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MCCD Environmental Educator Darryl Speicher (right) shares bird banding pointers with Imani Burnett.

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40 years of environmental education

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Monroe County Conservation District Environmental Education Center shared 40 years of local ecological learning with a September 25 celebration. Wildlife and environmental enthusiasts and educators applauded the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, enjoying fact-finding and friendly critters for the afternoon.

Each station in the center offered hands-on interaction, as educators provided information on topics from snakes to fine feathered friends.

Cassandra Colefield cuddled a corn snake as educator Brian Hardiman reviewed the reptile's ways in the region. With college year two underway studying Environmental Biology, the Cresco native plans to stick around giving back to the area. She's been coming to the Center since her childhood.

Kathleen Sandt, a volunteer for more than 20 years and spokeswoman for the National Park Service, told how the "fantastic job" MCCD does echoes beyond the Pocono Mountains, with visitors tak-

ing knowledge back home. "[It helps] appreciate what's in your own backyard," she said noting clean air and water comes from conservation.

Calling the center "a very good resource for local school kids," Roger Spotts described day visits to the local community and four county school districts.

Adam Schellhammer, the new district manager, emphasized the value of "continuing to be a resource for the community," describing plans to stay connected through interaction for the next 40 years.

Coobaugh approves county hazard mitigation plan

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"As a community you are working together to mitigate," explained Deputy Director Maryellen Keegan with Monroe County Office of Emergency Management as Coobaugh Township supervisors adopted the Monroe County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan at the September 20 meeting.

Announcing that this is the first time in Pennsylvania history a Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA on

the first try, Keegan added the county also received Best Practice recognition by the agency in its mandatory five year review.

She listed the area's top three concerns: Utility Outages, Winter Hazards and Traffic Accidents. Two drainage tube replacement projects in the township are included in the plan—a 24 inch pipe along Cayuga Drive in Tobyhanna with a 12 inch flow, and one

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TEC and Clymer display student achievement

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Tobyhanna Elementary Center teachers and administrators shared facts about the positive partnership with neighboring Clymer Library during Pocono Mountain School District's

September 21 meeting. The outreach project started four years ago by art teacher Jim Eschbach has blossomed, with students proudly bringing families to have a look now with not only art, but also writing and more at their local

library.

Fifth grade teacher Christine Bendowski explained how authoring pieces to accompany art has helped excite "a purpose to write" in her students.

Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Robison praised the elementary school and library relationship noting the convenience of that partnership as Clymer is right up the road from TEC.

Clymer Director Laura Laspee later expressed intentions of collaboration continuing into the new school year stating, "We're so pleased" about observing students and parents alike exploring the displays, then touring the facility for books.

"At the end of the trip I was more motivated than ever," said West High School Junior Kimberly Alejo thanking PMSD for presenting her with the opportunity this summer to become an alumnae of the Congress of Future Medical Leaders. With aspirations to become a surgeon, she dissected details of the trip where she met medical professionals who will help guide her through her medical journey.



West Junior Kimberly Alejo thanks directors for positive pre-med participation made possible by PMSD.

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TEC teachers (from left) Kristin Krisch, Jim Eschbach, Christine Bendowski, and David Yoder stand by Assistant Principal John Kevra (at podium) sharing details of a positive partnership with Clymer Library during the September 21 PMSD meeting.

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Sen. Mario Scavella and the American Legion will be holding a Veterans Assistance Day on October 11 at the senator's Tannersville district office, at 2989 Route 611, Suite 103. This service is offered on the second Tuesday of each month.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a service of-

ficer with the American Legion Pennsylvania Department will be on site to assist veterans with issues. Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services. Please contact the Tannersville office to schedule an appointment at 570-620-4326.

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Tunkhannock Township reviews FEMA Risk MAP

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“Are we in it?” asked supervisor George Ewald as Tunkhannock Township supervisors reviewed FEMA’s Risk MAP for Lehigh Watershed at the September 14 meeting.

Noting, “It’s mostly in Carbon County,” the group confirmed the portions of the municipality “over the line.” Mud Run and parts of Tobyhanna Township also fall within the zone. The Planning Commission was directed to discuss the matter further at its September 27 meeting.

Solicitor Dan Lyons announced a proposed agreement is under review in the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission and Coolbaugh Township lawsuit. August’s hearing was continued. With new provisions included in the agreement, member municipalities must adopt an ordinance to accommodate the changes with tentative resolution in mid-November.

Keystone Engineers will be replacing twin 36” storm pipes at Montega Drive in the Indian Mountain Lakes community.

Bills totaling \$50,883.43

were approved with August income of \$162,881.60 and expenses \$91,814.21, leaving a general fund balance of \$1,087,466.99.

Supervisors Fran DePiano, George Ewald and Steve Malaico were present, along with Atty. Lyons, secretary/treasurer Tina Kernan, zoning officer Kate Lambert and an audience of two plus this reporter.

The township’s next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. October 12 at municipal offices on 1557 Long Pond Road in Long Pond.

Get Ready, Get Set, MAMMOTHON!

In honor of national breast cancer awareness month, Pocono Medical Center proudly announces the start of the county’s first-ever Mammoth event for the Month of October.

“We are excited to offer this premier opportunity for the women of Monroe County to receive free mammograms at our Bartonville Healthcare Center,” said Barbarann Carroll, RT (R) (M), Radiology Facility Coordinator of the Bartonville Healthcare Center.

Pocono Medical Center’s

Bartonville Healthcare Center at 600 Commerce Boulevard in Bartonville will host Mammoth events October 12 from 2 to 8 p.m., and October 20 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Every woman will have the opportunity to receive their mammogram via the Bartonville Healthcare Center’s Selenia® Dimensions® system’s Genius™ 3D MAMMOGRAPHY™ technology.

There will be no appointment and no prescription needed to participate in any of the free

mammogram screening dates. For women without insurance, funds are provided by Susan G. Komen Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Linda Creed Foundation. For questions, call (570) 420-4999.

Bartonville Healthcare Center is recognized by the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers as a Quality Breast Center of Excellence along with accreditation from the American College of Radiology for Mammography and as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence.

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Tobyhanna Township Board of Supervisors will be accepting applications for an open seat on the Board of Supervisors. The position is an interim appointment until the municipal election in 2017 for the term which will run through 2020. Resumes will be received by the Township up until the close of business on Monday, October 17, 2016.

TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Tobyhanna Township welcomes new township manager

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“We’re not an island,” reasoned Tobyhanna Township’s new business manager John Jablowski emphasizing the ability to work together with neighboring municipalities, residents and officials following a unanimous vote by supervisors to appoint him during their September 12 meeting.

Jablowski had an extensive background in Pennsylvania local government including district director to the Majority Policy Chair of the PA House of Representatives, assistant to U.S. Congressman Paul Kanjorski, Mayor of Ashley Borough and Wilkes-Barre Township councilman. He applauded subcommittees and volunteers, components necessary in directing the municipality on its path as “one of the premier communities in the Pocono region.”

“The bonds that hold a social community together are very evident,” he observed, closing with an open invitation to visit township offices.

Bob Selig joined businessman Joseph Collier, owner of J&J Towing in urging supervisors to intervene and solve Salvor’s License uncertainty regarding his property along Slutter Road.

Arguing, “He [Collier] does not want to be a junkyard,” Selig questioned what if any effect completing an affidavit would have on the existing township zoning ordinance.

“This is a stand alone ordinance, not zoning,” explained solicitor Jonathan Reiss. He noted no fee would be charged, and any requirements the property didn’t sat-



Newly appointed Township Manager John Jablowski talks Tobyhanna with September 12 meeting attendees. JP: Hofbauer Strategies

isfy would be waived, adding, “[It] defines what Mr. Collier is doing on the property.”

“Sounds like the permit is the answer to make this end,” said Anne Lamberton.

“I’d like to welcome our new manager and I’m sure I’ll be visiting his offices,” Selig later grinned.

A \$632,515.45 bill pack was approved with public access to files at township offices.

Supervisors present included Lamberton, Don Moyer, John Kerrick, John Holahan and Heidi Pickard; township engineer Bob McHale; Atty. Reiss and an audience of approximately 40.

The next regular meeting is 7 p.m. October 10.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The following are true and correct copies of joint resolutions of the General Assembly regarding amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania that were proposed in the General Assembly during the 2015 session. The proposed amendments were agreed to by a majority of the members elected to the Senate and the House of Representatives. Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has caused the proposed amendments to be published here. Were any of these proposed amendments to be agreed to by a majority of the Senators and Representatives elected to the General Assembly at the November 8, 2016 General Election, the proposed amendments so approved would be published again and then submitted to the qualified electors of Pennsylvania for approval. If approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

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

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

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Joint Resolution 2016-1

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

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

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

That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

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

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

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

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

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

Joint Resolution 2016-2

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

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

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

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

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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

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

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

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

Joint Resolution 2016-3

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

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

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

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

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

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

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

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

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

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

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There will be a hands-on demonstration of how to make apple sauce using boiling water bath canning. The program, conducted by Penn State Extension, is being held at the Penn State Extension office in Stroudsburg on October 22 from 9 a.m. – noon.

The program is geared to volunteers preparing food for events such as church fund raisers, fire company barbe-

cues, booster club food sales and the many other types of events where food is served to the public. It covers information related to preventing cross contamination, temperature control, good personal hygiene, cleaning and sanitiza-

tion, and planning a successful food event. Register online by October 14 at <http://extension.psu.edu/food/preservation>. Contact Nicole McGeehan at 570-421-6430 or nmd5140@psu.edu with any questions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE Ballot Question

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

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project One Step Concert to feature Mary McDonald

Project One Step, in partnership with Pocono Alliance, will hold their fourth annual benefit choral concert on Saturday, November 5. This year's featured artist is Mary McDonald of Knoxville, Tennessee, a 35-year veteran in the field of sacred music. She will be sharing the stage with more than one hundred local musicians of the Project One Step Community Choir and Orchestra.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Stroudsburg High School auditorium. All seats are reserved and may be purchased for \$15 each online, at the door, or at participating churches. There is also a discounted price of \$10 for senior citizens and students.

All proceeds from this event will be distributed to agencies in Monroe County that work to provide food, clothing and/or life training skills and education for under resourced families. The specific beneficiaries are Bridges out of Poverty, Bushkill Outreach, Five Loaf House, and Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network. Collection bins will also be set up in the lobby at the concert so that attendees can directly donate non-perishable foods, new clothing or housekeeping supplies to these organizations.

Visit www.projectonestep.org for links to Mary McDonald, samples of the music that will be performed, choir rehearsal schedules, concert tickets, and information about



a new Martin Guitar raffle prize that will be awarded at the concert or call 570-476-4223.

Margaret Wyckoff Wells award nomination forms

Church Women United of Monroe has nomination forms available for their 10th annual "Margaret Wyckoff Wells Award," which will be presented at the December meeting.

They are looking for a deserving woman active in her church, community, and dedication to service to others.

Call 570-629-0649 for a form to be filled out and returned by October 31.

Sacred music workshop and concert at Blakeslee UMC



Blakeslee United Methodist Church will host sacred music pianist, composer and vocalist Heather Sorenson on Saturday, October 8. She will be conducting a vocal workshop from 12-4:30 p.m. with a piano/choral concert at 7:30 p.m.

Registration for the workshop is from 11-12. Cost is \$35. Any interested singers are welcome. Choral pieces by Heather will be available for the workshop. For additional information, contact Ju-

lie Kerrick Geiser at 570-646-8624.

Homecoming this Sunday

Homecoming will be celebrated on Sunday, October 9, during the worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Heather Sorenson is the guest speaker and musician. There will be a luncheon following the service. All are welcome to attend.

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Scholarship procures paramedic pros for the county

Monroe County Ambulance Association presented checks totaling \$8,000 to four Monroe County EMTs paving their way to PA-State Paramedic Certification during the September 28 meeting.

Two Pocono Mountain Regional EMS professionals, Aleksey Dmitriev and Robert Conde both attending Luzerne County Community College, each received \$2,000 under MCAA's Dr. Peter Favini, M.D. Scholarship. As did West End Ambulance EMTs, Ariel Catalano joining the LCCC course and Bennett Heyman attending Emergency Medicine Institute in Allentown.

Created as, "A way to encourage EMTs to further their education and add to available medics," the caveat for consideration comes with the commitment to complete two years of work as a medic in the association's area.

Since 2009, funds raised have fostered an ability to balance work and study without the sting of financial burden for students, while alleviating the Paramedic shortfall felt throughout the county.

"It's really hard to try to pickup extra hours to pay tuition when you're in school," reasoned Dmitriev. The Tobyhanna resident more than fourteen years, plans to meet



Dr. Peter Favini, Ariel Catalano, Robert Conde, Aleksey Dmitriev, Bennett Heyman, Monroe County Ambulance Association scholarship check presenter Nick DeWitt and Monroe County Ambulance Association scholarship committee member Brian Evans.

Pocono Lions sponsor Wreaths for Vets

The Pocono Lions Club will be sponsoring its second annual Wreaths for Veterans ceremony at the Pocono Lake Cemetery, across from Tobyhanna Elementary Center in Pocono Pines on November 20 at 2 p.m.

The Lions invite the community to attend and honor those veterans who willingly put themselves in harm's way in order to preserve the freedoms we as a nation continue to enjoy. We must never for-

get them, and this ceremony is a way of honoring those who served, some of whom gave their tomorrows to preserve liberties our forefathers fought for when they founded our nation, liberties we all too often take for granted.

The brief ceremony will include a military color guard and chaplain. At its completion wreaths will be laid with the assistance of local Boy Scout Troop 94, Girl Scout Troop 512 and members of

the Pocono Lions Club.

Any family member of a veteran is invited to place a wreath on their family member's grave.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to the Lake Naomi Clubhouse for hot chocolate and cookies donated by local businesses.

The contact person for this event is Bruce Denlinger. He can be reached at 610-317-0763 or bden@ptd.net.

and exceed expectations remaining in the area indefinitely.

"Dr. Favini's generosity has truly been a crucial part in making this work since the start," commented PMREMS Operations Manager, Denise Doremus. She explained, "He was the medical director for the county EMS services at the time and saw first hand something had to be done so he matched contributions

made through fundraising."

Not in memory of a late Dr. Peter Favini, but rather making memories for others suits the St. Luke's Medical Director just fine.

Reasoning the scholarship has served and continues to serve a "real need to get and keep" well trained ambulance professionals in the county, he smiled, "When you call 9-1-1 you want them to come."

Pocono Summit's Jasmine Delk received Pharmacy White Coat

Jasmine Delk of Pocono Summit, a doctor of pharmacy student in Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at University of the Sciences, received a white coat at a ceremony on September 17.

The white coat ceremony is an annual rite of passage for students in their first professional year (third year) of USciences' six-year pharmacy program, and symbolizes their dedication to the profession of pharmacy and to the care of others.

Delk continues on the path to receiving a doctor of pharmacy degree in May 2020. Donning their white coats, the more than 130 student pharmacists recited the Oath of a Pharmacist, a gesture to reinforce their commitment to working with patients compassionately and to enhancing their health and well-being.

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Selma is matinee showing at EMPL series

Visit Eastern Monroe Public Library on Sunday, October 2 at 2 p.m., for a viewing of the film Selma.

David Oyelowo stars as Martin Luther King Jr. in this historical drama set during the height of the American civil rights movement, and depicting the marches from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery to secure voting rights for black

people. Brad Pitt and Oprah Winfrey produced and Ava DuVernay directed. Author is Jason Buchanan

Admission is free. This film is rated PG-13.

The Eastern Monroe Public Library is located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg. For further information call 570-421-0800x317 or visit www.monroepl.org.

Teen Read Week 2016: "Read for the Fun of It!"

Area teens will be reading for the fun of it as the Associated Libraries of Monroe County celebrate Teen Read Week, October 9-15. Teen Read Week is the initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, a division of the American Library Association.

This year's theme is "Read for the Fun of It!," which encourages teens to escape from the day to day grind of school, homework, family responsibilities, part time jobs and so on by picking up something to read. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to stop by their public libraries and enter the Teen Read Week raffle; entry forms will be available until October 29 at Barrett Paradise Friendly, Clymer, Eastern Monroe, Pocono Mountain Public and Western Pocono Community

Libraries as well as online at www.monroepl.org (click on Teens). Grand Prize is a \$35 Amazon gift card.

Teens in grades 7-12 are also invited to attend a special program during the month of October. Join us for Jeopardy-Teen! Show what you know! Fun team trivia with something for everyone. Snacks and prizes, too! Space is limited; call or visit your library to register in advance.

When and where:

Monday, October 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Pocono Mountain Public Library, Tobyhanna, 570-894-8860

Tuesday, October 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Clymer Library, Pocono Pines, 570-646-0826.

Wednesday, October 26, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Hughes Library, Stroudsburg, 570-421-0800 x305

White Tailed Deer program at Kettle Creek

On Saturday, October 15, join Monroe County Conservation District EE Coordinator Roger Spotts for an informative look at one of our largest wildlife species, beginning at 10 a.m. We will look at the deer's lifestyle, feeding habits, and interactions with humans

in this 1-hour program.

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.

PMWHS and PVHS to be in annual High School Choral Festival

The Kutztown University High School Choral Festival will take place on Tuesday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to noon in Schaeffer Auditorium. This event showcases five area high school choral ensembles performing for each other non-competitively. The performance order will be drawn randomly and each performance will be followed by a clinic experience by Dr.

Hank Alviani, associate professor of music.

The goal of the festival is to give the high schools experience in performing for an audience and the opportunity to watch other schools perform, as well as a clinic to help fine tune their music.

The five high schools and their conductors are Cocalico High School Choir, Kristen E. Diehl, director; Hamburg High

School, Dr. Christine Ryan, director Pleasant Valley High School, Mrs. Lois Mann, director Whitehall High School, Andy Borghesani, and director Pocono Mountain West High School, Mandy Gambal, director

For more information contact Dr. Alviani at alviani@kutztown.edu or 610-683-4553.

Josie Porter Farm meander focuses on harvest

Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center will host Josie Porter Farm Meandering – "Nature's Bounty" on October 19.

Fall is the season for preparations for the colder weather to come. As you hike the farm for the last walk of the year,

you will discuss what is taking place in the natural world. All of the monthly Josie Porter Farm Meanderings are from 4 – 6 p.m., rain or shine. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress to be outside.

Walks meet in the farm parking lot on Cherry Val-

ley Rd. Advance registration is suggested. Cost: \$6/non-members, \$4/EE Center or CSA members, children under 12 free.

To register, call 570-629-3061. For more information, visit www.mcconservation.org.

Coolbaugh Township Trick-or-Treat

Coolbaugh Township announced that Trick or Treat will be held on October 31 from 5-8 p.m.

Coolbaugh Township Parks and Recreation will be hosting their annual Ghoulbough Event at the Municipal Park Pavilion located on Route 423 in Tobyhanna on October 29 from 1-4 p.m.

Festivities include trick or treating, pumpkins, and pumpkin decorating. Joining will be the Pocono Mountain Regional EMS, Pocono Mountain Regional Police, Pocono Mountain Public Library, Coolbaugh Township Volunteer Fire Company, and Tobyhanna Athletic Association.

The West End Park and Open Space Commission is hosting the annual Pet (Cos-

time) Parade on October 29 at 11 a.m. at the Ross Township Park, 258 Anchorage Rd, Saylorsburg.

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Community leaders honored with historical markers

Wagner's Tree Farm and Jacob Blakeslee, Jr. are the topics of the most recently dedicated historical roadside markers installed in Tobyhanna Township. Through these, the township's early leaders are celebrated.

On September 10, George and Sterling Wagner were honored as part of the Wagner's Tree Farm historical marker, donated and dedicated by John Kerrick. Their business, community and conservation accomplishments are memorialized. The marker is located along Route 940 at Wagner's Run in Pocono Lake.

On December 17, the historical marker honoring Jacob

Blakeslee, Jr. was dedicated. As a business and community leader, Jacob Blakeslee, Jr. was instrumental in the development of the township and the village named for him, participating in school, church and township government affairs. This historical roadside marker is located north of Blakeslee along Route 115 on the left driving north, just past Homestead Lane. It was donated by Pocono Lake Preserve, with 5 Blakeslee Family descendants performing the unveiling.

The Marker Advisors of Tobyhanna Township are planning the installation and dedication of several more



John Kerrick unveils and dedicates Wagner's Tree Farm Historical Roadside Marker

historical markers this fall.



The Blakeslees honoring Jacob Blakeslee Jr.

The schedule can be viewed on MATT's website, as well as each dedicated historical roadside marker with additional historical accounts. The website address is www.tobyhannatwphistory.org/markers.html. At each marker's site, visitors can scan a QR decal

affixed to the marker pole, which will automatically navigate to the web site.

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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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

This is a bit of a soggy Sightings. It pretty much rained through last week, but we didn't stop being out—we just got wet.

Friday afternoon in a slight drizzle, we made it to the Bloomsburg Fair in time to tour some of our favorite exhibits before attending their rodeo. This year's pumpkins were over 1,100 pounds, with father beating out son by three pounds. In the dog barn/show, we saw an English Pointer, male which is a special treat because we see them so rarely, other than our own Chess. After a good but somewhat long rodeo, we walked through the rides area and bought tickets for the skyride, then enjoyed kind of a wonderful, slow ride overhead, giving us a whole new view. Things were closing up as we got off the ride, but we had the chance to buy a couple of things for the road, pumpkin waffles and smoked mac and cheese. It had stopped raining, making the ride home easier.

Saturday's rainy weather pushed Tobyhanna Township's Fall Festival from Saturday to Sunday, so we decided to use our free day for a trip to the PA Renaissance Faire, even though it was possible we'd be going in while it was raining there. We did pass through a couple of heavy showers and some mountain fog to get there.

Arriving at the Faire it was drizzling - not too bad. We were there in time to get bench seats for the Human Chess Match, then went caught the show by Circus Stella, a couple and their four dogs who perform a variety of acts. Then we were off to hear a performance on the mobile



Tobyhanna Township's Fall Festival was fun despite the weather.

JP: Ruth Isenberg

carillon, and then to the finale of the combat joust. We even got good bench seats, up front, close. And then it chose to rain—hard. We'd brought all weather gear and had an umbrella, which we huddled under while watching joust and sword fighting in the rain. It was a good show. The good guys win, so we left happy but dripping wet where the umbrella couldn't cover. We hope to return on a nicer day before the season ends.

On our drive home, we were able to catch the comeback win of Penn State football team on the radio. That made our drive through the fog a happy one. Temple also won, but Colgate lost. On that same note, the Patriots lost on Sunday so a mixed note on football. The Phillies season is mercifully over, leaving the Red Sox to cheer for.

On a cloudy Sunday, we had a mixed work and volunteer day including a swing through the Tobyhanna Township event. That evening was devoted to Rosh Hashanah, the kickoff to the Jewish New Year, as was our Monday.

This week is the start of Penguins hockey. Our plans include attending pre-season games Thursday and Saturday evenings. We will be going to the Covered Bridge arts & crafts festival at Knoebels

on Friday, mainly for the rides but also to see some crafts and crafters. On Saturday and

Sunday, The Journal will be having a table and generally helping at the White Haven Festival rain or shine. Hopefully Hurricane Matthew will hold off its visit until things wrap up.

Sightings this week include a heron over flight on Sunday as we made a stop at the Blakeslee Flea Market. The heron likely came from Camelot Forest's lake, and seemed headed for the upper Lehigh to find a good fishing spot. I've also seen some turkey, and a couple of good-

sized bucks.

During our driving this past weekend through Monroe, Carbon, Schuylkill and Lancaster Counties, we were checking out political signs over hundreds of miles. We sighted only one Hillary for President sign and two bumper stickers, one Gary Johnson for President sign, one Toomey for Senate sign, and a whole lot of Trump signs, banners, etc. everywhere. There were many state rep candidates signs, and a few for congress candidates, but you'd think there wasn't a contest for attorney general or U.S. senate – nothing out there.



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Grand re-opening of region's most-experienced emergency center

Pocono Medical Center celebrated the grand re-opening of its Mattioli Emergency Center with hundreds of community members near the new entrance of the Mattioli Emergency Center on East Brown Street in East Stroudsburg.

"Today's grand re-opening of the Mattioli Emergency Center signifies a re-dedication of what Pocono Medical Center's emergency care is truly focused on medical and clinical excellence with a positive patient experience," said Jeff Snyder, president and CEO of Pocono Medical Center.

Pocono Medical Center devoted \$3.8 million to modernize its ER with one purpose in mind – to significantly improve its patient's experience.

"PMC's continued focus on recruiting and retaining the best physicians and nurses provides the community with a clear advantage in quality of care. With a medical staff of 300 members strong, dedicated to the Pocono region, PMC is able to provide comprehensive ER coverage with



more physicians than others may have on their entire medical staff. That's a real and clear difference," said Snyder.

Pocono Medical Center's Mattioli Emergency Department underwent a year-long renovation to create a dedicated pediatric care space, a beautifully renovated reception area with amenities ranging from comfortable seating to Wi-Fi access, and a 30%

increase in patient care areas so patients can see our doctors and nurses sooner.

"Our emergency department is blessed with an entire team of professionals with vast experience and knowledge willing to deliver compassionate emergency care," said Dr. Leroy Nickles, Medical Director of Pocono Medical Center's Mattioli Emergency Department.

This project not only en-

hanced the infrastructure and aesthetics, but better defined our mission of providing excellent care, close to home. "As the area's only Trauma-certified Emergency Room, PMC's 24/7/365 access to critical specialists far exceed the capabilities and quality of other healthcare providers in the region. PMC's mission 'to provide excellent care close to home' is most evident in its Emergency Room, where the level of medical and clinical excellence is clearly distinguished

of that of a triage and transfer center," said Snyder.

With a team of high-quality physicians and providers, the Mattioli Emergency Center offers its community access to the area's only Level III Trauma Center backed by a Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center with telestroke capabilities, a nationally-recognized cardiac program with on-site cardiothoracic surgeon, Board-certified pediatric specialists, and 24/7 orthopedic care to ensure your best overall health, all in one location. "With the high level of quality care we have accessible in our one location – from cardiac, to stroke, to pediatrics – I am confident that no patient should seek care anywhere else but at the Mattioli Emergency Department," said Dr. Nickles.

The ceremony consisted of a powerful presentation followed by remarks featuring Jeff Snyder, president and CEO of Pocono Medical Center, a group of their dedicated, world-class physicians, and a special award acknowledgment followed by an honorary guest singer.

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Pine Hill Lodge noting 45th anniversary under same ownership

Restful Mount Pocono facility is located in the center of many Pocono attractions

by Alan K. Stout

Special to The Journal of the Pocono Plateau

For a place with such a rich history, Pine Hill Lodge is certainly not a place focused on the past. It is all about making new memories for families and friends.

The stately and charming three-story home, which was built in 1875, continues to serve as a restful getaway retreat for hundreds of people each year. And with 16 rooms, including 11 bedrooms, visiting groups often range from family reunions to church outings. George Bostany, 83, purchased the lodge in 1971 and is thus celebrating his 45th anniversary of owning and operating the facility. Bostany, a native of Brooklyn, said he has always enjoyed Mount Pocono.

"My parents came here when I was 17 or 18," said Mr. Bostany. "They used to rent a place not far from here. This was back in the '40s. And I loved this place. It was different from Brooklyn. It was really country then. And I guess I got used to it. Later, with my wife and my kids, we started coming up on weekends and



George Bostany and his daughter, Donna, continue to run Pine Hill Lodge in Mount Pocono. George has owned the 16-room home since 1971.



Pine Hill Lodge in Mount Pocono, built in 1875, continues to serve as a restful getaway location for hundreds of people each year.

staying at different hotels and motels. That's why we picked the Poconos. I knew the place."

Bostany said Pine Hill Lodge was first brought to his attention by his late father, who knew that his son was interested in the area and had seen that the home was for sale. He was 39 years old at the time, he had four children, and he aspired to having a "nice country life." And so, he bought it. From 1971 to 1978, he commuted between Brooklyn, where

he owned a television repair business, and Mount Pocono, where he oversaw the lodge. Finally, in 1978, after selling the family home in Brooklyn, he purchased a home in Mount Pocono not

far from the lodge, took a job as a technician at the Tobyhanna Army Depot, and relocated his family.

"I liked the size of it," said

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Pine Hill Lodge...

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Mr. Bostany, when asked what first appealed to him about the lodge. He added that he's always enjoyed repair and restoration work and that maintaining the facility has been a welcome challenge.

"Keeping it alive, and renovating it, and to bringing it back to how it was originally was nice," he said. "It's been a good life for me."

Bostany, a veteran of the Korean War, lost his wife of 53 years, Marlene, in 2014. He has four grown children: Christine Nafash, Lisa Butowsky, George Bostany and Donna Bostany. After 45 years, he said he is now open to the idea of putting the lodge on the market and selling it to the right buyer.

"I'd like to find a family to buy it, or someone that would like to continue doing this," he said. "Someone could run it as a bed and breakfast,

or convert it into six-family apartment, or a restaurant, or buy it as an investment. It's also ideal for someone to just continue doing what I'm doing."

Pine Hill Lodge is a member of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and the Monroe County Historical Association. It can accommodate up to 23 people overnight and up to 30 in total. It is rented to private groups only, so those groups that stay there have the entire facility to themselves. In addition to 11 bedrooms, there is also a large living room with a stone fireplace, two dining rooms and a large fully-equipped kitchen. And for now, despite the possibility of a sale, it's business as usual and bookings for summer getaways have begun. To note its 45th anniversary under the same ownership, special rates are being offered.



George Bostany, 83, is noting his 45th anniversary of owning and operating Pine Hill Lodge in Mount Pocono.

Bostany's daughter, Donna, who currently assists him with bookings, said that as more and more attractions continue to be developed in the Poconos, Pine Hill Lodge continues to be a perfect place to visit.

"We see people leaving their crazy/busy lives behind for a weekend and enjoying nature," said Ms. Bostany. "There's so much nature here. There's a hammock, so you can sleep between two trees and take the world off of your shoulders and enjoy

the clouds or the constellations. The wrap-around porch is nice for families, and we're in the middle of horseback riding, fishing, hiking and swimming areas. It's a place where families can talk to each other. They cook here, and they're all under one roof. You know where your kids are. There's a ping-pong table, and meanwhile people are playing cards in the dining room, or they're outside at the barbecue. You can make your own fun here on the premises, with shuffleboard, or soccer on the lawn, or the wooded nature trails. There's also so much antiquing here, and you can go to Mount Airy for the casino, or for comedy shows and bands, or Kalarahi for swimming. We're also in the heart of the ski resort area.

"There are all kinds of things to do."

For information on Pine Hill Lodge, call (570) 839-8060. It can also be found on Facebook.

Calendar of Events

Saturday, October 8—Pork 'n' Kraut Dinner, 4-7 p.m., Thornhurst UMC, 570-643-6605

Saturday, October 8—Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, 570-646-2650

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9—Columbus Day Weekend Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish downstairs hall (use side door)

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

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9—White Haven Outdoor Festival, Main Street, White Haven

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16—Pocono Food Truck & Art Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Sunday, October 16—Free Community Supper, 3-4 p.m., Our Lady of Victory

Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Friday, October 21—Bingo night, 5:30 p.m., Chestnut-hill Township Park, 570-992-9733

Sunday, October 23—Coach® Handbag Bingo, 1 p.m., Wilson-Fisher American Legion Post 413, Pocono Pines, 570-977-1646 or 570-722-9797

Saturday, November 5—Craft/Gift Fair, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Chestnuthill Park, Brodheadsville, 570-992-9733

Saturday, November 5—Project One Step Choral Concert, 7 p.m., Stroudsburg High School Auditorium, 570-476-4223, www.projectonestep.org

Sunday, November 20—Wreaths for Veterans Program, sponsored by

Pocono Lions Club, 2 p.m., Pocono Lake Cemetery, 610-317-0763

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Thursday-Sunday, July 6-9, Briggs Farm Blues Festival

Project Owl-net lets public help band owls

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center is hosting the first official season of Project Owl-net under its own banding permit in the

fall of 2016. The station will be open to the public every Friday night in October from 8 to 10 p.m. (donations welcome!). Participants will learn more about the Northern Saw-whet Owl, Project Owl-net, and have a unique opportunity to see one of the most secretive birds in the eastern US.

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New 4-H Club for Youth ages 5 – 8

Monroe County 4-H is starting a new club for youth ages 5 to 8 (age as of January 1). The 4-H Cloverbud program allows for and encourages creativity, play, and serves as a natural “stepping stone” to membership in a regular 4-H project club.

The program offers over 50 different short-term, activity based lessons on such topics as healthy living, science,

environmental education, expressive arts, and more.

The first meeting will be held on October 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Penn State Extension office. Pre-registration is required.

To register contact Penn State Extension, 724 Phillips St, Ste 201, Stroudsburg, call 570-421-6430, or e-mail MonroeExt@psu.edu.

Academic honors

Brittany Erlsten of Pocono Pines was named to the President’s List at Widener Univer-

sity for the Spring 2016 semester.

Lioness Club to host Kris Kringle event

The Western Pocono Lioness Club will have a free event, Kookies and Krafts with Kris Kringle. This will be at the Chestnuthill Township Park Building on November 12 from 1-3 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Each family will receive one free family picture. The children will decorate a cookie and make a craft. Music for the season will be provided by Joe and Chris Malocheski.

The November member meeting will be a week early due to Thanksgiving. The Lioness will meet on November 15, in the community room of Kinsley’s. More information will follow.

For additional information on the Western Pocono Lioness Club or events, contact president Lioness Cynthia 570-629-1505.

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Open house at Monroe NCC Campus

An open house at Northampton Community College’s Monroe Campus will be held on October 8 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at Pocono Hall, Monroe Campus, 2411 Route 715, Tannersville.

Participants will learn about the many fields of study offered, meet faculty members and current students, and get questions answered by the pros in admissions, financial aid, and career services. A

tour of the campus will be held.

For more information visit www.northampton.edu/Admissions/Campus-Tours.htm or call the admissions office, 610-861-5500.

Pound the Pavement Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Women’s Resources of Monroe County will hold its 4th annual 5k race on October 23 at 8 a.m. with registration at 7 a.m. The ‘Pound the Pavement Purple 5k’ will be held at the Pleasant Valley School District Athletic Stadium, Route 209 in Brodheadsville, and will take place either rain or shine. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the Run to End Violence is designed to raise awareness of the organization’s mission “To end domestic and sexual violence for all women, children and men in our community.”

“Domestic Violence knows no boundaries and, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, nearly 20 people per minute are victims of physical violence by an intimate partner in the United States,” said Lauren Peterson, Executive Director for Women’s Resources. “And even more disturbing, 1 out of 3 teenagers have experienced abuse in a

dating relationship. Attendees will receive important resources to help them start talking about relationships with people of all ages. No one is too young or too old to think or talk about what a healthy relationship looks and feels like.”

To sponsor the event, download entry forms or register online, please visit www.wrmonroe.org/5k. The early registration fee is \$25 for runners or walkers through October 9, after which the fee increases to \$30 through and including race day. For more information or if you have questions, contact T’Shawn Rivers at 570-424-2093, x19.

Women’s Resources of Monroe County has provided over 36 years of safe emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotline, support, counseling, education, legal advocacy, and community outreach to Monroe County victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. All of their services are free and confidential. If you are interested in hosting an event for Women’s Resources, please call T’Shawn Rivers at 570-424-2093, x19. For interests

of educational or awareness opportunities, please contact Paige Fetterly at 570-424-2093, x20. To learn more about Women’s Resources of Monroe County, please visit www.wrmonroe.org.

Dean’s List Roster

Stevenson University
Colleen DeRoo was named to the Spring 2016 Semester Dean’s List.

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Place his or her picture in the Program Book for the Blakeslee Rotary Club’s Fur Ball for just \$10. We’ll send you a PDF copy of the program as a keepsake if you can’t attend the Fur Ball itself. (See page 10 for details.) To learn more about this opportunity, call Ruth at 570-443-9131 xt304, or e-mail journalruth@gmail.com

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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 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, external parasites, and other health issues. “Dehydration is common and can be treated orally or with subcutaneous injections,” said Uhler. “All cubs are administered B-complex vitamins to combat stress and a broad-spectrum anti-parasitic that treats both mange and internal parasites.”

Bear cubs are initially housed in a double-size veterinary cage and provided additional space as they gain weight. A 30 by 30 foot stockade-style enclosure houses the bears when they weigh about 20 pounds. The enclosure contains a section of culvert pipe that offers protection from the elements, and a massive tree stump allows cubs to practice their climbing skills.

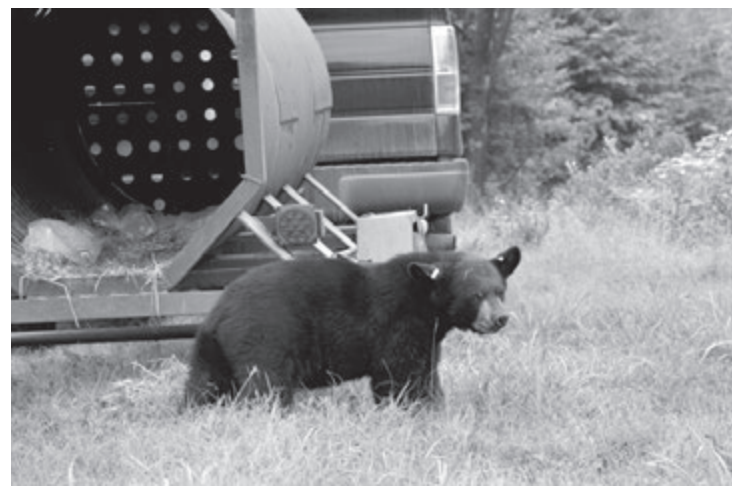
A bear-specific milk replacement formula is offered that has a high fat content and essential nutrients similar to a sow’s milk. The need to bottle-feed cubs is rare and done so with minimal human contact.

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



Wildlife Conservation Officers prepare to weigh a bear cub.



Bear cub released on SGL 57 in Wyoming County.

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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at Hemlock Bridge over Clear Run between Salamanca Lane and Sharbaugh Road.

Supervisors declared October Women's Resources National Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. An invitation to join an October 13 candlelight vigil at the municipal center followed.

Pocono Mountain Public Library Executive Director Ann Shincovich invited residents to explore the facility's new second floor Rosetta Stone Language Lab.

A reminder to join Ghoulbough October 29 at Coolbaugh Township Municipal Park followed.

October 31 Halloween Trick or Treat time in the township is 5 to 8 p.m.

Supervisors agreed to pay bills totaling \$ 155,886.05. Fund payments were:

General Fund, \$126,431.09
Sewer Fund, \$9,504.96
Escrow Fund, \$0
Fire Tax/Tobyhanna, \$19,950.00

Supervisors Bill Weimer, Lynn Kelly, Alma Ruiz-Smith, Anthony Lamantia and Juan Adams were present along with administrative assistant

Erin Masker, solicitor Jerry Hanna and an audience of approximately 25.

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Monroe County Bench Bar Conference shares knowledge and networking

Monroe County Bar Association held its 20th annual Monroe County Bench Bar Conference September 30 at Northampton Community College Monroe Campus. Members of the Stroudsburg-based group joined Pennsylvania Bar Association members and Superior and Court of Common Pleas Judges to share knowledge and networking for the overall advancement of legal pro-

fessionals across the region. Created as a means of keeping up to date on information and what's going on in each organization, the gathering also considered obligations and administration beyond the bench.

43rd Judicial District Court of Common Pleas President Judge the honorable Margherita Patti-Worthington, explained, "The goal is to collaborate to make sure justice

is served." A strong advocate for educational and operational advancement in her fifth year as President Judge, she agrees this type of interaction offers an opportunity for "a better understanding of pressures" faced by both sides of the bench.

"Monroe County is the first county in Pennsylvania to use PACFiling for Criminal cases [at the Common Pleas level]," announced Protho-

notary Clerk of Courts for Monroe County George Warden. He was joined by Senior Deputy Monroe County Court of Clerks Lasea Koidl to illustrate the online paperless procedure for attorneys.

Plenary Session presenter Superior Court Judge the honorable Victor P. Stabile presented a "potpourri of recent cases of interest. There's a reason they call it a practice of law," he later explained.

Satisfied with another successful selection of subjects by MCBA's Bench Bar Committee Monroe County Bar Association president Jeffrey A. Durney joined colleagues shared the "State of the Bar." PBA President-elect Sharon Lopez discussed the "State of the Pennsylvania Bar Association," followed by "State of the Bench" by Judge Worthington, then a Judges' Round Table panel discussion.

THEME: The 1950s

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1. Rn, a health hazard
6. One noble or inert
9. Multitude
13. Port city in Japan
14. Pie ____ mode
15. Inflict a blow
16. *Prime Minister of India in the 1950s
17. Under the weather
18. Line in London
19. *49th state
21. *Space Race starter
23. *__ Hunt with Lloyd Bridges
24. First one on a ship
25. PC brain
28. Diva's solo
30. Frustration, in print

DOWN

34. RIP pots
36. Ben Affleck's 2012 Oscar winner
38. Flax fabric
40. This and the other
41. Polynesian kingdom
43. Man Ray's art movement
44. The inner self
46. Indian Lilac
47. Units of work
48. Scale model of Earth
50. *It was on Little Anthony's pillow in 1958
52. Grazing field
53. Spiritedness
55. African tam-____
57. *Jackie Robinson's and Duke Snider's team
61. *____ Khrushchev
64. Goodbye in Spanish
65. Commotion
67. Not active
69. Haunted house sounds
70. American cuckoo
71. Rocks at mountain base
72. Gaelic
73. *Thunderbird
74. Macho guy

DOWN

1. Actor/director Howard
2. Between ports
3. Willy Wonka creator
4. Ladies' fingers
5. Post-roller coaster ride condition
6. Mother Earth,

to Ancient Greeks

7. *____ About Eve" starring Bette Davis

8. Pico de gallo, e.g.

9. Obscenity

10. Property right

11. Tiny purse or case

12. 168 hours

15. High-pitched cry

20. One of 24 in pure gold

22. "Every child. One voice."

24. Ian McKellen in "X-Men" films

25. *Fulgencio Batista's home

26. Fork tooth

27. "____ death do us part"

29. *Like imaginary curtain

31. "Park and ____"

32. Twist and distort

33. Neighbor separator?

35. Idiot, in Yiddish

37. Type of molding

39. *Aeronautics and aerospace research org.

42. Stradivari competitor

45. Mother ____, "The Sound of Music"

49. Go wrong

51. Debonair

54. *"Lucky Starr" series author Asimov

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60. 2014 movie "____ Girl"

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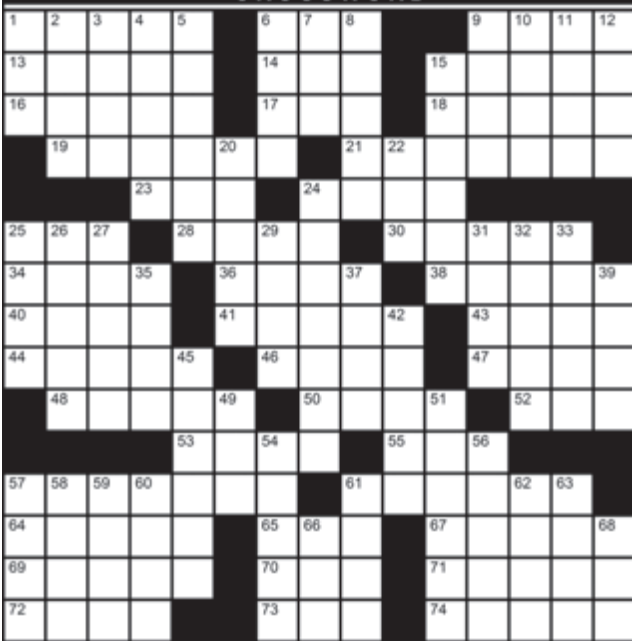
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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

Just after 6 p.m. on 8-19, Pocono Mountain Regional Police was called to the Indian Mountain Lakes entrance gate due to an intoxicated driver trying to enter—but unable to after several attempts. Security there made contact with the woman and “she appeared to be out of it.” Police arrived and talked to the 75 y/o IML resident, who was uncooperative with them, showing signs of being drunk. She became belligerent toward security mem-

bers with police present – and got herself arrested for disorderly conduct. PMRPD sent her to the Monroe County DUI Center for a blood test and released her there. She will face DUI charges depending on the results of the test.

PA State Police – Lehighton was conducting a DUI checkpoint on Old Route 115 in Ross Twp. at 11:30 p.m. on 9-4 and arrested a Nazareth man who had drugs in his SUV.

At 9:40 p.m. on 9-28, a 48 y/o Kunkletown driver was going too fast on Hahns

Dairy Rd. and missed a right curve—driving his '17 Kia Sportage straight through, then up an embankment and into two large trees. The driver was taken by Palmerton EMS to the hospital for his injuries, and for a blood test. DUI is suspected.

At 12:10 a.m. on 9-30, PSP-L arrested a 45 y/o driver on drugged driving charges (DUI).

Stealin'

A 1400 block, Astolat Road, Polk Twp. homeowner saw an unknown person, wearing dark clothes, who was open-

ing the hatch of her car at 11:50 p.m. on 9-25. The person fled when discovered.

Someone stole the license plate off a vehicle parked at 145 Hawk Farm Rd. between noon and midnight on 9-26.

A contractor had several
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Police Beat...

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pieces of equipment stolen from his worksite on Route 115 between Flyte and Meixsell Valley Roads, between 8 p.m. 10-2 and 4 p.m. 10-3.

PSP-L is investigating the theft from a Green Valley Dr., Towamensing Twp. home of 6 one-ounce bars of gold. The theft was between 8-26 and 9-19.

Burglaries include jewelry stolen at a 1000 block, Church Rd., Palmerton-area home the afternoon of 8-25;

and a stackable washer/dryer, a tractor wagon, a push mower, several pictures and more from a 600 block, Fiddletown Rd., Eldred Twp. home—PSP-L.

Locust Lake Village security saw two males breaking into a 1300 block, Slutter Rd., Pocono Lake home at 11 a.m. on 10-1. They called PMRPD, who arrived with a K9 unit. A perimeter was established and with K9 Niko deployed, the pair was located exiting the back of the home, carrying various stolen items. The pair, an 18 y/o from Pocono Lake and a 19 y/o from Long Pond,

were confronted by police and the K9, and arrested without incident. Both men were taken to the Monroe County jail to await video arraignment.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PMRPD is looking for a dark colored sedan, possibly a Chrysler 300 or similar, which hit another vehicle head-on on Route 940 in Pocono Pines at 8:21 p.m. on 9-26. The car had crossed the double yellow lines into the oncoming lane. The car had a personalized PA plate—"RichieRT" or something close. After the crash—where no one was hurt, the driver drove off. PMRPD welcome info on the car or its driver—call them at 570-895-2400.

At 11:37 p.m. on 10-1, a 23 y/o Effort driver was speeding along Weir Lake Rd. south of Brodheadsville when he swerved to avoid an animal in the road that was crossing

ahead of him – and lost control of his '04 Nissan Sentra. He missed the animal and instead hit a tree. He was not hurt, just ticketed for the crash by PSP.

And the Rest ...

PSP-L is looking to arrest

36 y/o Lawrence Purcell, Jr. of Kunkletown for several assaults upon his girlfriend 8-17 to 20. Troopers interviewing the 33 y/o woman saw several cuts/bite marks/bruises on her. Contact PSP-L if you can help at 610 681-1850.



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