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PMC healthcare center opens doors in Blakeslee



Dr. David Testa, center, prepares to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Pocono Medical Center Blakeslee Healthcare Center on Tuesday. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Medical Center held a grand opening celebrating its new Blakeslee Healthcare Center on October 12. The fourth in a string of facilities solidifying the provider's "footprint in Monroe County," joining Tobyhanna, Brodheadsville and Bartonsville, the Route 115 site is a welcomed sight for residents and public officials alike.

Satisfying a need for access to healthcare in the area, the facility will offer primary care, orthopedics, x-ray and ultrasound services. Reporting

intentions of a "phased-approach" with additional services, Director of Public and Government Affairs Geoffrey M. Roche, announced OB/GYN, outpatient rehabilitation and immediate care will soon also be available.

Thanking Tobyhanna Township supervisors for their "constant push," he agreed introducing the facility to the area will play a vital role to "help this township move it [Blakeslee Visioning] forward."

Calling Pocono Medical Center, "true community part-
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Don't blink: fall color moving quickly



FABULOUS FALL: This view of Trout Creek behind Brady's Lake shows the autumn colors that are quickly coming to peak across the Plateau. *JP: Ruth Isenberg*

Coolbaugh reviews procedure for letters of support

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

“We’re not here to decide whether they’re eligible or not,” explained supervisor Juan Adams as Coolbaugh Township supervisors deliberated a request from Preservation Alliance for Dam and Lake Environment for a township letter of support as the group seeks a Pennsylvania Gaming Local Share grant at the October 4 meeting.

“There’s a lot of questions there,” Alma Ruiz-Smith said, asking for confirmation of 501(c) (3) status for the group seeking \$57,000 for Pocono Summit Lake Dam #2 repair. She accusing the applicant of having “lakefront property that would benefit.” She went on to say, “[The] dam is not clarified not to be owned by the Railroad Authority.”

PADLE vice-president Terri Skladany assured supervisors that nonprofit status is in place.

Supervisor Lynn Kelly reviewed a Department of Environmental Protection engineer’s letter on the structure built in 1919 reporting Dam #1 is scheduled for repairs, cautioning, “It is going to put a strain on that second dam.”

“Why would you want to take that risk?” Adams asked.

A vote of 3-1 approved the letter of support with Ruiz-Smith opposed.

The release of remaining 2016 donations was granted except for that of Thornhurst Fire Company, for failure to provide documentation requested by the township.

Pocono Services for Families and Children Executive Director Tim Lee thanked Coolbaugh supervisors for a decade of support. He called the nonprofit and municipality a good partnership beneficial to township residents. With plans to make the Tobyhanna site a “one stop community

center,” he stated, “[I’m] very excited about what we’re going to be able to do.”

Evening Trick or Treat time in the township is Monday, October 31 from 5 to 8 p.m. with Ghoulbough annual pre-holiday festivities on Saturday, October 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the township Municipal Park.

Calling Coolbaugh “financially sound and has appropriately addressed the township needs,” Frey and Company CPA Patrick McGoldrick shared stats applauding township controller Maureen Mills’ “strong accounting background.”

Bills totaling \$301,558.98 were approved to be paid, \$276,910.38 from the general fund; \$4,464.30 from the sewer fund; and \$20,184.30 from the escrow fund.

Supervisors Ruiz-Smith, Adams, Kelly and Anthony Lamantia were present along with administrative

assistant Erin Masker, controller Mills, solicitor Jerry Hanna and an audience of approximately 30.

Coolbaugh’s next meetings

are scheduled for 7 p.m. October 18 and November 1 in the administrative building located on Municipal Drive in Tobyhanna.



Pocono Services for Families and Children Executive Director Tim Lee thanks Coolbaugh for years of support.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

Reassessment town hall slated for Tobyhanna Twp

Tobyhanna Township is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Monday, November 14, at 5 P.M. at the Tobyhanna Township Government Center Building, 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines to discuss and answer questions

concerning the Monroe County Reassessment Project.

This forum is designed to be highly informative and interactive so residents and business owners may ask questions about the reassessment process.

Opening...

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ners,” Tobyhanna Township supervisor Heidi Pickard presented Roche with a plaque welcoming the healthcare provider to a “growing family of businesses” in the municipality.

With healthcare serving as “a key component to our

lives,” Township Manager John Jablowski applauded the “overall benefit [to all including] visitors to the community.”

Thankful for the “convenient” location, Alicia Batista grinned as the ribbon was cut. The Albrightsville woman had frequented Tobyhanna’s center with plans now to switch spots for one “much closer” to home.

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Signing up for durability for new borough sign

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

“There’s something different?” questioned council member Keith Transue as council scanned proposals to replace the municipal building’s 22-year old sign during Mount Pocono Borough Council’s October 3 meeting.

“We just spent \$300,000 on this building and we’re argu-

ing over \$150,” said council member Mike Oser regarding the difference between Scott’s Signs’ \$715 bid and a bid of \$593 from Simplex Image Solutions.

The group discussed borough-based Scott’s Aluminite design, which included installation, compared to a Dibond sign proposal made by Sim-



The current sign.

plex, which appeared to be only for production. Calling Aluminite “the longest lasting sign made,” Bailey’s restaurant owner Chris Sarajian explained he uses it at his own plateau-area establishments.

Agreeing durability and installation outweighed the \$155 difference, council approved Scott’s Signs proposal.

Going underground, council agreed with Oser’s suggestion to curb landscaping until next spring after sifting through a \$4,360 bid by Mountain Landscaping.

“I think this is fluff for right now,” Oser said, noting the possibility of uprooting completed work as scaffolding is being done on the building.

“What we need for the patch is not always what they’re making,” explained council member Jeff Woehrle in response to council member Claudette Williams’ request that road fill be re-evaluated in the Pine Hill section. He added “If the plant makes another run of material for a big job [that’s what is received].”

Borough Trick or Treat times are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, October 31.

Council reviewed bills totaling \$1,204,138.25 for payment.

Present were council members Transue, Oser, Williams, Woehrle, Karl Davis, Fran O’Boyle, and Donna Casole, along with solicitor Jim Fareri, Mayor Fred Courtright, Secretary Lori Noonan and approximately 10 citizens.

Mount Pocono’s next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, November 7 at Municipal Offices on Route 611.

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.

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Area Funerals

STEVEN H. GUNTHER

Steven H. Gunther, 67, of Tobyhanna, died Saturday, October 8, 2016, while under hospice care in his home. He was the husband of Jill Ann (Sampson) Gunther with whom he shared 45 years of marriage on August 28.

Born on September 24, 1949 in Jersey City, New Jersey, he was a son of Ruth (Heck) Gunther of Hamburg, New Jersey and the late Harry Gunther. Prior to moving to Tobyhanna in 1987, he lived in Lincoln Park, New Jersey and Parsippany, New Jersey.

Steven worked at Cramer's in Pocono Summit for twenty years.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Neu and her husband Michael of Stroudsburg, and Samantha Fagan and her husband Michael of Tobyhanna; five grandchildren, Taylor Fagan of Tobyhanna, Steven Ottman of Stroudsburg, Kayla Fagan of Tobyhanna, Madison Neu of Stroudsburg and Alexan-

dria Neu of Stroudsburg; a brother, John Gunther and his wife Pat of New Castle, Colorado; two sisters, Nancy Morin and her husband Charles of Perrineville, New Jersey, and Jeanette Tempe and her husband Karl of Hamburg, New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, October 14, at , at the William H. Clark Funeral Home, 1003 Main Street, Stroudsburg, with Rev. Candy LaBar officiating. Cremation was private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial remembrances may be made to Colon Cancer Alliance cca.convio.net/goto/steven_gunther.

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St. Maximilian Kolbe to host free community dinner

The Social Concerns Committee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, will host its third free Community Dinner of the year on Sunday, October 23, at 2 p.m. The parish invites friends and neighbors for fun, food and fellowship. The meal is offered free of charge to all members of the community, regardless of

need. Because of limited seating, reservations are required.

Feast on grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, bread, dessert and beverage. Dine in a warm, friendly atmosphere and enjoy some lively conversation while our dedicated volunteers serve you Sunday dinner. The meal will be held

downstairs in Our Lady of the Lake Hall, which is handicap accessible.

This free dinner is funded from the proceeds of the committee's three Lenten Buffets and through the generosity of the St. Max parish family.

To reserve your place at the dinner table, call 727-542-2280. Please leave a message and we will return your call. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, October 19. St. Maximilian Kolbe is located at 5112 Pocono Crest Road, near the traffic signal, in Pocono Pines.

Ten Thousand Villages sale

A Ten Thousand Villages sale will take place October 19-22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Proceeds benefit Five Loaf House in Pocono Pines,

and artisans around the world. The Café will be open daily.

For more information visit www.fiveloafhouse.org.

3D Mammography System at Pocono Medical Center

Hologic, Inc., manufacturer of the Selenia® Dimensions® system's Genius™ 3D MAMMOGRAPHY™ located within Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center, has a Breast Cancer Education Campaign featuring nine-time Grammy award-winning singer, songwriter and breast cancer survivor Sheryl Crow.

Hologic launched a national campaign in April titled, the Better Mammogram Poll, to educate women about the benefits of the Genius™ 3D

MAMMOGRAPHY™ exam. "Bartonsville Healthcare Center offers Genius™ 3D MAMMOGRAPHY™ exams, which are the only clinically-proven, superior breast tomosynthesis system as approved by the FDA," said Barbarann Carroll, RT (R) (M), Radiology Facility Coordinator at Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center.

"As a Certified Breast Center of Excellence, we are proud to serve as a woman's health advocate by dis-

tinguishing the Bartonsville Healthcare Center as the region's only comprehensive center for early breast cancer detection," said Priya Sareen, M.D., Section Chief of Breast Imaging, Medical Imaging of Lehigh Valley P.C. The state-of-the-art 3D mammography exam offers radiologists more

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3D Mammography...

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information than the conventional 2-D mammography exams, allowing for better outcomes – reduces the need for women to come back for further evaluation by 41%.

As the only facility in the region to offer the advanced 3D technology, Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center serves as Monroe County's epicenter for comprehensive, quality women's healthcare. "Routine breast cancer screening allows women to be proactive about their breast health, and this advanced technology helps detect a possible breast cancer earlier," said Jennifer Henry, CRNP, Breast Health Nurse Practitioner at Pocono Medical Center's Bartonsville Healthcare Center. "Early detection is key to give women the best chance for living a long, healthy life."

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Full Gospel Holiness Church Of God In Christ held 9/11 service

Full Gospel Holiness Church Of God In Christ, 9/11 1st Responders Service was very moving, and emotional. The service was attended by Representative David Parker, who remarked about the importance of having dedicated first responders like Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department, and Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Department, in attendance with several officers, and numerous fire volunteers.

Cpl. Kyle was introduced by Lt. Voight of the PMRPD. CPL. Kyle spoke very passionately, and emotionally about his experience being at the towers when they came down. He asked to stand behind the flag draped coffin as a reminder and respect for those who lost their lives 9/11/2001. This significant emotional event prompted him to a career change to become a police officer instead of a stockbroker / accountant on Wall Street.

Elder Trawick, Pastor, D.D who recently retired from 44 years of Federal Service, saluted Cpl. Kyle and his co-workers for their dedication to duty, and selfless service to serve and protect others.



Clergy's prayer during the service.



State Representative David Parker.

The keynote speaker for the service was Retired River Edge New Jersey Police Captain Bruce G. Baker and former Chief, Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Department. Bruce is also an Associate Pastor at Mill City Assembly of God. Baker related the service of first responders to that of Jesus, willing to lay down his life for his brother. Bruce bought to the forefront how

people were united to help one another regardless of their race, ethnicity, political affiliation, color or gender. This tragedy caused people to embrace and support one another. He also talked about how first responders were running into buildings that were falling and on fire to help save others they did not know and with no regard for their own safety. Bruce talked about how selfless service



Lt. Voight



Cpl. Kyle



Bruce G. Baker

translate into love for others. His remarks reminded us all how 9/11 changed our lives forever and reminded us why this type of service is necessary, "lest we forget."

The Full Gospel Praise and Worship Team provided soul stirring music throughout the service. Complimentary hamburgers and hot dogs were served in the fellowship for all to enjoy.

Faith Lutheran plans spaghetti dinner

A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, on Saturday, October 22, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dine in or take out a traditional Italian meal that includes pasta, meatballs, salad, rolls, coffee, tea and your choice of a delicious homemade dessert.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 4 to 10. Tickets will be available at the door. They may also be reserved ahead of time by calling the church office at 570-646-

0309.

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

For more information call 570-646-0309 or visit faithlutheranblakeslee.org. Like us on Facebook at Faith Lutheran Church Blakeslee PA

Lioness Club to have busy October

October will be a busy month for the Western Pocono Lioness Club. October 25 is the monthly meeting in the community room at Kinsley's. Social time is at 6 p.m. with snacks available, paying for reservations for Thanksgiving feast and the meeting.

October 31, the Lioness will participate in Halloween in the Park at Chestnuthill Township Park in Brodheads ville from 6-8 p.m.

Dates for the Lioness Soup and Muffin Mix Sale are October 21 and 22 at Peebles and October 28 and 29 at Country Junction.

There will also be a Free Event, Kookies and Krafts with Kris Kringle at the Chest-

nuthill Township Park Building on Saturday November 12, 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 at an earlier time of 5:30 to enjoy the Thanksgiving Feast.

For additional information on the club or events, contact President Lioness Cynthia 570-629-1505.

Submarine Veterans to meet

The U.S. Submarine Veterans, Pocono Base, will meet Wednesday, October 19, at 7 p.m. at the Wilson Fisher American Legion, Post 413, Old Route 940, in Pocono Pines. They are a local chapter of the national organiza-

tion U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate the memory of shipmates who gave their lives in the pursuit of their duties while serving

their country. Submarine veterans from all eras are encouraged to join.

For additional information and directions, visit <http://poconosubvets.org>, or call 610-681-2606.

Costa Rica Dreaming presentation planned

The Central American country of Costa Rica is a true paradise for the birdwatcher and naturalist, boasting a bird list of over 800 species as well as a diverse array of other wildlife. On Saturday, October 22, join Monroe County Conser-

vation District Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman at 10 a.m. for a presentation highlighting his three visits to this biologically rich country and previewing his next Costa Rica birding adventure scheduled for February 2017.

Cost for the presentation is \$6/non-member, \$4/children under 12, and EE Center members FREE.

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

Harvest Centerpiece project for Pocono Garden Club session

The Pocono Garden Club will hold a general meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, at 1 p.m. at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Running Valley Road, Bartonsville.

The design committee will present a member project Creating a Harvest Centerpiece. Members are asked to bring a container no larger than 8-10 inches in diameter, and an assortment of dried flowers, grasses and/or seed pods from their gardens. Artificial fall flowers, candles, pumpkins or any kind of fall figurines may be included.

Members and guests are encouraged to participate in the monthly design titled Au-

turn's Splendor, a vertical arrangement in beautiful fall hues.

The horticulture entry is a collection of dried plant material including flowers, grasses, seed pods, etc. placed in a container of the exhibitor's choice, with five

or more specimens to be included.

A Begonia, which may be flowering or not, is the houseplant entry.

Anyone interested in plants and gardening is welcome. For more information, email nonnie0506@yahoo.com.



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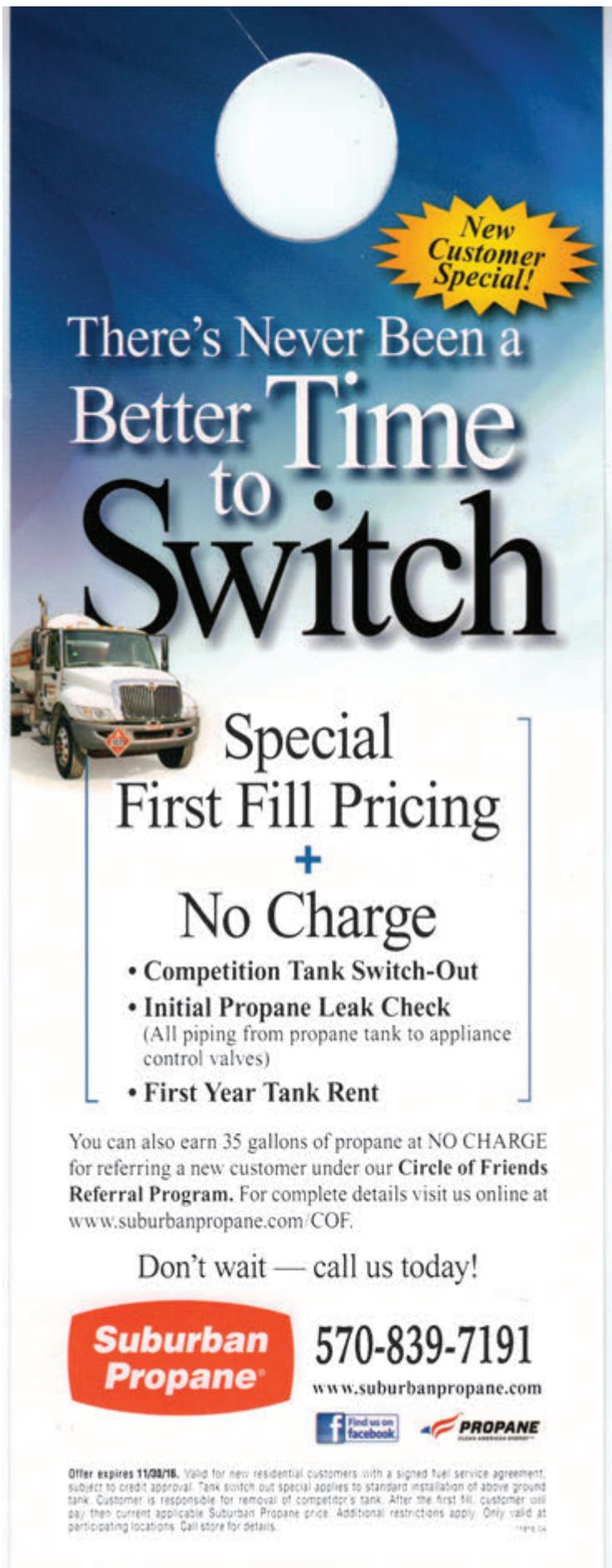
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Find fossils at Kettle Creek

On Saturday, October 29, visit Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at 10 a.m. to learn about fossils, how they were made, and hunt for your own at the Kettle Creek quarry.

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The Robb Taylor Band Rocked the Clymer

Actor, singer, songwriter Robb Taylor recently brought his band into the Clymer Library for a concert of songs from his Hourglass and Dream Catcher CDs. Along with him was Erica Ashlee, whom he has teamed up with for many shows in the Poconos.

The band is a well-known draw nationally. Their next CD will be produced by A-Side Records. Publishing rights will be managed by Charmont Publishing.

"I love playing huge venues but also love smaller more intimate places as well. I love meeting the audience members and look forward to their questions," says Taylor.



Vandy Galvez was on backup vocals along with Gary Rice on bass. There was

a great crowd and every song in the show was well received.

Look To The Sky Exhibition Comes to the ARTSPACE Gallery in November

For the month of November, the ARTSPACE Gallery in Stroudsburg will feature an exhibition entitled Look to the Sky. The show is open to all mediums and artists—

students, amateurs and professionals. Membership in the Pocono Arts Council is preferred, but not necessary. Awards will be given—First Place (\$100), Second Place

(\$50) & Third Place (\$25). Juror for the show is Mary Ann Gross, Art Director of the Allentown School District.

Drop-off is scheduled for Monday, October 31, 1-6 p.m. A prospectus can be found online at www.poconoarts.org.

A reception is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 5-7 p.m., with awards presented at 6. The show will run November 5-21. For further information, call the PoconoArts office at 570-476-4460 or e-mail laura@poconoarts.org.

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Pink Ribbon Raffle to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In celebration of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Carole' Ann F. Bowyer and Staci Beers, the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund's founders, and volunteers are hosting the 4th Annual Pink Ribbon Raffle, a breast cancer awareness event, at Peppe's Bistro in East Stroudsburg, on October 14.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at Frailey Insurance and Financial Services, Rt.611, Stroudsburg. Tickets (\$5 each or 5 for \$20) can also be purchased by visiting www.hopeforstrength.com. Checks may be made payable to Pocono Health Foundation. You need not be present to win. Admission is free.

Contact Carole' Ann F. Bowyer at hopeforstrength2012@gmail.com or 570-977-0872 for more information about the Hope for Strength Breast Cancer Fund and how you can get involved.

Saturday is Apple Fest in downtown Stroudsburg

Apple season is in full swing at Monroe Farmers Market, located in Courthouse Square on Saturday mornings in downtown Stroudsburg. To celebrate, Monroe Farmers Market will host their 3rd Annual AppleFest this Saturday, October 15, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Customers can expect lots of family fun at the festival, too. There will be free face painting, farm tractors on display, old-fashioned apple cider pressing demonstrations by O'Hara Orchard, and local vendors including businesses and craftspeople. After AppleFest, Monroe Farmers Market will remain open in Courthouse Square through the last week in October. In November, the winter market begins indoors at Stroudsburg Methodist Church.

At AppleFest, one can expect to find APPLES and everything apple-related. There will be plenty of apple pie, apple dumplings, apple wines, apple cider, apple-scented homemade soaps, and even apple dog treats. Monroe Farmers Market sponsor Local Flair Magazine will be on-site to make candied apples with kids as well. Live music in the WSBG Music Tent will be provided by local singer Katie Rubino.

The market will host its first ever AppleFest scavenger hunt for children, during the festival. Prizes for all successful scavengers include free pumpkins from Menegus Farm.

For more information about AppleFest or for general information about Monroe Farmers Market, visit monroefarmersmarket.com

Go birding at the Brig

Forsythe (formerly Brigantine) National Wildlife Refuge in southern New Jersey is a migratory hotspot for a diversity of birds. On Thursday, October 27, join Monroe County Conservation District's Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman for a full day of birds and fun. Meet at Kettle Creek at 7 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m.

Cost of \$28/non-members, \$22/EE Center members includes bus transportation. Bring a lunch, binoculars, and dress for the weather. A dinner stop will be made.

Advance registration is required. Call 570-629-3061. For information on other programs we offer, visit our website at www.mcconservation.org

Dance through the decades

Enjoy an evening of dancing to the music of the 1970's and 1980's on November 5 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and will be on sale from October 3 through 29.

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ArtPop Poconos announces call for entries for 2017 Street Gallery

The second annual ArtPop competition is here to shine the spotlight on the talented local artists in Northeastern Pennsylvania by placing their work on available billboards throughout the region. Local artists in all mediums are invited to submit entries for five available billboards circulating the region in 2017.

ArtPop Poconos is open to local artists living or work-

ing in Monroe, Pike, Wayne, Lackawanna and Luzerne counties and the Slate Belt area of Northampton County. Artists should send a hi-resolution digital file of the artwork they wish to submit, following the guidelines that can be found at www.artpopstreet-gallery.com, <https://vimeo.com/161938226>. Five artists will be chosen by the Pocono Arts Council and ArtPop selection committee.

A YouTube video with specifics on how to size your entry is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsvwv_

Ruszl. Please note that the size needed for the billboards in this market is 1716 x 425 px, as opposed to 1920 x 500 px as indicated in the video. Please adjust accordingly.

Please include the following information with your submission: Name, Complete Address, Phone Number, Email Address, Title, Mediums, One Paragraph and a brief bio. Entries should be sent via email to laura@poconoarts.org — please put “ArtPop Submission” in the subject line.

There is an entry fee of \$20 for PoconoArts Members and \$25 for Non-Members. The fee is payable online at www.poconoarts.org or via snail mail to Pocono Arts Council, 18 N. Seventh St. Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Last week was spent hurricane watching. My brother Matthew, one of many people for whom the hurricane was named, got a bit wet as the storm stretched out as far as Charlotte, North Carolina with its bands of wind-driven rain. Our area just got some light showers on Saturday, and some strong winds Sunday. The festival in downtown White Haven this past weekend got a little wet, then the winds picked up and blew over canopies and the youth-sponsored Halloween maze. It made for a difficult time to vend, and the event was shortened on Sunday due to wind. I was able to lead a small pet parade there on Sunday (fun as always).

Last week was the start of Penguins hockey season. Ruth and I attended two pre-season games.

The first was more of a scrimmage. The second was some exciting and fun hockey due to more veteran players playing. It looks like the WBS Penguins are going to have an exciting team this year - there are some good multi-game ticket packages to be had for any of you considering coming to a game. If one the fence - try a Friday night special with tickets starting at \$14.

In other sports, the Red Sox got swept so that ends the baseball season for me. Penn State won its football game in a big way against a good team. It's a sure thing that the team is going to play tough against its remaining Big 10 opponents. The New England Patriots won easily in the return of quarterback Tom Brady. The Eagles, however, fumbled away victory, so those

who had anointed this team this year's Super Bowl champs will need to hold off a bit. The NBA is soon to start up regular season play and maybe the Sixers will be competitive this year.

Sunday after the White Haven Festival closed up early, we used the remaining daylight to take Chess for a hike in the gamelands west of Brady's Lake. With it being early hunting season, the gates are open on some of the gamelands roads that are usually shut. A favorite drive of ours is just south of Brady's Lake itself, where you drive west from the Brady's Lake road on a gravel trail that crosses the Trout Run on the old railroad bed, then at the end of the road, hike a hillside that once was a local farm over a century ago. The Game Commission has planted browse in the old fields, plus there's a wonderful sense of isolation. The two of us and Chess

walked along the road that leads up the hill towards the farm. A trail then branches off beside the old fields. We could see where other hikers had hiked this over the weekend, but there was no evidence of anyone being anywhere near while we were there. On the hike, we saw some bear spoor indicating a medium-sized critter had been through the area several times, including recently. Our hike lasted beyond sunset and we were back to our truck so we were out before dark so we could catch some beautiful colors on the hardwood trees, especially surrounding the swamp where the stream came through.

Fall colors have been really nice. There are spots hereabouts that are really spectacular. Earlier last week we had to take a trip to the Lake Wallenpaupack area to make a delivery of a newspaper to a POA customer. We then cycled home through Scranton. Entering into the Scranton area on Interstate 380, foliage went from near peak in the Moscow area, to nearly full green in the Wyoming Valley. The leaves up there hadn't really begun to turn yet.

Sightings this week includes this sign, spotted on our way to a customer near Lake Wallen-

paupack - White Walker Wedding (a funny for all you Game of Thrones fans). Other sightings include a flock of healthy turkey above Timber Trails, and a pheasant that we flushed while driving in the gamelands.

This week has me in Harrisburg for a seminar on Friday. Both of us will be at the Fur Ball (Blakeslee-area dog park fundraiser) on Saturday eve (so we will miss the WBS Penguins opening game Saturday night). Next week, we'll see two games. Our Sunday plans are to drive into New Jersey for a visit, and to buy gasoline before they put in the 23¢ a gallon tax increase. By my calculation, NJ gas prices will still be lower, but by only about ten cents a gallon after this - not enough to make a special trip. Here's hoping gas prices don't keep creeping up.

Injured bald eagle rehabilitating at Pocono facility

When Pennsylvania Game Commission Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer Rich Weichand recently arrived at a home along Possinger Road in Jackson Township, Monroe County, he was greeted by a mature bald eagle in need of immediate medical attention.

Weichand determined that the eagle was likely suffering from a broken wing. He placed the bird in a large pet carrier and delivered it to the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center near Saylorsburg.

The bald eagle was evaluated at the center and then transported to Wright's Veterinary Medical Center in Bethlehem for x-rays and medical care. The bird was found to have a broken radius bone, a large bone running along the front of the wing.

"The eagle is currently being treated twice a week with low-level laser therapy that will help improve circulation and facilitate healing," explained veterinary center director Dr. Clifford Wright Jr. "We are providing external support to the wing and the bird



Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center Co-Director Eric Uhler; and Game Commission Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer Rich Weichand.

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Pocono Food Truck Festival and Art on the Mountain

With the autumn foliage at its peak in the Pocono Mountains, Shawnee Mountain is pleased to host the third annual Pocono Food Truck Festival. The festival will be held on October 15 and 16 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on both days. 20 unique food trucks and carts will roll onto the Shawnee festival grounds for a weekend of art, crafters, delicious food, live music and fall foliage.



The Pocono Food Truck Festival is the Pocono Mountain regions only event featuring food trucks from New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley all promising a weekend of delicious street eats that will satisfy the savory, sweet and hard to please taste buds. A full list of participating food trucks with their menus is available at www.shawneemt.com.

New for 2016, Shawnee Mountain's impressive Art on the Mountain show and sale will be held in conjunction with the Pocono Food Truck Festival.

Over 65 regional painters, photographers, sculptors and crafters will show and sell their artwork and wares during the festival.

A food truck and art festival is not complete without live music. The live outdoor stage will feature Lenny Miller, Erin McClelland, Regina Sayles, and Christian Porter from NBC's The Voice.

Additional entertainment with the kids in mind will be performed by Mark Clark with his Juggling Shows and "Pie Man" the Living Statue. A stilt walker, face painter, and balloon art will also be provided both days by Mark's Aardvark



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Along with the dozens of specialty foods, beverages and craft brews from ShawneeCraft Brewing Company will be available outdoors as well as indoors in the EZ Bumps Saloon.

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Follow Shawnee at [Facebook.com/skishawnee](https://www.facebook.com/skishawnee), @Skishawnee, and www.shawneemt.com.

Calendar of Events

Listings in the Calendar are free. E-mail to journalnews@pa.metrocast.net. To provide prices and additional details, consider placing a display ad. Prices start at \$10 for charitable organization. Call 570-443-9131 xt302.

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

Sunday, October 16—Wine Tasting to benefit Monroe Animal League, Blue Ridge Winery, Saylorsburg, 570-421-7775

Sunday, October 16—Free Community Supper, 3-4 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Wednesday, October 19-Saturday, October 22—Ten Thousand Villages Sale, to benefit Five Loaf

House & artisans around the world, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily (café open daily), Five Loaf House, Pocono Pines, www.fiveloafhouse.org

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

Monday, October 31—Halloween in the Park, 6-8 p.m., Chestnuthill Township Park

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

Saturday, November 5—Opening reception for Look to the Sky art exhibit, 5-7 p.m., ARTSPACE Gallery, Stroudsburg, 570-476-4460, www.poconoarts.org

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

Saturday, November 12—Kookies & Krafts with Kris Kringle, sponsored by the Western Poconos Lioness Club, 1-3 p.m., Chestnuthill Township Park

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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Marines make note of PMSD selfless service honorees

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Mountain School District's Dr. Catherine Sweeney and Wendy Frable each received The Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award from Pocono Marines Toys for Tots coordinators John Camaerei and John G. Dickson

during the October 5 PMSD school board meeting. The pair's "exceptional selfless service" was recognized for their years of dedication in the program's annual efforts providing toys to countless kids in need throughout Monroe County.

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Wendy Frable, left, looks on as Dr. Catherine Sweeney receives Legion of Honor Award of The Chapel of the Four Chaplains recognition from Pocono Marines Toys for Tots coordinators John Camaerei and John G. Dickson.

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Todd Burns provided an overview of PMSD's three year Comprehensive Plan, condensing the 190 page details due for state submission by November 30. "Nobody can look at themselves and see perfect," he explained noting the 11 month impartial review process that included faculty,

parents and business professionals. Strategies such as professional development and building walk-throughs, along with implementing steps like Positive Schoolwide Behavior Support were included.

PMSD Board of Directors next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19 at the Swift-water campus Administration building.

COMMENT: Trend to be thankful for

by Ruth Isenberg

The largest mall in this country, the Mall of America, has made a brave and ethical decision. It will not open on Thanksgiving Day. While the unfortunate employees of some of the mall's stores will have to leave their families on Thanksgiving, because those stores have chosen to open up their outer doors, many more will not.

Some large department store chains are thinking of joining the Mall and putting an end to open-

ing for shopping on Thanksgiving. They should be encouraged. Turning a holiday designed to express gratitude for home and family into an occasion to promote conspicuous consumption and crass commercialism was a bad decision.

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- Lament for the dead
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- Not Doric nor Corinthian
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- *2015 champions
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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

Overnight 10-1 to 2, someone came to the home of a 22 y/o Jackson Rd., Jackson Twp. woman and carved profanities into the side of her car. PA State Police — Fern Ridge seeks any information — call them at 570 646-2271.

Pocono Mountain Regional Police received a tip about a New Jersey fugitive staying at a home in Pocono Forest (Gouldsboro area) in Coolbaugh Twp. on 10-5. Police were able to make a traffic stop of a car he was riding in, and arrested him without incident. He was taken to the Monroe County jail to await extradition.

At 8:20 a.m. on 9-21, PSP-F was called to a site in the Silver Valley Campground near Brodheadsville due to a domestic incident where a 49 y/o Brooklyn, NY, man had hit his girlfriend several times during an argument, then threatened to shoot her with his BB gun. He also slashed her car tires. He then gave police a false name — finally giving it after he was arrested.

On 10-7 at 7:25 p.m., the same man walked out of the woods onto Route 209 near Frable Road and was hit by a car, sustaining serious injuries. PSP and West End EMS responded — the man was taken to Pocono Medical Center for care.

PSP-F arrested a 49 y/o Indian Mtn. Lakes, Albrightsville, Penn Forest Twp. woman due to her neglecting the care of a 61 y/o neighbor she was hired to aid, 10-8.

A 31 y/o Chestnuthill Twp. man is accused of throwing nails onto the driveway of a 22 y/o man's home, 1:21 p.m. 10-9, PSP-F.

A 23 y/o Kunkletown man is in the Carbon County jail after he lost control of himself during an argument with his mother at their home at 8:30 p.m. on 10-10. He slammed her to the floor was banging her head off the floor, and a door. He then choked her. PSP-Lehighton arrived and arrested him. He will face simple assault and harassment charges.

A traffic stop on a speeding car in Pocono Twp. at 1:31

a.m. on 10-11 found a 28 y/o Queens, NY, man at the wheel. An identification check found he was wanted in Virginia for credit card theft. He was arrested and lodged in the Monroe County jail to await extradition, PSP-F.

A 42 y/o Jim Thorpe-area man has been arrested for plying a 16 y/o with vodka on 9-2, then performing sexual acts on the juvenile in an area of Behrens Rd. in Penn Forest Twp., PSP-Lehighton and Jim Thorpe Police 10-8.

Between 9-17 and 19, three homes were vandalized along Towamensing Trail (in Towamensing Trails, Albrightsville: broken front home windows, a broken windshield on a truck, and damaged vinyl siding. PSP-F seeks any information — if you can help, call the Barracks at 570 646-2271.

PSP-F is looking for the person who shot up the sign at the St. Luke's Family Practice in Brodheadsville with a shotgun last month.

PSP was called to handle two juveniles who got into an argument near the entrance to Hickory Run Forest in Penn Forest Twp. at 4 p.m. on 9-20, which became a fight.

PSP was at Pleasant Valley High School on 9-20 due to an indecent exposure incident by one juvenile before three others.

At 4:30 p.m. on 9-22, a PV School Bus was to drop children off at the stop at Bayberry Road in Sun Valley, Effort, but when the bus pulled up, two 29 y/o women were engaged in a profanity screaming match. The bus driver did not let the children out, continuing on and then bringing them back after several other stops. The two women are both charged with disorderly conduct, PSP-F.

A 26 y/o Bartonsville woman was receiving unwanted text and phone messages 10-7 to 10. PSP-F is investigating the sender.

Stealin'

Thieves stole a black International trailer from the area of Christman and Berger Roads in Lower Towamens-

ing Twp. overnight 10-10 to 11, PSP-L. License plate is PA XKA-6273.

A resident at the Brookmont Health facility in Effort had \$40+ in cash stolen from her room between 3 and 5 p.m. on 10-8 as she was out shopping, PSP-F.

Someone stole a shed from a 1400 block, Twin Pine Road, Jackson Twp. property — discovered 11 a.m. on 10-2. The shed contained a bicycle, table saw and wood stove, PSP-F.

Overnight 10-1 to 2, someone stole a wallet from an unlocked car at a 2000 block, Palisades Dr., Sierra View, Effort Mountain home. A pickup truck was entered overnight 9-27 to 28 in front of a Raccoon Run, Effort-area home — stolen was an aluminum briefcase, a hunting knife, and pain pills.

Someone stole a dealer plate from Otto's Autos in Brodheadsville, discovered 10-1.

Weis Market security in Brodheadsville stopped three 20-somethings from stealing over \$350 of items between 8 and 8:40 p.m. on 9-26.

Burglaries include a break-in to an American Water Company building off Route 115 in Ross Twp. 10-6 to 7 through the garage; a home in the 600 block of Forest Dr. in Lower Towamensing Twp. discovered 10-5; a thief who kicked in the rear door of a Starry Lane, Effort home during the day on 10-3 and stole a shotgun, two air pistols and a 42" TV; a quad ATV stolen from a shed by a Storm Ave., Effort area home between 2 and 3 a.m. on 9-27; tools and other items from a home in the 300 block of Brushy Lane in Jackson Twp. between 9-13 and 27; several items from a home on Frantz Rd. in Brodheadsville from a break-in discovered 9-16; and a 42" TV, Mossberg rifle and an air rifle from a Bear Medicine Road, Effort area home overnight 9-13 to 14.

Someone entered the Dollar Tree store in Brodheadsville via the rear door some time between 9:20 p.m. 10-4 and 8:10 a.m. 10-5, then used the time to remove the door to a safe, fleeing with \$1,000 cash from inside, PSP-L.

A 33 y/o Toms River, NJ man was identified as a sus-

pect in a scrap metal theft from Andersen Builders that happened on 8-19. On 9-24, the suspect's car was seen driving through Brodheadsville and a traffic stop was made. The suspect was identified and arrested on the theft. When he was run through the NCIC, he was found to have another active warrant on theft charges from the Stroud Area police, AND a probation violation from the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, AND a warrant for a burglary in Sainte Genevieve, MO. He was sent to the Monroe County Jail. PSP-F asks if any reader has had incidents involving a '98 white Saturn SW2 station wagon with either NJ plates or Missouri plates. If so, contact PSP-F at 570-646-2271.

A Ford 350 pickup truck stolen from a Henryville home 9-22 was found at 9 a.m. along Hyspie Gap Road, and recovered by PSP-F.

PSP-L is investigating the identity theft of a 65 y/o Saylorsburg woman whose name, address, SS# and work history is being used by an unknown person, possibly in California.

On 9-20, Lowe's Mt. Pocono loss prevention team saw two men walk into the store, select a faucet, then take it to the refund counter without paying for it. The two were given a refund and left. PMRPD helped identify the pair from surveillance tapes.

An arrest warrant for the two has been issued, 10-9.

Pleasant Valley High School reports a 15 y/o stole an iPhone from another student's locker on 9-7, then damaged it before turning it over to the Assistant Principal.

The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

Over the last three weeks, PSP-F was busy arresting drunk drivers around the Pocono Plateau. Teams on Interstate 80 arrested six motorists for DUI, including a Mt. Pocono man stopped in Pocono Township, and found to be driving while drugged, with his 8 y/o child as a passenger. He was charged with DUI and endangering the welfare of a child.

Troopers made a stop on I-80 in East Side Borough just after noon on 9-25. The Trooper saw several indicators of criminal activity, so asked the driver for permission to search, and was turned down. This led to a call for the Barrack's K9, Astor. Astor alerted to drugs, and this led to a probable cause search of the Philadelphia man's car where police found 68 grams of cocaine, along with a large wad of cash — \$570. The driver, Karim Williams, was out on state parole — no longer though as PSP arrested him on charges of possession with intent to deliver. He was taken to the Carbon County jail.

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Police Beat...

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There was a similar stop on 9-23 just after 5 p.m. on the Interstate in Tobyhanna Twp. A 37 y/o Newark, NJ man was stopped for speeding. Criminal activity indicators were seen, so Troopers asked for permission to search, and got it. Found were about 5 pounds of marijuana in vacuum-sealed bags, plus 3.6 ounces of cocaine and \$4,000 in cash. Dewayne

Harris was arrested on possession with intent to deliver charges, taken to PSP-F HQ for processing, and then sent to the Monroe County jail.

Another stop, at 12:27 a.m. on 9-28, in East Side, found a 35 y/o Williamsport man in possession of heroin, marijuana and brass knuckles. He was arrested on charges of drug dealing, and became a guest in the Carbon County jail.

There were five other DUI arrests in our area by PSP-F, and two by PSP-L including a serious crash off Forest Inn

Rd. in Towamensing Twp. where a 24 y/o driver missed a turn and drove into tree, causing serious injuries to his 30 y/o passenger. As police, fire and EMS units converged on the scene, PSP found that the driver had fled. PSP located him within 15 minutes and arrested him.

PSP-F came to the aid of a 58 y/o Tumbleweed Dr., Siererra View, Effort woman who had overdosed on prescription medication at 4:21 p.m. on 10-2. They and local EMS saw her to Pocono Medical

Center where she was treated and is recovering.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

A 28 y/o Saylorsburg woman pulled out from Willow Run Lane onto Route 715 in Jackson Twp., right into a passing northbound Honda Civic whose driver, an Albrightsville man, was in the wrong place at the wrong time. The impact (and surprise) caused the Civic to roll — coming to rest rubber side up. No one was hurt, 8:07 a.m. 9-30, PSP-F.

A 79 y/o Bronx, NY driver failed to yield at the Route 209/115 intersection just before 6 p.m. on 10-6, and his '15 Nissan Altima was hit by a truck tractor. The impact spun the car into two others. No one was hurt, but there was a fuel spill that took several hours to clean up — with the road closed during that time. PSP-F sent the man along with a ticket for causing the crash.

A 19 y/o local pulled her '01 VW Passat out of Timothy Drive in Effort from a STOP sign there, into the path of an oncoming '14 Passat driven by an Effort woman. The VWs collided nearly head-on. Everyone was seat-belted and no one was hurt, 7:28 p.m. 10-5, PSP-F.

Just before 2 a.m. on 10-3, a 50 y/o tractor-trailer driver eastbound on Interstate 80 in

Kidder Twp. fell asleep — and drove his truck off the road into a tree. The crash closed one lane of the road for four hours for investigation, then cleanup, PSP-F.

A Lake Harmony driver hit a deer while driving north on Route 903 just south of the Turnpike interchange, just before 10 p.m. on 10-10. He was not hurt but his Dodge Journey was disabled, PSP-F. There was another deer-car crash on 10-1 on Route 903 just north of Old Stage Rd. in Penn Forest Twp., again no one was hurt.

Just after noon on 10-3, a Bronx, NY, driver pulled his Ford F-150 out from a STOP sign on White Church Rd. — and drove right into a Nissan driven by a local man. No one was hurt. The Bronx driver was ticketed.

A 16 y/o Effort driver drove his '03 Lexus into a tree at 9:27 p.m. on 9-23, and was taken to the hospital by ambulance — with a ticket from PSP-F.

A 29 y/o Saylorsburg biker was riding his Harley too close to the car in front of him, and when that car slowed to make a turn into a driveway, he clipped the rear bumper. He was hurt and taken by EMS to Pocono Medical Center. PSP-F sent along a ticket for speeding/unsafe driving, 6 p.m. 9-14.

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Pocono Mountain Regional Police Dept. recognizes resources

by **Jeanine Hofbauer**

Recognizing resources both in and outside the department had Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission extending gratitude to the officers and community at the September 13 meeting.

Commendations for outstanding investigative work and testimony that played a pivotal role achieving successful convictions in homicide cases from 2013 and 2014 were given to detectives Chris Boheim and John Bohrman joined by current Chief Chris Wagner, who was a lieutenant at the time. Dave Moyer and Fran DePiano presented plaques followed by applause for the trio's "exemplary performance."

Publicly praising Cartesio's Precision Collision, Rain-

bow Automotive and Robert Costanzo, Chief Wagner described how each has assisted the department. From auto to door repairs, the three companies were thanked for donating time and talent.

As administration irons out 2017 budget planning, one member of each municipality was elected to form a Commission Budget Committee. Pete Volpe, Fred Courtright, Moyer and DePiano will meet with Chief Wagner to discuss figures with intentions of achieving a mid-November deadline requested by Coolbaugh.

Reporting results of the final round in 2016 hiring interviews, Chief Wagner announced a top 10 list is set. Offers have been made to the top three: Jack Apgar, Matt

Stydel and Eric Johnson. All have existing Act 120 Police Academy training.

Calling this year's collective bargaining process "one of the most productive," DePiano reported reaching a tentative agreement with an officers' contract under review.

Commissioners approved the bill pack totaling \$175,534.86 with funds to be distributed as follows: General Fund, \$160,907.10 Prescription Plan, \$1,570.92 Capital Projects Fund, \$13,056.84:

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Commission members present at the meeting included Moyer, Anne Lambertson and Don Moyer from Tobyhanna Township; Volpe, Juan Adams and Dave Pope from Coolbaugh Township; Mayor Courtright from Mount Pocono; and DePiano from Tunkhannock Township.



Detectives John Bohrman and Chris Boheim join Regional Police Chief Chris Wagner displaying recently received commendations during the September 13 commission meeting.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies



Dave Moyer reads recognition details to Detective Chris Boheim and Chief Chris Wagner.

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Detective John Bohrman (right) receives commendations from Fran DePiano for outstanding investigative work.

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