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Pocono Mountain Garden Club makes monarchs welcome



Monarchs are a beautiful orange and black butterfly seen in the Poconos in the late summer. Each fall millions of monarch butterflies migrate throughout the United States and Canada to overwintering areas in Mexico and California. In the spring that generation of butterflies leaves their wintering grounds. Successive generations will fly north and then the last generation again journeys south.

Monarchs are threatened because they depend on milkweed plants for their caterpillar stage. Milkweeds are declining because of land development and the widespread use of herbicides. It is important for people who live along the monarchs' eastern U.S. migration route, which includes the Poconos, to protect milkweed and provide monarch habitats in home gardens, schools, businesses, in parks and along roadsides. Making a few simple changes or additions to a garden can provide a lifeline for monarchs.

The Pocono Mountain Garden Club has planted and maintained a garden at the Clymer Library in Pocono Pines for a number of years. Two years ago, the library garden committee decided to add plants that would help attract monarch butterflies, as well as other butterflies and moths. Over the past few years several of the club members noticed they were seeing fewer and fewer monarchs. There have also been a number of news stories about this decline.

The library garden is now a certified "Monarch Waystation." It has two types of milkweeds, as well as many annual and perennial plants, for butterflies to feed on. The caterpillar stage of the monarch eats only milkweed leaves.

The garden is highlighted by a beautiful butterfly box surrounded by coneflowers, asters, morning glories along with the milkweeds.



GOLFERS ENJOYED A GREAT DAY at the PMRPF Golf Outing in 2015. JP: Hofbauer Strategies

Foundation plans golf fundraiser

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Mountain Regional Police Foundation announced plans for a repeat tee-rific time fundraising for the force August 29 at Pinecrest Lake Golf & Country Club. Focused on increasing familiarity and support, during a recent meeting Foundation president John Lamberton described the event's benefit to officers that echoes throughout the community.

Noting that the Pocono Mountain Regional Police De-

partment serves Tobyhanna, Tunkhannock, Coolbaugh and Barrett Townships along with Mount Pocono Borough, he explained how special units including K-9 and Bike Patrol are funded by Foundation efforts. The Foundation also supplies grant writing, crime prevention initiatives and crucial safety equipment.

"Understanding budget constraints recognized by all municipalities, the importance of reaching out to area businesses and residents for

support is critical to promote the safety and well being of our officers and the community they serve," Lamberton stated. "Many believe these programs are funded in the department's budget but they actually rely on fundraising to subsidize expenses."

While the deadline to register is August 15 or until they reach capacity, pledging for the police organization is ongoing with sponsorship opportunities to be had at www.pmrpf.com.

Record-breaking year for Community Fundraiser

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Lucky number thirteen—this year's Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser topped prior year's tallies reaching a phenomenal \$225,975 raised for six Monroe County nonprofits—taking totals since inception to more than \$2 million. Over 480 guests converged on Kalahari Resort on July 28, celebrating the monumental achievement with award beneficiaries—American Red Cross of the Pocono Mountains, Barrett Paradise Friendly Library, the Friendly Community Center, the Garden of Giving, Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Pocono Area Transitional Housing.

Each organization, eager to give thanks for the unified effort orchestrated by Sanofi Pasteur's community program, shared plans for the funds to be used in the county.

The Red Cross Home Fire Campaign includes measures for reducing fire-related injuries and the Pillowcase Project teaches children emergency preparedness and stress-coping skills.

The Friendly Community Center assists residents with dementia and their caregivers through the Making Memories program.

The Friendly Library will familiarize kids ages 3 to 12 with early childhood STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) literacy.

The Garden of Giving will be harvesting efforts that supply produce and eggs to local food banks.

Character and leadership development will be offered for at-risk boys through Minsi Trails Scoutreach.

PATH will benefit with the ability to provide more temporary housing and support services to homeless families.



Community supporters crowd Kalahari for Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser July 28.

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"Elated" Barrett Paradise Friendly Library director Cindy DeLuca joined library board of trustees president Maureen Siglin commenting, "The fact that we can add to it [STEM/Works for Kids] is getting a whole new group of children into the library," adding, "A big thank you" to Sanofi for organizing the fundraiser.

Director of North America Corporate Social Responsibility and Community En-

gagement Ellen Schindler applauded Kalahari, host for the second year in a row. "They do an amazing job," she said, recognizing the ability to accommodate such a large group.

Turning attention back to donors, she explained that a new incentive, where Sanofi matched 50¢ per \$1 for contributions received by the end of May, may have helped boost the bucks with a quicker pre-summer response.

She also thanked media sponsor Eyewitness News/WBRE-TV/WYOU-TV for sharing the message and her

co-emcee, reporter Brianna Strunk for not sharing the same choice in dresses for the evening.



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Area Funerals

Anna J. Posselli

Anna J. Posselli died July 27, 2016. She was the wife of the late James D. Posselli, with whom she celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey on July 18, 1919, Anna was the daughter of Stephen and Elizabeth (Mancz) Holczi.

Moving to the Poconos in 1976, Anna and her family shared many years of happiness living in Lake Naomi. In 2010, Anna became a resident of Pleasant Valley Manor.

Anna is survived by a daughter, Victoria Bello and her husband, Gregory of Whiting, New Jersey; grandchildren Eric and Elissa Easterling; a son, James S. Posselli and his wife, Mary Kay of Pocono Pines and their children James and Andrew; a daughter Roberta Markey of Port Richey, Florida; and a son, Douglas Klemm and his wife, Vicki of Brookville, Florida, and their children and grandchildren. Anna is predeceased by siblings Stephen, Joseph, Louis, Elizabeth, Mary and Paul.

A blessing service was held July 30 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Burial followed at Pocono Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Anna's name may be made to Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Cesar H. Pierantoni

Cesar H. Pierantoni, 66, of Tobyhanna, died Friday, July 22, 2016 at Lehigh Valley Hospital Cedar Crest in Allentown.

He was the husband of Teresa (Yara) Pierantoni, with whom he shared 45 years of marriage.

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, he was a son of Margarita (Rosario) Pierantoni of Penuelas, Puerto Rico and the late Cesar A. Pierantoni.

He is also survived by his two sons, Ivan Pierantoni of Staten Island, New York, and Cesar Pierantoni of Tobyhanna.

Private cremation was entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

B'nai Harim New Member BBQ

Congregation B'nai Harim invites members of the Jewish Community to a New Member get together, Boats, Beach and BBQ.

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Lutheran Church of Our Savior celebrates 25th Anniversary of Rev. Ziegler



From left are Rev. Richard Skov, Rev. Dr. David Scaer, Rev. Eric Ziegler, Joanie Ziegler, and Rev. Peter Richert.

On July 24, with family and former parishioners from New York and New Jersey in attendance, the Lutheran Church of Our Savior of Mount Pocono celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Eric R. Ziegler into the Office of the Holy Ministry.

Rev. Ziegler, a native of Bronx, New York, and a 1991 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, was ordained on July

28, 1991 at Christ Lutheran Church, Woodside, New York. Trained in Sign Language, Rev. Ziegler received his first call to St. Matthew Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Newark, New Jersey, where he served until 1999. In January 2000 he was installed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Clifton, New Jersey.

Fluent in Spanish, he also served for a brief time at Iglesia Luterana San Pablo

(St. Paul's Lutheran Church) in West New York, New Jersey. He also taught English and Sign Language for several years at Essex County College in Newark. The Zieglers retired in the winter of 2013, moved to Saylorsburg, and became members of Our Savior.

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New hours for Pocono Medical Center's ICC make for more convenient access

Beginning August 1, all four of Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers will provide its comprehensive services during the more convenient hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., 365 days a year.

The new change in hours will apply to all of Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Center locations throughout the region including East Stroudsburg, Bartonsville, Brodheadsville, and Tobyhanna. "As we continue to grow our services, access to care remains a top priority for our patients," said Heidi Signore, Director of Practice Operations for Pocono Medical Center.

Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers provide treatment, close to home, for non-life threatening conditions ranging from colds, Flu, and viral illnesses to sprains, joint injuries and even laboratory and imaging services. "Sickness and minor injury never occur at convenient times, and so we recognize our new, convenient hours are designed with the

needs of the family in mind," said Dr. Mayuri Sedani, Medical Director of Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers and PMC Physician Associates: Internal Medicine/Pediatrics.

Pocono Medical Center also offers its new online service, PoconoRapid.Care, which allows patients with non-life-threatening illnesses or medical conditions to schedule their visit on their mobile device or computer at PoconoRapid.care to utilize services at any one of Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers located in East Stroudsburg, Bartonsville, Brodheadsville, and Tobyhanna.

PoconoRapid.care is compatible with both desktop and mobile devices. The website has a user-friendly interface and requires just 3 simple steps: choosing the most conveniently located Immediate Care Center depending on your location – the site offers points of interest throughout the county, from resorts to convention centers, and the corresponding Immediate Care Center closest to it – followed by your choice in available times and a short form that includes the patient's symptoms, which will be retrieved by the front-end

representative upon check-in.

Once a visit is scheduled, the system automatically sends a confirmation e-mail to you, as well as an optional text to your mobile phone, so you know that the chosen Immediate Care Center is expecting you.

To learn more, please visit www.poconorapid.care to find out what kind of care is provided by Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers as well as their hours and frequently asked questions for further information.

PA county leaders to gather for 130th annual CCAP Conference

Leaders from counties in PA will meet in Carbon County, August 7 through 10 at the Split Rock Resort, to discuss issues of concern to counties during the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Annual Conference, the association's premiere event.

On August 8 at 8:30 a.m. (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will kick off the Opening General Session with CCAP president and Franklin County Commissioner Bob Thomas presiding over the session.

Opening session speakers include Patrick Armstrong and Carl Reynolds of the Council of State Governments discussing "The Justice Reinvestment Project." Author Christine Cashen, recently inducted into the National Speakers Association CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame, is the conference's keynote speaker.

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On August 9 at 8:30 a.m. (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will hold its Annual Business Meeting. Harlan Shober, CCAP First Vice president and Washington County commissioner, will preside over the session's presentations which will include the president's Report, the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Task Force Report, an update on CCAP's new branding initiatives and CCAP/PCN courthouse videos and committee reports. Bob Thomas will preside over consideration of resolutions and election of officers, and CCAP Board Chair and Lancaster County Commissioner Craig Lehman will conduct the membership's vote to select the 2021 CCAP Annual Conference location.

On August 9 at 7:30 p.m. (in Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will hold its Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Bob Thomas will preside over the presentation of CCAP's annual awards: president's, Excellence in Websites, Friend of County Government, Affiliate of the Year, Solicitor, Chief Clerk/County Administrator, and County Commissioner/Council Member.

On August 10 at 10 a.m. (in the Keystone Ballroom) CCAP will conclude its 2016 Annual Conference with the Closing General Session.

The session will feature presentations by Erick Coolidge, Tioga County commissioner and Chair of CCAP's Health Alliance Board of Directors on "The CCAP Health Alliance," and Dave Harman, Deputy Director, CCAP's Insurance Member Services on "The Guardian Program." Also addressing CCAP members will be The Honorable Justice Debra McCloskey Todd, Pennsylvania Supreme Court on "Initiatives of the Court in Support of Pennsylvania's Veterans;" and The Honorable Teresa Osbourne, Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Aging on "Provision of Services to the Aging in Pennsylvania."

For more information about Pennsylvania's counties and CCAP, log on to www.pacounties.org and visit CCAP's Twitter page @PACountiesGR. For a full conference program including workshop sessions, times and presenters, visit the CCAP website, and click on the "Education" link.

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Tobyhanna man achieves lifelong dream, becomes author

Wayne Meyers of Tobyhanna, has achieved his lifelong dream of becoming an author.

Meyers had discovered his love for writing at ten years old when he wrote a story about the flowers from his bed sheets coming to life. With a voracious appetite for science-fiction and fan-

tasy, it was only natural he turned his pen toward these genres, creating bold new worlds filled with exciting, interesting characters doing incredible things.

Years of intense practice and learning culminated in the self-publication of "VISITOR," an adventure-packed

science-fiction novel with an underlying message of peace and tolerance. "There's a long history to "VISITOR," says Meyers, "but in the end I found self-publishing the best fit. Along the way, I've learned a great deal about writing and publishing. I've always loved being involved in my commu-

nity and will continue to find ways to give back, but I'm very proud to finally call myself an author."

"VISITOR" is available on Amazon in either paperback or eBook format at www.amazon.com/Visitor-Wayne-Meyers/dp/1533151059/. He may be reached through

his website, WayneMeyers.com. Meyers was founder and served as president of Pocono Commuter, Inc. from 2005 until the organization evolved into a Facebook group. The Pocono Commuter Facebook group may be found at www.facebook.com/PoconoCommuter/

"Rewild" your body

Experience the health benefits of nature program

At this time on our planet, more people are out of shape, tuned out, and stressed out than ever before—all because many of us are missing something essential to

our whole body health and development: connection to the natural world. Many studies have shown the positive health effects of being in or near nature - an increase in

mental sharpness, productivity, and feeling invigorated and happier. The Rewild Your Body program, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20 at the Kettle Creek Environmental

Education Center, is designed to use nature to help us reach our optimum wellness.

It includes a 45-minute outdoor Pilates session for any fitness level (beginners wel-

come), led by certified Pilates Instructor/ Beachbody Coach Cheryl Balog, as well as a discussion about how people can thrive when exposed to nature on a regular basis. Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing to work out in, as well as shoes that are easy to remove. Refreshments will be available afterward. Cost is \$14/non-members, \$10/EE Center members.

For more information, call (570) 629-3061. For information on other programs visit www.mcconservation.org.

Pajama Program provides clothes and books

The "Pajama Program" is a national program that provides new pajamas and new or gently used books to children in need. Throughout the months of August and September, the Frailey team will be collecting new children's pajamas (Sizes 2T – 12 years) and new or gently used books (Ages 2 – 8 years. Eric Carle Books and Board Books especially appreciated). After being collected, Monroe County Children

& Youth Services will deliver the items.

"Some of the children that will receive items live in out-of-home placement, such as foster homes, group homes, and temporary housing facilities. Other children that will be helped are living with their families at home, but below the poverty level, often in need of more appropriate clothing and shelter. Some of these children have rarely enjoyed

the simple comfort of having a parent tuck them in at bedtime with warm, clean pajamas, and a bedtime story," says Diane Rogers, Program Manager, Monroe County Children and Youth Services.

Michele A. Frailey-Miller, Chief Operations Officer, says "We so often take for granted what we have. As community partners, we want to help those who might not have a pair of pajamas or a storybook of their own. They should be able to experience

the comfort and warmth and the happiness it brings when they read a bedtime story. It's important to let them know someone cares."

Items can be dropped off between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Frailey Insurance and Financial Services, 1286 N. Ninth Street, Stroudsburg.

For more information, contact Tanya C. Grant, Agency Ambassador, Frailey Insurance and Financial Services, 570 421-7447, or grant2@nationwide.com.

Aladdin bus trip planned

The West End Park & Open Space Commission is sponsoring a charter bus trip to see *Disney's Aladdin* at the New Amsterdam Theatre.

Bus leaves Chestnut Hill Park, 221 Route 715 in Brodheadsville at 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 22 and returns at 7:30 p.m. We should arrive in New York City at 9:30 a.m. Show time is 2 p.m.

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Those parts of the joint resolutions that appear in **BOLD PRINT** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words UNDERLINED would be added to the Constitution and the words in **BRACKETS (e.g. [Constitution])** would be deleted. The unbolded words would remain unchanged in the Constitution.

Anyone who needs help reading this advertisement or needs the text of the proposed amendments in an alternative format may call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 1-877-868-3772, ra-BCEL@pa.gov.

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Joint Resolution 2016-1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

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

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

That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and **[203] 151** representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator; and each representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.

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

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with

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

Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors, the General Assembly shall enact legislation to implement this constitutional amendment so that it applies for the first time to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment.

Joint Resolution 2016-2

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

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

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

That section 2(b)(vi) of Article VIII be amended to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

(vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not exceed **[one-half of the median assessed value of all] 100% of the assessed value of each** homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for these exclusions.

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

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occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

Joint Resolution 2016-3

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

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

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

That section 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

(vii) Permit a city of the first class to impose taxes for the benefit of the city of the first class on real estate used for business purposes at a tax rate that exceeds the tax rate applicable to other real estate, in accordance with the following:

(A) So long as a rate variance is in effect, the combined rate of taxes on real estate used for business purposes imposed by the city of the first class or authorized by the city of the first class for its school district shall not vary by more than fifteen percent from the combined rate of taxes on other real estate imposed or authorized by the city of the first class.

(B) The General Assembly shall require the city of the first class to reduce the aggregate revenue from other taxes imposed for the benefit of the city of the first class both on businesses and any wage and net profits tax by the amount of any real estate tax revenues attributable to the variance.

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

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

Bookhouse presents Judy Cook

Eastern Monroe Public Library's popular BookHouse series continues on August 19 with folksinger Judy Cook in a multimedia presentation of "Mark Twain: An American Life" at 7:30 p.m.

Living in Maryland, Judy has been on the road since the early 1990s, making her own the songs and ballads of traditional Americana and the British Isles. She has family roots in Virginia, lucky enough to be born into a family who loved music.

This led to her personal discovery of the rich and varied treasure of folk music and was the inspiration for recordings. Judy has four full length CDs. Her first CD of unaccompanied traditional songs and ballads, "If You Sing Songs..."



was released in 1998, followed two years later by "Far From the Lowlands." "Tenting Tonight: Songs of the Civil War" was released in 2007, and "Lincoln's America" in 2009.

She is respected on both sides of the Atlantic as both a singer and interpreter of traditional songs. Her vast and varied repertoire has resulted in an array of entertaining and informative themed programs

enthusiastically received by universities, historical societies, festivals, and folks wherever she goes.

Doors to the BookHouse will open at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be available for a small charge. Please plan to arrive prior to the scheduled starting time. All Bookhouse programs take place in the Edinger Community Room of the Hughes Building, Eastern Monroe Public Library, located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg. For more BookHouse information, please call Linnae Cintron at 570-421-0800 x312 or visit www.monroepl.org.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The following is a true and correct copy of a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Consistent with the procedures prescribed by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the General Assembly first proposed the amendment during the 2013 session and approved it for a second time during the 2015 session of the legislature. As required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and statutory law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth caused the proposed amendment to be advertised in 2014 and 2016.

Pursuant to the original joint resolutions, the proposed amendment was to be submitted to the electors of Pennsylvania at the General Primary to be held on April 26, 2016. However, on April 12, 2016, the General Assembly passed H.R. 783, a concurrent resolution that directed the Secretary of the Commonwealth to remove the proposed amendment from the General Primary ballot and to place the proposed amendment on the General Election ballot in November 2016.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, therefore, has once again caused the proposed amendment to be published here, in anticipation of the General Election. In accordance with the mandate of H.R. 783, the Secretary of the Commonwealth will submit the proposed amendment to the electors of Pennsylvania in the form of a ballot question at the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016. If a ballot question is approved by a majority of electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Those parts of the joint resolution that appear in **BOLD PRINT** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words **UNDERLINED** would be added to the Constitution and the words in **BRACKETS (e.g., [Constitution])** would be deleted. The unbolded words would remain unchanged in the Constitution.

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

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

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges, and magisterial district judges be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

Clymer Library announces programs for August

The Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, announced its many exciting programs and events for August. For more information on any of these programs, contact the library at 570-646-0826, or stop by the circulation desk.

There's still time to get into

Adult Summer Reading

Adults, hurry! There is still time to read and win. Books can be logged until August 11 with the final prize drawing being held on August 12. The final prize is dinner at Skytop for four people. To register, please visit www.clymerlibrary.org and click on the Adult Summer Reading link.

You can still get into teen Summer Reading

There's still time to Get in the Game and participate in the online summer reading experience for teens. Last day to log entries is August 20th. Prizes can be picked up at the library until August 31. Be sure to read at least 180 minutes to be eligible for the Final Raffle. The Grand Prize is a Kindle Fire Bundle.

Adult Programs

Learn about genealogy

Genealogy expert Patrick Quigley returns to the Clymer Library on August 9 at 6 p.m. and then monthly through the fall to answer your questions about genealogy and assist with your family research. Patrick will be here at the library at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month through October. Sign-up is required.

Explore the fascinating history of lighting

How did people light their home before there were electric lights? From whale oil to tallow to kerosene, a variety of lighting instruments were invented to meet people's needs. Come and learn about this important part of all of our lives that we all take for granted every day. This event is graciously presented by Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm and will be held on August 11 at 6 p.m. Sign-up is required.

The library becomes a theater this summer

Lake Naomi's Drama Club, under the direction of Carol Ray, will be coming to the Clymer Library on August 16 at 6 p.m. to present three short,

hysterical Readers' Theater plays. "*The Blood Money Cap*" is a Sam Spade radio play. "*A Hysterical History of the American Revolution*" by D.M. Larson features the founding mothers, like Mrs. Washington and Mrs. Jefferson. It is based on Cokie Roberts' book "*The Founding Mothers*." "*The Three Billy Goats Gruff: Poetry Style*" is a Norwegian Folktale adapted by Barbara McBride-Smith, and it is presented as a rap. Twenty-one Lake Naomi actors will perform. Sign-up is required.

Journey through the history of music and sound

This interesting presentation covers the history of music and sound reproduction over 2,000 years of history from biblical times up to the present, including the inventions of Thomas Edison that made it possible to record and reproduce music in the home. This program will be on August 18 at 6 p.m. and is generously presented by Norm Rubin. Sign-up is required.

Cooking, baking, and publishing with Judith Rubin

In this fun event, Judith will share her life's culinary experiences and explain what it takes to publish and sell a cookbook. She will also have some of her favorite recipes prepared for you to taste at the presentation. Judith's new cookbook, "*My Life's Recipe Collection and Creations*," contains 547 recipes covering

30 categories of food from 12 nationalities, stories of her culinary experiences, and helpful hints galore.

Her cookbook will be available for purchase at the presentation at a cost of only \$25. Cash or personal checks only will be accepted (no credit cards, please). Each copy will be hand autographed by Judith when purchased. This event will be held on August 20 at 2 p.m.

Sign-up is required.

Brown Bag Book Club

The library's Brown Bag Book Club will meet on August 24 at 12:30 p.m. The club will read "*The Two-Family House*" by Lynda Cohen Loigman. For more information, contact Melissa Lopez at the Clymer Library.

Adult Coloring Continues

The Clymer Library's free stress relief coloring program for adults continues by popular demand. Patrons ages 18 and up are invited to stop by any time all month long to color on their own. The library will supply the coloring pages and colored pencils or you can bring your own.

Join them on August 25 at 2 p.m. for a relaxing group coloring session, complete with complimentary cookies, beverages, and soothing music. When you're done, be sure to leave your finished work of art to be displayed at the library. Sign-up is required for the session on August 25 only.

Children's and Teens' Programs Children's Story Hour and Lap Sit

Throughout the month of August, the Clymer Library will hold several children's programs and events. The library's popular "*Story Hour*" for children ages 3-5 will be held on August 8, and 15 at 10:30 a.m. "*Lap Sit*" for kids ages two and under will be held August 4, 11, and 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the Summer Olympics

Get into the Olympic spirit with some fun games and outdoor activities on August 6 at 1 p.m. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Sign up and parental supervision are required. Ages 5 and up.

What "wood" you do with planks?

Calling all engineers! On August 8 at 1 p.m., put your skills to the test and see what you can build with wood planks. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. This event for ages 6 and up.

Check out the Junior Book Club

If you are in grades 4-6, join the Clymer Library's Junior Book Club. The next meeting takes place on August 9 at 6 p.m. Book discussion will be held on this date, so be sure

to sign up today. For more information, contact Children's Technician Miss Kristi at kbelcher@clymerlibrary.org or call the library.

Have fun with sports B-I-N-G-O

Who doesn't love a good game of bingo? This event will be on August 15 at 1 p.m. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. This event is for ages 4 and up.

Make a football craft

Is football your favorite sport? Join us for a craft of all things pigskin on August 17 at 11 a.m. Sign-up and parental supervision are required by calling the library at 570-646-0826. Ages 5 and up.

Close of Summer Reading Ice Cream Social

On August 18 at 1 p.m., celebrate the end of another successful year of our Summer Reading Program. The library will provide the ice cream, but they ask that everyone bring a topping. In order to ensure a variety of toppings, they will have a sign-up sheet to list what you are bringing. All ages welcome. Parental supervision is required.

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and to learn about how home-grown herbs can spice up your recipes will take place on August 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. From 5:30-6 will be a meet and greet with light hors d'oeuvres, and then from 6-7:40 will be a summer dinner and a talk about herbs.

The menu (in order) will consist of: hors d'oeuvres, gazpacho, tarragon chicken salad, pasta salad & vegetables, dessert. In addition, guests will receive an herb plant and a menu with recipes.

Sign up is required by calling the library or stopping. Admission for this fundraiser is \$20 per person. Reservations and payment required in advance by August 11. No refunds.

Children's Book Sale

Start the school year off right by reading with your children from gently used books you can purchase at the Clymer Library this summer. All books are only 25¢! All day September 3, fill a bag full of books for only \$3. Proceeds will go to expanding children's programming. The sale will run from August 29 to September 3.

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Kids' Programs

Get your tickets at the circulation desk for a chance to win up to \$2,000. Tickets are \$10

each, and only 400 tickets in total will be sold. One winning ticket will be drawn, and the winner will receive 50% of the value of all tickets sold. The drawing will be on October 3.

Flower Power Together: PMWC and Clymer Library

With both contributing so much to our community, the Pocono Mountain Women's Club and the Clymer Library have joined forces to raise funds through a Fall Flower Sale.

The two organizations have teamed with the renowned Vesey's Seed Ltd. to offer the finest, best-quality bulbs and plants available from growers in Holland and the U.S. For each order of product shipped, the Women's Club and Library will equally earn 50% of the sales revenue. Proceeds from this fund raising effort will be used for programs of community support by both organizations.

An extensive selection of popular flowers is available, from tulips and crocuses to hyacinths and buttercups. In addition, unique and hard to find bulbs are available, such as Iris Reticulata Joyce and Rock Garden Allium. Several varieties offered are deer resistant. Vesey's Seed Ltd. offers an unconditional, 100%

money-back guarantee.

Catalogs and order forms are available at the Clymer Library, where orders may be placed. An easy-to-use website is also available at www.clymerlibrary.org/flowersale for convenient shopping. Orders must be placed by September 6. Shipments will begin in mid-September in time for ideal fall plantings.

The Pocono Mountain Women's Club is dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others, through programs of charity, educational and scientific purposes. For more information, contact PMWC President Ginny Day at 570-620-6858 or email at grexday@msn.com.

Leave a Legacy at Clymer Library

With summer upon us, the Clymer Library Custom Paver Sponsor Program is now underway. The Paver Program gives library supporters the unique opportunity to permanently engrave their names, symbols, or logos into a sidewalk paver for installation in the entranceway of the library. Pavers can also be engraved in remembrance or in honor of a loved one.

The program gives donors the opportunity to show their support for the library for many years to come. All donations from the paver program directly benefit the library, which

serves the residents of Tobyhanna and Tunkhannock Townships. To order a paver or to make a donation, visit www.polarengraving.com/clymer-pavers; stop by or call (570) 646-0826. All donations are tax deductible.

Clymer Library Seeks New Member for Board of Trustees

The trustees of the Clymer Library are seeking a resident of Tobyhanna or Tunkhannock Townships to become part of the library's board. In addition to being passionate about helping the Clymer Library continue to grow as a resource to the community, applicants should have experience in one or more of the following areas:

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

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

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

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

If you or someone you know has relevant experience in any of these areas and is willing to join a working board, please contact Library Director Laura

Laspee at 570-646-0826 or by email at llaspee@clymerlibrary.org for more information on the application process.

September

Programs

Adults

September 1 at 6 p.m.—Bee Keeping

A local beekeeping hobbyist will share information on beekeeping, the role of honeybees, and honey extraction. Danielle Argot has been beekeeping for 3 years and will share her knowledge and love of bees. Join her for this interactive presentation. 1 pound bottles of honey will be sold to benefit Honey for Heroes, a non-profit veteran's organization.

September 22 at 6 p.m.—Steel Creek Band

The Steel Creek Duo is an acoustic group comprised of singer/songwriter Jeni Hackett on vocals and guitarist Ken Duncan on bass. The two musicians bring a different influence to the band and the combined musical backgrounds add a rich fullness to the sound of Steel Creek.

September 27 at 6 p.m.—Pat Grace's Arrowhead Cabaret

Adults only. Sing Along with these talented local singers. Bring back memories from the 50s to the 70s.

Kids

September 12, 19, & 26 10:30 a.m.—Story Hour (ages 3-5)

No Story Hour on Monday, September 5—Labor Day

September 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 10:30 a.m.—Lap Sit (ages 2 & under)

No Lap Sit on Thursday, September 1

September 6 at 6 p.m.—Sleepy Time Story Hour

September 13 at 6 p.m.—Junior Book Club

September 20 at 6 p.m.—Teen Advisory Board meeting

August 29: Children's Book Sale all week, 10 a.m.—5 p.m. except Tuesday and Thursday (10 a.m.—8 p.m.)

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The cost of the dinner is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Children 4-10. The dinner will be held indoors. Our facility is air conditioned and

accessible to persons with disabilities. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 570-646-0309. They also will be available the day of the dinner, until sold out, during their 20th Annual Faith Fair/ Flea Market, held rain or shine outdoors 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Bring the whole family for a day of fun and fellowship at the fair/ flea market, and come back for the delicious pig roast dinner. Faith Lutheran Church is located at

550 Route 940 Blakeslee PA, 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.

To order Pig Roast Dinner tickets or for more information about the Faith Fair/ Flea Market, call 570-646-0309, or visit faithlutheran-blakeslee.org. Like them on Facebook at Faith Lutheran Church Blakeslee PA.

Grass Energy Workshops

Monroe County Conservation District will hold Grass Energy Workshops sponsored by Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council. From July through September this year, ten workshops will be held across a ten county region to discuss how and why grasses can be harvested and turned into heating fuel.

For a relatively small expenditure, farmers, rural businesses, and people interested in using a renewable energy source can use grasses to meet their heating needs.

These workshops will feature two sessions from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Sessions will consist of an indoor presentation on how grass pellets are made, types of equipment needed, costs, results which can be expected, and potential government support available to help with equipment acquisition. Presentations will take about 60-80 minutes.

Demonstrations will then move outdoors, showing participants pellets actually being made using equipment which can be purchased locally. This demonstration will take less than an hour. There is no charge to attend, with registration beforehand encouraged at <http://www.pnercd.org/>

Attendees will leave with an understanding of the grass pellet process, familiarization with the equipment used, potential costs and information on how to get grants and/or loans through the REAP program of the US Department of Agriculture.

The chief presenter will be Mr. Will Brandau of Woodcrest Farm in Wapwallopen, Luzerne County. Will has been making grass energy pellets for his own use since 2006. His practical experience in this field, as well as his personal efforts to advance the use of warm-weather grasses for energy, make him uniquely qualified to present these sessions.

PNERCD, a 501(c)(3) charity, has carried out an assortment of environmentally-related programs since its establishment in 1976. Renewable energy has been a priority for the Council for over a decade.

"We are very excited by these workshops because we can show farmers, rural businesses and other interested people an economical way to make grass pellets which

will heat their buildings with a minimal initial expenditure," said George Kauffman, Executive Director of the Council. "And, assistance is available from the US Department of Agriculture through the REAP program which could provide grants and loans to help acquire the equipment. All of this will be explained at our sessions."

This project is part of the PNERCD's renewable energy priority. The PNERCD covers a 10 county region in northeastern Pennsylvania, including Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, and Wayne. It is a non-profit charitable organization, and accepts contributions, which are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the IRS.

This project is being funded with a Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA) Project., Office of Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture. For information on the MCCD workshop, please contact Matt Giambra at 570-

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Along the way, the educators will explain the Bog's formation, its interesting plant and animal life, and the role the local Preserve Committee and the Nature Conservancy play in its continued protection. Please wear appropriate footwear. Cost: \$6/non

-members, \$4/EE and Nature Conservancy members and children under 12. Advance registration is required and limited.

Directions: Route 611, at the light at the Tannersville Inn turn onto Cherry Lane Rd. The bog parking lot is 1.9 miles from 611 on the right.

To register, call 570-629-3061.

For more information, visit www.mcconservation.org.

629-3060 or mgmccd@ptd.net. For more information on any other programs, visit www.mcconservation.org or 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.

The dates and locations of the upcoming workshops are:

August 10 - Schuylkill County Conservation District
1206 Ag Center Drive, Pottsville, 17901

August 13 - The Lands at Hillside Farm (N. Luzerne County)
65 Hillside Road, Shavertown, 18708

August 17 - Lackawanna County Conservation District
1038 Montdale Road, Scott Twp., 18447

August 24 - Monroe County Conservation District
8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg, 18360

August 27 - Northumberland County Conservation District
441 Plum Creek Road,

Sunbury, 17801

September 10 - Wayne County Conservation District
648 Park Street, Honesdale, 18431

September 17 - Carbon County Environmental Education Center

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Knights of Columbus Breakfast set

On August 14 from 8 a.m. – noon, the Knights of Columbus Council 13752 will hold an all you can eat breakfast in the hall at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines from 8 a.m. to noon. Costs are: Adults- \$8, children 6-12- \$6, under 6- Free. En-

joy pancakes, French Toast, scrambled eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, home fried potatoes, cereal, juice, coffee, and tea. Proceeds fund Knights' charitable activities for church and community throughout the year.

Riverside Blues Band to perform

The free Summer Concert series continues at the Chestnuthill Park, 221 Route 715 in Brodheadsville, on August 21 with a performances by *Riverside Blues Band*.

The show starts at 6 p.m.

Riverside plays a mix of Blues and Classic Rock. They will perform songs by Clapton, SRV, BB King, The Band, George Thorogood, and more.

Free ice cream for everyone.


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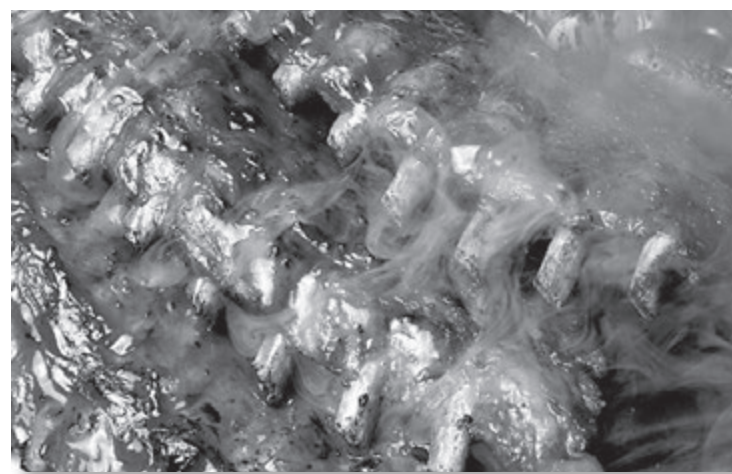
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Sweet Corn and BBQ Festival

Nothing says summer in the Pocono Mountains like the taste of freshly harvested sweet corn and finger licking BBQ. New for summer 2016, Shawnee Mountain invites young and old to come eat, drink, dance and play at their first ever Sweet Corn & BBQ Festival on August 13 and 14, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Over 25 vendors will surround the festival grounds offering mouthwatering items such as roasted or steamed sweet corn with multiple toppings along with a variety of beef, pork, and chicken BBQ served-up in Memphis, Carolina, Texas & Kansas City styles. An awesome line-up of local and award winning BBQ vendors will present festival-goers with a tasty assortment of sweet, spicy, dry rub, smoked and "smothered in sauce" BBQ. Plus cold brews, soft drinks, and festival treats like funnel cake, soft ice cream, soft pretzels, and corn pie.

Nonstop live entertainment all with a western theme includes country show bands The Brian Dean Moore Band on Saturday and the Cramer Brothers Band on Sunday. Country line dancing demonstrations and instructions will be provided by Wild Rose Country Line Dance Club in front of the main stage. Local



favorite the Liz Nordstrom Trio will perform both afternoons in the air-conditioned EZ Bumps Saloon.

The Country Kids area will provide staged magic and juggling shows, trick roping demonstrations, and summer picnic games. Apple Blossom Village will be offering pony rides, trackless train rides, and an animal petting area.

Need some gardening tips and tight on space? Check out Mindy Ando's booth on Saturday. A graduate of Penn

State's Master Gardner's program Mindy will lecture on how to build your own vertical garden and present four unique but simple designs to grow veggies, flowers, and herbs.

Finally guests are encouraged to bring a shopping bag as fresh locally grown corn, tomatoes, and produce will be available for sale at the Farmers Basket Tent.

The new event will be held rain or shine. Advanced Festival Admission Ticket costs are: Adults- \$8, Children ages 5 to 12- \$6.50, Age 4 and under- free. Plenty of FREE onsite parking is provided. For more Sweet Corn & BBQ Festival information, vendor applications, and online ticket sales visit www.shawneemt.com.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

There's something about a summer's sunset after a beautiful day that makes the season extra special. Ruth and I enjoyed a special sunset over Lake Wallenpaupack last Tuesday, as we were taking care of a customer in that area that evening, then stayed to grab a dinner and enjoy the spectacle.

This past weekend was NASCAR's annual summertime visit to our area. We turned out with friends to support all the hundreds of people who make this weekend come together. Friday's ARCA race enjoyed beautiful weather, but a late start so we couldn't stay until the end as we had tickets for the opening night of the Buck

Hill/Skytop Music Festival's Broadway review, *Nobody Does It Like Me*. Four stars of Broadway performed for this, making for a thoroughly entertaining evening. As full of a day as Friday was for us, we even stayed after the show to hear the talk-back session where audience members got to ask questions of the performers. It was wonderful. — We arrived home exhausted.

Saturday after a little work we were back at Pocono Raceway for the running of the Craftsman Truck Series race. Fans endured nine cautions. There was a very good turnout by the fans, making me Pocono proud.

Saturday night we returned

for another show by the BHS Music Festival, this one featuring the National Chorale with opera and musical theatre selections, then a performance of *Carmina Burana* by Carl Orff—featuring a full chorus, soloists, two pianos and seven percussionists—big drums, small drums, bells, cymbals, and more. This was a spectacle, and another late night.

On Sunday, we had set aside most of the day for the NACAR race—the one that didn't happen because just as the track had dried, another rainstorm lined up. After the race was canceled, we took our time in heading back to where we had parked, be-

cause it was going to be a long wait to exit the parking lot. On Monday I went back to the track after some morning work at the office, Ruth stayed behind. With some friends, I enjoyed the weather-delayed, then fog shortened race. It was a fun afternoon — with weird weather. I returned to work just before the next series of thunderstorms came through. White Haven got poured on — a near flood for a short time.

I have a renewed appreciation for people who are allergic to bee stings. During a walk with Chess in a light rain this weekend, I somehow blundered near a nest of wasps (I think) and was given two quick stings as a warning, one on the forehead, one on the shoulder. Sightings include what I believe to be an osprey, perched upon the Blakeslee industrial park sign just off Interstate 80 later on Saturday. Also, I came upon a turkey hen and its chicks

crossing Stoney Hollow Road on Friday afternoon.

Ruth and I have been invited to a RailRiders baseball game on Friday night and are looking forward to it — hoping for good weather. Business takes us to Philly on Saturday — we hope to fit in some fun there, or — if not — maybe at the Bethlehem Musikfest (which starts this Friday and goes to the 14th). We are looking at going there Tuesday night (*Scythian* is up from D.C., and there's a fabulous 70s band). We want to return Saturday the 13th to see the bands on the British Invasion stage among others — and are assembling a group to go.

This Sunday afternoon, we will be attending the Buck Hill Skytop Music Festival's *Cabaret* performance at the Skytop Lodge (inside this year) — the wrap-up show of their wonderful Poconos festival. So, a busy Poconos summer week for us — see you out there...

John Mitchell: An American Hero

On August 20 at 2:30 p.m., the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum will host the play, "John Mitchell: An American Hero" as part of Labor Heritage Day, commemorating the legendary United Mine Workers President and the miners who revered him. As one of the most beloved heroes in Anthracite and labor history, John Mitchell's success in uniting miners of all ethnic backgrounds to strike in 1902 for better wages and working conditions launched a major reform in miners' lives throughout the local region. His leadership was unparalleled in the Great Anthracite Coal Strike.

The play, written and presented as a dramatic reading by Robert Thomas Hughes, a veteran actor from Clarks Summit, presents both the roles of John Mitchell and his interviewer. This piece is Mr. Hughes' tribute to John Mitchell as a "champion of

labor and defender of human rights." The cost of the presentation is \$5 per person and includes admission to the exhibitions of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum. This program is also available for presentation to groups during regular business hours by contacting the museum at 570-963-4845.

The Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum is located in McDade Park, off Keyser Avenue, in Scranton (Exits 182 or 191-B off I-81, and Exit 122, Keyser Avenue, from I-476). The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and

Sunday, 12-5 p.m. For more information or directions, call 570-963-4804 or visit www.anthracitemuseum.org.

The Anthracite Heritage Museum is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with the Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces Associates.

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Meet and greet adorable dogs

Safe Haven Pet Rescue will hold a dog meet and greet from 11 a.m. — 3 p.m. on August 7 at Ace Hardware, Rt 209, Brodheadsville (next to Dunkleberger's).

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Friday & Saturday, August 5 & 6—Homecoming Bazaar, 5 p.m.-?, Our Lady of Victory Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Saturday, August 6—Opening reception, Dancing Vulture Designs, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Sunday, August 7—Quilt Lovers Bingo, sponsored by Pocono Mt. Quilter's Guild, 1:30 p.m., Moose Lodge, East

Stroudsburg, 570-424-1312 or 570-722-9797

Sunday, August 7—Showing of Concussion, 2 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg, 570-421-0800 xt317, www.monroepl.org

Thursday, August 11—HATT picnic, 11 a.m., Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area, 570-580-5353, tobyhannatwphistory.org

Saturday, August 13—SummerFest, sponsored by Coolbaugh Township Historical Association & Pocono Mountain Public Library, and Art Show Exhibition sponsored by CTHA, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Bicentennial Museum, Tobyhanna, 570-894-4207

Saturday, August 13—Pig Roast, 4-7 p.m., DJ 5-9, American Legion Post 413, Pocono Pines, 570-646-6010

Saturday, August 13—Faith Fair/Flea Market, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, 570-646-0309, faithlutheranblakeslee.org

Saturday, August 13—Pennsylvania Wing Festival, to benefit Monroe County Meals on Wheels, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Pocono Raceway, www.poconoraceway.com/

Saturday, August 13—Mountain Bike Day, 9 a.m.-noon, West End Regional Park, Brodheadsville, www.weposc.org

Saturday, August 13—Pig Roast, 4-6 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, 570-646-0309, faithlutheranblakeslee.org

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

Sunday, August 14—Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Friday, August 19—Book-House Series, Mark Twain: An

American Life, 7:30 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library, 570-421-0800x312, www.monroepl.org

Saturday, August 20—Get Outdoors Pocono Hike, 10 a.m., Cherry Creek Loop, Delaware Water Gap, 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727, brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos

Sunday, August 21—Summer Concert Series, Riverside Blues Band, 6 p.m., Chestnut-hill Park

Sunday, August 21—Wildflower Walk, 2 p.m., Thomas Darling Nature Preserve, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, 570-643-7922 xt310, www.nature.org/Pennsylvania/events

Monday, August 22—Congregation B'nai Harim Golf Outing, 11 a.m., Pine Crest Lake Golf and Country Club, 570-646-0100, www.bnaiharimpoconos.org

Monday, August 29—Golf Tournament, sponsored by American Legion Post 413, Pocono Pines, 8 a.m., Jack

Frost National, 570-646-6010

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

Wednesday, September 7—Butterfly Release for Peace, sponsored by Women's Resources of Monroe County, 5 p.m., Weiler Corporation,

Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11—BrewPA Craft Brewers Fest, Camelback Resort, www.brewpa.com

Saturday, September 17—Community Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mount Pocono, 570-369-0953

Sunday, September 18—Dave Fleetwood Memorial Trail Run/Walk, 9 a.m., West End Regional Park

Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25—Howetown Farm Show, Sterling, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 570-595-0452 or 570-650-8302

Sunday, September 25—Colors of the Season New Fashion Show & Luncheon, sponsored by Western Pocono Lioness Club, Hideawayhills Country Club, Kresgeville, 610-681-8138

Tuesday, September 27—Paint Party, sponsored by Church Women United of Monroe, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Faith United Methodist Church, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5251

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

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Tricky Tray this Saturday supports Blakeslee Community Center

EDITOR'S NOTE: We ran this article last week by accident! The event is this Saturday, August 6. Our apologies!

Blakeslee Community Center will host a Tricky Tray event this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be baskets and cer-

tificates for local attractions.

A flea market/sale will also be taking place at the Community Center, which is located at the corner of Routes 940 and 115 in Blakeslee.

The Blakeslee Community Center is owned and operat-

ed by the Blakelee Community Association, a non-profit organization made up of local citizens who seek to bring the community together through various activities and events at their historic center.

The community center

building became the center of activity in Blakeslee beginning in the 1920s, and continued for decades thereafter. Over the last decade the center became underutilized, and fell into disrepair.

In 2009 a reorganization

was undertaken, and a new board was elected. Over the last seven years the board has worked to bring the center back into the focus of the Blakeslee Community, as well as to update the building.

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by Seth Isenberg

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26 y/o neighbor was driving his Jeep northbound when he stuck Jeremy C. Owens of 1117 Knollwood Dr. Police closed Route 196 for several hours during their investigation. PMRPD asks witnesses and others with information to

call them at 570 895-2400.

PMRPD arrested 23 y/o Diane Jennings, 19 y/o Ahmed Jones, and a 17 y/o male after an assault and robbery in APCP's E-Park just before 11 p.m. on 6-28. The 19 y/o male victim said he was lured to the

E-Park by a girl he thought he was going to meet. Once there, he was assaulted by a group of about 15 people, and robbed including items from his trunk—among these an AR15 rifle. Police recovered the gun. APCP video surveillance recorded the incident—and there will be additional arrests. Jennings is in the Monroe County jail after

being arraigned on charges of robbery, simple assault, criminal conspiracy, riot and more. Her bail set at \$100,000. Jones is in jail on similar charges with bail set at \$50,000. The teenager is also charged with robbery, riot, conspiracy and simple assault.

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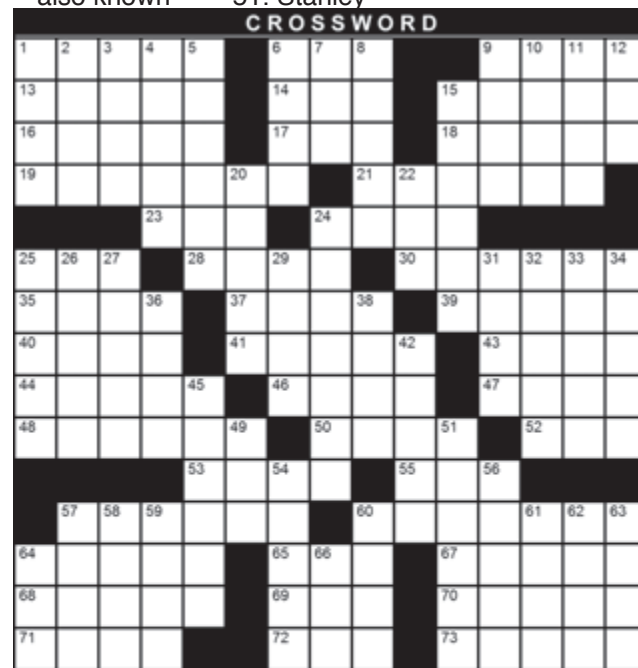
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55. Gloppy stuff
57. *Star of seven Woody Allen movies
60. *Katharine or Audrey
64. "Bring back!" to Fido
65. *Kate Winslet starred opposite him in "Titanic"
67. Suggestive of the supernatural
68. Absurd
69. As opposed to St. or Blvd.
70. Dismantles
71. Facial protrusion
72. *Kathleen Turner star of "____ of the Roses"
73. "Thou ____ not...," in the Bible

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1. Common tropical marine fish
2. Not to be mentioned
3. At another time, to Romeo or Juliet
4. Most frequent value, statistics
5. ____ Aloysius Herman
6. Competently
7. Pastrami holder
8. ____ and desist
9. Opera house box
10. Up to the task
11. Between stop and roll
12. Swerve
15. Opening between esophagus and stomach
20. Was sick
22. Golf peg
24. Like a certain Nellie?
25. *She's also known
- for workout videos
26. Bedazzle
27. Made over
29. Toot your own horn
31. Mountain valley
32. Dislikes intensely
33. It's a fact
34. *This Maggie is a Dame
36. Nostradamus, e.g.
38. *Magda, Zsa Zsa and Eva Gabor, e.g.
42. Military blockade
45. Be full of anger
49. In the past
51. Stanley
54. Jon Voight to Brad Pitt
56. African sorcery
57. Bingo-like game
58. Greek H's
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60. Field worker
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63. Empty ____
64. Shark part
66. *Mendez or Langoria



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town woman for a fight that took place at the Shell convenience store on Route 534 in Polk Twp. She hit at 46 y/o twice with the passenger side door of her car, 7-27.

PSP-Fern Ridge responded to a home in Indian Mountain Lake, Penn Forest Twp., after a welfare check of a 79 y/o man

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just after 9 a.m. on 7-26 found him dead. The Carbon County Coroner determined the man died of natural causes.

The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

Pocono Mountain Regional Police conducted plain clothes patrols at the Pocono Raceway as part of a state-funded grant via the PA Liquor Control Board. On July 29 and 30, the teams made four underage drinking arrests, two dis-

orderly conduct arrests, and one for public drunkenness. This same state program also funded plain clothes patrols at the Pocono Mountain Fire Company Carnival and in the Bill's ShopRite Plaza in Mt. Pocono from July 26 to 30. Through the week, police arrested five for marijuana possession, one for cocaine, and one for heroin, plus two for public drunkenness, two underage drinking, one for pos-

session of drug paraphernalia, one for furnishing alcohol to minors, plus, an attempted car theft.

PSP-L made 3 DUI arrests, including one after a crash.

PMRPD arrested a 22 y/o Pocono Summit man for DUI and drug possession. at Blakeslee Corners after a traffic stop for a headlight out found that he was impaired—by some drug. A consent to search was ob-

tained and police found several wax bags of heroin plus a needle—midnight 7-31.

PMRPD made two other DUI arrests during this period.

Also—PMRPD responded to a head-on two car crash on Kuhenbeaker Road just before 10 a.m. on 3-10. The Wilkes-Barre woman was returning home from the Methadone clinic when she blacked out. Investigation led to a DUI

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charge, and one for careless driving.

Stealin'

PSP-L is investigating a burglary at a High Point Road, Ross Twp. home, between 7-24 and 31. Thieves forced open a side garage door en-

try, and then ransacked the place. PSP-L welcomes witnesses and information – call them at 610 681-1850.

PSP-F is investigating the theft from a vehicle that was parked at 1824 Route 209 in Brodheadsville between 7-23 and 25, where someone got inside and stole a Cobra CB, a 20" TV, a subwoofer and an amp.

PSP-L arrested three Kunkletown locals who were caught shoplifting at the Dollar General store in Polk Twp. on 7-29.

PSP is investigating the theft of an iPhone from a customer at Pocono Whitewater on 7-31 between 9 and 11 a.m.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PSP-Hazleton is investigating the fatal crash of a Harley Davidson motorcycle which killed its 52 y/o operator—off a Black Creek Township road at 1:40 a.m. on 8-4.

PSP-L is charging a 73 y/o Mt. Bethel man for a rear-end crash on old Route 115 at flyte Road at 1:25 p.m. on 7-28. His Ford F250 was disabled in the crash.

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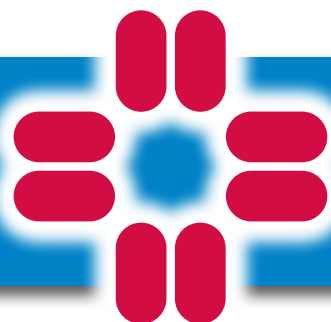


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