweather from the track's good data feed. I could see bad weather on the weather radar, and the coolest thing the Accuweather minute-cast for the exact place we were standing - which said that for Pocono Raceway there will be rain in 20 minutes, then continuing for over an hour. So we left. We were back in White Haven before we heard the news that the race had been called.

After giving Chess a walk—it wasn't raining in White Haven—we went to the St. Jude's Parish International Food Fest in Mountain Top. The skies were threatening by the time we arrived, but we headed into their grove and picked foods from Leb-

anon, Mexico, and the USA, while missing out on some Irish food as they had run out. As we finished our last fish taco, we could feel dripping through the trees. We were up and headed to where we had parked, and did beat the coming heavy shower.

Sunday, Ruth had committed to a Rotary Club project at the SWB RailRiders baseball game. I stayed behind to attend the NASCAR race, making it to the track that morning to find it heavily fogged in. Then, it started to drizzle, so not only was it foggy but now was also wet. The weather report had predicted cloudy but dry, with a possible thunderstorm coming during the afternoon. It was wrong; it started to rain steadily. The

thunderstorm came through too, after the race was cancelled until Monday. Ruth did get to see about six innings of baseball before the rains came to Moosic as well.

I moved around some work in order to be able to attend the NASCAR race on Monday. The weather was beautiful – and some friends and me enjoyed a top-notch race. I worked afterwards, and that night grabbed my reporter's notebook to cover a township meeting.

The Pittsburgh Penguins have a chance to earn the Stanley Cup tonight (Thursday) at home. They lead their contest with the San Jose Sharks 3 games to 1. Let's Go Penguins. The Wheeling Nailers either win or pack for

summer that same night, they are behind in their series with the Allen Americans 2 games to 3. They have to beat Allen twice in Texas to win the Kelly Cup.

I am beginning to follow baseball – the Phillies pursuit of mediocrity and the Red Sox challenging for the top of their division. The Phillies have been awful lately.

Our weekend is light, with the only event to attend a Greek Festival in New Jersey with my uncle Slater on Saturday, the 11th. The next big event we are planning for is the Weatherly Area Community Library fundraising auction on June 24 and 25, and the Celtic Fling at Mt. Hope on the 25th and 26th.

BookHouse presents the Homegrown String Band

Eastern Monroe Public Library's popular BookHouse concert series resumes on June 24 at 7:30 p.m., with a folk concert by *The Homegrown String Band*.

The Homegrown String Band™ is a "100% Natural Organically Grown" band, homegrown by Georgianne and Rick Jackofsky and their two daughters, Erica and Annalee. This "family that plays together" has been performing around the country, from the National Theatre in Washington, DC, to the Festival of American Music and Crafts in Branson, Missouri, since 1997.

Inspired by the rural string bands of the early 20th century, this 21st century incarnation of the traditional family band utilizes unique instrumentation including guitar, banjo, fiddle, dulcimer, mandolin, banjo-ukulele, harmon-

ica, jawharp, and doumbek to put their own stamp on a repertoire drawn from the classics of rural American music.

The tradition of American roots music is a tradition of change and *The Homegrown String Band™* is carrying on that American tradition by using the tools at hand and borrowing from various musical genres to create something new and unique. Their original music has been lauded as "heartfelt, original, insightful, and impressive" by major

music publications *Sing Out!*, and *Dirty Linen*, as well as Grammy nominated author Bill Dahl. *Homegrown String Band™* stage shows have been voted audience favorite at festivals around the country.

Doors will open at 7 p.m., and the performance will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive prior to the scheduling start time. Refreshments will be available for a small charge. All Book-House programs take place in the Edinger Community Room of the Hughes Building, Eastern Monroe Public Library, located at 1002 North 9th Street (Rt. 611 at Chipperfield Drive), Stroudsburg.

For more information, please call Linnae Cintron at 570-421-0800 x312 or visit www.monroepl.org/bookhouse.html.

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Problematic parking solution proposed

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"[To] Improve the safety of that intersection, as well as alleviate the pressures my neighbors are feeling," emphasized Bill Van Gilder in testimony before Tobyhanna Township Zoning Hearing

Board during a May 11 public hearing to review Jubilee Realty, LLC's proposed parking lot set-back and parking space size for the popular Pocono Pines restaurant off Route 940 and Miller Drive.

Citing "questionable" park-

ing decisions by customers as "dangerous and illegal," he gave details of a parking plan consisting of 74 spots 9x18 in size, an aisle 22 feet wide, line painting, paving and landscaping. Rustic wood guardrails are intended to curtail

chaos caused by cars curving off and onto Route 940, with one entrance and exit at the state highway, the other off Miller Drive across from Print Shop Road.

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"Invasive lighting" and a

"lack of privacy" had adjacent parcel owner John Alexander commenting "I don't think shrubbery is the answer."

Seeing an opportunity to eliminate the existing problem of Lake Naomi residents and guests crossing over their land to get to the restaurant, he and his wife Denise advocated for a more substantial

solution.

"They come from both ways," responded Van Gilder, suggesting Lake Naomi Club step in with plans for putting a stop to residents and guests walking across the lots.

Lake Naomi Club attorney Allen Young, joined by LNC general manager Robert Jones asked for affirmation of a verbal agreement relating to the expansion over the Jubilee's septic. Zoning Board member Anne Sincavage stated only matters directly pertaining to variance approval would be heard.

Van Gilder commented, "I believe what we're doing as good neighbors is beyond the requirements of the township."

A June 8 hearing was scheduled in order to see actual site plans with landscaping and dimensional layout.

Tobyhanna Township Zoning Hearing Board members present included Sincavage, John Briggs and Denis Hatch along with attorney Joseph P. McDonald, Jr. and zoning officer Maureen Minnick.

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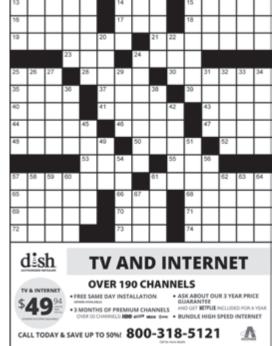
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PMSD Directors rave over West High School robots

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"As Seniors we want to leave our mark on the school," explained Pocono Mountain West High School Engineering Intern Shanie Mohamed alongside classmate Robert Lugo following a memorable demonstration of robotics at the May 18 meeting.

And that they did, starting by dazzling directors with "Alfonzo" the Meccanoid and SARR, a Search and Rescue robot, leaving all eager to echo the words of a grinning Rusty Johnson, "That was cool!"

Considering the internship projects "a celebration of student achievement," physics teacher Herb Ziegler called the pair "two of the finest graduates that Pocono Mountain School District has had the pleasure to produce."

Mohamed plans to attend PennState in the fall to study architectural engineering. Lugo will go to East Stroudsburg University, majoring in physics.

They described the beneficial experience gained mentoring peers and tutoring as part of the senior year internship elective.

Ziegler considers this first year offering the new course a success, with the opportunity of "moving them into the career they will be pursuing."

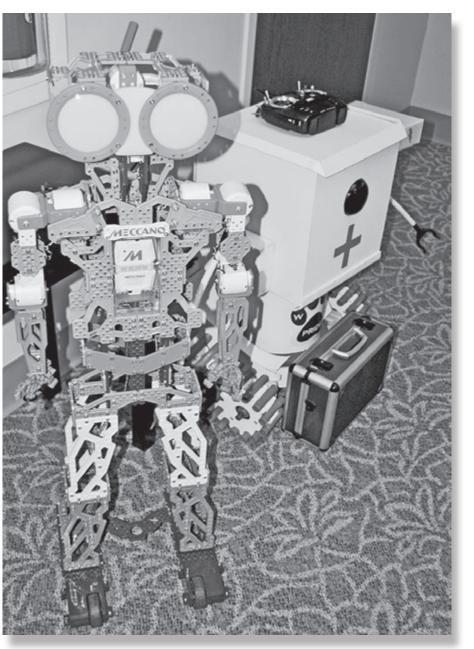
Director Annabella Lastowski stated, "You are going to do great things," and asked them to return for updates on college and career.

Proving "Panther Pride" roars throughout the district, West Junior High's SGA coordinator Tom Brogan reported on the "Spring Slam" wrestling fundraiser that pinned over \$4,000 to go toward gear for the school's clothing closet. He announced funds were also designated for the Positive School-wide Behavior program, and presented a \$500 check for use toward other district clothing closets.



Director Ricky Smith (seated left) observes Pocono Mountain West High School Seniors Robert Lugo (left) and Shanie Mohamed explain Mechanical and Architectural Engineering as physics teacher Herb Ziegler, controller in hand, waits to send robots on their way.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies





School director Annabella Lastowski offers congratulations.

Police Beat

Pocono Mountain Regional Police were called to the infield of Pocono International Raceway just after 1 a.m. on 6-5 because a man was hit in the face with a hammer by his mother-in-law. Officers arrived and located the family involved. The victim, who had visible injuries to his face, spoke with police. He told them that he was arguing with his wife when his 46 y/o mother-in-law (from East Stroudsburg) hit him in the face. Witnesses corroborated his account. She was arrested and taken to the Monroe County Jail, where she was arraigned on aggravated as-

sault, simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct charges. The on-duty Magistrate set bail at \$5,000.

PMRPD was called to a home in the 8200 block of Nature's Drive in APCP, Coolbaugh Twp., just before 1 p.m. on 6-5, due to a reported stabbing. Police arrived and took a 24 y/o suspect into custody. The victim, the suspect's younger brother, was taken to Pocono Medical Center to be treated for non-life threatening injuries. The suspect was taken to the County Jail to be arraigned on charges of aggravated assault, terroristic threats and other related

charges. No bail is indicated.

Monroe County Comm Center sent PMRPD to the Comfort Inn in Mt. Pocono on a report of 40 y/o Adam Greenberg threatening to kill himself by running into traffic. Police responded to the motel at 1 a.m. on 5-26, and found Adam's wife in a room there, though he was not present. She turned out to have a bench warrant for her arrest from Monroe County courts, so she was detained and taken to the County Jail. Police could not find Adam - though he too turns out to be wanted, on a warrant from PA State Police -Swiftwater. Anyone who may know the whereabouts of Adam Greenberg is asked to contact PSP-Swiftwater at 570 839-7701, or the PMRPD at 570 895-2400.

At 8:24 p.m. on 5-26,



PSP-Lehighton Troopers were sent to a 600 block, Behrens Road, Penn Forest Twp. home about a domestic incident where a man had harmed his spouse. He will be charged with harassment.

PSP-L also investigated a trespass/harassment incident at a Meixell Valley Rd., Saylorsburg home on 6-6, and a vandalism of a mailbox on Lakeside Rd. in Towamensing Twp. on 6-4.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

Heavy fog the morning of June 3 contributed to two crashes on Route 93 near Maury Road. The first at 8:50 a.m. between two cars where a local hit a car turning onto Route 93 from Maury Road. The local driver was hurt and transported by Lehighton EMS for treatment. Each driver was given a warning. The second, at 9:30 a.m., happened when a driver did not see the traffic backed up near the site of the first crash, and the driver ended up swerving into the field, rolling his Chevy onto its side when he hit a ditch. He was not hurt, but



ticketed for driving at an unsafe speed, PSP-L.

PSP also reports rearenders, two crashes caused by deer, and two 3-car crashes - one on 5-21 in Polk Twp. near Hideaway Hills on Route 209 at 6:35 p.m. started as a rear-ender, and the other on old Route 115 at 6:15 p.m. on 5-31 caused by a driver trying to pass. Both accidents had injuries.

PSP-Hazleton reports charging a Lake Ariel driver after he crashed his '14 Nissan truck and camper off Interstate 80 west in Nescopeck Twp. on 5-31 just after 8 a.m. The 41 y/o lost control, ran his truck into the median, then rolled it over a couple of times before coming to rest on its side in the eastbound travel lane. The 37' camper was dragged along for a bit before detaching. It then separated from its chassis. Both main pieces remained in the median. Neither the driver nor his passenger were hurt. The driver did get a ticket.

The Pocono Plateau is NOT **HIGH Enough for some**

PSP-L reported arresting 7 drivers on area roads these past two weeks for DUI, including a 47 y/o Penn Forest Twp. man at 12:25 a.m. on 6-5 driving Piney Woods Dr. under the influence of drugs, and a 31 y/o Palmerton man who,

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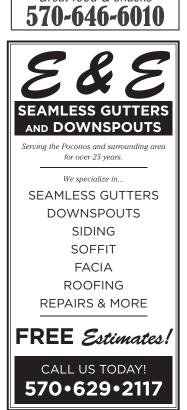
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on 6-4, would not stop his '07 Kia Optima when police tried to make a traffic stop at 12:45 p.m. The man drove his car from Weissport into Franklin Twp. on Long Run Road and crashed it after about three miles. He then got out and tried to run away. Police (including other Troopers and Franklin Twp.'s) caught up with him, and he resisted, so got himself Tasered. He was then arrested by PSP and taken to Gnaden Huetten Hospital in Lehighton for a blood draw on suspicion of DUI. Troop-

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ers took him to PSP-L HQ, then on to the on-duty Magistrate for arraignment, then to the Carbon County Jail, on charges of Fleeing police, and suspected DUI.

PMRPD sent a report from the Department of Justice that two San Bernardino, California men, 33 and 37, were convicted after a four-day trial in Federal Court in Scranton, of distributing methamphetamine in Monroe County in October of 2013. The pair was charged with getting high-quality meth from California, as well as heroin and

cocaine, and then distributing it here. An investigation by PMRPD detectives in cooperation with PSP and the Drug Enforcement Administration, led to their arrest. Officers from

Orange County, CA's Sheriff's Dept. and Scranton Police, as well as Plainfield Twp., PA, police, aided in the investigation. Fontaine Horton is facing a maximum of 60 years in jail, a term of supervised release, and a fine. Reginald Braddy is facing a maximum of 20 years in jail, supervised release, and a fine.

PMRPD also reports that

while on patrol at 12:30 p.m. on 5-31 in Blakeslee, police saw a man stagger towards his car in the Wawa, Blakeslee, parking lot. Once inside, the man started it up, then slumped over the wheel. Police approached to determine the man's well-being, and found that the 35 y/o Eldred Twp. man was under the

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influence of drugs. Further investigation found 12 little bags of heroin, and a hypodermic needle in the man's posses-

sion. He was arrested for DUI, and drug possession, then taken to the County Jail. He was arraigned by video before





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PA State Troopers Carrie Gula, left, and Gabrielle Giello, Fern Ridge barracks, check car seats for safety at the Blakeslee Community Center.

JP: Ruth Isenberg

District Judge Richard Claypool, who set bail at \$10,000.

PSP-Hazleton Trooper Strenchock was on patrol at 10:50 a.m. on 6-7 when a white Nissan Murano flew past at high speed, southbound on Route 93. He did not pursue, but a call came in a short time later of a car crash in Beaver Meadows about a mile south. PSP arrived to find the white Murano had failed to make a curve and crashed into a utility pole. The driver got out, and threw a plastic bag containing heroin, marijuana and prescription pills, into a nearby yard. Police located the man, who had serious injuries from the crash. He was treated by responding EMS units before being flown from the scene to the trauma unit of LVMC-Cedar Crest. Once released from the hospital, he will be charged with a DUI crash and drug posses-

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A 57 y/o Kresgeville man called 911 after he discovered an unknown man in a vacant home on Floyd Dr. in Polk Twp. at 7:31 a.m. on 6-2. When confronted, the bearded man ran off.

Someone tried to break in to a senior citizen's house via the rear door, but only damaged the door. The man returned to his home in the 2900 block of Fireline Rd. at 2 a.m. on 5-30 to find the damage, then called 911. There was a burglary in that area, where someone broke into the empty Camp Icthus kitchen building, and ransacked the place between 5-28 and 31, PSP-L.

PSP-L also reports a burglary during the day of a New York Blvd., Polk Twp. (Effort area) home on 6-7 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Cash and gift cards were stolen.

PSP-F reports a shoplifting at Maxi's Cigars in Brodheadsville at 6 p.m. on 5-25 of two bags of pipe tobacco, by a man in a white Ford pickup truck.

PSP barracks are all investigating various incidents of credit card fraud.

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