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BEEF ROAST BRINGS OUT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: The Tobyhanna Township Volunteer Fire Company held a successful fund-raising beef roast on Saturday. In addition to great food, those who attended also took chances on a great tricky tray assortment.

JP: Seth Isenberg

PMSD sights set on savings

by Jeanine Hofbauer

John McShane made a visit that was well received by school directors during the August 17 Pocono Mountain School Board meeting, as investment banking firm Boening and Scattergood's managing director reported potential future savings for Pocono Mountain School District of over \$22 million.

Since embracing last spring's refinancing opportunity, he announced, "[Savings are] well over where we thought we'd be at this time."



John McShane presents financials. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

Reporting that a 20% drop in debt service over the past three years had raised the

district's credit rating from AA to A1 he applauded, "Comes from what you've done as a

board," calling the feat "an anomaly in the marketplace."

Now by refinancing four outstanding bonds, three dated from 2007 and one from 2011, with rates averaging from 3.6% to 5%, he said would drop debt service numbers even farther.

He suggested using \$5 million from the district fund balance to further reduce debt service on the longest maturity bond, which he explained could reduce the term of issue by \$8 million, thereby saving

Need for volunteers is urgent

by Jeanine Hofbauer

As volunteer numbers dwindle, area emergency responders weighed in on the importance of stepping up in the community during the August 16 Coolbaugh Township supervisors' meeting. The need for residents to come forward and help out area volunteer fire departments isn't new, but as fewer come forward a cry for action echoes across the region.

Tobyhanna Township Fire Chief Troy Counterman announced an August 23 public hearing at Monroe County Control Center to discuss "the future of fire [departments] and emergency response service."

Noting, "In 1970 there were 300,000 volunteers, today 50,000," he stressed the urgency of illustrating the importance of volunteerism here and across the nation.

Counterman, a member for 27 years, later reasoned, "I live here so I should give back," adding, "My family knows this is important."



Tobyhanna Township Volunteer Fire Company's Assistant

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\$3 million more.

"I'm advocating for doing this," said director Ricky Smith. "By re-funding we will save \$13 million," adding, "Kicking in the \$5 million extends the savings up to \$22.5 million."

Two resolutions at the next board meeting will authorize a move forward in the process for October's transaction.

Reporting \$212,000 savings back to the district by 11 students returning from out-of-district Cyber Charters, Dr. Jessica Wenton detailed the appeal of the district's own Cyber program.

As the strain of obligations outside school press students, the flexibility of hybrid scheduling proves pivotal. She explained how half of studies can be at the high school and half through Cyber, reducing the need for students to drop out for work.

Touching upon truancy, Dr. Catherine Sweeney concluded, "[PMSD] Cyber presents opportunity for our most at risk population."

Emotions ran high as a tearful Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Robison shared a fond farewell to Steve Ferraioli, announcing the recent death of this beloved colleague and staple of the Pocono Mountain School District community. She told of his notable career in the district spanning over three decades with credentials including physical education teacher, principal and most recently executive director of support staff services.

Pocono Mountain School District Board of Directors next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 21 at the Swiftwater campus Administration building.

Rotary salutes Fly-In Drive-In helpers



Make-A-Wish Foundation's Christine Dunham and Maggie O'Brien, left, accept proceeds from this year's Fly-In Drive-In presented by Vern Moyer and John Davis of the Mount Pocono Rotary Club.

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

The Mount Pocono Rotary Club saluted Fly-in Drive-In insiders, fundraiser volunteers and this year's funding recipient, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, at a picnic August 11 at Pinecrest Lake Golf and Country Club.

Surrounded by the men and women who organized then

orchestrated a seamless Pocono Mountains Municipal Airport May 29 celebration, Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and Virginia regional manager Maggie O'Brien joined Wish Ambassador Christina Dunham to accept a check for \$8,000.

The sum will support two ill children's "wishes." Dunham

also applauded event volunteers. "Their time is a priceless

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Fire Chief Ed Tutrone said there was need for accolades, as gratification simply comes from "helping people." With over 23 years as a firefighter he shrugged concluding, "It's just something you do."

Taking time to connect with residents and visitors, Pocono Mountain Public Library's Anne Shincovich made a point to add thanks to area responders for attending this year's Summerfest.

A property owner's request for a 2018 extension of the township's Septic Maintenance Ordinance generated discussion over timing of initial mailings and the need to schedule inspections and then pumping within the timeframe provided.

"It did not take into consideration the actual physical timeline to get them all done," explained supervisor Lynn Kelly, pointing out the overwhelming impact on haulers.

commodity because their time is their heart." She added, "It brings out the best in people," reasoning, "At every Make-A-Wish event everybody there is happy."

"The Make-A-Wish phrase resonates with people," added O'Brien explaining, "It leaves a long-lasting impact you can't comprehend," on the children and on the volunteers.

Rotarians and friends settled back for a fabulous feast and enjoyed the reward of a hard day's work, satisfied in the reaction their time, talent and compassion gave to at least one Monroe County child, reaffirming their dedication to Rotary's slogan, "Service Above Self."

Agreeing a December 31, 2016 extension for everyone was the solution. Supervisors denied the two-year request from the homeowner.

Bills totaling \$127,546.33 were approved to be paid, as follows: General Fund, \$119,894.67; Sewer Fund, \$7,651.66.

Supervisors Kelly, Bill Weimer, Anthony Lamantia, Alma Ruiz-Smith and Juan Adams were present along with administrative assistant Erin Masker, controller Maureen Mills, solicitor Jerry Hanna and an audience of approximately 25.

Coolbaugh's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. September 6 in the administrative building on Municipal Drive in Tobyhanna

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 reuse 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.

Correction

Last week's article on Mount Pocono Borough Council listed an incorrect date for the next meeting. Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6.

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Our Mission: To Prepare All Students for Tomorrow's Challenges and Opportunities

Pocono Mountain School District 2016-2017 Issue 2

Staying Informed

First Day of School

The first day of school for Pocono Mountain School District students is Monday, August 29, 2016.

Standardized Dress Code

Pocono Mountain School District has a standardized dress code (PMSD Policy 221) for all students in grades K-12. For more information, check out the PMSD website at www.pmsd.org, go to Parent Section and Dress Code tab.

Free/Reduced Lunch

Electronic applications for Free & Reduced school meals are available on the Pocono Mountain School District website (www.pmsd.org), under the Helpful Links section, Free & Reduced Meals Online Application link.

School Meal Payments

Pocono Mountain School District does not accept cash payments from students in the lunch line. Parents may pay for school meals for their children as follows:

- Create an account and make payments using a credit card through the Parent Online link at www.pmsd.org
- Use the pre-printed envelopes provided at your child school to deposit check, cash or money order payments to your child's account.

School Meal Prices

- Breakfast (all grades) - \$1.40
- Lunch (grades K-6) - \$2
- Lunch (grades 7-12) - \$2.40
- Reduced Price Breakfast - \$0.30
- Reduced Price Lunch - \$0.40

Meet the Teacher Night

- PM East HS - September 7 at 6 p.m.
- PM East Junior HS - September 12 at 6 p.m.
- PM West Junior HS - September 13 at 6 p.m.
- PM Academy - September 13 at 6 p.m.
- PM West HS - September 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Anti-Bullying Parent Presentation

Don't miss Ryan's Story, an anti-bullying, suicide prevention presentation for all district parents on September 14 at 7 p.m. at the PM East Junior High School.



Pocono Mountain School District West Transportation Department mechanics receive training on propane bus mechanical features and diagnostics from BrightBill Body Works. PMSD replace 25 old diesel buses with 25 new propane school buses for the 2016-2017 school year. Propane buses have an excellent safety record, are quieter, produce no exhaust fumes and are 40 percent cheaper to run than diesel buses.

School PRIDE goes District-wide

By Dr. Mary Beth Gustafson

Assistant Superintendent for Special Education

Pocono Mountain School District is taking its positive school behavior initiatives district-wide, with a focus on PRIDE.

This school year, the district will implement Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in all buildings and all grades from Kindergarten to 12. Each school will focus on school PRIDE, which means being Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Dependable and Empathetic.

"The clear expectations outlined for behavior, the use of common language for students and staff alike, has created a climate for students to do their best," said Dr. Mark Wade, Principal of PM West High School where the program was piloted for secondary grades last year. "It has helped establish routine, has aided in a decrease in discipline incidents as well as an increase in student level of achievement. Students, staff and parents alike, have reported an improved level of safety and satisfaction in the building since the implementation of the PBIS framework."

PBIS is not replacing the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support program for grades

K-6. Instead, these schools will use the PRIDE framework to refocus and revamp portions of their programs to achieve greater results.

PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

Attention is focused on creating and sustaining primary (school-wide), secondary (classroom), and tertiary (individual) systems of support that improve lifestyle results (personal, health, social, family, work, recreation) for ALL students by making targeted misbehavior less effective, efficient, and relevant, and desired behavior more functional.

One of the foremost advances in addressing school-wide discipline is the emphasis on school-wide systems of support such as PBIS that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment. A continuum of positive behavior support for ALL students within a school is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom settings (such as hallways, buses, cafeterias and restrooms).

How Parents Support PRIDE Expectations	
Prepared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure child follows the standardized dress code • Text or call your child after school hours • Make sure child is on time for school and attending regularly
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use appropriate language, volume and tone when communicating with staff • Listen and ask questions for clarification • Build positive relationships with staff and administration
Involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report any problems, concerns or unsafe situations to a building administrator • Attend meetings, school events or school sponsored activities • Keep communication on-going and positive • Review Home Access Center for grades and assignments
Dependable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to requests for attendance at meetings (Yes or No) • Be on time for meetings, school events or school sponsored activities
Empathetic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show care, concern and acceptance of others • Acknowledge the efforts of staff and your child

St. Maximilian reschedules RCIA “Come & See” Night

Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic? Are you a Baptized Catholic who has not completed your Christian Initiation through the celebration of the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation? Are you the parent of an older child who has not yet been baptized? All are welcome to join us downstairs in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7 to learn some basic information about the process and to ask questions that you may have.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process through which persons who desire to become members of the Catholic Church are wel-

comed into a process of inquiry and formation. It is open to those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian Church, and those baptized as infants in the Catholic Church who have not received further catechetical formation. Older children who have not been baptized also prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) through an adapted RCIA process.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is located at Our Lady of the Lake Church at 5112 Pocono Crest Road in Pocono Pines. For more information, call Lynnette at the Parish Office at 570-646-6424.

Pocono Lake U M Church thanks Ike Olsen

The congregation of Pocono Lake United Methodist Church thanks Ike Olsen for cleaning up trees on the grounds of the church that had died and were in danger of falling. Ike did this at no charge and left behind his signature mushroom carved from the trees he took down.

Ike Olsen is the owner of Keystone Tree Specialists of Mount Pocono. He often

helps the community by clearing dead, unsafe trees at no charge. Ike leaves behind his carved mushrooms as a gift for the simple purpose of making people stop and smile.

Stop by PLUMC at 1180 Route 940 between Pocono Pines and Blakeslee and visit. Ike's signature stump mushrooms are sure to make you smile.

Blakeslee UMC concert changed to September 18

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

Blakeslee United Methodist Church is on Route 115 near

Blakeslee Corner. For more information, call 570-646-7727.

The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps has received two grants

The Hughes Foundation, Inc. (\$25,000), combined with the past generous contributions from ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation, was used for the purchase of a new 12-passenger van to support youth,

senior and community programs; and the R. Dale and Frances M. Hughes Foundation (\$70,000) challenge grant to support the Corps Annual Campaign. They are grateful for the generosity and commit-

ment of both Hughes Foundations, the ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation and our dedicated Advisory Board Members for helping us to fulfill our mission of “Doing the Most Good” in Monroe County.



Pictured from left are Kevin and Pat Hughes of the Hughes Foundation, Inc. and the R. Dale and Frances M. Hughes Foundation; Suzie Farley, the ESSA Bank & Trust Foundation and Salvation Army Advisory Board member; Major James Gingrich, Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps Commanding Officer; Dr. Douglas Arnold, Salvation Army Advisory Board Chairman; Maryanne Heeter, Salvation Army Advisory Board member and Robert Hemhauser, Salvation Army Advisory Board member.

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A Pocono Country Place POA Cub Scout Pack 1975 raised \$225.00 by conducting a community car wash on Sunday, August 7 for the benefit people of the City of Dallas who were affected by tragedy last month. Shown from left are Jason Platt, Katrina Tynan, Tyler Tynan, Ashley Tynan, Michelle Tynan, Franchesca Platt, Tony Raiola, Jason Cerkan, ACP Recreation Event Coordinator, Tony Lamantia. Dawn Casler is in the background.

Pocono Mountain free concert series continues

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. The entire family is sure to enjoy this special evening. The show begins with longtime friends, Norm Williams and Bob Mallalieu, joined by Amanda Parker, Carol Walker, and John James to comprise the 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. Take a listen to their latest album, "Trimmed and Burning," at www.wayfarersandco.net.

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

The Sunday evening shows are held rain or shine in our church sanctuary. The free general admission performances are supported through sponsorships and free will offerings. The church wishes to thank their 2016

concert series patrons and sponsors for their generous support this season, and invite area musicians to contact them about 2017 performance opportunities.

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

For more information about the concert series, call 570-646-0309 or visit faithlutheranblakeslee.org. Like Faith Lutheran Church Blakeslee on Facebook.

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Photo Club art opening at Kettle Creek

The Older Adult Learning Center's Photo Club will have its work on display through September at the Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. On Saturday, September 10, an opening reception will take place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Photo Club of the Older Adult Learning Center is composed of a variety of individuals drawn together by their enjoyment of the many aspects of photography. Artistry is expressed through diverse subjects and the use of different photographic techniques.

The exhibit will run September 1 through October 3.

Join the Costa Rica Birding Adventure!

Only the size of West Virginia, the Central American country of Costa Rica boasts an incredibly rich diversity of birds—over 800 species have been recorded there. Journey south with Monroe County Environmental Center Educator Brian Hardiman to enjoy spectacular birds such as the Resplendent Quetzal and Scarlet Macaw while soaking

up the tropical warmth, February 3–14.

Costa Rica is also home to a great variety of colorful tanagers, over 50 species of hummingbirds, and many other equally impressive birds. Visitors are also likely to see howler and capuchin monkeys, sloths, coatimundis, and crocodiles.

This will be Brian's fourth trip to Costa Rica and 14th overall to the American tropics. For details and an itinerary for the trip, contact Brian Hardiman at 570-629-3061 or bhmccd@ptd.net.

For information on other programs visit www.mconconservation.org.

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 Chestnuhill Park, 221 Route 715 in Brodheadsville

at 7 a.m. on Saturday, October 22 and returns at 7:30 p.m. Arrive in NYC at 9:30 a.m. Show time is 2 p.m. Cost is \$105 per person. Call (570)992-9733 or bkozen@weposc.org for more to register.

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Lutherland Marks 90th with Roadside Marker

Opened in 1926, Lutherland quickly became a destination for vacationers from all over the East Coast. It featured cultural, spiritual and recreational amenities unmatched in the Poconos.

This past Saturday the Marker Advisors of Tobyhanna Township gathered to unveil and dedicate its latest Historical Roadside Marker, "Lutherland." It is located near the entrance to Pinecrest Lake & Country Club's entrance on Pocono Crest Road in Pocono Pines.

Representing the donor of this historical marker was Brendon Carroll, President of Pinecrest Lake Community Trust. Carroll stated that he was "honored to be involved with this marker, since Lutherland brought thousands of visitors to Pocono Pines every summer." He remarked that this is "where friends for life met, some eventually marrying and their children,



Brendon Carroll presents "Lutherland" marker.

as adults, were also visitors to Lutherland."

Attending the ceremony were a number of Pocono summer residents who were connected with Lutherland until its closing in 1969. Also attending were State Representative Jack Rader and Tobyhanna Township Super-

visor Heidi Picard.

This is the seventh historical roadside marker place in Tobyhanna Township. By November another 19 are scheduled for dedication. The next marker dedication is scheduled for this Sunday, August 28 for the Blakeslee United Methodist Church at 11:45 a.m.

MATT's purpose is to share our local history, build community pride and support the local economy as visitors will tour the remarkable history of the township. Through a driving tour map made available when installations are

completed, marker visitors will appreciate the value of both the past history and current attributes of Tobyhanna Township.

At each marker site, visitors can scan a QR decal affixed to the marker pole, which will automatically navigate to MATT's web site where the story further unfolds with additional historical information. Or the website can be viewed directly at www.tobyhannatwp.history.org/markers.html where all other historical roadside marker history can be enjoyed.

For more information, including how to donate, visit

MATT's website, email MATT at ttmarkers@gmail.com or phone MATT at 570-580-5353.

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Elvis Returns to 99th GDS Fair

Greene Dreher Sterling Fair is excited to announce Elvis' return—at this year's 99th annual fair. The family fun begins this Friday, August 26 and will continue through Sunday, September 4 at the GDS Fair grounds on Route 191 behind Wallenpaupack's South Elementary School in Newfoundland.

Elvis impersonator Ryan Pelton will headline Wednesday, August 31 at 7 p.m. in the arena. Pelton is a favorite of fairgoers of years past, having performed at the fair in 2011.

"Our community has always received Elvis quite well and he really balances out the other musical acts we have planned for this year," said Andy Weist, GDS Fair



Board president. "We also thought we'd celebrate our last year before our centennial by offering our headlining act for free. There will be no additional charge for getting 'all shook up' with Elvis."

Pelton is an international award-winning Elvis tribute artist, actor, and singer/songwriter. He often refers to himself as the "Forest Gump" of the ETA world, and claims to have been blessed with an extraordinary amount of dumb luck.

Over the years, Pelton has performed all over the world from casinos to fairs, theaters to festivals, production shows to professional sports arenas. He was declared the "World Champion" Elvis when he won the Worldwide Images of the King Contest in Memphis, and has performed with the world's largest impersonator production show, Legends in Concert, for nearly a decade, including a six-year stint in Myrtle Beach.

Pelton has appeared in an international commercial for Volvo, was the featured ETA in a special collector's "Elvis Edition" of TV Guide, and was the body double for Elvis as he performed a duet of "If I Can Dream" on American Idol with Celine Dion. During this time, he also made his first movie appearance as he played the role of Elvis in the Dakota Fanning movie *Hounddog*.

The community organization has planned several new events for its 99th annual fair. The GDS Fair is offering endless activities, performances, exhibits, and food from all around Northeastern PA. Contests this summer include a demolition derby, farm tractor pull, and the famous pie-eating contest. There will also be daily happenings such as the magic and come-

dy show with Matt Episcopo, the Kids Pedal Pull, and great livestock exhibits all week long.

Tickets may be purchased online or at the gate, and include admission to exhibits, all musical shows, most arena events, and all of the rides. Weekday admission is \$5 and weekend admission is \$8. Senior Citizen Day is Thursday, September 1, with admission \$3 until 5 p.m. Mega passes and season passes are also available.

For a full schedule of events, information about participating in any livestock events, and to purchase tickets, contact the fair office at 570-676-4047 or order them online at www.gdsfair.com/. Find us on Facebook at Greene Dreher Sterling Fair for the latest announcements and updates.

Clymer Library Announces Programs for September

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

Say Hello to Miss Love!

With sadness we must say goodbye to Miss Kristi. She was an outstanding Children's Librarian and she helped to make many of the programs you enjoy possible. However, Story Hour and Lap Sit will return with our new Children's Technician, Miss Love! Come in for Lap Sit on Thursday, September 8 and meet Miss Love. Please

welcome her to the Clymer Library.

Adult Programs: Explore Beekeeping and Support a Good Cause

On Thursday, September 1 at 6 p.m., Danielle Argot, a local beekeeping hobbyist, will share information on beekeeping, the role of honeybees, and honey extraction. Danielle has been beekeeping for three years and will share her knowledge and love of bees. Join her for this interactive presentation. In addition, one-pound bottles of honey will be sold to benefit Honey for Heroes, a non-profit veterans' organization. Sign-up is required by calling the library at (570)

646-0826 or stopping by the circulation desk.

Learn About Genealogy

Genealogy expert Patrick Quigley returns to the Clymer Library on Tuesday, September 13th 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.

The Steel Creek Duo Returns to the Clymer Library

On Thursday, September 22 at 6 p.m., The Steel Creek Duo will make their musical return to the Clymer Library. The Steel Creek Duo is an acoustic group comprised of singer/songwriter Jeni Hackett on vocals and guitar Ken Duncan on bass. The two musicians bring a different

influence to the band and their combined musical backgrounds add a rich fullness to the sound of Steel Creek. Sign-up is required.

Come and Listen to the Cabaret

Pat Grace's Arrowhead Cabaret will perform a medley of oldies songs at the Clymer Library on Tuesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. This group has performed on the Top of the Mountain for over ten years. Besides entertaining people at Arrowhead Lakes and Locust Lake Village, they perform at local Nursing Homes. Sing along with these talented local singers and bring back memories from the 1950s to the 1970s. ADULTS ONLY. Sign-up is required.

Brown Bag Book Club

The library's Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 28 at

12:30 p.m. The club will read **The Perfect Son** by **Barbara Claypole White**. For more information, contact Melissa Lopez at the Clymer Library at (570) 646-0826.

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 at 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. Then come join us on Thursday, September 29 at 2 p.m. for a relaxing group coloring session, complete with complimentary cookies, beverages, and soothing music. Again, we will provide the supplies. When you are done, be sure to leave your finished work of art to be displayed at the library! Sign-up is required for the session on September 29 only.

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

Throughout the month of September, the Clymer Library will hold several children's programs and events.

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Story Hour for children ages 3-5 will be held Mondays, September 12, 19, and 26 at 10:30 a.m. **Lap Sit** for kids ages two and under will be held Thursday, September 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Junior Book Club
If you are in grades 4-6, join the Clymer Library's Junior Book Club. The next meeting takes place on Tuesday, September 13 at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Children's Technician Miss Love at lbeatty@clymerlibrary.org or call the library at (570) 646-0826.

Fundraisers:
Children's Book Sale
Start the school year off right by reading with your children from gently used books you can buy at the Clymer Library this summer. All books are only 25¢. All day Saturday, September 3, fill a bag full of books for only \$3. Proceeds will go to expanding children's programming. The sale will run from Mon-

day, August 29 to Saturday, September 3.

50/50 Fundraiser
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. We will draw one winning ticket, and the winner will receive 50% of the value of all tickets sold. The drawing will be on Monday, October 3.

Flower Power Together: PMWC and Clymer
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 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 pav-

er 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.polaren-graving.com/clymerpavers, stop at the library's circulation desk, 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.

'Remember The Alamo' to be HATT topic

The cry for Texas Independence was started around 1835-1836. On Thursday, September 8 The Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township presents "The Alamo." Jim Forcella has researched this important topic of American history, and will provide a fascinating presentation at this HATT September meeting.

The territory of Texas was part of the Spanish/Mexican Empire. Settlers from the states had begun to drift into the territory and were claiming land and also looking to join with the United States. In 1835 the Texans had many small battles with the Mexican Army primarily around the San Antonio area. In order to quell the Texans the Mexican government decided to send an army under the



The Alamo, as it stands today in San Antonio, Texas.

command of General Santa Anna into the territory.

The battle of the Alamo took place in 1836 and included many famous Americans, Jim Bowie, William Travis, Davy Crockett, and about 200 volunteers (including some Mexican citizens). The results were devastating to the defenders, there were no survivors, but the battle had lasting affect, rallying the people of the territory under

the battle cry "Remember the Alamo."

Forcella has long been interested in the study of American history. He focuses on major developments such as WWII and other historical components that built our nation. He is a HATT member and a resident of Tobyhanna Township.

This HATT presentation and meeting is on Thursday, September 8, 5:30 p.m., at the Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road in Pocono Pines. The meeting is open to the public free of charge. No advance reservation is required. If you have questions, call 570-580-5353, or write to hatthistory@msn.com. Further information about HATT can be viewed on its award-winning website at www.TobyhannaTwpHistory.org.

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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.

Turtles of the Poconos Program

Join Monroe County Conservation Environmental Educator Darryl Speicher on Saturday, September 10, at Kettle Creek Environmental Center for a program about turtles. At 10 a.m., come learn about these amazing creatures and perhaps even find one on the

Kettle Creek property. Cost is \$6/non-members, \$4/children under 12, EE Center members free.

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

Visit Meadowburn Farm

The Country Gardeners Club of Hawley area will sponsor a bus trip to Meadowburn Farm in Vernon, New Jersey. The farm is 500 acres of mostly Dahlias, which will be in bloom and are said to be spectacular. There will be a guided tour of about 1 hour and 15 minutes beginning at 10 a.m. There will also be plenty of time to wander on your own.

Lunch will be at Milano

Restaurant in Hardyston, New Jersey starting about 1 p.m.

There will be a 5-course lunch that includes coffee and tea.

Cost is \$58 per person for the September 15 trip. This includes bus, driver tip, farm tour, and lunch. The bus leaves Honesdale at 7:45 a.m. and Hawley at 8:15 a.m.

For reservations or information, call Bonnie at 352-408-0310.

Patchwork Girl of Oz is workshop performance

Theater Studio: A Confidence Theater will be presenting The Patchwork Girl of Oz by William S. Kilborne, Jr

and Albert T. Viola for its 7th annual Summer Workshop on August 28 at 5 p.m.

What starts out as an attempt to find a better life for Munchkin boy Ojo the Unlucky and his uncle, Unc Nunkie, turns out to be the adventure of a lifetime. On their way to the Emerald City, they visit Unc Nunkie's old friend Dr. Pip, who is polishing up his magic to bring a patchwork doll to life. But when she springs to life, she mistakenly spills the Liquid of Petrification on Dr. Pip's wife and Unc Nunkie, instantly turning them into marble statues. What's worse, she also brings a pretty fountain statue

to life. In a quest reminiscent of The Wizard of Oz, Stone Girl, Ojo, and the Patchwork Girl set out on a series of adventures to find the rare elements they need to undo the hex, braving challenges and meeting amazing new people. Exploring themes such as the importance of friendship, welcoming diversity, perseverance, self-esteem and love, this play is perfect for children and for folks who once were.

The performance is free and will be held at the School of Visual and Performing Arts 554 Main St, Stroudsburg. The play is approximately an hour and 20 minutes with a 15 minute intermission.

CTHA to hear about cannons

The next meeting of the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association will be held September 29 at 3 p.m. Jim Werkheiser will present information on Monroe Cannons.

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association meets in the Bicentennial Museum in the Wills Mansion, 5590 Municipal Drive, Tobyhanna. All are welcome to attend. Membership is not required,

although anyone is welcome to join. For information on the Historical Association and Museum, call 570-894-4207.

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association Bicentennial Museum is open to the public on Saturdays through September 24, from noon to 4 p.m. and on Mondays throughout the year, from 10 a.m. to noon. Tours available at any time by appointment.

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Volunteer Denise DeVivo helps guests use an apple peeler during Olde Time Fun at the Stroud Mansion.

Readers—want your organization's activities featured in these pages? Send news tips, press releases and photos to the editor at journalruth@pa.metrocast.net, or call 570-443-9131 xt304.

the eighth Annual Olde Time Fun children's activities on Saturday, September 3, from 1-5 p.m. in the backyard of the Stroud Mansion, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg. This event will coincide with StroudFest in downtown Stroudsburg. The Monroe County Historical Association

will also hold an Open House with free tours of the historic 1795 Stroud Mansion in conjunction with the Olde Time Fun event.

Various activity stations featuring historic games, crafts and activities for children will be located in the backyard. New this year is the "Ye Olde Selfie Station" where guests can dress in historical costumes and clothing props. A child-friendly walking tour brochure will also be distributed so families can explore downtown Stroudsburg and discover the boroughs local history and interesting architecture. In the event of inclement weather, Olde Time Fun will be moved indoors.

The Olde Time Fun event is free and open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.

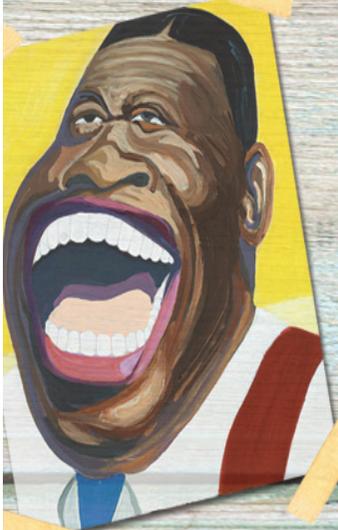
For more information on Olde Time Fun or the Monroe County Historical Association, call (570) 421-7703 or visit www.monroehistorical.org.

Paint in the Park for pups

The West End Park and Open Space Commission will host a "Paint in the Park" event at the Chestnuthill Park Building on Sunday, September 11, from 1-4 p.m. You'll get everything you need including Painting Lessons to create your very own masterpiece. Light refreshments or bring your own. \$30 benefits your future West End Regional Dog Park. For more information call 570-730-9887. Register online at www.ccreations-crafts.weebly.com

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Possible PMRPC lawsuit solution may be in the works

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Tunkhannock Township solicitor Dan Lyon reported at the August 10 township supervisors' meeting there may be a possible settlement in sight for the lawsuit between Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission and Coolbaugh Township.

As a member municipality Tunkhannock Township is entitled to review and provide input to the commission's legal counsel. Lyons explained the original 1994 agreement created at formation of Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department was "massaged a bit" to meet modern stan-

dards. He told the board that after further analysis he will prepare a response on behalf of the township.

"Everybody got a hosing from Mother Nature," stated George Ewald as supervisors reviewed a soaking situation at Pocono Raceway's July races.

Although rain wreaked havoc over the July 30 weekend, a quick thank you and applause for track teamwork as well as area responders poured in.

Residents can expect a \$75 increase in the cost of sewer permit renewals after supervisors approved Resolution 2016-258 taking the toll to

\$275. Ewald noted permits are good for three years.

Bills totaling \$71,525.85 were approved for payment, with income of \$126,309.08 reported for July, and expenses of \$254,985.07, leaving a General Fund balance of \$1,045,493.89.

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Present were supervisors Fran DePiano, Ewald and Steve Malaico, Atty. Lyons, secretary/treasurer Tina Kernan, zoning officer Kate Lambert and 10 residents.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. September 14 at municipal offices at 1557 Long Pond Road in Long Pond.

Fall Golf Tournament benefits Our Lady of Victory

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville, will hold its 17th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament at Mountain Laurel Golf Club, Route 534, White Haven, September 14.

Registration is 10:30 a.m., putting contest at 11:30, and tee off time is noon. Buffet dinner and awards will be at 5/5:30 p.m. Cost is \$90 per

player, including green fees, cart, hot dog lunch, and buffet dinner. Extra dinner guest is \$25 per person. Tournament is limited to 120 players.

There will be prizes, raffles and awards that include the longest drive award, closest to the pin award, team awards, and four hole-in-one prizes.

Call 570-629-4572 to make a reservation for a foursome or an individual. Deadline is September 7.

Pasta dinner planned in Thornhurst

Enjoy a pasta and meatball dinner on Saturday, September 17 at Thornhurst United Methodist Church, 342 Old

River Road in Thornhurst. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Menu includes salad, roll,

dessert and beverage. Eat in or take out. Call Kim at 570-371-9513 for tickets or information.

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ACROSS

1. "Peter, Peter Pumpkin ____"
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

DOWN

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

ACROSS

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

DOWN

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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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

PA State Police – Leighton is coordinating a search for 16 y/o Jade Eve Manz of Kunkletown, who has been missing since 1 p.m. on 8-19. PSP began their work after Jade was reported missing the evening of 8-24. She remains missing at press time. PSP is asking

for everyone's help in locating her / determining her safety. If you have any information, call PSP at (610) 681-1850.

At 9:50 a.m. on 8-22, a crew from AECOM was doing ordinance recovery deep in the woods in PA Gamelands off 7 Mile Road in north Cool-

baugh Twp. when they found a body. Pocono Mountain Regional Police and the PA State Game Commission rangers were called. They determined the body was human. PMRPD Detectives, with help from PA State Police's Forensic Services Unit and the Monroe

County Coroner's Office, processed the area for clues. As of press time, it is thought the body is of Richard McClain, 55, who had disappeared on May 27 of this year, and whose car was found on Plank Road west of Gouldsboro. The distance between that site and where the body was found is about three miles. An anthropologist is slated to examine the remains in an attempt to determine the identity.

PSP-L Trooper Borger was on patrol on Route 902 near Summit Hill at 10:25 p.m. on 8-19 when a motorcycle passed by without a registration plate. He followed, confirming that there was no plate, and that the motorcyclist was speeding (60 mph in a 45 mph zone). When Trooper Borger activated lights and siren, the cyclist chose to

speed off. PSP-L continues to investigate.

At 6:45 a.m. on 8-11, Pocono Township Police were sent to the cul-de-sac on Park Lane in High Mountain Estates to investigate a suspicious vehicle. On arrival, police found there were two people asleep in a Nissan Maxima. On the center console was a marijuana grinder and a bit of marijuana, plus a pot pipe. The pair was awakened. They were asked for names—the driver gave a false one, and his passenger gave his real one. They also turned over the pot, pipe and grinder. While police were checking their identities, the driver chose to drive off. PTP pursued. The Maxima fled along Hallet Road until two deer came out on the road and the driver hit one—losing control, going off the road and into a large rock and then several trees. The car stopped

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JP: Seth Isenberg

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