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## Symbols of freedom fly as Eagle project

by Ruth Isenberg

The American flag now flies night and day at the Penn Forest Township Park, thanks to Logan R. Farnell of Albrightsville, a member of Boy Scout Troop 555 and a candidate for scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle. On September 7, Logan, far right, proudly raised the flag while fellow Scouts raised the Pennsylvania state flag alongside.

Farnell, a senior at Jim Thorpe Area School District, designed the project, which includes the two flag poles, landscaping, lighting and benches. He began work on the project at the end of June, and finished it up in August, obtaining donations of time and materials, as well as working on the installation.

In his remarks during the well-attended dedication ceremony, Farnell had a list of people to thank, starting with his Scoutmaster Ray Attewell, who has helped guide over 50 scouts to this rank. He expressed appreciation to his parents, Jeffrey and Kathi Farnell, and the Penn Forest Township supervisors, who

donated the flag poles and the maintenance department who helped assemble and erect them.

The flags were donated by PA Representative Doyle Hefley. Walt Becilacqua of WB Electric and his employee Jeremy Hans were instrumental, donating time and materials and offering guidance in installing the in-ground lights that will allow the flags to fly night and day. Papillon & Moyer Excavating donated the lights, and Mike Bryant excavated the trenches.

Landscaping donations came from Eggert Excavating (the boulders), Carefree Lawns (mulch), 903 Landscaping (slate slabs for the walkway), Seltzer's Nursery (shrubs), Custom Contracting (setting the boulders and leveling the dirt), and Mary Enck Realty and Twin Builders (benches).

Personal thanks went out to brother Mason and sister Ella, cousin Luke Eggert, grandparents Butch and Sissy Reiner and Jeff and Joan Farnell, fellow scouts Gabe Juss-

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# Penn Forest to outsource winter road work

by Seth Isenberg

Penn Forest Township supervisors met on Tuesday, September 6, because of Labor Day. A small group of citizens (9) turned out along with one press member, two reps from the cell tower company, two speakers, all of the supervisors and staff.

A split vote okayed the advertising for bids for a winter roads maintenance contract. Supervisors chairman and roadmaster Butch Reiner led a discussion – more of a debate – over why it is better to contract out the plowing, etc. He pointed to the fact that the new trucks bought for plowing a few years ago have worn out saying, “we ruined a backhoe and four trucks.” A citizen retorted, “they weren’t taken care of.”

Supervisor Judy Knappenberger reminded the board that the trucks were bought from the money the township saved by not contracting out the work.

Supervisor Scott Lignore agreed with Reiner to let the work out on contract. “We don’t have the employees,” he pointed out.

The bid would be for township roads, while the township crew will “do the township lot at the building and transfer station.” The transfer of cinders and salt by loader will be done by the township crewmembers to provide a good accounting. Supervisors voted 4-1, Knappenberger opposed, to advertise for bids for the township’s 2016-2017 winter roads maintenance, to start when the cold weather settles in late this fall.

In other roads business, Reiner reported the paving and chipping is done. Crews are working on cutting back brush from the shoulders of roads, and doing some litter cleaning.

The two speakers kicked off the meeting. Bob Stevenson of Jim Thorpe and the Dimmick Library’s board asked for the township to

support the Dimmick and its programs. Paul Robinson of the PLGIT investment trust spoke next. He went into detail about the township’s interest-bearing accounts in PLGIT, and options for higher but safe returns. (The township has \$1,021,740 with PLGIT as of 8-31.)

After these speakers, supervisors chairman Butch Reiner made short work of the meeting. The Treasurer’s Report was approved. There’s a total of \$6,977,663 on deposit. \$2,832,104 of that is in the General Fund.

Meetings for working out the 2017 township budget are set for 6 p.m. October 5, 12, 19 and 26, open to the public.

Work on completing Phase II of the township park is going well, though the contract needed to be extended to October 14 due to some bad weather for the work (rains during grading, high heat with grass-work). To be done in these next few weeks are fine grading, sod installation, and

paving. Custom Contracting was issued payment #5 for their work - \$133,761. Both votes, to pay the contractor, and extend the contract time, were unanimous.

The Park & Recreation committee will now meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the township building.

Also about the park, a recommendation has been made to enclose the electrical service there with a shed. It was agreed to do this, and look at prices for pre-built ones versus building one. Local Boy Scouts dedicated the flagpoles at the park on 9-7.

The draft copy of the township audit from Kirk, Summa is done, to be reviewed and signed.

The new cell tower off Maury Rd. has its final okay. The tower company even replaced two landscaping trees that had died since they were planted.

Supervisor Christine Fazio asked that two of the township staff be okayed for online computer training on 9-20 at a cost of \$20 each. This was done – 5-0. Part-time employee Paul Gallagher Saba resigned, effective 9-1, and supervisors voted 5-0 to accept. It was agreed to look over old applications as well as to advertise for one part-time employee, on a 5-0 vote.

Supervisor Knappenberger asked for the township to acquire an A.E.D. for the township’s offices. Supervisors

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sor Roger Meckes is able to train staff to use the device. He thought that the Lehigh-ton Ambulance might help. He volunteered to get a price for a unit.

Township secretary Susan Gibiser explained that the township was able to collect \$3,642 in owed money from liens, and will write off \$1,542 in uncollectable garage fees due to bankruptcies and sheriff's sales. A letter by township attorney Tom Nanovic is being sent to ~25 properties stating if no payment (or payment arrangement) is made, their properties will have a lien filed against them.

In code officer Kathryn

Forry's issued 32 zoning, 15 building and 11 septic permits, certificates of occupancy permits - 12 zoning and 3 building. Her office inspected 30 for zoning, 59 UCC and 77 septic. BIA attended the Atlantic Wind special exception hearings about the windmill farm.

Bills approved from August total \$65,804 from the general fund, with the largest being the release of \$34,000 fire escrow to Kent Herman. Other bills of note are \$4,420 and \$4,298 to Barry Isett & Assoc. (BIA) for engineering and professional services, \$4,112 for State Workers Insurance, \$2,858 and \$2,441 to the US Treasury for payroll taxes, \$2,369 to Nanovic Law Offices, \$1,796 to Carbon County for 911 services, \$1,702 for



Paul Robinson of PLIGIT talks to the supervisors about investment opportunities.

JPK: Seth Isenberg

staff's health and vision insurance to Highmark, \$1,323 for the PSATS UC Group Trust

payment, \$1,075 to Millennium Computers for service for three months, plus updates to the website and the domain name purchase, \$842 and \$540 to Malkin Court Reporters for the Atlantic Wind hearings, \$694 to Intuit for QuickBooks, \$680 to Berkheimer, plus 22 smaller bills.

The Transfer Station collected \$1,292 for bulk items in August.

There were 21 right to know requests submitted and 23 responded to, as well as 20 zoning & septic information requests – all responded to.

The next regular meeting of Penn Forest supervisors is Monday, October 3 at 6 p.m. for the work session. The regular meeting follows at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 903.

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# Willowbrook moves forward in Kidder Township

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Split Rock Resort owner Stabilis Capital Management is ready to move forward with the same development plans presented nearly 20 years ago by Vacation Charters, sharing plans during an August 18 public hearing preceding Kidder Township's regular supervisors' meeting.

Stabilis' engineer Joseph Mongeluzi of Momenee & Associates illustrated specs for

Willowbrook Planned Residential's initial phase set to start next spring. Joined by Stabilis senior project manager, Shane Rensmon, he said they intend to start with four units, then graduate to eight buildings, with additional amenities.

Listing two tennis courts, a basketball court, and golf course, Rensmon emphasized, "We don't want to compete" with Split Rock's existing course next door.

Calling current amenities "overstressed now," resident Leonard Tiscio pushed for more with other residents suggesting a pool.

Resident Bob Dobash urged use of an access road at Moseywood, "rather than through Split Rock."

During the regular public meeting with business manager Lisa Klem reporting, "We have a lot of interest" in the construction of a traffic light at Route 903 and Lake Harmony Road, yet zero bids were received.

Suggesting setting an end of August 2017 date for completion might encourage bid flow, she explained, "a lot are too busy and can't meet the [February 2017] cutoff." Agreeing, supervisors will make the change and seek new bids.

Considering the township's decision to join Carbon County Chamber of Commerce, paying \$375 annually, as "money well spent," supervisors Thomas LaFond reasoned, "[So we can] get good information of new businesses coming in."

Kidder Township Police Chief Matt Kuzma says pull over to those intrusive golf carts leaving Split Rock for area restaurants. Complaints have flooded the department,

and he noted carts are not allowed on township roads so park it and walk or use the appropriate vehicle.

Bills totaling \$109,449.80 were approved.

Supervisors LaFond, Bruce Berger, Thomas Bradley, Barbara Franzosa, and Frank Pieri along with Klem, Tsecretary/treasurer Suzanne Brooks, solicitor Dan Miscavige and approximately 25 members of the public were present.

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## Oktoberfest promises fun

Oktoberfest, a unique fund-raising event benefitting St. Joseph Church in Jim Thorpe, will be held this year on Sunday, October 16 from noon to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 10<sup>th</sup> and Fern Streets in Jim Thorpe.

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## Editorial

### Local impact calls for local decision

by Ruth Isenberg

The recent request by Atlantic Wind to have the Penn Forest Township Zoning Hearing Board give up its right to hear testimony and make a decision on the firm's proposal to install windmills on Bethlehem Water Authority land in the township isn't just out of line. It's also insulting and condescending.

Atlantic Wind's attorney has alleged that Facebook comments and inflammatory language at previous sessions make them feel unsafe. The company said that it plans to file a motion in the Carbon County Court of Common Pleas to not only move the venue from the township to the courthouse in Jim Thorpe, but also to name an independent hearing officer.

Atlantic Wind did not show up at the most recent ZHB session, and sent a letter saying it won't attend any more in the township because of safety concerns. While there is no

excuse for language that implies that violence is appropriate or acceptable, feelings run high over the proposal. Property owners are understandably upset about the prospect of a turbine farm and its impact on their homes, and they have a right to express their opinions.

The ZHB has rejected giving up their right to conduct a hearing and make a decision. If Atlantic Wind does not like that decision, it has the right to appeal to a higher court. This shortcut attempt shows a blatant contempt for the rights of the residents of the area the project will impact the most.

### Hogs & Horses to help CART help animals

The Carbon County Animal Response Team will hold a benefit ride and scavenger hunt on Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. All vehicles are welcome to ride. Raindate is Sunday, October 2.

This year, if participants bring a toy to be given to a child of a Carbon County veteran age 10 or under, \$5 will be deducted from the rider's fee. Cost (without toy) is \$25 rider or driver, \$15 passenger,

or \$10 walker. Breakfast is included.

The event starts at the Boatyard, 251 Canal Street in Weissport. Special guests will be CPR Road Tour and the AHA Shelter Trailer.

CART is a national organization established to help provide shelter for pets during emergencies. Flooding after Hurricanes Katerina and Floyd saw pets perish when their owners could not take them with them to shelters.

PA Animal Response Team was started in 2004, and started building local animal response teams around the state, since emergency responses are always local in nature.

Volunteers are needed. Learn more at [www.pasart.us](http://www.pasart.us) or e-mail [ccart@ptd.net](mailto:ccart@ptd.net).

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## Debates set

PA State Representative candidates Neil Makhija (D) and Doyle Heffley (R, incumbent) will hold two debates, Oct. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Panther Valley High School, and Oct. 20 at 8 p.m. at Penn's Peak.

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On June 21, 1877, four Irish coal miners accused of murder and known as Molly Maguires met their untimely

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Old Jail Ghost Tour admission is only \$10 for adults and \$7 for high school students. Children under 12 are not permitted. No advance tickets or reservations. Be sure to bring your camera - you may catch a ghost - before it catches you! The Old Jail is located at 128 West Broadway, Jim Thorpe. For information call 570-325-5259 or visit [www.TheOldJailMuseum.com](http://www.TheOldJailMuseum.com).

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## Flags...

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ino, Robby Renode and Matt Miller, Nick Trovarello and Mark Knecht (moving bench-

es to the park), and Barbara Smith for providing desserts and drinks.

Following the flag raising and remarks, Jessica Laurer and Alex Strauss concluded the ceremony with the playing of Taps on the trumpet.



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# Four bear cubs returned to the wild

*Game Commission and wildlife rehabilitation facility partner to give bears a second chance*

Several Pennsylvania Game Commission wildlife conservation officers and one wildlife biologist gathered at the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center near Saylorsburg recently to transport four bear cubs to suitable habitat on state game lands.

All “first-year” cubs, they were left vulnerable to starvation when adult sows were struck and killed by motor vehicles earlier in the spring. Black bear cubs are not fully weaned until mid to late summer and, when deprived of nutrition and protection provided by the sow, have little chance of survival without human intervention.

Game Commission records show that more than 120 bears were killed on Pennsylvania roads so far in 2016.

“While not all cubs found under these conditions are candidates for rehabilitation due to severe health problems, others may receive care and eventually be returned back to the wild,” said Game Commission Northeast Region Wildlife Biologist Kevin Wenner.

If a sow with newborn cubs is killed by a motor vehicle in early spring, a small window of opportunity exists to place these cubs - one cub per den - with surrogate sows that still are in hibernation. The sow

rarely recognizes the extra member of her litter and feeds the new addition as one of her own.

However, if a sow is killed after the hibernation period, and before the first-year cubs become independent, professional care provided at a wildlife rehabilitation facility may be their only hope of survival.

When two small bear cubs were seen wandering a neighborhood of Penn Forest Township in Carbon County this past June, Wildlife Conservation Officer Cory Bentzoni responded to the area and determined the sow was struck by a vehicle and died in the nearby woods. He captured the 12-pound cubs and transported them to the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center in Monroe County. They joined two other cubs from Lycoming and Northampton counties, already at the facility.

The Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center is a nonprofit organization



**Wildlife Conservation Officers prepare to weigh a bear cub.**

founded in 1983 and licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Game Commission, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The center provides humane and professional care for injured and orphaned wildlife with the goal of returning animals back into the wild.

Center Director Katherine Uhler has 13 years of experience working with bear cubs. She explained that when cubs arrive they are given a complete physical and examined for signs of dehydration, ex-

ternal parasites, and other health issues. “Dehydration is common and can be treated orally or with subcutaneous injections,” said Uhler. “All cubs are administered

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## Cubs...

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A bear-specific milk replacement formula is offered that has a high fat content and essential nutrients similar to a sow's milk. The need to bottle-feed cubs is rare and done so with minimal human contact.

Cubs quickly learn to feed from a heavy ceramic dish filled with whole milk yogurt mixed with fresh or frozen berries. They are especially fond of blueberry pie filling.

Their solid diet is as varied as it would be in nature. Acorns collected during the previous fall are scattered about the enclosure to stimulate foraging behavior. Fruits of all description are provided, mostly donated by local produce stands and markets. Fresh corn, cabbage and broccoli are favored vegetables.

“Human activity is kept to an absolute minimum throughout the whole process,” said Uhler. “Only one person has access to the cubs to place food and remove waste. “Observation is provided through a one-way glass.”

Game Commission personnel worked quickly to anesthetize all four cubs in preparation for transport. The young bears were weighed, given a final health examination, and fitted with uniquely numbered metal ear tags. All cubs appeared healthy and had gained weights of up to 80 pounds.

A drizzling rain fell later that afternoon when the two Carbon County bears arrived at State Game Lands 57 in Forkston Township, Wyoming County. The remote release site was chosen because it provides easy access to lush food plots, ripening beech nuts, and expansive wetlands.

The door of the culvert trap opened and both bears stepped into a green world without walls. Shaking off the last effects of anesthesia, one cub bounded after its sibling across a food plot, their black forms finally dissolving into a wall of beech brush.

“Offering these cubs a second chance at survival was a rewarding experience,” said Wenner. “The exceptional efforts of Game Commission personnel and Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and Education staff made it possible.”



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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

It was a pretty nice week, weather-wise. Warm days with a couple of cool nights gave tribute to summer while hinting at fall. If we look around, we can also see some showing of fall colors early. Between the middle of last week and the weekend, the hillside that we sight on our daily commute went from a solid green to speckled with trees showing fall colors. This early show just adds to the fun and here's hoping that the rains of last week may help extend the foliage season. An extended dry spell could force a color change and leaf drop early, and we had a long dry stretch up until these rains.

In talking with people around the area, I know the dry spell has prevented the grass from growing on many a lawn, saving many of us some yard time.

Saturday we were part of volunteer crews for community organizations that had stands at the Weatherly HillClimb. That evening was beautiful night to be out under the stars listening to Blues performed live at the Festival site part of which was on the old ski hill at the Split Rock Resort. The two of us returned to the Festival again on Sunday afternoon into evening to see the closing acts. We stayed until the rains came, just as the event ended.

With college football underway, we find part of our Saturdays following Penn State football games. It looks like a bit of tough going for the Nittany Lions this year. It's good that they beat the Owls, but we will need to see how Temple plays these next few weeks to see what this means. Both teams will need to work hard to get invited to bowl games

this year. (P.S.—as for smaller colleges—go 'Gate.)

Congrats to the Eagles for a great start, and to the Patriots for finding a way to win so far. The big games in the next few weeks should tell us if both teams will be contending later this year. By the next Penn-Kidder issue, Tom Brady will be back.

Why is it that the Phillies start playing good baseball after most of their fans have stopped watching (note the attendance at their home games recently)? The young players show hope for next season. Meanwhile, the Red Sox are playing fantastic—go Sox—and maybe the Mets will sneak into a wild card slot.

Sightings this month were mainly of deer, including some good-sized bucks. It could be a great hunting season. Also

walk. There's music, food and fun both days—free admission, and the event raises \$\$ for the Greater White Haven Chamber of Commerce's community projects. There are also plenty of church and organization booths.

October 15 starts the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins season. Ruth and I have been counting the days until cheering the team from our seats in the Mohegan Sun Arena.

Some time later in the month, we are going to try to go out to Pennsylvania Elk Country to see the big critters and enjoy the remote area where they live.

Find Seth's Sightings in every issue of *The Journal-Herald* and *The Journal of the Pocono Plateau*.



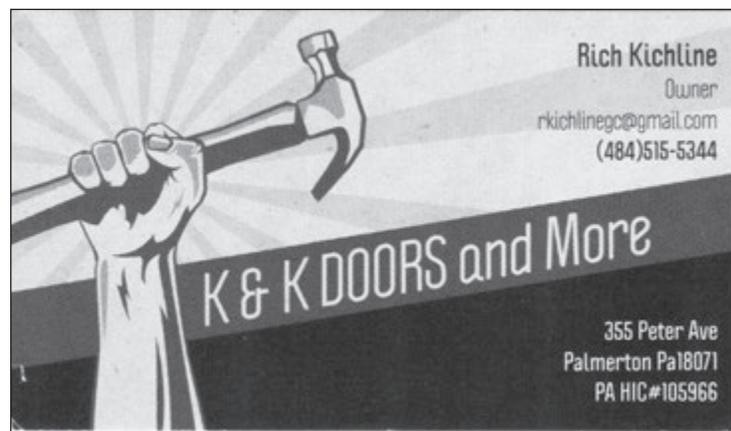
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sighted, flocks of healthy turkey, and the occasional fox. As temperatures cool, I expect to see more bear around.

The Bloomsburg Fair opens this weekend, and we are hoping to spend an afternoon and evening there. As October starts, with good weather, we are planning to take a day or two to go to the PA Renaissance Faire. We feel it's the best time to go because Faire-goers can wear their fancy costumes in the cooler weather—so it's more fun.

Come visit us on October 8 and 9 during this year's White Haven Festival on White Haven's Main Street. The Journal will host a pet parade on Sunday starting at 1—gifts for all who bring pets for a short

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The event will include tractor-drawn hayrides along the historic canal from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Chinese auction, homemade food, music, children's activities and a community yard sale, open both days from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Spaces

for the yard sale are available for \$5 by calling Tammy Solt at 610-377-4147.

This year Beltzville Lions Club has partnered with Animal Shelter-Carbon and the Weissport Recreation Committee to bring families an economical way to enjoy some great family time. This festival caters to seniors, elderly individuals and people with disabilities. There will be attendants to assist those who need help getting on and off the wagons.

Hayrides will take place every 20 minutes throughout the day. As you travel along the towpath you can enjoy the



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# Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Somebody drove a dirt bike and an ATV over the lawns in the area of the Mt. Pocahontas POA's clubhouse and nearby homes about 7:16 p.m. on 8-20. PA State Police – Fern Ridge is seeking information – call them at 570 646-2271.

An argument between two women, 66 and 22, at 12:42 a.m. in a Penn Spring Dr., Penn Forest Twp. home on 9-9 led to a mutual fight. PSP-Leighton was called and both women are charged with simple assault. PSP-F was at a Mountain Road, Indian Mountain Lakes home at 6:30 p.m. on 9-3 to separate a couple whose argument became a fight, with both being charged with harassment.

Someone threw a rock at the front sliding glass door of a Dillon Way, Towamensing Trails home at about 4:30 a.m. on 9-10 The glass was shattered, PSP-F asked for help on this one. Call them at 570 646-2271.

PSP reports several other vandalism incidents in their coverage areas.

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A traffic stop on Route 903 in Penn Forest Twp. for traffic / equipment violations found a 38 y/o Penn Forest Twp. woman impaired at the wheel. She was given field sobriety tests, which she failed. She was then arrested on DUI charges, 6:30 p.m. 8-23, PSP-L.

PSP-L conducted STEAD-D rolling checkpoints over few weekends this past month to deter drunk driving in their coverage area in Carbon and Monroe counties.

A 54 y/o Kennesaw, Georgia man was driving westbound on Route 534 in Penn Forest Twp. at 2:21 p.m. on 8-15 when he stopped suddenly. The car following wasn't able to stop in time and rear-ended it. The first car's driver then backed into the second (hitting it again), and then drove away. That car turned into Indian Mtn. Lakes and then

onto Woodland Rd. where the driver left his car and walked away. 911 sent PSP-F to the scene. They located the car and began a search for the driver. They found the man walking along North Shore Dr. in the development, covered in water and mud. He was drunk. He was arrested. He

then refused a chemical test, so he is charged with DUI as well as leaving the scene of a crash, plus traffic offences. He was arraigned and committed to the Carbon County jail.

A field sobriety checkpoint on Route 903 at 9:09 p.m. on 8-19 stopped a 26 y/o Al-

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brightsville woman who was DUI. She was arrested.

PSP-F reports a couple of stops on Interstate 80 in East Side borough where drugs were found in the cars. On 9-11 at 5 p.m. after a stop in East Side, PSP determined a car should be searched and found 100 Oxycodone 15mg pills, and the 27 y/o Mansfield, PA, driver was arrested for possession with intent to deliver – he was taken to the Carbon County jail to await arraignment.

## Stealin'

PSP-F is investigating how the personal information of a Penn Forest Streams woman's information was used in an attempt to buy cell phones at a Verizon store in Sterling Heights, Michigan, at 10:15 a.m. on 8-25.

A Leighton-area woman fell victim to the "Granny Scam" on 8-25. A person called her and told her that her grandson had been in an accident and needed bail money to get out of jail. The woman used Western Union to send \$2,400 to a false address. PSP-L is investigating.

## More work to do on PA's opioid crisis

by Rep. Doyle Heffley

As Pennsylvania continues to grapple with its worst health crisis in decades—the heroin and opioid epidemic—it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the complexity and magnitude of this problem. In 2015, our state lost over 3,500 people to drug overdoses.

Legislative leaders, advocates, family members, local government officials, doctors and educators are collaborating on potential solutions from a variety of different angles. Although there is a great deal

of work to be done, we have made substantial progress this year toward addressing Pennsylvania's opioid and heroin addiction crisis.

Earlier this summer, legislators from both sides of the aisle came together to announce House passage of a package of bills addressing the recommendations from House Resolution 659 Task Force and Advisory Committee on Opioid Prescription Drug Proliferation by the Joint State Government Commission. As an author of one of these bills and the prime sponsor of House Resolution 659, I stood with House Speaker Mike Turzai and House Majority Leader Dave Reed as we called on Gov. Tom Wolf to convene a special

session of the General Assembly in order to swiftly pass several other important measures.

Over the past several weeks, Policy Committee hearings were held across our Commonwealth and many interested parties came together to further discuss solutions to this problem. At the hearings, we heard from individuals who lost family members to the devastating and unrelenting disease that is addiction. It never gets easier to hear their stories, although I always leave such events with a renewed resolve to do all I can to end this crisis.

On Sept. 7, I joined Rep. Stephen Kinsey, former Congressman Patrick Kennedy,

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Secretary of Drug and Alcohol Programs Gary Tennis and many others at the first of six more public hearings that seek to examine existing laws governing access to drug and alcohol treatment. From this hearing emerged several themes, including that wait times for

detox and residential treatment beds are much too long, and the connection between addiction and mental health requiring increased access to a variety of treatment options.

In order to stop drug use before it starts, we must educate children and parents about the dangers of prescription opioids. Locally in Carbon County, I have worked to ensure prescription

drug take-back boxes are in place at every police station. We partner with schools during Red Ribbon Week and efforts are under way to bring specialty courts to the county. In addition, my annual Drug and Alcohol Awareness expo is on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 6-8 p.m. at Panther Valley High School in Landsford.

It is great to see so many groups get involved in the

efforts to address this public health crisis. However, we must continue moving forward. The fall session of the House begins next week and with the budget now behind us, I believe the bills relating to opioid use, prescribing, education and treatment should be our top priority. From 2014 to 2015, Pennsylvania saw a 32 percent increase in overdose deaths from heroin and

prescription drugs. Every day we lose eight people to overdose.

Significant progress has been made on Pennsylvania's opioid crisis, but there is more work to do. I am anxious to see what the General Assembly, along with Gov. Tom Wolf, can accomplish before the end of this legislative session on Nov. 30. The lives of Pennsylvanians depend on it.

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