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## Windmill worries continue for Penn Forest supervisors

by Seth Isenberg

If we could only harness the hot air for electricity, we could probably make quite a few bucks for Penn Forest Township. As it is, we've gone

through another month of citizens speaking out at the township meeting, and later, citizens turning out at the continued zoning hearing. We really aren't much further along

in the decision process over the proposed wind farm at the edge of the Pocono Plateau in Penn Forest Township. The proposal erects 40 giant turbine units in a way that would

tower over thousands of the township's homes.

Township supervisors can still only listen, the only decision that will be made at this phase is at the zoning hearing

board or in court if any lawsuit gets filed against either the Bethlehem Water Authority or Bethlehem City Council. At the June regular supervisors'

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## *Another Eagle added to ranks of Troop 555*



Boy Scout Troop 555 recently added another Eagle to its nest. Nick Rosenberger, a recent graduate of Jim Thorpe Area High School, was recognized by local community leaders and his scout leaders for his attainment of Boy Scouts highest rank, the Eagle Scout, at a recent ceremony held at Christ Lutheran Church on June 7.

Nick is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Troop 555 scout to achieve this honor.



Among the requirements for earning the rank of Eagle, a scout must plan and complete a project to benefit his community. Most projects require more than 100 hours of planning and labor, and Nick's work was no exception. He chose the veterans organization Valor to benefit from his project. A representative from the organization, Glen Lip-

pencott, spoke at Rosenberg's Eagle Scout Ceremony of the many needs of homeless veterans and explained that Valor is always searching for ways to serve the population. He mentioned that a serene area to enjoy the outdoors is a key component of relaxation for the residents of the veterans shelter, Paul's House, op-

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**Welcome Newest Eagle: Nick Rosenberger, front row, center, is welcomed by Declan Behan, left, and Chris Widdecombe in the first row, and Luke Eggert and Matt Miller in the back.**

**Family project: From left are Ray Attewell, Lisa Rosenberger (mom) Nick Rosenberger, and Craig Rosenberger (dad).**

## Penn Forest...

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meeting on June 6, residents opposed to the wind farm were the primary speakers in the public portion of the meeting. The only non-wind-mill questioner was a resident seeking information on outdoor burning.

This meeting was the first for new supervisor Roger Meckes, who was appointed to fill Phil Shedaker's vacated seat.

In other business at the township meeting, bids were read for both paving Wargo Road, tar & chipping Meckesville Road, and line painting



**Supervisor Roger Meckes**

throughout the township. For paving, Schiffer Bituminous of Kunkletown was lowest at \$67,065—about \$5,000 less than the next lowest. Schiffer was also lowest for the chipping of Meckesville Rd. at \$32,885—11% lower than the next bid. DeAngelo Broth-

ers/DBI of Hazleton, was low bidder for line painting at \$21,588, about 10% lower than the only other bidder. Both low bids were accepted, with work to begin shortly. Roadmaster and supervisors chairman Butch Reiner report that the township crew is out working to cut back brush from shoulders of township roads. They are short one employee.

The treasurer's report shows a total of \$1,021,034 in the PLGIT money market fund, \$6,007,450 in Mauch Chunk Trust in the various funds, and \$308,066 in CDs at the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank. The annual audit report ad was run in the daily newspaper with a condensed financial statement.

Supervisors paid the first two payments on the township park work, \$233,892 and \$105,930, to contractor Cus-

tom Contracting. The work is going along well.

Total garbage permits sold for the '15-'16 year is \$247,239. The '16-'17 year has started, with a total of \$75,325 in permits sold. The Transfer Station also reports earning an extra \$526 from bulk items in May.

In Right-To-Know, there were 33 new requests, and 39 new requests were made. There were also 19 requests for zoning and septic info.

For zoning officer Kathryn Forry, it was also a busy May. She issued 39 zoning permits, 17 for building including

4 for new homes, and 7 septic permits. She also issued certificate of occupancies—8 for zoning, and 10 for buildings. Her team inspected 37 for zoning, 45 buildings for UCC, and 39 septic. There was a zoning complaint, two follow-ups, and a hearing for a setback (approved). She was present for the special exception hearing for Atlantic Wind in May, and at the June 23 continuance.

Supervisors unanimously approved the combining of two lots in Hickory Run Forest for the Mastrandrea family.

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# Windmill zoning hearing packed, continued again

by Seth Isenberg

On June 23, citizens packed the Whispering Pines Hall at PFTVC#1 to overflowing for the continuing Zoning Hearing Board meeting on a special exception application to allow for nearly 40 wind turbines to be

built on the top of Bethlehem Water Authority land in Penn Forest Township. In addition to the full house, there were people picketing against the project who remained outside.

Attendees inside the hall were treated to nearly three

hours of very technical discussion that began to show the battle lines over the Atlantic Wind project. Attorneys have been hired to protect the interests of Penn Forest Township property owners. These professionals are going to be taking on

the attorneys representing the multi-national Iberdrola Renewables wind turbine company, and likely soon the Bethlehem Water Authority.

Representing several of the locals was Atty. Bruce Anders. He questioned Iberdrola's explanations of its planned actions, noting they are potentially misleading.

Philip Malitsch, who has property abutting the affected area, brought along Atty. Theodore Lewis. Malitsch is a civil engineer, and he and Atty. Lewis went through the lease and memorandum/agreement between Iberdrola Renewables and Bethlehem Water Authority (BWA), concluding there is a "fatal flaw" in it—so

not in compliance with Penn Forest's ordinance. Malitsch then produced a letter from BWA that was written opposing the recent application of PennEast to build a pipeline through their property. In the letter, BWA complains to the federal authorities about runoff, deforestation, and "forest fragmentation" from the pipeline construction.

At this point, time ran out for the meeting, and it was continued.

The important thing is there was a good turnout, and for that turnout to continue or grow. The hearing continues on Thursday, July 14, again at the Whispering Pines hall starting at 7 p.m.

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Reminders to Penn Forest residents—while the township office will be closed on July 4, the Transfer Station will be open regular hours. There will be an electronics recycling day

at the Transfer Station from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 16—look for the rules and fees at the Transfer Station, and elsewhere including the Township website.

Attending the meeting were over 40 citizens, with about 18 staying after public comment, plus four staff and two press.

Supervisor Judy Knappenberger attended via phone. At the meeting were supervisors Scott Lignore, Chris Fazio, Reiner, and Meckes.

The next Penn Forest supervisors meeting has been moved to Monday, July 11, at the township building on Route 903, at 7 p.m.

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## Eagle...

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erated by Valor in Jonas. The project included beautification of the water area, landscaping and creation of safe themed walkways. The restoration and painting of picnic tables was a centerpiece of what Nick did for the organization.

The ceremony included a benediction and a blessing of the pins by Pastor John Hassler. Lisa Rosenberger, Nick's mother, presented him with his Eagle Scout Medal and the Eagle Scout himself pinned his father, Craig and his mother with miniature Eagle Scout Pins.

Carbon County Commissioner Tom Gerhard presented Nick with a County Proclamation thanking him for his work on behalf of Paul's House and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger on rais-

ing a young man of integrity.

Jean Papay, representing State Representative Doyle Heffley, read from a proclamation in Nick's honor from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Several other organizations, including the Elks, American Legion and Minsi Trails Council also presented him with honors.

Ray Attewell, head Scoutmaster for the troop, spoke during the ceremony, sharing stories about Nick at camp and explaining to those in attendance that Nick is a polite and honorable young man

who is always willing to help. He received loud laughter when he further assured the audience that although Nick is a very quiet young man who thinks before he speaks, Nick does in fact speak.

In speaking from the podium, Nick chose to carefully thank many of the people who helped him as he worked his way to this point. He presented two Mentor pins, one to Scoutmaster Attewell, thanking him for all he has done for Troop 555 scouts through the years and himself in particular. The other pin he present-

ed was to Coach McGowan from the Jim Thorpe High School Powerlifting team as he thanked him for showing him how to be a better person through example.

Master of ceremony Shawn Bierman ended the ceremony by calling on one of the scouts to close the evening in the

same way that the Troop ends every meeting, with a circle and words of encouragement or reverence. The Rosenberger family then hosted a dinner in the church hall.

Boy Scout Troop 555 is chartered by the Christ Lutheran Church in Penn Forest Township.



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This legislation provides critical reform to address our \$56 billion pension debt without impacting current employees or retirees. The bipartisan nature of this vote signifies the level of consensus arrived by members of this chamber.

I hope this bill is promptly passed by the Senate so we are able to move the Commonwealth into a period of increased economic stability."

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.



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This is a great program for kids and adults. Participants are welcome to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy at the Tunkhannock Township Park before the program begins. Be sure to bring a camera. Rick Koval, writer and extraordinary naturalist, will share cool facts and introduce live reptiles and amphibians commonly found in the Poconos.

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## Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

This was a crazy fun week. While we normally are busy, this was a whole new level. Last Wednesday Ruth and I were part of the volunteer crew for the Bob Matirko Golf Tournament that raises money for the Blakeslee Rotary Club. It was a beautiful day, but a long one.

On Friday, Ruth was part of the team of volunteers who set up the annual Weatherly Area Community Library tricky tray and art auction fundraiser. While I used a big chunk of that day to see customers, Ruth was uber-busy at the event. I covered some

ground, from Lake Wallenpaupack to the Eagle Lake area, and through the near part of the Pocono Plateau. It's a good thing that gas prices didn't creep up any more.

Saturday was more of the WACL fundraiser. After that wrapped up in the mid-afternoon, we whisked ourselves off to the Celtic Fling in Lan-

caster County for the evening. We arrived after 6, and caught the last set of a couple of bands, and then stayed for the Ceilidh—a wrap-up of the day where every band contributed a tune, and then it was one big group sing, as twilight descended. This was awesome, with a couple of the bands really showing their best stuff.

We overnighted in Mount Gretna, a very cool old Chataqua colony that's on a hillside right down the road from the Renaissance Faire site where the Celtic Fling was held. The next morning we explored the Mount Gretna colony site before our return to the Celtic Fling. As the afternoon

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## Sightings...

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wore on, and after we did a couple of circuits of up and down the hill there, both of us were dragging. I add that the temperature was nearly 90°, though dry and with a nice breeze from time to time. We saw portions of eight musical performances, from bagpipe bands and a Celtic trio to a Canadian family act featuring three siblings who play the fiddle, clog, and sing. While we walked through the festival, we stopped at a wonderful exhibit on linen making—complete from making flax thread to a 220 year-old loom. There was also a keen display of in-

formation on an Irish Wake. Other stops were to meet the Great Dane rescues, and to see some of the clan displays. We left late in the afternoon, sun and heat-baked to between medium and well-done.

I believe we squeezed every last bit of daylight out of these long days so far this summer. For this weekend, our plans include a return to the PA Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University to see their performance of *Julius Caesar*. Et tu? There's fireworks at the L&L Fire Co. north of Weatherly on Saturday night, and various other displays all around to celebrate Independence Day. Leighton has a parade and fireworks, also on

Saturday. I'm thinking on a visit to Knoebels to enjoy some rides and music on Monday.

With actual sightings, on our way home late Sunday afternoon, we drove through downtown Lebanon. At a stop light in the heart of town, we were stopped in front of a store with antique items and what appeared to be a full-sized plush dog in the window. Then the dog blinked. We checked, and the dog blinked again. This lemon basset hound had stretched out in the front window of this little store to enjoy a spot where it could keep an eye on things. It then raised its head to watch a boy playing on the sidewalk. Pennsylvania looks lush.

Here and there, there are summer flowers in bloom everywhere. The corn in the fields is not very high and we're not sure what this means for Pennsylvania produce. As part of a group, we are members of a CSA at Dettweiler Farm. Starting a few weeks ago, we get part of a weekly box of produce, sharing the rest with the group.

With little else in sports to follow, I've turned my attention to the Phillies and their 2016 pursuit of mediocrity season. Lately their pitching has been awful. It's surprising they've won anything. As of this writing, they had won 2 out of

their last 10, which was an improvement. This past weekend, they found a way to lose winnable games. It must be tough to be in the field game after game, and have the pitching dig an early hole so the game is nearly lost before all nine of you have batted.

We're supposed to be wowed by the 76ers draft picks. I'm not, because I've seen many draft picks fizzle. We might have a clue after the summer leagues.

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Now this weather is more like it!! Penn-Kidder Library's June's Events:

Thank you to everyone who made our Kentucky Derby Party such a success! Everyone looked great and the hats were awesome!

We are having our first Lakeside Luau Fundraiser to benefit the library on Wednesday, July 6, at Boulder View Tavern, Lake Harmony. Cost is \$27/person, for Polynesian Buffet, Cash Bar, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are available

at Penn Kidder Library (570)-722-0300, or at Boulder View tavern.

We've got great news for students entering the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades! Through August 1 the library is running a Summer Reading Program.

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# Heffly talks turbines

by Seth Isenberg

County's State Representative Doyle Heffley was interviewed about the proposed Iberdrola Renewables wind farm on Bethlehem Water Authority land in Penn Forest Township. The project, valued at about \$160 million, is to place electric generating windmills atop the edge of the ridge on BWA's conserved watershed property.

Rep. Heffley's opinion is that BWA "shouldn't be putting windmills [in this community]...[they] need to be a better neighbor." They don't pay taxes, he notes, adding their job is to provide quality clean drinking water to their community.

"We don't have a shortage of electricity in Pennsylvania," and in off-peak hours, some PA utilities need to dump electricity because there's not demand

for it. This project "requires a large federal subsidy" to generate affordable energy. Without federal tax dollars, they could not be affordably built.

He points out windmill construction will damage the land that protects the watershed, put an "industrial activity" atop the resort/residential areas in Penn Forest Township, and is unneeded. The BWA contracted with Iberdrola to "make money." This project "has nothing to do" with delivery of water.

He agreed with this reporter that if the BWA would build hydro-electric plants at their dams and along their feeder lines, that would be a better answer.

Rep. Heffley noted that the ridgeline is the habitat for the endangered northern long-eared bat. Look for an interview with local conservationists in an upcoming *Journal*.

# Summer Science Fun with Agriculture 4-H Day Camp offered

Carbon County 4-H is holding a day camp open to all youth, ages 8 to 13, in Carbon County on July 15 from 8:30-4:30 p.m. at the Mauch Chunk Lake Park in Jim Thorpe. The day will be full of fun hands-on activities and experiments that will focus on the sciences. Zoonotics, extracting DNA from a strawberry and making plantable cards are some of the fun activities.

Registration is \$10 for 4-H members and \$15 for non-4-H members. Registration is required by July 1. Space is limited. For more information or to register contact the Carbon County 4-H office at 570-325-2788 or CarbonExt@psu.edu.

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# Parking lot paving planned for Kidder Township

by Ruth Isenberg

Kidder Township supervisors are ready to provide additional parking for people attending meetings at the township building. At the supervisors' meeting on June 16, seven bids were opened for paving a new section of the lot. Bruce George Paving and Excavating of Kunkletown was the apparent low bidder at \$86,075.72. Provided the bid passes legal review, supervisors awarded the job to the low bidder.

Two subdivision/land development projects were reviewed. A two year extension

of LDIA to July 20, 2018 was granted for Mid Lake II-Boulder Lake Village. Jack Frost Golf Course PRD, Phase I, was granted a two year extension for final plan submission, also to July 20, 2018.

Supervisors adopted ordinance 177, requiring the registration of all automatic fire alarms.

A bid proposal of \$7,500 was received for an emergency services planning report from VFIS.

Philip Sheadaker's resignation as part-time patrolman was accepted; he has been hired full-time somewhere else.

Ellen Matt resigned from the Planning commission. Anyone interested in filling the remainder of her term, which would expire December 31, 2017, should send a letter to township business manager Lisa Klem.

Klem reported that she

had obtained quotes for repairs to the roof of the police station, which is leaking. The low price came from D'Angola Construction, for \$5,735 to replace the roof. Supervisors gave the go-ahead for the job.

PennDOT has agreed to help the township with storm

drainage work on South Lake Road. Supervisors Barb Franzosa and Bruce Berger met on that and other road issues. Lake Harmony Estatic in planning a retention basin to ease drainage issues there.

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of Lake Drive. Finally, a grant is being sought for work in Albrightsville from Route 534 to Mud Run.

Present were supervisors Berger, Tom Bradley, Franzosa, Tom LaFond, and Frank Pieri. The next meeting is Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. at the township building.



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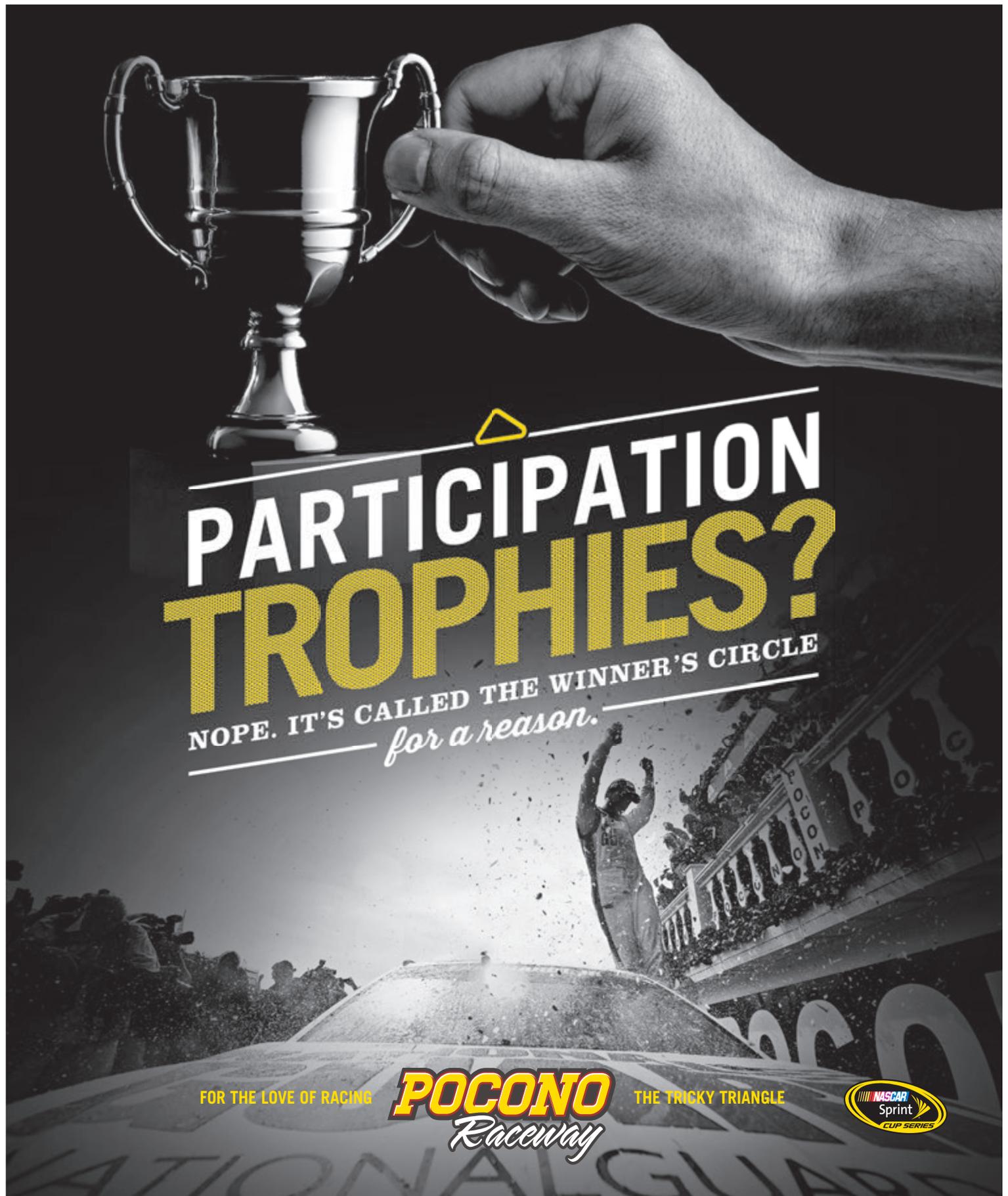
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- 16. Glorify
- 17. \*Theodor Geisel, \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Seuss
- 18. Daughter of a sibling
- 19. \*Wordsworth or Shakespeare
- 21. \*He hears America singing
- 23. Pig's digs
- 24. Discharge

- 55. Cathode-ray tube
- 57. \*Famous Russian poet
- 61. \*\*"The Canterbury Tales" poet
- 65. Ernest, to mommy
- 66. Tarzan's mom
- 68. Famous nurse Barton
- 69. Decorate
- 70. \*\_\_\_\_\_ McKuen, poet and songwriter
- 71. \*\*"The Waste Land" poet
- 72. Lubricant
- 73. ATM extra
- 74. Slow on the uptake

**DOWN**

- 1. Eurasian duck
- 2. It made Danny DeVitto a star
- 3. Word of mouth
- 4. Paper plants
- 5. The smallest, at the clothing store
- 6. "Howdy, \_\_\_\_!"
- 7. Pose a question
- 8. Medieval oboe
- 9. Make with needles
- 10. Individual unit
- 11. Flexible mineral
- 12. "\_\_\_\_\_ but not heard"
- 15. Like the States
- 20. Nursemaids in India
- 22. Battleship game success
- 24. Oval
- 25. \*\*"Auld Lang Syne" poet

- 26. "Round up the \_\_\_\_\_ suspects!"
- 27. Yiddish shrew
- 29. Garden \_\_\_\_\_
- 31. Jason's vessel
- 32. ABBA's "\_\_\_\_\_ Mia!"
- 33. Not your grandmother's mail

- 34. \*\*"Divine Comedy" poet
- 36. Like Mariana Trench
- 38. Bad luck predictor
- 42. \*\*"Do I dare to eat a \_\_\_\_\_?"
- 45. Like RMS Titanic
- 49. Person of interest, acr.

- 51. Honored with presence
- 54. Chow down voraciously
- 56. Ballerina's skirt fabric
- 57. Ring like a bell
- 58. Pakistani language
- 59. Prig or snoot
- 60. Engage for service

- 61. Surrender territory
- 62. Jealous biblical brother
- 63. \*\*"\_\_\_\_\_ & Psyche" by Robert Bridges
- 64. Goes with interest
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# Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

At 8:24 p.m. on 5-26, PA State Police-Lehighon Troopers were sent to a 600 block, Behrens Road, Penn Forest Twp. home about a domestic incident where a man had harmed his spouse. Police arrived and detained the man, who will be charged with harassment.

Kidder Township Police arrested Paul Weaver, 58 y/o of the White Haven area on June 15. He is charged with two counts of rape, statutory sexual assault, three counts of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, sexual assault, four counts aggravated indecent assault and endangering the welfare of a child, all felonies, plus four counts of

misdemeanor indecent assault for an incident that took place in Kidder Twp. with a 14 y/o girl from August 2015 to April of this year. Weaver was arraigned in front of District Judge Casimir Kosciolk of Lansford, who set bail at \$100,000 cash. Weaver was committed to Carbon County jail in lieu of bail.

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

PSP-Fern Ridge and Lehighon also reported several incidents of harassment, or criminal mischief, in their areas. PSP-L also investigated a dog attack.

## Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

Heavy fog the morning of June 3 contributed to two crashes on Route 93 near Maury Road. The first was 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 Lehighon 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.

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 without clearly looking—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. Lehighon 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.

PSP-F responded to a crash off westbound Interstate 80 in Kidder Township at mm276.3—just west of the exit for the PA Turnpike at about 9:47 a.m. on 6-18. The crash killed a 17 y/o passenger in an '08 Hyundai Tiburon. The driver lost control and went off the road, overturning and hitting a tree with its passenger side. The impact killed the teen. The

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## Police Beat...

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driver, of Shamokin Dam, was taken to GMC for treatment. Both the driver and passenger were seat-belted. State Police is investigating.

### The Penn-Kidder Area 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, 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 got out and tried to run away. Police (including other Troopers and Franklin Twp.'s) caught up, and he resisted, so got himself Tasered. He was arrested by PSP and taken to Gnadon Huetten Hospital in Lehighton for a blood draw on suspicion of DUI. Troopers took him to PSP-L HQ, then to on-duty Magistrate for arraignment, then to Carbon County Jail, on charges of Fleeing police, and suspected DUI.

### 'Stealin'

Burglaries include one where an early-morning alarm brought out Pocono Mountain Regional Police to a Route 115-area home, with police arriving just as the perp was exiting the house.

The woman denied being a thief, even with items in her possession, and more in her car. She was booked for burglary.

Aluminum wheels and fancy tires were stolen off a car

parked at Pocono Auto Mart in Brodheadsville overnight 6-21 to 22. Value is over \$1,000. PSP is seeking any witnesses or information. Call them at 570 646-2271 to help.

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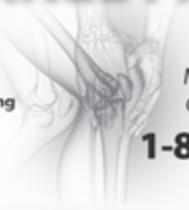
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# 2017 NASCAR schedule set

As part of new sanctioning agreements between NASCAR and race tracks, 2017 race dates have been announced. Next year, Pocono Raceway will host NASCAR Cup Series races on June 11 and July 30, and also the NASCAR XFINITY Series and the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series at 'The Tricky Triangle.' "This is great news for our fans," said Pocono Raceway

president & CEO Brandon Igdalsky. "This is by far the earliest we have known race dates and really think it will benefit all racing stakeholders. Now, they don't have to guess when our races are, they can plan. NASCAR did a tremendous job in putting the schedule together early and that's a testament to all of their hard work."

The NASCAR XFINITY Series is making its inaugu-

ral stop at Pocono Raceway on June 4 and will return in 2017 on June 10. The NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will be held as part of the second NASCAR weekend in 2017. "The only change really from this year was our first NASCAR weekend being moved back a week in 2017," said Igdalsky. "We are hopeful this change will allow more students who

might have been in school to get out to the racetrack and enjoy a tremendous experience at Pocono Raceway." Pocono Raceway will host seven national motorsports events during the 2016 racing season, including a NASCAR XFINITY Series race for the inaugural time on June 4. The Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) race is set for June 5, the Pennsyl-

vania 400 NSCS race on July 31, and the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race on August 21. The Pocono Mountains 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck race is scheduled for July 30, two ARCA Series Presented by Menards races with General Tire #AnywheresPossible 200 on June 3, and the Mod-Space 150 on July 29 is offered as well.

Tickets for all races are now on sale at [www.poconoraceway.com](http://www.poconoraceway.com) or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

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