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Weatherly Save Our School committee takes its message to the public

by Donnell Stump

Close to 50 people attended the first open meeting of

the Schwab School Restoration Project Board. Chairman Charles Palermo, a

1978 graduate of Weatherly Area High School, introduced fellow board members, who offered updates regarding the project, including a mission statement; methods for volunteers to get involved; ways to learn more about the project; the condition of the building; and plans for the future.

Palermo responded to a question from Bette Rambaran regarding the pledge process, saying, "This allows us to have a ballpark amount available to make an offer."

Palermo stopped short of telling how much has been raised to date, saying "that would give the seller an advantage."

Rambaran also asked what would happen to money donated if the project does not acquire the building. In addition to saying that failing to secure the building was not an option, she was told that any funds accumulated by



Kelly Parker, center left and Brett Kelly, center right, make a donation on behalf of the former Patriots Football program to the Schwab School Restoration Project. Accepting for the board are Charlie Palermo, left and Dawn Bellizia, right.

JH: Donnell Stump



White Haven Borough Council president John Klem swears in new member Patty Horn, who will fill the unexpired term of Joe Knowles. She was appointed at the August 22 council meeting.
JH: Ruth Isenberg

the Restoration Project will be given to another charitable project in the Weatherly community should the purchase not be completed.

Board member Brian O'Donnell noted that the ex-

act process is spelled out in the bylaws. Naming a board, writing bylaws and secur-

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Editorial

Olympic Ideals

by Seth Isenberg

This year's Olympics in Brazil was one of the most entertaining in years. It was a tribute to how people (and a country) can pull off the most incredible successes even against the odds. Out of money, facing rising crime and unfinished venues, the Brazilians looked at defeat and built a victory. They should be well pleased.

This week, the Paralympics uses the sites. Best of luck to all competitors there, and to their Brazilian hosts.

It's my hope that something was learned this year—that spending and building are not the same things. The future of the Olympics is cloudy because of the huge cost, but if hosts can re-use and re-imagine instead of building new, the Olympics may yet be re-born.

Here's to a coming summer Olympics back in the States—in the Los Angeles area (if the city gets selected by the site committee). Here's to another winter Olympics in Canada (ditto). And here's to the Olympics and all the great athletes and teams, and the great host—thank you for a great show.

From the Archives

From *The Journal*,

August 10, 1978

A swarm of bees has taken up residence in the steeple of the Free Methodist Church in White Haven. A bee trap has been built by James Winters of Penn Lake, which is hoped to capture the bees so they can be removed.

The Lions' second annual horse show at Lehigh Park in White Haven on August 5 and went on without a hitch except for two short interruptions by showers. Carnival rides that were scheduled were unable to appear because heavy rains in the Allentown area delayed disassembly.

White Haven Fire Company volunteers stayed on duty all night long last week during a rash of incidents.

Ellena Bruzgulis of RD1 has been accepted as a student in the Thompson Institute Executive Data Management program in Harrisburg. She is a 1978 graduate of Weatherly Area High School.

Dr. Carol Freer, grandchild of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Searfoss of White Haven, graduated with distinction from the George Washington School of Medicine this spring. She began residency at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center in July.

Danny's Hoagie and Pizza is Now Open at 226 Main Street in White Haven. They offer "unique oven fried pizza."

From *The Weatherly Herald*,

August 23, 1956

Meet the tallest man in the world – 8' 6" tomorrow at Brights department store in Lansford to celebrate the giant opening of Brights newly remodeled second floor. Girls' Judy Kent blouses, regular \$2.98 – for \$1. Girls' Bobby Sox, 4 pair \$1. Boys trousers twills and corduroys, regular \$2.49 – for \$1. Colorful Jacquard bedspreads \$4.99. Ruffled Dacron curtains \$3.99.

Joan Brandon, a beautiful young lady, will show unbelievable mastery over men, women and children at the Lehigh Fair, Friday night only, Sept. 7. Miss Brandon is the only professional lady hypnotist in the country. She will place 25 intelligent local residents in a hypnotic trance during her show.

This week at the Ritz, 9 cartoons, and also, Gregory Peck in *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit*.

The Youth Fellowship of Salem Evangelical and Reformed Church of Weatherly will hold their annual retreat at Promised Land on August 20th. The group will leave at

7 a.m. Each one is to bring a box lunch, and 50¢ to cover the cost of supper meal and soda. An exceptionally inspirational and educational program has been planned for the occasion.

Misses Catherine and Clara Werner along with Frank and Terry Werner are on a motor trip through the New England states.

Maurice Heater, Sr. borough treasurer and deputy clerk of the Carbon County Courts, was tendered a dinner at John Schafer's restaurant (at the Fern Hotel in Weatherly) in honor of his natal day—by his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. M. Heater, Jr., and his daughter Marcia. Maurice Jr. left the following weekend to serve an assignment with the U.S. Army in Germany.

Wilmot Engineering Co. of White Haven held its annual picnic for employees and officials at the Foundry Grove in Weatherly last Saturday. The annual picnic for employees of Tung-Sol Electric Inc. was held at Postupack's Grove in Rush Township that same Saturday, featuring "a wealth of eats and refreshments."

Architects from Wolfe & Hahn of Allentown were hired to draw plans for a new elementary school building by

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Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Lori L. Faust, Executrix, by the Register of Wills of Carbon County on August 2, 2016, in the **Estate of Millard Edward Glasser, Jr., a/k/a Millard E. Glasser, Jr.**, late, of Weatherly, Pennsylvania, who died June 29, 2016. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present them, without delay, to the Executrix named or to:

Theresa M. Brennan, Esquire
Brennan Legal Services
103 Rotary Drive
West Hazleton, PA 18202
(570) 455-7700

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Mark S. Elliott, of 106 Main Street, Freeland, PA 18224, as Executor in the Estate of Ronald D. Elliott, late of 1951 State Route 940, Freeland, Luzerne County, PA, who died on November 26, 2015. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are requested to present the same, without delay, to the Executor above named, or to:

Albert F. Maier, Jr., Esq.
1275 Foster Avenue
White Haven, PA 18661

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Civil War Round Table to hear of assassination

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Round Table will meet September 8 at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Daddow-Isaacs American Legion, 730 Memorial Highway, Dallas.

The program will be by Mark Grimm, Jr., a retired Marine and an attorney whose ancestor was part of the 51st P.V.I during the Civil War. Grimm, portraying Major General John Hartranft, will present a first person program describing the imprisonment, trial, and execution of those accused of conspiring to assassinate President Lincoln. As the Special Provost Marshall of the Old Military Prison

in Washington DC, General Hartranft was responsible for overseeing the accused and condemned prisoners.

The program is open to the public, with a \$3 donation for non-members. New members are always welcome.

For information, contact John at 570-675-8936.



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67 North Church Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Administration have been granted in the Estate of John Kostanesky, late of Beaver Meadows, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, who died on May 1, 2016. All persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the estate are to present the same without delay to Jocelyn Kostanesky, Administratrix, c/o Robert J. Gillespie, Jr., Attorney, 67 North Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201.

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Senior Expo in Jim Thorpe

A Senior Expo will be held on Thursday, September 8 in the Jim Thorpe Memorial

Hall, 10th Street, Jim Thorpe. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Class plans 40th reunion

The Weatherly High School Class of 1976 will hold its 40th class reunion on Saturday, September 17 at 6 p.m. at Jack's Grill, Mountain Laurel

Golf Course, White Haven.

For more information, call Becky Potter Gregory at 570-956-3458 or Lori McCluskey DeMoor at 570-401-2092.

Letter to the Editors

August 10, 2016
 Governor Tom Wolfe
 Dear Governor:

Pennsylvania has obviously seceded from the 21st Century and elected to embrace the 19th Century; this is evident by the election to use the "tar and chip" treatment, in limited forms of adequacy, on state roads in the Weatherly area of Carbon County and elsewhere in Northeast PA. Having extensive experience in driving on roads in 3rd world countries in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, I can assure you that they, despite their limitations, are striving to PAVE their roads and eliminate the "tar and chip" approach.

A 21st Century vehicle was designed to operate on paved roads, not ones best suited to a horse and buggy. To whom do I send the bills for new tires, body work, new windshield, etc. that are about to

come due because of the substandard roads you are now inflicting upon your taxpayers? You have effectively added additional costs to vehicle owners in addition to the taxes we pay for the already high costs of road maintenance.

To claim that budget limitations and staffing shortages led to this moronic decision only highlights the gross incompetence of our elected leaders and the people they appoint to administer programs, including the mislabeled PennDot. A rational explanation of this situation, ignoring the standard budget limits claimed by every government worker/administrator on any subject, is required by both you and Messer's Heffley and Yudicak.

Sincerely,
John F. Capossela
 CC: Rep. Doyle Heffley
 Sen. John T. Yudicak

Death Roll

MILDRED HARAHUS

Mildred T. "Millie" Harahus, 93, of Tamaqua died Sunday, August 21, 2016 in St. Luke's Miners Memorial Medical Center, Coaldale.

A daughter of the late Michael and Bernetta Stahler Marcin, she was born March 10, 1923 in Tamaqua.

She was a graduate of St. Jerome's High School and a member of St. John XXIII R.C. Church of Tamaqua. Prior to retirement she was employed by the former Jamesway department store, and before that by Coca Cola and by the former Atlas Powder Company.

Preceding her in death were her husband, George Harahus, in 2000; sisters Dolores Erbe and Grace Faust, brother Joseph Marcin.

Surviving are daughter and son-in-law Gigi and Paul Long of Whitehall; son Craig Harahus and his fiancée Suzi Welebob of Weatherly; five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; sister Mary Garrison of Hershey, brother and sister-in-law John and Frances Marcin of Tamaqua; nieces, nephews and in-laws.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this morning (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in St. St. John XXIII R.C. Church. Burial will be in St. Jerome R.C.C. Cemetery, Tamaqua.

Arrangements are by the E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home of Tamaqua.

Save Our School...

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ing 501.c.3 status were all benchmarks that needed to happen in order for the project to move forward. With those three things in place, in record time, pledges and donations will be tax deductible.

In addition, O'Donnell said, "As the project moves forward public memberships will be available for \$20 per year. This will give the members voting rights to elect future board members and have a say in the project as it moves forward."

Palermo continued, "These memberships will be most important after the building is acquired."

All speakers made the same plea—*We need to do this now*. Forget about what went wrong with the ownership of the building after it was no longer a school and

focus on the present and making this dream a reality. Brett Kelly and Kelly Parker, both members of the WAHS Class of 2015, were on hand to make a donation on behalf of the former Patriots Football program. That organization had funds remaining after it closed, which have been held and are now being given to another charitable organization in the community.

Weatherly mayor Tom Connors, a New Jersey native and not a Weatherly Area High School graduate, spoke with passion about the project, "That school is our town, that school is us." He mentioned that images of the building, the clock tower in particular are often used as logos of Weatherly events and groups, including its use on the borough Police badges. "How sad would it be if years from now, people came to this town and that space on the hill was a parking lot," he continued.

Tracy Feaster Mengle attended the meeting and suggested that besides making a pledge, those most interested

in seeing this project happen need to convince those that are against it, by reminding them what that place means to this community.

Palermo concluded the public gathering by telling the audience, "We need to do an even better job telling the story—it is not \$229,000 (for the purchase); not \$3 million for renovations; not tax increases. But it is acquiring the building and turning it over to the borough so that grants may be secured to return this structure to community use."

WHACL hosts tricky tray

The White Haven Area Community Library is having a Tricky Tray Raffle. Thirty-one awesome prizes are available including baskets and gift certificates from area businesses and individuals.

Buy your tickets now at the Library. The drawing will be held on September 29, and winners will be notified.



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The Laurel Cemetery Association wants to publicly thank the boys from Youth Forestry Camp #2 at Hickory Run for their excellent assistance in helping us to properly maintain the cemetery. The boys and their counselors have made monthly trips to help our volunteers keep the cemetery in good condition. We also want to thank Mr. Thomas Gocek in Administration for his splendid cooperation.

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Festival fun for all this weekend in Weatherly

The 4th annual Weatherly End of Summer Festival will be held in Eurana Park August 26 from 5-9 p.m., and August 27 from 1-9 p.m.

There will be live entertainment, great homemade food and desserts, lots of free fun for the children, and low cost bounce house rides. Many new vendors and some favor-

ite vendors from past years will be there. There will be a bingo in the park pavilion from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday. A concert by the Weatherly Alumni Band will be in the bandshell at 4:30 on Saturday.

The Beef and Beer Tent in the Hockey Rink will open Friday night at 5 p.m., and Saturday at 3 p.m. The tent will

feature delicious sandwiches, wine coolers, beer, draught, bottles, and pitchers.

There will be a tricky tray raffle, and tickets are being sold to win a gas grill.

Come and join the fun, meet up with old friends, or make new ones.

WHACL seeks quilts to display

Do you have a beautiful, old, or interesting handmade quilt you can loan to the White Haven Area Communi-

ty Library for display at the 6th Annual Holiday Quilt Display and Craft Fair December 3? If so, please call the Library

at 570-443-8776 and leave a message for Sheri of the Fundraising Committee, and someone will get back to you.

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

Child Soldiers, Terror's Next Generation

At home, most boys between 6 and 16 are going to school. The minimum age for our men and women to join the military is 17 with parental consent. The Middle East has a whole different outlook. In some States, parents can sell sons or daughters into military service or as slaves.

A January 2009 UN report on the post-war Iraqi occupation stated that the Iraqi insurgency has used children as combatants and "cannon fodder." The report noted, for example, suicide bombings by boys between 10 and 13 years old against U.S. forces and Kirkuk's police. It was morally conflicting for our American soldiers to enter into combat with 12 year-old boys. American forces fought children at Nasariya, Karbala, and Kirkuk in the 2003 inva-

sion of Iraq.

Our soldiers have been forced to kill child insurgents or take them as captives, which has led to a moral dilemma. The U.S. has shipped some of them into Abu Ghraib prison and was horrified of the rape and abuse of the child soldiers by their own forces, so quickly separated them into mental health programs.

In Iran: Iranian law prohibits the recruitment of those under 16 basing itself on the Koranic traditions of war. During the Iran-Iraq war, this changed and children were drafted to the army of Basij (volunteers). These "children were sent to the front of regular advancing troops as waves of human shields. Coalition forces reported Iran lost a million and a half of their kids that way."

Children we deem as "special needs kids" had it worse, they cleared mine fields by walking ahead of combat troops with weighted shoes to make them heavy enough to detonate the mines. They also cleared barbed wire by being thrown on it, laying on it while other soldiers walked over them. Worse, they made up front lines to absorb machine gun fire, again it took a moral toll on opposing soldiers to start mowing down kids with automatic weapons.

In Iraq, Saddam Hussein's regime maintained 'boot camps' of civilian youths between the ages of 12 and 17 that required small arms training and Ba'athist political indoctrination according to the agency reports. The U.S. State Department reported that children and their parents who refused faced

harsh punishment. The state incorporated orphan children as young as ten into the Futuwah and Ashbal Saddam youth movements, then subjected them to military training, sometimes for 14 hours a day. History has compared the groups to the Hitler Jugend. During the Gulf War, 12 year-old boys fought for the Iraqi side with AK-47 Kalashnikovs, and those under that age carried extra ammo, grenades and water for the ones fighting.

ISIS and Syria: According to a report by the magazine Foreign Policy, children as young as six are recruited or kidnapped and sent to Islamic State of Iraq's military and religious training camps. There they practice beheading with dolls and are indoctrinated with the religious views of ISIL. Boys and girls healthy enough are used as hu-

man shields on front lines. The children who survive are so full of hate by age 18 there is no turning back. A whole new generation of terrorists are grown.

This week, a child suicide bomber is thought to be responsible for detonating his vest in a wedding in Turkey, killing dozens of men, women and children.

Radical Islamic Terror has been around since the 17th Century and at times it got so bad, neighboring Christians went to war against them during the Crusades. It's been bad for hundreds of years; it will not get any better. In our modern liberal and passive politically correct world, it's better to let the wolves have a few sheep then fight them, since we don't want to offend anyone. That is until it becomes your turn to be that sheep.

WH Market sponsors “Best Wishes Food Bag” Drive



Earlier this August, the White Haven Market sponsored another \$5 “Best Wishes” food bag drive to benefit the town’s Food Pantry.

Each bag contained Best Yet product brands of mac & cheese, chunk lite tuna, instant potatoes pouch, chicken noodle soup, long grain rice, and a can of whole kernel corn. Customers of the market donated \$5 to purchase a bag, and the Market then assembled the items to give to the Pantry.

WH Market’s owner, Mark Tokach, was aware that during the summer months, contributions to the White Haven Food Pantry

are lower and thought a summer drive would be beneficial. The market sold 147 bags.

The White Haven Food Pantry wishes to once again thank the generosity of the White Haven Market customers and also the staff, who worked diligently to make the summer drive a success.

The WH Food Pantry currently has 85 families enrolled. The Pantry is open the first 4 Fridays of every month, from 10 a.m. to noon. For further information regarding eligibility to participate in the Pantry program, please call 1-570-507-7444.

WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 1

W.H. Area Senior Citizens Meeting – 1:00 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615
East Side Borough Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Borough Building

Every Thursday & Monday Except Holidays

Joy Through Movement – 10:00 a.m. – W.H. United Methodist Church

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays

Scrabble Club – 6:30 p.m. – White Haven Area Community Library

Every First & Third Tuesday Except Holidays

Yarn Club – 10:00 a.m. to Noon – White Haven Area Community Library

Every First & Third Wednesday Except Holidays

Rep. Gerald Mullery Office Hours – White Haven Municipal Building

Every Friday Except Fifth Friday & Holidays

W.H. Food Pantry – 10:00 a.m. to Noon – Rear, Hickory Hall, White Haven Center

Every Friday, Monday & Wednesday Except Holidays

Free Community Lunch – Serving 11:30 a.m. to Noon – St. Paul’s Lutheran Parish Hall

Every Saturday

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – St. Patrick’s Parish Center

Every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Mountainview Community Church

Every Tuesday

Al-Anon Meeting – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. – Presbyterian Church of W.H.

Every Third Tuesday Except Holidays

Book Club – 7:00 p.m. – White Haven Area Community Library

Every Wednesday Except Holidays

Stretch & More – 10:00 a.m. – St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

WH Presbyterian Church hosts Rally Day

The White Haven Presbyterian Church will kick off the start of the 2016 school year with the young people leading the worship service on August 28.

A picnic lunch will follow the service, and all area youth are

invited to attend both.

Youth leaders Erin Brynok and Janelle Wanser will lead the rally day worship service, which will combine traditional with contemporary.

Janelle and Erin are youth leaders for the Fireflies youth group that meets Friday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, check them out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Fireflies.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, September 3

White Haven Borough

Maps available at White Haven Ambulance Building, corner of Northumberland and Towanda Streets

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CHS Boys Basketball Booster Club meeting

Crestwood Boys Basketball Booster Club will hold its first meeting for the upcoming season on August 29 at 7 p.m. at Cavanaugh's.

If you have a student playing Crestwood boys' basket-

ball, you are invited to attend.

The meeting will entail discussion regarding the Nite at the Races fundraiser and events for the start of the season.

Colts top Wreckers

Michael Latoff shot a medalist round of 78 at Mountain Laurel Golf Club to power Marian to a 330-419 season-opening win over host Weatherly last Thursday. Albert McFadden (82), Nick Kurzinsky (84)

and Jacob Artz (86) rounded out the scorers for the Colts. AJ Knepper led the way for Weatherly with a 99, Devin Berger followed with a 101, Kevin Osifat carded a 105 and Martin Chicowic rounded out the scoring with a 111.

Archives...

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the Weatherly Area Joint School Committee. Drawings were presented of the survey of the proposed site on Lewis Knepper's land.

Hours for the school nurse were set at 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. daily. Last year, the hours were 9 a.m. to noon.

The next regular Baby Clinic will be held this Tuesday, August 28 at the Tung-Sol Cafeteria beginning at 2 p.m.

From *The Journal*,
August 9, 1928

The annual outing sponsored by the White Haven Business Men's Association will be held of Wednesday, August 22, at Columbia Park

— one of the finest parks in this section of the state — situated between Berwick and Bloomsburg on the Sullivan Trail. A feature of the outing and picnic this year will be the Boys' Band (who) will give several concerts during the day.

Arrangements are now under way for the holding of a benefit Policeman's Ball "to uniform the police." It will be held at the Main Street Dance Hall on September 3, Labor Day. A full string orchestra will be secured. Tickets will be sold at the popular price of \$1 per couple, extra

ladies 50 cents.

The Jersey Central Railroad advertised a special excursion to see the Italian soccer team European Champions of the 1928 Olympic contests, play the New York Nationals at the Polo Grounds in New York City. Round trip from White Haven was \$3.60, and game tickets \$1 and \$2.

The airplane at Krewson's field did a big business last week, and many of our local people had their first flight in the air.

Backpack Blessing this week

White Haven United Methodist Church will have a blessing of the backpacks this Sunday, August 28 during the 9 a.m. worship

service. All area children are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the start of the new school year. Refreshments will be served.

LK Hairshop Opens 9 a.m.

LK HairShop has expanded hours & Now OPENS at 9 a.m., TUESDAY - FRIDAY, Accommodating WALK-IN SERVICE. Appointments CONTINUE to be between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. TUESDAY - FRIDAY & 10 a.m. -12 noon SATURDAYS.

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CACE classes start soon

CACE classes start on September 6, but there is still plenty of time to register.

Printed brochures are available at the Kirby library and the Post Office lobby in Mountain Top; Post Office

lobbies and public libraries in White Haven, Freeland and Conyngham. The brochure is online at csdcomets.org., click on "links and info" and then, "CACE". Form must be printed and mailed.

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Thursday, August 25

Senior Citizens Friendship Club
Corn Roast – Bingo 1:00 p.m.,
Supper 4:00 p.m. – Eurana Park
Open House – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. –
Weatherly Museum
Bingo Night – 7:00 p.m. (Doors
open at 6:00 p.m.) – Tweedle
Park

Friday, August 26

Scrabble Club – 10:00 a.m. – Zions
Lutheran Church Annex
Weatherly Festival – 5:00 to 9:00
p.m. – Eurana Park

Saturday, August 27

Weatherly Festival – 1:00 to 9:00
p.m. – Eurana Park

Sunday, August 28

Breakfast – 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. –
Flying Aces Motorcycle Club,
Rockport

Thursday, September 1

Weatherly Rotary Club Dinner
Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Weatherly
Country Inn

Weatherly Flower Club Meeting
– 7:00 p.m. – Zions Lutheran
Church Annex

Every Thursday

State Representative Doyle Hef-
fley Outreach Office – 10:00
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Weatherly Museum Hours

Thursday 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

& by Appointment

Visit Animal Land at the Weatherly Festival

The Weatherly Area Music
Parents will host Animal Land at
the Weatherly End of Summer
Festival this Saturday. The origi-
nal stuff your own mobile animal
cart will be at the festival on Sat-
urday only. The Music Parents

organization will not have a food
stand at this year's festival.

Checks made payable to
Weatherly Music Department
will be accepted as will cash
payments. The silver package
which includes the animal, birth
certificate, and wishing star is

\$15.90 (tax included); the gold
package includes the animal,
birth certificate, wishing star, an
outfit, and an animal gift bag and
costs \$26.50 (tax included).

For information about the Ani-
mal Land booth, call or text Don-
nell Stump at 570-579-8801.

St. Matthew's Church festival

St. Matthew's Union Church,
Quakake Road, Weatherly, is
planning its fall festival for Sep-
tember 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be food, a bake
sale, a Chinese auction, and
vendor/craft tables available at
\$10 per table.

All member families are
asked to donate gift baskets or
gift cards/certificates for restau-
rants, grocery stores, etc. Items
are also needed for a holi-
day-themed basket. Donations
for food and supplies are also
welcome.

For more information, call
Donna Titus 570-427-4814 and
leave a message.

Senior Menu

Week of August 29:

Monday: Turkey Swiss wrap with lettuce & tomato, coleslaw, fruit
cocktail.

Tuesday: Shrimp salad on roll, spring mix, tropical fruit, cookie.

Wednesday: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, cauliflower & peas, melon.

Thursday & Friday: Not announced.

Offices closed for holiday

Due to the Labor Day holi-
day on Monday, September 5,
Weatherly borough office will
be closed, and will re-open on

Tuesday, September 6 with reg-
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Permits need for Weatherly projects

Weatherly Borough residents and property owners are reminded that many projects will require a zoning or building permit. Before you start a project, call the Weatherly Borough Office at 570-427-8640 to determine if you need a permit.

Among those projects that require a permit be obtained are

pools over 24 inches high, pool decks, sheds, replacing roofs with bad sheathing, and upgrading electrical service. In addition, some of these projects and others will require inspections.

The Code Enforcement Department is also keeping a close eye on high grass and weeds and abandoned vehicles.

Zions slates vespers to end anniversary year

The 150th celebration of Zions Lutheran Church will conclude with an Evening Vesper Service on Saturday, September 24 at 6 p.m. Former pastors and members of the Weatherly Ministerium have been invited to attend this "homecoming service."

Light refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church annex. The entire Weatherly community is invited to help the congregation celebrate this milestone in the church's history.

WAHS Class of '19 seeks volunteers for cash bingo

The Weatherly Area High School Class of 2019 will host cash bingo for all ages during the Weatherly Festival on Saturday. Bingo will be played in the Eurana Park Pavilion from 1 to 3 p.m. Volunteers from the class are needed to participate in order to make this fundraiser a success.

Call Donnell Stump, class advisor, at 570-579-8801 to volunteer or with questions.

The WAHS Class of 2019 will also be selling replicas of the "new" Weatherly Area High School on Sixth Street, the wooden building is similar to Cat's Meow in design. The

replica will be sold for \$10 each with half of the proceeds benefiting the Class of 2019, and the other half being donated to the Save Our School campaign to purchase and rehabilitate the old Schwab School on Spring Street.

Gray Ladies in need of donations

The Gray Ladies of Weatherwood are in need of items for bingo games and birthday presents.

Items include baby powder, hand lotions, men's and wom-

en's socks, necklaces, stretchy bracelets, pins, and monetary gifts.

To donate items, call Phyllis at 570-427-4557 or Sally at 570-427-4472.

Centenary to celebrate with services

Centenary United Methodist Church has invited the community to help celebrate their 150th anniversary. A special service will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 2 p.m.

The Weatherly Ecumenical Community Choir will participate and begins rehearsals on Mon-

day, September 12 at Centenary, Carbon Street, Weatherly at 7 p.m. The choir will also begin preparing for the annual cantata "Comfort and Joy" which will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m.

Call Sue Martin at 570-436-1283 for information.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

The weather got back to normal this week - normal heat, that is. I'm still not keen on temperatures in the 80s and humid but this is way better than temperatures in the high 90s. At least now we can go out without a sense that we'd melt.

Among the activities we enjoyed for a wonderful summer's week was a Carbon County Chamber of Commerce mixer at the old Split Rock Lodge overlooking Lake Harmony last Thursday. We timed that trip to miss the rain that afternoon, allowing us sunshine and we could stand outside to admire boaters towing water skiers.

Friday after work, we were in Blakeslee doing a Rotary fundraiser.

We worked our way east toward fun on Saturday, finishing newspaper errands in time to attend Tobyhanna Fire Company's beef roast. Having had a good meal, we then went on to the Pocono Rodeo to cheer on the cowboys and cowgirls. After that ended with a timed bull ride, we were able head west and roll in to town just before the Weatherly Festival fireworks display. It was a busy afternoon, but not the kind of crazy schedule we sometimes keep.

Sightings included a miniature Australian Shepherd puppy. I didn't know they came that size. On Sunday eve, we watched as a small hawk flew over a farm field, looking for prey, then flying up over the road in front of us (as we drove). We've also seen foxes, mainly toward dusk.

On a walk with Chess, Ruth had the dog off leash on a popular path. Chess had likely scented that a bear had been through—there was spoor. Chess was so intent on this smell that she nearly walked right up to a rabbit that had frozen in place beside the path. As Chess turned away following the scent, the rabbit finally bolted, with Chess none the wiser.

I had an assignment to take pictures of the end of the White Haven Catfish Derby on Sunday morning. I got a couple of good pictures and watched as someone reeled in a big one, even as the rain began. It rained steady right up to when the Indy Car race

a Pocono was to begin. Without great enthusiasm, we'd driven to the track and were on property as we heard the call that the race was postponed. We were able to leave before the crowd, and chose to go shopping and then take a ride through Hickory Run State Park before heading home to watch some Netflix episodes of Murdoch Mysteries. I went back over to the track on Monday to see the end of the race. It was held in beautiful weather, and the last laps were very exciting.

I will miss the Olympics. It was thrilling to watch great athletes compete. I am happy for the USA women's basketball team, and hopeful for the American women's

field hockey team for the future. There are some great stories — and new sports heroes. This week, we start the Paralympics — and can cheer on a new set of sports contestants and enjoy international competition again.

College football is coming up fast — Penn State begins its season next weekend.

My prayers go out to families in Louisiana who got

flooded out from the big rains there.

If you are in the area of the Weatherly Festival this Friday or Saturday, stop by. Ruth and I are volunteering at three different booths, so stop by to support the event — and say hi. Also — a shout out to the Weatherly Area Community Library, now reopened in their new home.

GFWC holds potluck dinner

The GFWC Mountain Top will be having a potluck on September 12 at the Christ United Methodist Church, 175 S Main Road, at 6:30 p.m.

Women interested in learn-

ing more about the club and activities are invited to attend.

Please RSVP by September 6 to Jacquie at 570-262-3793 or wcmntop@gmail.com

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AUGUST 26 & 27, Friday & Saturday – Weatherly Festival



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SEPTEMBER 3, Saturday – Communitywide Yard Sales, White Haven

SEPTEMBER 4, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, White Haven

SEPTEMBER 4, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire Company

SEPTEMBER 10, Saturday – Fall Festival, sponsored by St. Matthew's Union Church, Packer Township

SEPTEMBER 11, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Silver Ridge Hunting Club, Weatherly

SEPTEMBER 12, Sunday – Boy Scout Troop 25 & Cub Scout Pack 25 Open House at St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall, White Haven

SEPTEMBER 14, Wednesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven

SEPTEMBER 16-18 – Pennsylvania Blues Festival, Split Rock Resort

SEPTEMBER 18, Sunday – Clay Bird & Block Shoot, sponsored by Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company at L.O.W.L.P.A. Grounds

SEPTEMBER 24, Saturday – Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

SEPTEMBER 25, Sunday – Clay Bird & Block Shoot, sponsored by L.O.W.L.P.A., Dennison Township

OCTOBER 1, Saturday – Voter Registration, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

OCTOBER 5 & 12, Wednesdays – Pierogie Sale, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 8 & 9, Saturday & Sunday – Festival on Main Street, sponsored by White Haven Chamber of Commerce

NOVEMBER 8, Tuesday – Election Day Roast Beef Dinner, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church

DECEMBER 10, Saturday – Holiday House Decoration Contest, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

DECEMBER 11, Sunday – Cantata, sponsored by Weatherly Ecumenical Community Choir

Blakeslee UMC concert

Blakeslee United Methodist Church Choir's Greatest Hits, Volume III, choral concert featuring gospels arranged by Stan Pethel, will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. Julie Kerrick Geiser will direct.

Blakeslee United Methodist Church is on Route 115 near Blakeslee Corner. For more information, call 570-646-7727.

Free concert set Sunday

The 2016 Pocono Mountain Summer Concert Series at Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, continues on August 28 at 7 p.m., featuring the mountain sounds of Wayfarers and Company. This exciting group performs gospel music and old time songs on instruments such as guitars, hammered and lap dulcimers, fiddle, flute, mandolin, harp and banjo, as well as stirring a cappella arrangements of traditional music.

The final concert of the 2016 season will feature the gospel music of Donna Godshall on September 11 at 7 p.m.

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6. Lawyers' league
9. Versus "Wall" street?
13. Less than 90 degrees
14. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"
15. Beautiful, in Spanish
16. Overthrow an argument
17. It comes with or without seeds
18. "____" for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost"
19. *Ingalls' home-stead setting
21. *a.k.a. American bison
23. Junior
24. Tom, not Tabby
25. Cathode-ray tube
28. Deity, in Sanskrit
30. Belonging to Cree, e.g.
35. Cambodia's neighbor
37. *An outlaw does it to his horse
39. Zzzz
40. Miners' passage
41. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' guitarist Benmont
43. "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
44. Angers
46. "The Way We ____"
47. Abominable humanoid
48. It's meant to be
50. Display displeasure
52. Word for a nod
53. Oration station

55. Type or kind
57. *____ Murrieta, a.k.a. the Robin Hood of El Dorado
61. *Cowboy's biannual trip
65. Loathing
66. Flying saucer
68. Oceanic trenches
69. Caffeine-containing nut tree, pl.
70. Hard to escape routine
71. Hanukkah coins
72. At one time, formerly
73. "____ he drove out of sight..."
74. "The Waste Land" poet

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1. *Wyatt or Virgil
2. Tennis serving whiz
3. Lowest brass instrument
4. Lady's pocket-book
5. Retread, past tense
6. *Home-steader's purchase, sing.
7. *Hudson's ____ Company
8. Naked protozoa
9. State of irritation
10. Karenina or Kournikova
11. Object of worship

12. Post WWII military alliance
15. Inmates without hope of freedom
20. Like helium
22. Last, abbr.
24. March tradition
25. *Corps of Discovery explorer
26. Half of diameters
27. Works hard
29. Whoopi Goldberg's opinion, e.g.
31. Pac Man's blue ghost
32. 1970s disco band "____ M."
33. Mountain ridge
34. *Corps of Discovery explorer
36. Kind of cell
38. Shade of beige
42. Sunny prefix

45. Stonecrops
49. Chi forerunner
51. Programmer's clumsy solution
54. Accustom
56. Strike a pose, in church
57. "Knock-Knock," e.g.
58. O in b.o.
59. Pains
60. African tea
61. Memorization by repetition
62. Kosher establishment
63. "If it were ____ me..."
64. Attention-getting sound
67. *Trading post ware

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Comets ready to put 2015 season behind them

by Steve Stallone,
Sports Editor

The current group of Crestwood seniors has certainly experienced the highs and lows of high school football. As sophomores, these Comets were part of a record-setting team that streaked through the regular season undefeated, beat Berwick for the program's first district championship, and reached the state playoffs for the first time in school history.

A year later as juniors, they never got out of the starting blocks. Besieged by injuries and absorbing every team's best shot, the Comets plummeted to 3-7 in an agonizing season they'd all just assume forget.

Healthy again and ready to start over, the senior class is eager to put last season behind and lead the Comets' charge back to the top of the mountain. "I certainly don't want to make any excuses, but we just had a rash of injuries that was like nothing I'd ever seen," said Greg Myers, looking back at his 10th and perhaps most difficult season as head coach of the Comets. "We had more injuries last year by Week 5 than we had in the prior four years here. We had five straight weeks where we had five different lineups on both sides

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of the ball. We just couldn't get settled in. We just could never get into a rhythm offensively or defensively."

One thing those injuries did was force Myers to plug younger players into starting roles in 2015, giving them game experience that he hopes will pay dividends this fall. Bolstered by their 16 returning seniors and a host of young, but suddenly experienced teammates, these Comets are ready to tackle the approaching season with the confidence and make a run at something special. "There's no doubt. That's something I really didn't even have to mention," Myers said, when asked what his team's mission is. "Last year was certainly a disappointment. The kids know that we could have done some things differently last year, regardless of the injuries. What we need to do is make sure we don't make the same mistakes again this year.

"Our chemistry is great, we have a great group of kids, they work extremely hard, and I think in their minds last year never happened."

While graduation claimed program-changing players

like Tanner Kahlau, Connor Sheloski and Noah Kita, the Comets welcome back their unquestioned leader in Lance Blass. An all-state safety as a sophomore, Blass is in his fourth year as a defensive starter and enters his first full season as the Comets' starting quarterback.

"He's been one of the better athletes on the field for four years," Myers said. "I think what Lance brings to the table, more than his athletic ability is his leadership. He is the leader of this team, kids look up to him, he's vocal. He's played in some big games, he's achieved the highest honors, he's committed to Cornell University already, so he's a role model to a lot of our players. That's probably the most important piece this year, his leadership."

Having a full off-season to digest the Comets' single-wing offense, Myers feels Blass is poised to have a big season on that side of the ball. He became the Comets' starting quarterback in Week 3 last year after playing receiver for his first two-plus seasons.

"He's progressed well.

He's devoted a lot of time to it. He's learned the offense. When he's at quarterback for us, our offense is a little bit different," Myers said. "With his leadership and that extra year of knowledge and understanding the scheme, he's able to guide the younger players along."

Blass will have plenty of help on offense. An offensive line decimated by injuries in 2015 is now back at full strength. The core of receivers is one of the best since Myers has been coaching. And the "hybrid athletes" in the Comets' arsenal have the speed to stretch the field and make plays. In a nutshell, the single-win offense can flourish again in Mountain Top.

"We're going to run the single-wing, but you'll probably see us throw the ball more," Myers predicted. "We're very happy with the progression of a lot of our athletes, our receiver-type kids. I think Lance is going to be able to throw the ball much better, and I think we've got some kids that he can throw the ball to."

Sophomore running back Patrick Rother returns after starting all 10 games as a freshman. "He's going to have a big role in our offense carrying the ball," Myers said. "He has some speed and we're going to use him on the edges some. He's got great hands, so we're going to throw the ball to him as well. He's got the complete package."

Like Rother, junior running backs Michael Macri and Owen Grigas can run with the football and catch it with equal success.

The stable of receiver types includes junior Brandon Brozena, senior Kyle Richards, junior speedster Kevin Klusewitz and senior Garrett McAfee. "I'm really looking forward to seeing Brandon Brozena. He's a hybrid type of a kid, good return specialist for us, catches the ball well, blocks well for us," Myers said. "I'm really looking forward to getting him into space and seeing what plays he can make."

At 6-4, Richards is the team's tallest receiver with the build along the lines of the

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Wrecker golfers focused on improving

The Weatherly Area High School golf team is hoping that hard work will help turn things around after a winless season in 2015. "We are a very young team experience-wise," noted head coach Brian Kaminski. "The kids are working very hard and have shown a strong effort to continue to get better as the season progresses."

With the graduation of Luke Figas and Kyle Osifat, Kaminski will be looking for current seniors Devin Berger, Martin Chicowic and Chris Martens, along with junior AJ Knepper, to help keep the scores down and get the Wreckers back in the win column. Sophomores Kevin Osifat and Jared Zarembo, and freshmen Ashton Gerhard and Justin Wyffles

round out the Wrecker golf squad.

The Wreckers will again call Mountain Laurel their home course, where they were to host Nativity on Monday of this week and North

Schuylkill on Tuesday. The Schuylkill League tournament is scheduled for Friday. Weatherly dropped its home and season opener to division favorite Marian 330-419.

2016 Schedule: August: 18 - Marian; 19 - at Pine Grove; 22 - Na-

tivity BVM; 23 - North Schuylkill; 25 - at Mahanoy Area; 26 - Schuylkill League Boys Meet; 27 - Schuylkill League Girls Meet; 30 - at Marian. **September:** 1 - Pine Grove; 7 - at Nativity BVM; 14 - at North Schuylkill; 20 - Mahanoy Area. **October:** 3 - District 11 Qualifier; 10 - District 11 Championships.

Comets set for another run at WVC golf title

Coming off another Wyoming Valley Conference Division II championship and runner-up finish in the District 2 Tournament, the Crestwood High School golf

team has its eyes set on another competitive season in 2016. "Although the team is young, with only one senior returning, we have some experience," stated long-time

head coach Mark Jarolen. "We look to improve as the season progresses and be competitive in our division."

John Hawley, Tyler Pappura, Pat Brennan and Ryan Magin graduated from last year's 9-1 squad, but there is plenty of talent still in the fold. Senior John McGroarty, juniors Shane Angle and Mike Golden, and sophomore Jeremy Harper all return after making key contributions a year ago. They will be bolstered by senior newcomer Tyler Govan, junior Anthony Ruggeri, sophomores Curran Bono, Michelle Bernetski, Olivia Donnini, Sara Hall and Evie Williams, as well as freshman Drew Barno.

The Comets' home matches will be held again at Blue Ridge Trail.

After competing in the Tom Tryba Tournament at Fox Hill Country Club, the Comets were to open WVC action at Dallas on Tuesday and at Hazleton Area on Friday of this week. Their home opener is August 29 against Wyoming Valley West.

2016 Schedule: August: 22 - Tom Tryba Tournament (Fox Hill C.C.); 23 - at Dallas; 26 - at Hazleton Area; 29 - Wyoming Valley West; 31 - Tunkhannock. **September:** at Wyoming Area; 6 - Pittston Area; 8 - at Coughlin; 12 - Hazleton Area; 15 - Dallas; 19 - at Wyoming Valley West. **October:** 3 - Pre-District Tournament (Fox Hill C.C.); 10 - District 2 Golf Tournament (Elmhurst C.C.).

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graduated Sheloski.

Klusewitz is just 5-7 and 165 pounds, but has the speed to get into the open. "He's not the biggest kid, but he's one of the fastest kids we've had in the last couple of years and has great hands," Myers said. "We'll do some things with Kevin to try to get him into space."

After an injury-plagued junior season, McAfee is healthy and has had a great camp according to his coach. "I think Garrett's going to be one of those players who's going to step up and sort of catch people off guard. He'll do a little bit of everything as well," Myers said.

"It's probably the deepest group that we've had in quite some time at that "athlete" position as I call it, a hybrid type of position that we move some guys around," he said. "We'll spread the field a little

bit more this year. We feel like we have some speed on the edges where we can spread the field and run sideline to sideline as well as between the tackles like we've been doing over the years."

Look for a big and talented offensive line to clear the way. "I'm really excited about this group. We have some really nice size, a group that really bought into our off-season program," Myers said. "They have great chemistry, and it's very tight-knit group." Jeremy Hannen (6-2, 270), Ethan Van Gorden (6-2, 270), Shane O'Rourke (6-0, 240) and Luis Castro (6-2, 290) all return with starting experience, while senior tackle Kyle Frisbie (6-1, 275) anchors the group. They will be backed up by the likes of Christian Zero, John O'Boyle, Will O'Boyle and Troy Simko, all of whom

have starting experience as well.

Junior Ryan Black will start at tight end, and senior Jacob Barney will be plugged in at fullback when the offense calls for it.

One of the keys to the Comets' season will be its added depth this year. Only Blass and Kyle Frisbie will be two-way starters. Simko and Will O'Boyle are the starting defensive tackles surrounding returning starting nose guard Nate Smith, who Myers calls "a player with a motor that never quits."

Look for standout sophomores Sean Foley and Kevin Frisbie to also make noise on the defensive line this season. "Sean is probably going to be our next big player here, similar to Kyle Bogumil who played here a few years ago," Myers predicted. "And Kevin had a great preseason for us and brings a lot to the table in terms of toughness on the defensive line."

Foley will start at end/out-

side linebacker along with Owen Grigas, while Kyle Frisbie and junior Jeff Schmude are the inside backers. Blass and McAfee are the safeties, and Ben Kreuzer and Klusewitz will man the corners. Brozena will also see time at cornerback. Alex DeSpirito will do most of the placekicking, and Richards returns as the team's punter.

Look for some wrinkles on special teams as well, something Myers has been known for. "We put a big emphasis on them," he said. "We dedicate a lot of practice time to special teams and we play our best kids on special teams. This year, more than any year, we're putting a lot of focus on them."

For the first time in several years, the Comets won't open with local rival Berwick. That game has been moved to Week 4. The Comets host Pittston Area in Friday's opener. They'll also move up in class to 4A in the PIAA's new six-classification realignment. But the Comets' schedule will remain primarily the same as they battle 11 teams for eight spots in the District 2 Class 4A tournament at season's end.

"I think from a district level in terms of (Class) 4A, not a lot has changed," Myers

said. "A couple people went up, a couple people went down, but pretty much the teams we've faced year in and year out on our schedule have not changed." Nor have the Comets' goals.

"They know we're expected to be back. That's where our bar's set and we're not going to be happy until we reach it every year," Myers said. "We want to win championships."

2016 Schedule: August 26 - Pittston Area September: 2 - at Wyoming Area; 10 - at Coughlin; 16 - Berwick; 24 - Pottsville; 30 - at Nanticoke. October: 7 - Tunkhannock; 14 - Hanover Area; 21 - at Wyoming Valley West; 28 - at Hazleton Area.



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Crestwood netters looking to gain experience

The Crestwood High School girls tennis team has a youthful look this season. Gone are Emily Shiplett, Morgan Novosel, Alaina Williams and Gabby Slucki, who started during the 4-10 campaign of 2015 and have since graduated. In their place, head coach Scott Lenio has a number of underclassmen who he hopes will be hitting their stride before season's end. "The team lost four starts from last year," Lenio confirmed. "The returning singles players this year have some experience in league play and we hope to improve as the year goes along."

Lenio will be looking to seniors Kara Grenzberg and Allison Knorek to provide leadership for a team that eight underclassmen. Juniors Abigail Bielecki, Abby Glynn and Chloe Lacoste, sophomores Rachel McFarland and Bethany Newell, and freshmen Gabriel Gardner, Natalie Klimek and Breana Kravchick will all be battling for playing time while looking to build experience for the future. "The doubles teams consist of players who have not played in league matches," noted Lenio, pointing to the inexperience that plagues his team this season.

The Lady Comets were scheduled to open up their season this week with a home match Monday against Jim Thorpe. They'll begin league play next Monday, Aug. 29 at Tunkhannock. Crestwood's home matches are played at Wright Township Park.

2016 Schedule: August: 22 - Jim Thorpe; 29 - at Tunkhannock; 31 - at MMI Prep. September: 2 - Pittston Area; 6 - at Hazleton Area; 8 - Hanover Area; 12 - Holy Redeemer; 14 - Dallas; 16 - at Wyoming Seminary; 19 - at Coughlin; 21 - at GAR; 23 - Wyoming Valley West; 26 - Wyoming Area; 28 - at Berwick; 29 - at Pottsville.

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