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Wish Kid Christopher "Superman" O'Connor (right) pauses for a pose alongside superhero sidekick and brother Riley with mom Brittany at the Mt. Pocono Rotary Club Fly-In, Drive-In breakfast.

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## Mt. Pocono Rotary makes wishes come true

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Numbers soared to the skies at Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport with the May 29 Fly-in & Drive-in benefitting the Make-a-Wish Foundation, propelling preliminary pancake patrons to over 1,100 served. Money made in this year's Mount Pocono Rotary Club event stays in Monroe County for "wish kids."

This event, one of the ways

area companies and clubs could offer aid to the nationally recognized organization, also drew a crowd of very special air enthusiasts.

Experiencing aviation-awe, "wish kid" Christopher O'Connor took time to still share a smile and hug with Make-a-Wish friends before turning his attention back to the air excitement.

Undergoing 14 surgeries

since being diagnosed with bronchopulmonary dysplasia as an infant, the 7 year-old Cresco cutie joined younger brother Riley in agreeing the day was almost as "cool" as last summer's "wish" visit to Disney World.

Calling Christopher her "Superman," mom Brittany thanked all who offered their time and talent to Aviation

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## Concert series brings it to the borough

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"[The Borough should] help the Sherman [Theater] who have invested a lot of time and money into our little borough," urged Mount Pocono Mayor Fred Courtright as council reviewed the group's request at the June 6 Mount Pocono meeting for banner advertising for August 20's Beerfest across Route 611.

Considering that a series of concert events to be held on the grounds of Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company this summer will be beneficial to businesses in the borough, it was agreed to allow the sig-

nage to be in place August 5 to 22. A \$100 fee for setup by the borough is expected.

Public inquiry over further payment to the municipality was met by an explanation of the plus side to a municipality hosting such events. Keith Transue noted, "It's going to be something positive for the borough," suggesting people traveling through will stay in the area and go to restaurants. The concerts will provide an on-the-plateau option for entertainment. "It's good music and it's a good fit for us," stated Mayor Courtright.

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## Mt. Pocono...

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Council recognized community members involved with this year's Joe Battisto Cleanup Days in May, who collected over 100 bags of garbage over the two day span. The group applauded pickup participants including Mayor Courtright, Ronald Degroat, Brant Degroat, Keith Transue, Mary Degroat, Cordell Degroat, Briar Degroat, Alexzanderick Newport, Elizabeth Transue, Jacob Transue and Spencer Transue, Declan Courtright, Rose Mercedes Courtright, Marlin Baez, Rafael Baez, Justin Ruiz, Charles Smith, and Thomas Muelle.

Sell or sit on was the mixed opinion of council as solicitor Jim Fareri opened sealed bids for the sale of two properties. Suggestions included further research into prop-

erty value, and other borough uses. Transue argued, "We're out of room to store the stuff and our stuff is getting ruined," asking if truck equipment parking could be considered for the site. By a 4-2 vote, a Fork Street parcel was awarded on Dorian Bohdal's \$10,000 offer. Transue and Mike Oser were opposed.

Yoni Ramirez' offer of \$1,500 was accepted for the Timberbrook Terrace site, which is considered wetlands. Mayor Courtright cast the deciding vote, with Transue, Oser and Claudette Williams opposing the sale, and Donna Casole, Karl Davis, and Francis O'Boyle in favor.

Karl Davis encouraged borough residents to attend Pocono Mountain Public Library events and fundraisers, "even though we could not raise up the taxes to assist them."



**Borough litter pickup participants pause for applause. Pictured from left are Mayor Fred Courtright, Ronald Degroat, Brant Degroat, Keith Transue, Mary Degroat, Karl Davis, Cordell Degroat, Alexzanderick Newport, Elizabeth Transue, Jacob Transue and Spencer Transue (not in photo) Declan Courtright, Rose Mercedes Courtright, Marlin Baez, Rafael Baez, Justin Ruiz, Charles Smith, and Thomas Muelle.**  
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Bills totaling \$1,456,617.95 were approved as uncertainty with municipal building ramp concrete repairs continues to have council disagreeing with a March 2016 to March 2017 warranty pro-

posed by Potcher Construction. As winter weather work seemed inappropriate for pouring the mix, many believe final payment of \$10,164 should be held until an adequate assurance agreement can be reached.

Transue reported a meeting with the contractor has yet to produce acceptable terms.

Mount Pocono's next meeting is at 7 p.m. on July 5 due to the holiday at Municipal Offices located on Route 611 in the borough.

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# Clymer shares library logistics with Tunkhannock Twp.

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“2015 was a great year for us,” began Clymer Library director Laura Laspee. She presented the library’s year in review, joined by board of trustees vice president Terry Staph, during Tunkhannock Township Supervisors’ June 8 meeting. Reporting nearly 33,000 visits with educational programs topping over 5,050 participants, she applauded a team comprised of staff and volunteers for the feat favoring fiscal responsibility.

The value of about \$50,000 in “free service,” coupled with a variety of services including computers, Wi-Fi and more, makes the Pocono Pines site “more of a community center.”

A word of thanks was also

given to all who provide operational revenue—from state and county aid, to donors and taxpayers, with the municipality joining neighboring Tobyhanna Township in collecting Library Tax revenue.

Steve Malaico was appointed supervisor to complete Joseph Warriner’s term after his recent death.

In other business, troublesome trees are threatening roadway safety. Supervisors turned toward the Bethlehem Water Authority. As responsibility for trees falls upon the property owner, the group agreed to “give notice” to the Authority of the need to “alleviate the hazard.”

Providing a new name of “Tunkhannock Preserve” or keeping “Fern Ridge Preserve” was the question discussed, as dog park progress continues. While supervisors were agreeable to signage for the pup play area, a decision on the overall name was not made.

Zoning officer Kate Lambert told of Chris Warriner and the Blakeslee Rotary Club’s on-



Clymer director Laura Laspee (standing, left) delivers library details for Tunkhannock attorney Dan Lyons (seated, left), supervisors George Ewald, Fran DePiano, and Steve Malaico.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

going pursuit stating, “It’s something her father [Joe Warriner] wanted.”

Having had enough of a cumbersome lending process that would tack on over \$14,500 in fees over a five year payback at an interest rate of 2.89%, supervisors agreed with secretary/treasurer Tina Kernan’s suggestion to cancel the bank loan for a 2016 Freightliner truck and make the complete purchase, \$182,874, out of Capital Reserves.

A Safety Committee was formed to cut 5% off township

annual insurance costs.

May income reported was \$637,931.34 with \$87,921.34 expenses, leaving \$1,246,979.89 in the General Fund. Current and interim bills of \$66,120.30 were approved.

Supervisors Malaico, Fran

DePiano and George Ewald were present, along with solicitor Dan Lyons, secretary/treasurer Kernan, zoning officer Lambert, and an audience of approximately 15.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. on July 13 at municipal offices on 1557 Long Pond Road.

## Wishes...

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Day, as well as everyday volunteers.

“Delighted” to hear Make-a-Wish had been selected as this year’s fundraiser beneficiary, regional manager Maggie O’Brien explained that not only do the funds raised help, but also the exposure. Appreciative of the willingness of community mem-

bers to aid the organization, she explained how to help, starting with “one of the biggest ways”—referring a child for a wish. Volunteering, hosting a fundraiser or making a donation fall next in line with time dedicated to lending a hand considered a valuable commodity in making their mission possible.

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## Area Funerals

### Ellen Hubbs

Ellen Hubbs, 72, of Tobyhanna, died Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg. She was the wife of the late William A. Hubbs, III, with whom she shared over 40 years of marriage.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, she was the daughter of the late Irving and Sally (Aldino) Baker.

She is survived by her children: April Pollack and her husband, Peter of Rockaway, New Jersey, Kerri Chamberlain and her husband, Dennis of Port Richey, Florida, Bill Hubbs and his wife, Denise of Odessa, New York, Stephen Hubbs and his wife, Allison of Neola, Linda Hofer and her husband, Michael of Carlsbad, California; brother, Steve Baker; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, was in charge of arrangements. Pastor Ed Walls conduct a blessing service June 14 at the funeral home. Burial followed at Prospect Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

### John E. Counterman, Sr.

John E. Counterman, Sr., 77, of Tobyhanna, died Wednesday afternoon, June 8, 2016 at Regional Hospital of Scranton. He was the husband of Alberta (Rutt) Counterman.

Born May 6, 1939 in East Stroudsburg, he was a son of the late William, Sr. and Helen (Lauer) Counterman and was a lifetime resident of Monroe County.

He served in the United States Navy.

John worked in construction and also at Shaw Plastics and American Candle.

He is also survived by three children, Tammy Counterman of Tobyhanna, Jacqueline Counterman (Scott Breiner) of Lehighton, and John E. Counterman, Jr. of Tobyhanna; five grandchildren; a great-grandson; six siblings, Shirley DeHaven, Barbara

Burkholder, Marion Shank, Ronald Counterman, Robert Counterman and Larry Counterman; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, William Floyd Counterman.

There will be no services. Private burial of his remains will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to the National Kidney Foundation [www.kidney.org/donation](http://www.kidney.org/donation).

## Radio Club to meet

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will hold its meeting on July 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem. Special Program: Three members back from the first

joint Cuban-American contest. Hams and others interested are always welcome.

For directions, visit <http://goo.gl/maps/qKUJC>.

For more information, visit [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org) or call 610-432-8286.

## Pocono Medical Center celebrates their Nurses

Pocono Medical Center held its Nursing Excellence Award Celebration during National Nurse's week to honor and highlight its dedicated nursing staff who continue to carry out the selfless work of caring for our community.

During National Nurse's Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States, Pocono Medical Center thanked its nursing staff of over 500 for all their hard work and efforts in providing our patients with excellent care, close to home.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have a nursing staff that is unwaveringly committed to our mission of providing excellent care, close to home," said Elizabeth Wise, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Nursing Officer at Pocono Medical Center. "As the frontline of care for our

patients, I congratulate and honor nurses across the nation for their selfless dedication to serving others."

Pocono Medical Center's Nursing Excellence Award Celebration awarded over 90 nurses with distinct honor for their compassion and hard work – eight of whom were

recognized with the following awards: Maria Witkowski, 5B – Patient Advocacy Award; Carol Melvin, Labor and Delivery – Preceptor Excellence Award; Nurse-Family Partnership – Community Service Award; Walter "Joey" Hager III, Anesthesia/OR – Clinical Excellence Advanced

Practice Registered Nurse; Tammy Castles, Cardiovascular Telemetry – Advancing the Nursing Profession; Lauren Frey, 5B – Clinical Excellence Award, License Practical Nurse; Alicia Sebastianelli, 5B – Clinical Excellence Award, Registered Nurse.

## Rev. Dr. David P. Scaer recognized for 50 years of seminary teaching

On June 25 at 11 a.m. the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Mount Pocono, will hold a special service and luncheon in celebration and honor of the Rev. Dr. David P. Scaer. Dr. Scaer, along with his wife, Dorothy, is a 50 plus year summer resident of Pocono Pines (the former Luther Land property). Over the last

50 years, Dr. Scaer has continuously taught full-time at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, preparing students to serve as pastors, deaconesses, missionaries, and church workers for service in the

church throughout the world.

The public is invited to attend. To RSVP, please contact the Rev. Peter Richert, Our Savior's pastor, at 570-839-9868 or at [mtpoursavior@verizon.net](mailto:mtpoursavior@verizon.net).

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## Free women's health screenings

Pocono Medical Center, in partnership with Maternal Family Health Services, will be offering two days in June to provide free women's health screenings at Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center.

Maternal and Family Health Services offers programs that empower women to seek early detection and treatment of breast cancer by removing the financial barriers to breast health services for low-income or uninsured women in Northeast Pennsylvania.

On June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and June 30 from 2-6 p.m., Pocono Medical Center's Breast Health Nurse, Jennifer Henry, CRNP, will be providing clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exam and Pap test, and education on breast self-exami-

nation for women who meet the following criteria:

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No medical insurance or limited insurance with a high deductible.

Low to moderate income, for example: \$29,700 for 1 person, \$40,050 for a family of two.

"We are very fortunate to serve as the only facility in Monroe County with industry-leading Hologic Genius 3D Mammography technology for early breast cancer detection," said Jennifer Henry, CRNP and Breast Health Nurse of Pocono Medical Center. "Women should

feel educated and empowered when taking the initiative towards their breast health. As a Certified Breast Center of Excellence, we offer our high-quality services that can detect a breast cancer earlier and at an easier stage to treat."

Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center was recently recognized by the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers as a Quality Breast Center of Excellence along with accreditation from the American College of Radiology for mammography and as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence.

"Mammograms are a powerful tool for the early diagnosis of breast cancer," said Bette Cox Saxton, president and CEO, Maternal and Family Health Services. "Many women who lack adequate health insurance are not able to afford a mammogram. The programs we offer help remove the financial barriers to care and empower women to seek the screenings and care that could save their lives."

Pocono Medical Center will be providing comprehensive, follow-up diagnostic care for participants who receive abnormal breast and cervical results. For questions regarding your eligibility, or to preregister for either date, please call 570-422-1735.

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## B'Nai Harim model Seder



**Cantor Dr. Daniel Schidlow conducts the B'Nai Harim Seder at Lake Naomi Club.**



**Steven Levine and Sally Grotta.**

A few days before Passover, members of Congregation B'Nai Harim gathered at the Lake Naomi Club to participate in their annual model Seder, which was conducted by Cantor Dr. Daniel Schidlow.

Passover is a major Jewish spring festival that remembers the exodus from Egypt over 3000 years' age. The ritual observance of Pass-

over is celebrated with a special home (or community) service called Seder, which means order. Jews gather with family and friends in the evening of the first 2 days of Passover, to read the "telling" of the freedom of the Jewish slaves. The Seder is an order of prayers, readings, and songs special for the holiday that celebrates freedom.

## Pocono Lioness Club news

The Western Pocono Lioness Club will have their monthly meeting on June 28. It will be held at the American Legion in Gilbert. The business meeting will follow a snack time at 6 p.m.

The July 26 Western Pocono Lioness meeting will be at a new location. The Li-

oness will meet in the Community Room on the Second floor at Kinsley's Shoprite in Brodheadsville. It will begin at 6 p.m. New prospective members are invited to attend. There will be a preview for the fashion show.

The Lioness' New Fashion Show and Luncheon, Colors for the Seasons, will take place on September 25. It will be at Hideaway Hills Golf and Country Club in Kresgeville. The show will feature three businesses Dress Barn, Elegant Bridal and Peebles, and include the introduction of men's fashions. The tickets will go on sale for \$28 soon.

Contact Lioness Carol for more information at 610-681-8138.

For additional information on Western Pocono Lioness, contact co-presidents, Lioness Cynthia 570-629-1505 or Lioness Georganna 570-620-2472.

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# Shawnee Mountain Fireworks

Shawnee Mountain Ski Area is holding its annual Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks Display, which benefits the Shawnee Volunteer Fire Company, on July 3. The rain date is set for July 8. Gates will open at 7 p.m. with a live outdoor DJ, Uncle Sam

Stilt Walker, Mark Clark's "All American" Magic Show, and various food and craft vendors. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own blankets for awesome slopeside seating.

Said to be the "Best Show in the Poconos," the fire-

works display is presented by the Interstate Fireworks Display Company. The fireworks display will begin at dusk, approximately 9:15 p.m. Admission is \$10 per car load, with all proceeds benefiting the Shawnee Volunteer Fire Company.

For more information about Shawnee Mountain and the Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks, call 570-421-7231 or visit [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com).



# Art under the Big Top

The Pocono Mountain Arts Council is delighted to present "Art under the Big Top" on July 3 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the lovely Blue Ridge Winery 239 Blue Ridge Road, Saylorsburg.

At this intimate exhibit, a select group of arts and artisans, both inside the winery and under large tented areas, will be on hand to entice you with their wares. Examples of what you will find include, fine art, pottery, glasswork, wood-working, and jewelry.

Participating exhibitors are: Lisa Weber of Silver Vine Jewelry - jewelry, Donna Ka-

lleser - oil paintings, Myra Trumpaitzky - jewelry; Frank Rehm of Northeastern Custom Woodcraft- woodwork; Lenni Gritz - potter, Jay and Mary Ann Paulukonis of Paulukonis Studios - glasswork, William Hobbs - painting, Mira Hensley- jewelry, Nancy Pitcher- painting, Joe Noto -wood compositions, Jeff Warner - pottery, Gerry Stankiewicz - artwork and Randy Wilkerson -photography.

Admission is free. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon enjoying the beautiful winery and the art.

# Our Lady of Victory homecoming bazaar

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church on Cherry Lane Road in Tannersville will be holding their Annual Homecoming Bazaar on August 5 and 6, beginning at 5 p.m. This event will take place rain or shine under the big tents.

There will be fun for the whole family and a great variety of homemade ethnic foods including Pierogis, Halupki, Chicken Cutlets, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Sausage

& Peppers, Cheese Steaks, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, and much more.

In the games tent, there will be exciting games for children, such as the Duck Pond, Lollipop Tree, Can You Dig It, and the Doll House. The teens can enjoy the Dunk Tank, Wiffle Ball Toss, Bean Bag Toss, and Ring Toss.

There will be a Grand Raffle, Bake Sale, Bingo, Mystery Packages and their famous Basket Raffles.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church is located on Cherry Lane Road, 1 mile east of Route 611 in Tannersville. For more information, please contact the Church Office 1-570-629-4572.

# NCC Children's Centers present "Art as a Language"

The world as it appears through a child's eyes is the focus of the "Art as a Language" exhibit at Northampton Community College's Gallery in Communications Hall on the Bethlehem Campus at 3835 Green Pond Road. The exhibit, which features the work of children aged 6 weeks to 5 years, will run from June 13 through July 29.

An opening reception for the artists, their families, and the community will take place at the Gallery on June 14 from 4-6 p.m. The Gallery is also open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit includes individual art projects created by children who are enrolled at NCC's Reibman Children's Center at the Main Campus, and the Hannig Children's Center at the Monroe Campus.

"Art as a Way of Learning" is an approach to early childhood education that

NCC developed with Binney and Smith, maker of Crayola crayons. It fosters children's ability to use art as a means of communication or lan-

guage, and has been used in many schools and childcare centers locally and across the country.

# The Pocono-Jackson Historical Society to meet

The Pocono-Jackson Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, June 20, in Appenzell. It is appropriate that the meeting will be in a one-room schoolhouse, located next to St. Mark's Church, along Miller Drive, because a quiz about the history of

the townships will occur after the business portion of the meeting. The quiz will pit "the boys" versus "the girls." And if you don't know much about local history now, you might if you attend the meeting. Last year's quiz was as entertaining as watching "Jeopardy."



MetroCast Foundation awards the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital an \$8,000 check from money raised at the April 9, 2016 MetroCast Giving Back 5K. The funds will go to help homeless Veterans through the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital. Pictured from left, Doug Alter (MetroCast), Crystal Arcarese (Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital), Chrissy Carey (MetroCast).

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# Calendar of Events

**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](http://www.mcconservation.org)

**Saturday, June 18**—Princess Tea, 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, Eurana Park, Weatherly

**Friday-Sunday, June 24 & 26**—Celtic Fling, Mount Hope

**Sunday, July 3**—Shawnee Mountain Ski Area Fireworks, [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com)

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday, July 8-10**—Briggs Farm Bluesfest, Nescopeck

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

**Friday, July 29 to Sunday, August 7**—Buck Hill Sky-top Music Festival

**Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14**—Sweet Corn & BBQ Festival at Shawnee, [www.shawneemt.com](http://www.shawneemt.com)

**Sunday, August 21**—Indy-Car at Pocono Raceway

# Kettle Creek EEC to celebrate BugFest

BugFest is a celebration of insects. And great fun for families with children ages 4 – 12. This annual festival will be held on July 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center in Bartonsville.

Families are invited to come out and have some buggy fun with live critters, displays, games, and take home crafts; all day, all about our six legged friends. All day activities include insect safaris, a butterfly tent, live insects, insect collections, painting with maggots, and games. The Insect Olympics will also take place twice at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite bug, nymph, or cat-

pillar and participate in the Insect Fashion Show.

There is a \$5 admission fee for children under 12. Come dressed as your favorite bug and receive a \$1 discount on the admission fee. Parents are free. No pre-registration is necessary. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Due to limited parking, we are encouraging families to attend in either the morning session 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or the afternoon session from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

For more information on BugFest 2016, call the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at 570-629-3061. For more information on other programs, visit our website at [www.mcconservation.org](http://www.mcconservation.org).

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# Demarest honored at Kettle Creek dinner

On May 20, over 200 individuals from all over the county gathered at Camelback for the 25th Annual Kettle Creek Environmental Fund Dinner/Auction. Guests were serenaded by *The Crop Circle Agents* while setting their sights on the open auction items donated by local individuals, businesses, and organiza-

tions that were soon to be auctioned off by Brendan McDonald. There were 26 sponsors for this year's event, each generously donating \$500 or more to the KCEF.

Every year KCEF raises monies in support of the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center to offset program material costs, sponsor environmental education programs, and much more. To date, KCEF has raised over \$750,000 through its fundrais-

ing efforts. Proceeds from past Dinner/Auctions have gone towards the purchase of a hybrid vehicle, reconstruction of the sugar shack, the outdoor learning pavilion, a floating observation dock for the pond and the acquisition of an additional 46 acres at the KCEEC. This year's proceeds will be directed toward Conservation Camp, high school and junior high Environments, cost-sharing for School EE Programs including 4th Grade school and field trips to the Tannersville Cranberry Bog and Bug Fest.

Kettle Creek Environmental Fund member Pat Calpin presented the 2015 Rose Schoch Award to Robert Demarest of Tannersville. Robert was a sci-



Robert Demarest received the 2015 Rose Schoch Award.

ence teacher for more than 35 years at Pocono Mountain High School. During his tenure, he was involved with efforts to provide conservation and environ-

mental education to students of all ages. Robert was an advocate for maintaining the unique ecosystems of the Pocono region. He was a member of the Monroe County Planning Commission Board, the Pocono Township Planning Commission Board, the Tannersville Bog Stewardship Committee and was involved in the formation of Pocono Heritage Land Trust.

Robert was one of the original committee members for the development of the environmental education program. He was involved in the design of the original sugar shack at the Meesing Outdoor Site. Robert was instrumental in establishing the Monroe County Conservation Camp, providing programming for youth and interpretive programs during the two day river trip with campers.

## Garden Tour

The Monroe County Garden Club is planning its Garden Tour for June 2017. Do you love your garden? Would you like to show it off? The club need gardens to show for their tour next year. They will come and view your garden in the next couple of weeks.

This tour is very popular and the proceeds from this will allow them to send children to Kettle Creek Conservation Camp each year, and award a scholarship to a college bound student.

If you would consider being a part of this very popular tour, please contact Barb Daskal 610-381-6188, 917-435-4106, or brosen1954@hotmail.com; or Caryl Martino 201-213-1830 or carylros@ptd.net.

For more information about the Monroe County Garden Club see [www.monroecountygardenclub.com](http://www.monroecountygardenclub.com), or visit Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyGardenClub/>.

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# Zoo Flora - Pocono Garden Club Annual Flower Show

Zoo Flora, a day at the zoo, is the theme for the Pocono Garden Club Annual Flower Show scheduled for July 9 at the Stroudsburg Jr. High School, Chipperfield Drive, Stroudsburg.

Open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., floral design arrangements will be created

to depict zoo animals and exhibits. Included will be "King of the Beasts" and "Panda's Playground". A Zoo themed miniature "Habitat" garden will be the People's Choice award entry. Public entries are encouraged.

Horticulture specimens that are very popular with local

gardeners will be on display for viewing. Specimens are judged for their condition, development, and the culture of each specimen. House plants are also exhibited and judged.

The public is encouraged to participate with designs and/or horticulture entries. All

entries must be registered on July 8 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The Show will offer the popular Plant Sale, a Progressive auction and a Tricky Tray. "The Market Place" will offer garden related items and a Bake Sale. There will be a chance to win a basket valued at \$200 with a \$3 donation entry fee.

Master Gardener Pam Hubbard will give a presentation on "Creating a Backyard Habitat for Beneficial Wildlife" at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on July 9.

The Pocono Garden Club's mission includes community service activities, such as the maintenance of the award winning garden at the

Hughes Library and the Judy Holtz Memorial Butterfly Garden at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center.

The annual Flower Show is the major fund raiser which provides scholarships that vary, but include educational activities and regional programs which promotes the study of gardening, floral arts, conservation of our forests, and native environments.

Anyone interested in gardening and/or floral design is welcome to submit an entry. All entries will be judged.

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Join EE Coordinator Roger Spotts for this informative program on river otters. One of the most playful residents of the Poconos, the otter population has been affected by numerous things over the last 200 years. You will talk about

otters during this 1-hour program.

Cost: \$6/non-members, \$4/children under 12. EE Center members are 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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**CHILDREN'S DAY - June 25**  
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# Explore treasures and pleasures of medicinal and edible plants

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The walk will be held on July 2 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Thomas Darling Preserve in Blakeslee.

The walk is free of charge, but pre-registration is requested. Find more information

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Saturday morning, we took a ride with Chess, our spoiled rotten English pointer, to the grand opening event of the HJP dog park south of Bartonsville. There, we saw the layout while Chess enjoyed the facility. The Blakeslee Rotary Club and Tunkhannock Township are nearing the construction of a dog park off Route 115 in Fern Ridge, so the trip helped that project, too.

Later that day, Ruth and I went to visit my Uncle Slater and take him to the Greek Festival in Randolph, New Jersey. There was wonderful food and live music – a fun evening.

Early Sunday afternoon, as we drove to the Weatherly HillClimb, we were faced with a couple of sawhorses directing us that the road was closed. A young man was wrestling with one of them. We found a place to park and walked back, just in time to watch the wind blow that same sawhorse 4 feet back. Now we understood the young man's action. After our visit, we walked back and found the sawhorse upside down so the wind would no longer affect it.



The HillClimb is a fun event for racing and sports car fans. We saw all kinds of modern and antique race cars at the starting line, and as they raced their way up hill on the first leg of their timed run. There was also some good food – offered by local organizations. We supported several of these stands.

I've seen a number of turkey in my travels, including a rather irritated hen that had positioned herself along the state road north of Timber Trails in Pocono Pines. She was mad at the world, especially with any car that dared to by her, including my own. When I saw her, she was just flapping one wing. It appeared to be the

turkey equivalent of an obscene gesture.

Sunday afternoon, after we visited Heckman's Orchard in Effort to buy some fresh strawberries, I sighted a turkey with her chicks crossing Sugar Hollow Road. Earlier in the week, I sighted a bald eagle doing an over-flight of businesses on Route 6 in Hawley near Lake Wallenpaupack.

A reader adds this photo of a bear that had visited his backyard at a home outside of White Haven.

Our Penguins have their names on the Stanley Cup. A bunch of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins' finest have made their way to the big club this year, and now they have won hockey's biggest prize as part of a really awesome hockey team. We heard the win on the radio Sunday evening, in a game that was really exciting. Too bad it wasn't at home in front of Penguins fans, but better to win away than chance getting beat in a game 7.

So with hockey done for the

spring, it's official, I only have baseball to follow until college and pro football get going. The Phillies' pursuit of mediocrity this 2016 season included losing all four games at Washington. Lowlights were a shut out 8-0, and the next day, coughing up a lead in the bottom of the 9th. The Phillies now barely attract over a half a stadium-full of fans to their home games. A few years ago, Ruth wanted to gift me tickets to a Phillies game during the golden years, only to find the building had been sold out right through the season (now there are 20,000 empty seats per game).

This Sunday, we hope to attend a performance of West Side Story by the PA Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University. We are excited about this season's plays, and hope to see most of them. Next week is the big Weatherly Library fundraising tricky tray and art auction event, as well as the awesome Celtic Fling weekend at Mt. Hope – we'll be busy and hope to see many of you at these events.

## What fish and wildlife are telling us about Global Warming

Ed Perry, Pennsylvania Outreach Coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation's climate change campaign, will present a program on June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Thornhurst Township Building, 356 Old River Road. The program is free, open to the public, and no registration is required.

The National Wildlife Federation's mission is to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for our children's future. Ed promotes this mission by educating about global warming, one of the biggest threats to our wildlife. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission has applauded the efforts of the NWF to bring attention to this issue, noting that our native Brook Trout will be severely impacted if we continue on our current path.

According to Ed, global warming is here, and observant sportsmen and women, and conservationists, are already seeing its effects. Already, nearly every species of plant, insect, and wildlife that can move north or to higher elevations is doing so. The future of our fish and wildlife heritage depends on us.

Ed worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for 30 years and is an avid conservationist and angler. He is a biologist and a keen observer of wildlife.

The program is sponsored by North Pocono CARE, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the environment in the North Pocono area, with a primary focus on protecting the headwaters of the Lehigh River. For further information contact Bonnie Smith at NPCARE@att.net or 570-262-7055.



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# Coolbaugh Township legislates safety

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

“We can’t legislate eyesores but we can legislate safety,” stated supervisor Lynn Kelly as a June 7 work session preceding the evening’s Coolbaugh Township Supervisors’

meeting pushed for a precautionary ordinance review to ensure “mini” cell towers don’t overpower Coolbaugh Township.

With the initial correspondence from Mobilitie LLC for a

proposed installation of a 75 foot metal pole along Route 196 before them, supervisors deliberated over the first of its kind new technology in the township.

It was agreed now is the

time to look into ordinance terminology covering commercial communication devices. Citing an attorney-authored excerpt from a PSAT newsletter on the subject, the group decided a proposal of

costs from ordinance professional Carson Helfrich was in order.

“One day, four dumpsters, it’s down,” reported Kelly announcing the June 1 demolition.

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committed to Carbon County jail in lieu of bail.

Pocono Mountain Regional Police sent by Monroe County Comm Center to a Trapper Lane, Pocono Summit home at 1:30 a.m. on 6-13 because a man had been stabbed. Police arrived and learned the boyfriend had been stabbed in the hand and side by his 34 y/o girlfriend during an argument in their home. She was arrested and taken to the Monroe County Jail, to await arraignment on aggravated assault, terroristic threats and related charges.

Between 6-10 and 13, PA State Police – Hazleton was involved in a search for a

missing 79 y/o woman from the Mountain Top area. Her body was located by PSP's Aviation patrol on 6-13 at 1:30 p.m. in the Susquehanna River near the Interstate 80 overpass near Bloomsburg. The investigation continues.

6-11, 4:30 p.m., a David Lane, Sun Valley, Effort woman is cited for a dog law violation after her dog got out of her home, and ran to a neighbor's home where it damaged a screen door, PSP-Fern Ridge.

Overnight 6-8 to 9, someone left dog poo in the rural route mail box of a Frable Road, Brodheads ville woman. PSP-F is investigating this case of criminal mischief.

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# Puzzle Answers

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## Police Beat...

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charging a 17 y/o Albrightsville teen for dumping bags of trash on the property of the Penn Forest Shell station on 6-15.

PMRPD made an arrest of Jesus Mercedes, 28 y/o, of

Pocono Summit, at a home on Sylvan Lane in Stillwater Estates just after noon on 6-7. He had been identified after a domestic dispute in February of last year. NY City Police Homicide Detectives met with PMRPD Detectives on 6-7, and after a joint investigation, the man was brought to PMRPD HQ,

interviewed, and arrested as a fugitive from justice on charges of homicide in NYC. Mercedes was arraigned before D. J. Richard Claypool, who sent him to the Monroe County jail to await a warrant hearing. That hearing was held in County Court on 6-8, and on 6-9, Mercedes was transported to NYC to be jailed there for his trial.

### Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

A two-car crash on Route 903 in Penn Forest Twp., just

north of Old Stage Rd. at 3:36 p.m. sent seven people to area hospitals with minor injuries. A 20 y/o NYC/Queens man was driving northbound on Route 903 in an '02 Mercedes ML320 sedan with three friends. He went to turn left into the parking lot of the Old Stage Plaza—and turned into the path of an oncoming VW Jetta driven by a West Chester, PA, 45 y/o man. The cars hit head-on. Everyone had a seatbelt on. Leighton EMS, Pocono Mountain EMS and West End ALS units arrived, treated and transported to Geisinger and LV Hospitals. PSP-F ticketed the 20 y/o for the crash.

At just past 7 p.m. on 6-12, a 62 y/o driver heading east on Interstate 80 had a possible “medical episode” and passed out. His Jeep Liberty veered into the left shoulder and went off the road, hitting several large trees. It then rolled over onto its roof. He was hurt, but able to get out of the Jeep. PSP arrived, and called for an ambulance. PMR EMS took him to Pocono Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. Tunkhannock Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. assisted PSP at the scene.

PSP-F is investigating a car crash at about 4:30 p.m. on 6-15 off Route 209 at Bond Lane in Brodheadsville that killed 56 y/o Christine Singer of Kunkletown. Troopers arrived to find a car in a ditch, with Singer dead in the driver's seat. A forensic autopsy will be conducted.

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

At 7:45 p.m. on 6-4 during race weekend at Pocono Raceway, PMRPD officers encountered a father and adult son in the infield. Both Long Island, NY, men had been drinking, and were in possession of alcoholic beverages. The son, however, was un-

derage, just 19. In speaking with the father, 52, he gave police false last names and ages. Police were unable to verify this info, and were in the process of taking them to PMRPD HQ when they provided their real NY drivers licenses. With the pair identified, the 19 y/o was charged with underage drinking, while his dad was charged giving false I.D., hindering police, and furnishing alcohol to a minor. A hearing before D. J. Claypool was to be scheduled.

### Stealin'

PSP-F is investigating a burglary at a home in the 1100 block of Lenape Lane in Bartonsville, Jackson Twp., that happened between 6-7 and 9. Stolen were an Apple MacBook Pro laptop computer, a guitar, and a Craftsman circular saw.

PSP-L reports a possible burglary attempt at a home on Ramblewood Dr. in Saylorsburg. Someone cut a screen on the bathroom window—this was discovered the morning of 6-14. No access into the house was gained.

PMRPD investigated an armed robbery on May 9 at the intersection of Cambell Way and Rob Roy Drive in Pocono Farms East. Suspects were stopped in a car near the Five Points intersection in Mt. Pocono. Of four people in the car, all were identified and two were later arrested. A third man, an 18 y/o from Coolbaugh Twp., left the area and went to Puerto Rico. He returned to the area on 6-10 and PMRPD located him, and arrested him. He was arraigned before D. J. Tony Fluegel. Charges are three counts of robbery and one of conspiracy—felonies, theft, receiving stolen property and simple assault—misdemeanors. Judge Fluegel set bail at \$25,000, and a hearing date of 6-22 in his courtroom.



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