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EMS conference at Kalahari mixes routine responses, modern methodology

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Representatives of more than 60 different Emergency Medical Response agencies attended Eastern PA EMS Council's Code EMS Conference at Kalahari Resort, collecting credits from a combination of 52 classes condensed into three days, October 12 to 14.

In addition to a full complement of medical professionals, the 22nd annual assembly, formerly called Pocono EMS Conference of Development and Education, also introduced participants to the latest in state-of-the-art equipment between the many one hour lessons.



MedEvac Flight Nurse Jamie Feick works on the Lehigh Valley Health Network display.

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With a goal "to meet needs at various levels," EPAEMSC Executive Director John Kloss called the conference a "one stop shop" in completing continued education requirements that are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Topics ranged from routine subjects like Tourniquets and Advanced EKG, to special subject like Gang Awareness—recognizing color identifiers and gestures to prepare responders if they encounter a violent situation. Modern medicine was very much in the forefront.

Representatives from major healthcare networks including St. Lukes and Pocono Medi-

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Tunkhannock stands by Commission numbers

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"We want to leave things as is," stated Tunkhannock Township supervisors chairman Fran DePiano as supervisors reviewed a letter from Coolbaugh Township to Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission member municipalities requesting consideration for a change in the number of representatives

from each member, during the October 12 meeting. The proposal would have allowed for three members for Coolbaugh and Tobyhanna Townships, two from Tunkhannock Township, and reduced Mount Pocono Borough down to one like Barrett Township. The Commission rejected the plan.

Supervisors agreed to allow Trick or Treat time in the

left over from fellow Eagle Scout James Lambert's project to be applied toward his own. "It's going back in an indirect way," explained solicitor Dan Lyons. Since any extra money raised for each scout's project is customarily given to the township, supervisors voted to pass the donation along.

Trick or Treat time in the

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Emergency Medical Equipment, Vehicles and Transport of all sorts filled this year's Code EMS conference at Kalahari.

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township is 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31.

A War Memorial anniversary ceremony is planned for 9 a.m. on November 16.

Bills totaling \$426,527.25 from the General Fund and \$4,166.44 from Liquid Fuels account were approved for payment, with September

income of \$173,497.39 and expenses \$58,228.47 leaving a General Fund balance of \$1,217,454.42.

Supervisors Fran DePiano and Steve Malaico were present, along with Atty. Lyons, secretary/treasurer Tina Kernan, zoning officer Kate Lambert and an audience of four.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. November 9 at municipal offices at 1557 Long Pond Road.

Editorial

Turning over a new leaf – by the hundreds

by Seth Isenberg

It's prime fall foliage season, so it's also the start of leaf raking season. My yard now features two prominent leaf piles from just three trees that have released their former greenery onto the grass. I will collect most of these, then wait for the deluge of maple leaves and also for my apple trees to let go.

The warm weather this week has slowed everything down, though temperatures drop back to normal starting this weekend. With the cold nights will come a shower of falling leaves.

This is one of my favorite things about living in our area—the leaf show. The raking connects me with happy memories of doing the same as a kid and then as a teen at my parents' home. Now as an adult homeowner—and an adult tree owner—I have my own new leaves to rake and new memories to make.

Happy leaf raking season ...

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Tobyhanna Township reviews liquor license Logistics

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"It's easy to quote the law but you've got to back it up," argued solicitor John B. Rice responding to public perception of Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Act 141 during an October 3 Liquor License Transfer hearing in Tobyhanna Township. As Penn Mart, owned and operated by Tobyhanna Beer & Deli, embarks upon six- and twelve-pack beer sales to go, supervisors reviewed reasons the group elected to propose a license transfer from Brodheads ville rather than buy an existing license within the municipality.

When asked if they attempted to buy Edelweiss or Village Squire licenses already in place and not in operation, Binal Patel responded "[We] couldn't find a license available for sale in the township."

Saying he was speaking for area business owners, John McElroy of Harmony Beverage challenged the enforcement of "One license for every 3,000 year round residents" quota, stating 11 licenses for 8,600 Tobyhanna Township residents is "severely over your quota."

"There's no teeth in this Act," stated Atty. Rice, adding, "I'm saying there's no quota since 2001."

"Well I'm saying you're wrong," responded McElroy.

Turning to supervisors Rice said, "I don't believe you have any grounds to deny this under the law."

Resolution 2016-017 was approved with three conditions. Hours of operation are no later than 11 p.m.; no live entertainment and no outdoor seating are allowed. Vote was 3-1, with John Holahan opposed.

Later noting Act 141 signed into law February of 2001,



Binal Patel, right, and Hersh Patel of Tobyhanna Beer & Deli, and their attorney Pat Hughes, left, respond to hearing inquiries.

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Township Manager John Jablowski commented, "The township is certainly very cognizant of the challenges our business community faces in that regard to stimulate new businesses, visitors and customer traffic that visits our community."

Supervisors accepted supervisor Don Moyer's letter of resignation presented by

Anne Lamberton, with well wishes for him in his new home out of state.

The \$416,661.05 bill pack was approved for payment.

Supervisors present included Lamberton, John Kerrick, Holahan and Heidi Pickard; township manager Jablowski; township engineer Bob McHale; Atty. Rice and an audience of approximately 45.

Noting the importance of treating Methamphetamine emergencies, while also understanding long term effects of the highly addictive stimulant, Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Operations Manager Denise Doremus commented, "She's [Dr. Volpe] not only extremely knowledgeable she captivates the audience," adding, "I truly consider this entire conference a great experience."

EMS...

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cal Center were everywhere, from manning display booths to serving as pupils and presenters, delving into topics such as an EMS Street Drug Review with PMC's Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services, Dr. Jennifer Volpe.

PMRPC salutes citizen savior

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Shouts cry out through thick smoke billowing from carnage of an auto crash about to be overcome by flames. Do you rush to aid your fellow man or stand by, leaving heroism in the hands of emergency responders? During their October 11 meeting Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission applauded the act of one citizen who made the selfless decision to assist.

Approaching the scene of a wreck along Devils Hole Road last August, officer Kyle VaNote dutifully dashed to help the trapped driver. Without hesitation Hilton Quintona sprang into action by his side to rescue the injured occupant as fire engulfed the wreckage.

Calling the action an exhibition of “outstanding civic responsibility,” Chief Chris Wagner presented commendations to both men as au-



Hilton Quintona (right) receives recognition from Chief Chris Wagner for heroism.

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dience and commissioners stood in honor of their bravery, encouraging others to follow suit and when safe step up.

“There are very few jobs where months and months of your work gets torn apart,” said Chief Wagner, describing the frustration faced when dealing with the judicial system.

When patience and tenacity payoff bringing justice to victims and their families, investigative work such as that of Detective Rob Miller in a 2016 homicide that led to a 2016 conviction called for the evening’s commendation.

“The less time we have to spend at a traffic stop on the road the safer it is for every-



Officer Kyle VaNote joins Regional Police Chief Chris Wagner alongside Detective Rob Miller displaying recently received commendations.

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body,” urged Wagner presenting Draft 1B of the 2017 budget numbers calling for a 6.52% increase in expenses.

Four major items include an extra officer, healthcare, 911 Control Center and technology. He also noted the need of cruiser computer upgrades for onsite processing. Matching \$150,000 in the budget with an LSA grant application, the \$300,000 investment would enable police to scan drivers licenses, print tickets on a mobile printer that also uploads citations to the courts and provide accident reports online directly to Penn DOT to bring the force, “up where we have to be for 21st Century Policing,” he concluded.

“You’re doing very well,” congratulated Carl Hogan accountant with the Philadelphia firm BBD tasked with tackling the department’s 2015 Audit.

Condensing the 30 page report that was 3-4% under budget, he concluded, “There’s money there to do what you need to do.”

The commission welcomed new Tobyhanna Township representative John Jablowski.

The township’s new business manager fills the spot left vacant by Don Moyer.

The bill pack totaling \$216,756.95 was approved, with funds to be distributed as follows:

- General Fund, \$204,098.37
- Prescription Plan, \$435.69
- Capital Projects Fund, \$12,222.89
- ESSA October Mortgage Payment, \$12,222.89

Commission members present included Jablowski, Anne Lambertson and Dave Moyer from Tobyhanna Township; Pete Volpe, Juan Adams and Dave Pope from Coolbaugh Township; Mayor Courtright and Claudette Williams from Mount Pocono; and Fran DePiano and Brandon Igdalsky from Tunkhannock Township.

PMRPC’s next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. November 8 at headquarters located on Route 940 in Pocono Pines.

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Area Funerals

JOSEPH G. FRIEL

Joseph G. "Jiffy" Friel, 74, of Pocono Lake, died Saturday, October 15, 2016 at Pocono Medical Center. He was the husband of Mary Friel, celebrating 50 years of marriage on August 20, 2016. Joe was born May 2, 1942 in Jamaica, New York and moved to Monroe County from Baldwin, New York in 1988. He was an account executive at Warwick Advertising in Manhattan for 22 years and enjoyed a second career as a real estate appraiser in the Poconos.

He is also survived by four children, Joseph Friel-Young (Franko Robinson-Young), Karen Morganti, Kevin Friel (Laura) and Michael Friel (Kelly); six grandchildren; five siblings, Mary McFeely, Ann Snee, John Friel, James Friel and Catherine Humphrey; and many nieces and nephews. His sister, Irene Marchitto, died on January 8, 1996.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Association.

EUGENE V. FONDACIAIO

Eugene V. Fondaciaio, 70, of Tobyhanna died Wednesday, October 12, 2016 in Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg.

He was married to the late Ann Marie Fondaciaio, who died in 2009. Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, he was the son of the late Vincent and Josephine (Micale) Fondaciaio.

Gene was a resident of Tobyhanna for the past 28 years. Before that he lived in Little Ferry, New Jersey. He was employed as a lineman for the Atlantic Aviation Co. of Teterboro, New Jersey for 35 years, retiring in 2000. He was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and was of the Catholic faith.

Eugene is survived by two daughters, Christina Thomssen and her husband Dennis of Stroudsburg, and Carrie Fondaciaio of Bogate, New Jersey; and a son, Gene M. Fondaciaio of Tobyhanna; three grandchildren, Gabri-

ella, Jeremy and Ashley; and a sister, Ann Grato of Secaucus, New Jersey.

A prayer service was held October 17 in Stroudsburg.

RONALD E. HEISLER

Ronald E. Heisler, 59 of Blakeslee died peacefully Monday, September 5, 2016 at his home with his wife and sons at his side. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Susan A. (Spitale) Heisler.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, he is the son of Catherine Heisler and the late Eugene Heisler.

Ron graduated from LaSalle High School and the University of Louisville. Ron was an employee of Nortel Telecommunications for 23 years as an electrical engineer, until on January 15, 2004 when he was seriously injured in an auto accident, suffering head trauma.

He was a member of Christ the King Church in Blakeslee and on their closure St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Pocono Pines.

Ron's family wishes to thank everyone who has shown respect, kindness and compassion and treated Ron with dignity throughout these difficult times.

He is also survived by two sons, James of Blakeslee, and Joseph of Pittsburgh; two sisters, Christine Wheeler and husband Richard of Cincinnati, Ohio and Nancy Ernst and husband Robert of West Harrison, Indiana.

A Mass was celebrated September 9 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Pocono Pines. Interment was in St. Catherine's Cemetery, Covington Twp.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Garden of Giving

Fall is definitely here and the Garden of Giving will only be open for a few more weeks. Thanksgiving baskets will be prepared and distributed and then the Garden will officially close for the season on November 30. Anyone wishing to help should contact the Garden of Giving at 570-402-1282 or email Gar-

denOfGiving@gmail.com.

Have leftover hay from your fall decorations? The chickens would love to help you recycle it! The Garden of Giving is always in need of chicken feed and supplies, volunteers to help with the chickens and eggs, in the office, on the website, in the Garden and at fund

raising events.

We wish everyone a very happy and bountiful Thanksgiving!

"As we express our gratitude...we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."- John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Pajama Program comes to Monroe County Children & Youth

The "Pajama Program" is a national program that provides pajamas and books to children in need. Throughout the months of August and September, the Frailey Insurance team collected a generous supply; in early October, these donations were provided to Diane P. Rogers, Program Manager II, Foster Care Unit, of Monroe County Children & Youth Services.

"It was with heartfelt appreciation that I accepted your donations. The number and quality of pajamas plus the diversity of children's books is incredible. Each of the donated items will provide comfort to a child that is in a challenging circumstance, such as in an out of home placement or living in a shelter. The children will be warmed by the pajamas and entertained by the fantastic literature," stated Rogers.

Any organization wishing to partner with the Frailey team can contact Carole' Ann F. Bowyer, Marketing Adviser, cabowyer@fraileyinsurance.com, 570-421-7447.



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The Friends of PVM recently celebrated the generosity of ESSA Bank & Trust, for their gift of a grant which provided funds to install new flooring in the Manor's activities room. The committee wants to publicly thank ESSA; the new floor is a wonderful improvement. Also celebrated was Pocono Medical Center, with the presentation of a plaque to be mounted near the newly installed flat screen TV for the residents to enjoy on movie night. With fresh paint, new furniture and decorative window treatments, the room has become a pleasant place for games, relaxation and visiting with relatives. Shown from left are Georgianna Troxell, Activities director Jane Kuntz, resident Claire Rudolph, and Friends of PVM members Jeff Rinker, Nellie Gordon, and Linda Zak.

Parker to host Town Hall Meeting

State Representative David C. Parker will hold a Town Hall Meeting on October 22 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., in the Coolbaugh District Office, 5580 Municipal Drive, Toby-

hanna.

This is an opportunity to express your concerns with state government, as well as find out directly what is

happening in Harrisburg and how it affects us in Monroe County.

For further information, please call 570-894-7905.

PMC Physician recognized in 2017 Cigna Care Designation

Pocono Medical Center's Mayuri Sedani, M.D., Medical Director of Pocono Medical Center's Immediate Care Centers and PMC Physician Associates: Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, has been recognized as a 2017 Cigna Care designated physician.

"Being recognized as a Cigna Care designated physician is an honor as it clearly represents my work toward providing high-quality, competitive care to the community, said Dr. Sedani. "It is important that patients make informed decisions about their care and look toward healthcare professionals that operate above the national standards."

Cigna Care designation identifies participating physicians across 21 specialties, including primary care, who has met its quality and cost-efficiency measures. Cigna Care designation evaluates physician quality and cost-efficiency information by using a methodology that is consistent with national standards and by incorporating health care professional feedback.

"Dr. Sedani truly embodies our mission, vision, and values and we are proud to have her as part of Pocono Medical Center's robust team of physicians and providers committed to providing excellent care, close to home," said Lamont Louis, Vice President, Physician Network of Pocono Medical Center.

Beginning October 24, physicians who earn the 2017

Cigna Care designation will be identified in the online directory on Cigna.com.

Pocono Medical Center (PMC) is a non-profit, nationally recognized hospital that has served the region for over 100 years. PMC has three comprehensive healthcare centers located in Bartonsville, Tobyhanna, and Brodheadsville, and over 19 primary and specialty care physician practices. PMC has one of the busiest and most-experienced emergency departments in the state with a fully-accredited Level III Trauma Center, Joint Commission Certified Primary Stroke Center and Hip and Knee Program. Backed by the region's most robust team of over 230 physicians and providers, PMC offers a full continuum of care from clinical and acute care services to specialized services such as the state-of-the-art cancer center and comprehensive cardiovascular care. PMC and the Pocono Health System Visiting Nurse and Hospice both received a 4-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, ranking PMC in the top 20% in the nation. PMC also serves as a designated, regional leader in safety as one of only 33 hospitals in Pennsylvania to receive an "A" rating from the Leapfrog Group and as recipient of the Healthgrades 2016 Patient Safety Award. For more information or to learn more, please visit our website at poconohealthsystem.org

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West End Republican Club to meet

The West End Republican Club meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Cherry's Family Restaurant, located on Route 209 South, Kresgeville, Polk Township.

Republican minded citizens are encouraged to join to socialize, listen, discuss, and

learn. This month's meeting will be on October 25 at 7 p.m. For those wishing to eat prior to the meeting, arrive by 6 p.m.

For additional information and directions, visit the club's website at www.westendgop.com/, or call 443-326-5100.



Art opening at Kettle Creek features Miller landscapes

George Miller will be the featured artist during November at Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center with "Pocono Area

Landscapes." An opening reception will take place on Saturday, November 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The exhibit will include acrylic paintings of fields,

ponds, lakes, and flowers in the Pocono Mountains area.

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

Spooky Days on the Farm at Quiet Valley

At Spooky Days on the Farm- October 28 from 5-8 p.m., October 29 from 1-8 p.m., and October 30 from 1-5 p.m.- take a tour of the historic farm and enjoy a look at the stranger side of Quiet Valley. During the daytime it will be more family focused with some not so spooky ghost stories.

Learn about Halloween Creatures – Facts & Fiction, Halloween songs, and take a horse-drawn wagon ride & pony rides (weather permitting). There will be a children's craft area and some light refreshments available. After dark, things will get spookier as guests can visit the Hag in the Woods (if they

dare), and also help solve a "murder" that took place on the farm. You can also visit the Halloween Creatures – Facts & Fiction area at night.

Spooky Days on the Farm will take place rain or shine. Schedule is subject to change. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children (3-12). All money raised is used to support the mission of this non-profit historic farm museum and its educational programs.

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Minisink in autumn

See Minisink Park's trails dressed in autumn beauty during a free guided hike at 10 a.m. on October 30.

This hike is a shortened version of the popular walk held here in summer. Enjoy the simple trails in this Smithfield Township park bordering the Brodhead and Cherry creeks within a stone's throw of the Delaware River.

Hikers will go as far as the iconic Cherry Creek stepping stones and then turn back – 1½ miles and perfect for beginning hikers.

Join them for hot chocolate and apple cider afterward. Donations to Brodhead Wa-

tershed Association will be gratefully accepted.

BWA is dedicated to preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed. Protecting open space and public lands such as Minisink Park is vital for clean, safe water – for drinking and for recreation.

Meet at Minisink Park on River Road, Smithfield Township. Take Route 80 west to the Delaware Water Gap exit. At the first stoplight, go left, under highway. Parking is on right.

To register or for information, email info@brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120.

Learn Tree I.D. at Quiet Valley Farm Program

On Sunday, November 6, join Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center staff at 1 p.m. on a 2-hour family outdoor hike and learn how to ID the trees on the farm and a little about their natural history.

Please dress to walk outside. The walk will begin in front of the Gift Shop.

Cost is \$6/non-members, \$4/EE Center or Quiet Valley members, and children under 12 free.

Advance registration is required. To register, call 570-629-3061. For information on other programs, visit www.mc-conservation.org.

For directions or more information about Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, visit www.quietvalley.org

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Pocono Mountain Public Library wins in November

PMPL Book Sale & Bake Sale on Election Day

Voting is too important of a decision to make on an empty stomach! The library have delicious treats, donuts, baked goods and hot coffee on sale in the café on November 8. There will also be a new and used book sale – buy a few or buy a tote and stuff it full. The Bake Sale is from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and the Book Sale is 9 a.m.-5 pm. All proceeds go to support the library. Just a reminder that the Library is Coolbaugh Polling Station #4.

Upcoming Programs

For questions or registration about adult programs, call 570-894-8860 x 4 or 570-894-8860 x 5 to sign up for children's programs. Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

Adult Programs:

The Pocono Mountain Knitting and Crochet Guild: Saturday, November 5 at 1:30 pm. All those interested in knitting and crochet are welcome to join the guild members for tips and technique lessons on the first Saturday of every month. Bring your own supplies. No sign up necessary.

Guitar Workshop:

Wednesday, November 9 at 6 p.m. Did you just buy a guitar, but don't know where to get started? Are you having trouble learning chords? If you're a beginning guitar player, bring your guitar and join Joe for an overview of triads, the minor pentatonic scale, and power chords. Ages 12 and up.

Still Life Art Club: Tuesday, November 15 at 10 a.m. Join the Still Life Art Club, where you can strengthen your artistic skills by painting a still life. A still life is an artistic exercise where you paint or draw an arrangement of objects. Bring

your own supplies. No Oils, soft pastels, or charcoals. Basic skills to advanced skills required. Some supplies will be available for newcomers or anyone without a kit. We recommend more advanced artists bring their own.

Children Programs:

Children's Story Hour:

Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 and 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Join Miss Sue for stories, songs, games, and crafts that are both educational and entertaining. Attending story hour is a great way for children to develop listening and reading skills. With your help, we can develop and nurture your child's love for books! For ages 1 to 6 years.

Saturday Craft Hour at

1:30 p.m. Join us at PMPL for a fun-filled craft. Craft reinforces hand and eye coordination, and strengthens problem solving skills. Plus, Craft Hour is an enjoyable time when the kids can chat with each other, share techniques, and learn from making. Younger children will require the presence of a parent or guardian to help. For ages 7 and up.

Annual Ghoulbough Halloween Party:

Join the Library, Coolbaugh Township Parks & Recs and units from local emergency services, plus a DJ for a fun Halloween party with treats and crafts on Saturday, October 29, from

1-4 p.m. at the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Park on Rt. 423. Ever wanted to see how many goblins you can fit into a Coolbaugh Township fire truck? Now you can. No registration required.

Reading & Learning

PMPL has e-books, e-magazines and other databases available through www.poconountpl.org for all ages. One of the best deals is the Tumble Book Library for kids that has read-to-me e-books, picture books, graphic novels and other literacy tools for kids. E-books are also available through the One Click digital library and e-magazines through the Zinio link. All you need is your 14 digit PMPL library card number to create an account and get started. You can't beat free access to all the magazines and books you already read!

Join a growing number of patrons who started using the library's Rosetta Stone software in the second floor tutoring lab to help with their language skills. Languages are French, German, Italian, Spanish, English, Chinese and Arabic. Call the Reference desk on the second floor to make your reservation to use the lab. Come and see how easy and fun it is.

Don't forget to visit the library's facebook page!

Light up your winter

Start your winter season with a light up painting that includes a string of LED lights, sponsored by the West End Park and Open Space Commission on Sunday, November 20 at the Chestnuthill Park Building, 221 Route 715, Brodheadsville from 1-4 p.m.

The fee of \$40 includes canvas, art supplies, battery operated lights, professional instruction and light refreshments.

Register at www.ccreationcrafts.weebly.com or call (570) 730-9887.

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Who's Gonna Hibernate? asks Kettle Creek EE Center

November is a time when critters, like us, are getting ready for winter. Some store food, some eat lots of food to gain weight while others move away. On Saturday, November 5, join Monroe County Conservation District Environ-

mental Educator Karen N. Boyle at 10 a.m. at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center to learn about your favorite Pocono critters and what they'll be doing during the winter months.

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

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

Guided weekly Tannersville Bog walks

Wednesdays through November 2, the Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center will be offering weekly walks through the Tannersville Bog at 1pm.

These 2 ½ hour walks will be guided by an Environmental Educator from the Center who will teach you about the Bog, a very unique boreal bog

for this area, owned by the Nature Conservancy. The Bog is filled with bird songs and interesting insect eating plants.

Participants will meet at the Bog parking lot by 10 a.m. Directions: Route 611, at the light at the Tannersville Inn turn onto Cherry Lane Road. The parking lot is 1.9 miles on your right from Route 611.

Cost: \$6/non-member, \$4/EE and Nature Conservancy members and children under 12. Please wear appropriate footwear for walking in the woods and through fields. Advance registration is required. To register, call 570-629-3061. For information on other programs, visit www.mc-conservation.org.

Fine Artists & Craftsmen needed for ARTSPACE Gallery's Holiday Store

As is its tradition, the ARTSPACE Gallery, located at 18 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg, will open its doors as an art gift shop for the Holiday season. Participation in this year's store is open to all PoconoArts members. Membership is an affordable \$39

per year for individuals, or \$29 for seniors and artists that may join to be in the store.

An application form is available on line at poconoarts.org or in the gallery and the deadline to participate is November 11. The store opens on November 25 and runs through January 2, with hours based upon volunteer availability. The PoconoArts staff will manage the store 10 a.m.– 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with evening and weekend hours handled by volunteers.

Fees for participation are:

\$30 with a 20% commission for volunteers (min. 4 hour shift); and \$40 with a 25% commission for those who do not volunteer. The more volunteers, the more hours the store can be open, resulting in more sales. A special reception and member discount night is scheduled for December 2. For further information, call the PoconoArts office at 570-476-4460 or email laura@poconoarts.org.

Starving Artist Pocono Mac & Cheese Bake-Off

Do you have a great Mac & Cheese recipe that you want to share? Do you know a restaurant that makes wonderful Mac & Cheese? The 4th Annual Starving Artist Mac & Cheese Bake Off is just around the corner on November 13, and PoconoArts is looking for those recipes to highlight in this exciting – and tasty - fundraiser.

Professional and amateur chefs are invited to enter for a nominal entry fee that can pay-off in fabulous prizes. First prize in the professional category is a month on a digital billboard donated by Sterner Outdoor Advertising, with a

\$500 radio package courtesy of Neversink Media for second place. There is a \$100 cash prize for the winner in the amateur category. Prizes are awarded as a result of voting by our celebrity judges and public "tasters" that attend the event on November 13 at Rainbow Mountain Resort in East Stroudsburg.

Email laura@poconoarts.org to receive an application form. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to vote for your Mac & Cheese. Questions and additional information can be obtained by contacting 570-476-4460 or laura@poconoarts.org.

Singing Duo "Body & Soul" visits EMPL

Eastern Monroe Public Library's popular BookHouse series continues on October 28 with a performance by singing duo "Body & Soul" at 7:30 p.m.

Body & Soul is a highly experienced and talented duo with an established reputation in the music business. Alan Gaumer & Robin Bryan have been performing together for over 20 years.

Doors to the BookHouse will open at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are

gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be available for a small charge. Please plan to arrive prior to the scheduled starting time. All Bookhouse programs take place in the Edinger Community Room of the Hughes Building, Eastern Monroe Public Library, located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg. For more BookHouse information, please call Linnae Cintron at 570-421-0800 x312 or visit www.monroep.org.

MENSA offers scholarship contest

Need money for college? Write a short essay about your career and educational goals – and enter the MENSA scholarship competition. Two local scholarships of \$600 and \$500 will be awarded for the top two essays. Winning essays will also be eligible for regional and national awards. See website for full details.

Deadline: January 15, 2017. All entries must be submitted online: <http://www.mensa-foundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/>

Questions? Contact Scholarship Chair pauladamiano@hotmail.com. This program is offered through the Mensa Education & Research Foundation, a part of American

Mensa Ltd. Mensa is the international high-IQ organization. (You do not have to be a Mensa member to enter this competition – there is a separate scholarship program for members.)

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Christmas Kettle Gala celebrates season, helps others

The Christmas season is a time for sharing with family and friends but for many, the continued jobless rate, economic uncertainty, and realities of life continue to make it difficult to make ends meet. The Salvation Army in Mon-

roe County continues bring hope to hundreds local families who desperately need a helping hand.

James Gingrich, commanding officer of the Monroe County Salvation Army said, "As we have done for well over

150 years in America, The Salvation Army will provide food, clothing, and emergency assistance at Christmas-time to people in real need in our community. We are once again tasked with raising \$150,000 to accomplish this,

and have started our annual Christmas Kettle Campaign to raise funds for our ever expanding requests for help."

Knowing the great needs of the Monroe County Salvation Army, local business owners Charlie and Vincent Trapasso approached Major Gingrich and the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army three years ago and offered to help by donating their Desaki Restaurant to the Red Kettle Gala with this year's event being held on December 2.

Gingrich continues, "The Trapassos offer two years ago resulted in a contribution in excess of \$50,000 thus far towards the Red Kettle Campaign in Monroe County. Their generosity of hosting the event at no expenses to the Salvation Army along with serving on the event committee is both gracious and incredibly benevolent." The evening will include a social hour, hors d'oeuvres, surf and turf dinner, dessert and dancing for \$125 per person, with all proceeds benefitting the Monroe County Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

"Traditionally, The Salvation Army's bell ringers generate a large percentage of the community-wide support needed for our feeding and sheltering programs. We are thankful the Trapassos have once again offered to help us achieve our goal. Our Kettle Season is now in full swing and every

penny we raise makes a significant difference in the lives of those most in need in Monroe County," Gingrich said.

The majority of the Salvation Army's local programs such as food baskets, hot meals, nights of shelter, rental assistance, clothing, Christmas toys for children, nursing home visitation, and disaster service response rely directly on community support and giving.

Gingrich concludes, "We are more determined than ever to help our neighbors bridge the gap between their resources and the cost of acquiring basic human needs. Due to cuts in funding, we will see a shortfall this year in our general operating budget. To make up for that, we are asking friends and neighbors for help in the form of cash contributions, donations of time to ringing bells this holiday season and to join us at the Red Kettle Gala on December 2 at the Garden Room of Desaki Restaurant."

For information about the Monroe County Salvation Army's programs, to request a Kettle to be placed at your business, reserve a table and purchase an ad in the program for the Red Kettle Gala or to volunteer to be a ringer, please call the Salvation Army at 570-421-3050. Desaki Restaurant is located on Route 611 in Swiftwater.

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BWA welcomes five new board members



Brodhead Watershed Association has elected five new members for its board of directors. The election and induction were held at the annual Members & Friends Celebration on September 30 at Northampton Community College.

The five new directors are:
ANNETTE ATKINSON
 Supervisor, chairperson, administrative and operations director for Middle Smithfield Township. Atkinson also serves on the boards of the Monroe County Women's Commission, as well as Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, and is secretary of the Monroe County Association of Township Officials. She is a volunteer master gardener, member of St. John's Church, Monroe County Beekeeper's

Association, and BWA, for which she is also a Streamwatcher.

JEN BRADLEY

Assistant professor of psychology at Northampton Community College. Her interests in environmental psychology dovetail with her volunteer work. Jen is president of Penn State's Monroe County Master Gardeners and is also a PSU Forest Steward. Jen and her two boys live in the Arrowhead Lakes community.

ANNE FETHERMAN

First president of Friends of Cherry Valley, and has been a Streamwatcher since 2002. She is a graduate of Penn State and advanced her education at several other universities, with an educational specialist degree from Missouri State University. She co-

owns a tree farm and vineyard in Cherry Valley.

PAULA HEESCHEN

Editorial page editor of the Pocono Record. She is also active in League of Women Voters, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monroe County, Meals on Wheels, and teaches and studies dance at the School of Visual and Performing Arts in Stroudsburg. She and her husband, county Judge Art Zulick, live in Stroudsburg.

JOHN PARKER

Has been a Monroe County resident since 1955 and focuses his volunteerism on local issues. In addition to being a Streamwatcher for BWA, he is chair of Monroe County Industrial Development Authority, Pocono Mountain Industrial Park Authority and Pocono Mountain Industries,

as well as Brodhead Creek Regional Authority. He is also vice chair of the Hamilton Township Zoning Hearing Board, a member of Monroe County Hospital Authority, and past president of Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs and the Experimental Aircraft As-

sociation Chapter 839. John lives in Hamilton Township with his wife, Mary Louise.

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EMPL presents "Shadowlands"

In honor of C.S. Lewis, (whose birthday is later in the month), Words and Film at the Eastern Monroe Public Library will be presenting the film "Shadowlands" on November 6 at 2 p.m.

This lavishly mounted adaptation of the play by William Nicholson tells the true story

of the doomed love affair between novelist and noted Christian scholar C.S. Lewis and a Jewish-American poet, played by Debra Winger. Anthony Hopkins stars as C.S. "Jack" Lewis, an Oxford professor and successful author of the Chronicles of Narnia series of children's fantasy

novels. Admission is free. Please note this film is rated PG. The Eastern Monroe Public Library is located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg. For further information on this event, please call 570-421-0800x317 or see www.monroepl.org.

Calendar of Events

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., Chestnuthill 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 12—

Kookies & Krafts with Kris Kringle, sponsored by the Western Poconos Lioness Club, 1-3 p.m., Chestnuthill Townshi Park

Sunday, November 20—

Wreaths for Veterans Program, sponsored by Pocono Lions Club, 2 p.m., Pocono Lake Cemetery, 610-317-0763

Saturday, November 26—

Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thornhurst United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 26—

Holiday Arts Festival, sponsored by Pocono Mountains Arts Council, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Skytop Lodge Executive Conference Center, 570-360-6512

Sunday, November 27—

Holiday Arts Festival, sponsored by Pocono Mountains Arts Council, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Skytop Lodge Executive Conference Center, 570-360-6512

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

Listings in the Calendar are free for non-commercial activities open to the general public. 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.

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Monster Soup comedy play

Theater Studio: A Confidence Theater will be presenting *Monster Soup* by Tim Kelly, a comedy in one act. The Ghouls Sisters and Granny Ghouls live near the gator swamp, and they are about to be evicted by a lawyer named Fleasom.

Granny decides that one of her daughters should marry the villain, however Fleasom has his eyes set on Granny's granddaughter, Ada Mae. Unbeknownst to the Ghouls, Fleasom plans to sell them to the Barker Brothers' Circus. The Ghouls are a clever bunch and plan Fleasom's downfall in

an unexpected fashion.

The performance will be held at School of Visual and Performing Arts, located at 554 Main St., Stroudsburg on October 29 at 5 p.m., directly after the Trick or Treat on Main Street. The play is approximately 30 minutes long and is appropriate for ages 8 and up.

Monster Soup actors will be handing out treats during the Trick or Treat on Main in costume.

It is produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, CO.

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Pocono Arts November Studio Courses

The Pocono Arts Council will offer the following classes during the month of November. Classes, unless noted otherwise, are held at the Pocono Arts Cultural Center, 18 N. 7th St., Stroudsburg. To register, call PoconoArts at 570-476-4460 or register online at www.poconoarts.org.

Oil Painting

Instructor John McAllister
Thursdays 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24

This ongoing workshop focuses on the individual, helping them to develop their own personal style and technique working with the oil medium. Learn how to develop your painting by understanding drawing and composition, light and shadow, color, preparation of materials, and the application of paint. Working at your own pace, you pick the subject while the instructor guides you through the painting process.

Materials List
Tuition: Member \$75/

Non-Member \$85: Senior Member \$65/Non-Member \$75.

Intermediate Watercolor
Instructor Iraina Caramelli
Sundays 1-4 p.m.
Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Join in this ongoing watercolor journey and discover the flexibility of this wonderful medium. You will cover composition, form, shapes, and definitely color! Students can work from photos that they have taken, or utilize the still life that will be set up during each workshop. A very free approach will be explored where your creativity takes wing.

Materials List
Tuition: Member \$100/Non-Member \$110: Senior Member \$90/Non-Member \$100.

Leaf Mason Jar Candle Holder

Instructor Susan Field
November 1 from 6-9 p.m.

This workshop will show you how to create your own

Leaf Mason Jar Candle Holder to give your Thanksgiving Table a refined edge or you can gift the Jar Candle to someone special.

Materials Provided
Tuition: Member \$25/Non-Member \$30.

Glass Painting
Instructor Julia Thomas
One Evening

November 8 from 6-9 p.m.
November 15 from 6-9 p.m.

These workshops are for beginner to advanced artists. Glass painting is for all level of artists. This particular workshop will encompass a drawing phase, a composition phase, and a painting phase. Bring along pictures you want to draw or use the patterns provided for you. You will complete a painted glass to take home. The subject matter is your choice/

Materials Provided
\$20/Non-Member \$30.

Painting Workshops
Instructor Jim Smeltz

November 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This workshop is open to any media, acrylic, watercolor, and water based oils. The choice is yours! Painting a Landscape-Colors of November is the focus of this evening.

Tuition: \$10.00.

Snowman/Christmas Card Workshop
November 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Card stock will be provided. Bring basic supplies, brushes, paint, palette, water cup, and paper towels.

Tuition: \$15.00

Spirited Art – Laugh, Paint, Sip
Instructor Jill Swersie
November 18 from 6-9 p.m.

Spend an evening with old friends or join us to make new friends while you learn the basics of acrylic painting while sipping your favorite beverage! All materials needed for you to create an acrylic paint-

ing will be provided, just bring along your favorite beverage and any snacks you would like to enjoy.

Tuition: Member \$30/Non-Member \$35.

PoconoArts classes fill on a first come, first serve basis. Placement in a course is secured when payment in full is received. If PoconoArts must cancel a class due to low enrollment, students will be notified prior to the scheduled start date of the class and full refunds will be issued. Tuition refunds will be honored if received ten days prior to the beginning of a class/workshop. PoconoArts will not refund or reduce any class fees for missed classes or late enrollment. The Pocono Arts Council is a local arts service organization serving Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties.

BWA honors outgoing Monroe Conservation District manager

At its 27th annual Members & Friends Celebration in September, Brodhead Watershed Association honored Craig Todd for his exceptional commitment to maintaining a healthy environment for future generations. The event, held at Northampton Community College's Tannersville campus, included 200 BWA members and friends.

Todd has been manager of Monroe County Conservation District for more than 30 years, bringing together part-

ners from around the county – and across the state – on projects and plans to protect water quality and quantity, maintain biological diversity, and educate children, adults and public policy makers on the importance of the natural environment.

“Craig has been a leading voice for the vital need for planning, whether it be erosion and sediment control plans for individual sites or planning for the future of Monroe County,” said Edie

Stevens, founder and board member of BWA.

Along with the accolades, Craig Todd received an engraved river rock for his garden.

Todd joins the Issues Committee of BWA, a group that identifies and addresses environmental problems within the watershed.

Also honored were three staff members of Monroe County Planning Commission – Christine Meinhart-Fritz, director; Evan Makuvek, en-

vironmental planner; and George Basila, GIS analyst – as valuable partners in BWA's Green Infrastructure Project, promoting use of nature-based solutions (such as rain gardens) to protect water quality.

For information about BWA, see brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120.

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Emilio Fabico appointed General Manager of Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark



Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark has announced the appointment of Emilio Fabico as General Manager. Fabico is responsible for the overall successful operations of the 453-suite lodge and the 125,000 square foot indoor waterpark, which opened in May, 2015.

Fabico's experience and background in the hospitality and theme park industries

is extensive, spanning more than 30 years. Most recently, Fabico spent six years as General Manager for Disney's Epcot in Orlando, FL. His experience includes key roles at several Disney hotel properties including general manager of Disney's Port Orleans Resort; manager of room operations at the All Star Resort; and manager of guest service operations at Coronado Springs Resort.

Before Disney, Fabico held multiple leadership roles at resort and hotel properties in Kansas, Chicago, and Atlanta. Fabico holds a MBA from Rollins College – Winter Park, FL, and a BS in Hotel/Restaurant

& Club Administration from Washington State University.

"Emilio's experience within the hospitality and theme park segment is extensive," said Tim Gantz, partner of Stand

Rock Hospitality, management company of Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark "We are always looking at ways to improve and enhance the guest and

staff experience and Emilio's exceptional leadership skills and proven track record made him the ideal candidate to lead the team at Camelback Lodge."

Pocono Arts Council announces 2016 PA Partners in the Arts grants

The Pocono Arts Council is pleased to announce the 2016 PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) Grants. The PPA program is a partnership initiative between local arts organizations and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency. PPA is administered in the northeastern PA region by the Pocono Arts Council and is available to non-profit organizations and individual artists conducting arts programming in the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike and Wayne. Since beginning the program in 1997, over \$1,845,234 has been granted in the 5 county region. This year 47 PPA Project Stream applications received grants totaling \$39,003. In addition, 22 PPA Program Stream grants will also be awarded in early 2017.

These Awards will be presented on Friday, December 2, in the ARTSPACE Gallery at the PoconoArts Cultural Center, 18 North Seventh Street, Stroudsburg at 6 p.m.

The 2016 PPA local recipients are:

Monroe County:
PA Partners in the Arts (PPA) Project Stream Grants:

Barrett Paradise Friendly Library; Dansbury Depot; Darlene Farris-LaBar; East Stroudsburg High School South Musical Theater Program; East Stroudsburg University Foundation; East

Stroudsburg University of PA Art + Design Department; Lisa Ellex; Pocono Community Orchestra; Pocono Concert Chorale; Pocono Watercolor Associates; Pocono Youth Chamber Orchestra; Presbyterian Church of the Mountain; Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm; Shawnee Playhouse/Worthington Players; Stroudsburg High School Musical,

Billye Kubiak; Theater Studio; Theatrical Gems

PPA Program Stream Grants:
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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

Sunday night this column was written in part by the light of the Super Moon. For the next few months, our moon will be at its closest point to the Earth so the full moons will look bigger, and moonlight will be brighter. (Not so bright as to reflect off this year's autumn foliage, except sometimes the bright yellows.)

It looks like we've reached our foliage peak hereabouts. There are a variety of beautiful rides in our area, Route 940 through Kidder and Tobyhanna Townships, for example, but there are spots already past like Interstate 80 in Tobyhanna Township in a few spots. It should be a great week for foliage.

At our house, our sumac tree has dropped nearly all of its leaves and most of its stems. Two cherry trees have also dropped much of their leaves. Our maples and apples are still holding strong, just now starting to turn color. Still, I was out raking my first leaf pile on Sunday, with expectations of lots more to come.

There are times when being a reporter and a volunteer clash. This past Thursday, on my plate was a service club meeting, a chamber of commerce meeting and one of my regular township meetings. I managed to fit in all three.

Friday I finished my newspaper round in time to make a dash to Harrisburg for a newspaper seminar. The trip encountered heavy traffic through a construction zone, guaranteeing I would not be on time. That cleared with the return of four-lane traffic, until another backup caused by PA State Police making an arrest of a driver by the side of the road. This jam was not too bad once drivers figured out where to go - into one lane. But it was another delay. I arrived just minutes before

the event's start (at the same time as another participant). I learned a lot at the sessions, but being away usually means lack of sleep—I prefer my own bed.

Saturday, I traveled from Harrisburg back to the Weatherly Area Community Library's grand opening event, arriving well in time for the ribbon cutting. Foliage is not much yet south of us.

That evening, Ruth and I went out to the Fur Ball fundraiser for the Blakeslee dog park for a fun wrap-up to a busy day. I was glad to be home.

Sunday afternoon we were at the White Haven Halloween Parade, then went off to New Jersey to visit my uncle Slater. Coming back we tanked up, knowing that it was likely that

with our next visit gas prices there would be much higher. On this trip, as compared to our usual, NJ was as much as 42¢ less per gallon. On November 1, New Jersey is putting its 23¢ gas tax increase into place.

Both of us are really unhappy about the tone of this year's presidential and senate elections. We approach these last couple of weeks with gritted teeth, because it's going to be ugly.

Penn State football made us happy with an exciting win, but Temple tops the locals with a 1 point-come-from-behind win on the road at Central Florida—a game Central Florida was picked to win. With the Pitt Panthers also winning, as of right now, all three Division 1A Pennsyl-

vania football teams may become bowl eligible – as long as they win most of the rest of their games. In the NFL, the Patriots won again on Sunday behind Tom Brady, but the Eagles lost and the Steelers lost not only their game, but also Big Ben.

We missed the opening game of the season for the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins, but sent friends who told us an exciting in for the home club. This coming Friday and Saturday, we plan to be in the stands to cheer the local Pens during their first big weekend at home this season.

We are seeing the end of the season for Knoebels and the PA Renaissance Faire – this weekend and next are it. Ruth and I will work to fit in a trip to both before Halloween.

NEPIRC wins International Economic Development Award

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center received a prestigious International Economic Development Council Multiple-

Year Economic Development Award in Cleveland on September 27. NEPIRC CEO, Eric Esoda, and Board of Directors Chairman, Bruce Da-

niels, were on hand to accept the award.

The IEDC award is the result of the outstanding impact NEPIRC engagements had within regional manufacturing clients. "This an exceptional achievement for NEPIRC and places the organization among an elite group of economic development organizations worldwide. I am extremely proud of this recognition and what it says about our organization, our team and our local manufacturing clients," noted Esoda.

The award recognizes NEPIRC's engagements within local manufacturers during the 3-year period, which resulted in:

Client cost savings of \$46.97 million;

Client regional investments of \$68.91 million;

Client revenue growth or retention of \$460.40 million;

Client retention of 2,946 at-risk manufacturing jobs; and

Client creation of 647 full-time manufacturing jobs.

During that time, NEPIRC implemented an innovative portfolio of manufacturer services, educational programs and technology-awareness events that served over 300 companies. NEPIRC's achievements were critical to the economic vitality of the region, which derives 12.8% of employment and 15.21% of total wages from the manufacturing sector.

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Techs salvage vital equipment from fire ravaged system

by Jacqueline Boucher
Tobyhanna Army Depot

Technicians at Tobyhanna Army Depot were able to salvage just a few items from a communications system destroyed by fire recently on Interstate 95. Soldiers watched smoke turn to flame as the Army convoy, headed to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was forced off the road.

Components retrieved from the damaged shelter were tested and installed into a new AN/TRC-170 Tropospheric Scatter Microwave Radio Terminal shelter, which was completed by the end of August. Personnel here were also successful in locating another truck to replace the ruined one.

The convoy consisted of assets and personnel assigned to the 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion, which is part of the 35th Signal Brigade (Theater Tactical), headquartered at the Fort Gordon Cyber Center of Excellence in South Carolina. The signal battalion, located at Fort Stewart, Georgia, deploys worldwide to engineer, install, operate, maintain and defend LandWarNet, the Army's information technology and communications network.

A few hours into the journey a vehicle broke down, subsequently needing a tow. Everyone expected the vehicle to be fixed at the forward training location, but soon realized that wasn't going to happen. Soldiers first noticed smoke



John Wasko, an electronic integrated systems mechanic at Tobyhanna Army Depot, was able to salvage a valuable modem from an AN/TRC-170 Tropospheric Scatter Microwave Radio Terminal shelter that was damaged in a fire along Interstate 95 recently. (U.S. Army photo by Jim Lentz)

billowing from the towed vehicle and then they saw flames. The local fire department and highway patrol responding to the 911 call put out the fire and moved the system from the shoulder of the road. The entire front end of the truck was destroyed and the shelter damaged beyond repair.

Battalion officials were particularly interested in the survivability of a valuable modem, its associated wires and components. A replacement shelter had been overhauled at Tobyhanna in 2009 and placed in storage without the modem. Since depot personnel were able to salvage the



Technicians at Tobyhanna Army Depot were able to salvage items from a communications system destroyed by fire recently on Interstate 95. Tobyhanna technicians upgraded a replacement shelter according to the customer's specifications and procured a truck for the 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion located in Fort Stewart, Georgia. (U.S. Army photo)

modem from the fire damaged system, the shelter was released from DLA Distribution-Tobyhanna. The modem was installed and the shelter was rain tested after replacing the rain flaps.

It was up to Electronic Integrated Systems Mechanic John Wasko (a resident of Scranton) to determine if the modem was still functional and, once it passed muster, install it into the new shelter. Systems Integration and Support personnel contributed to the project by touching up the paint and conducting the rain test.

Wasko, who started working on the AN/TRC-170 system more than 30 years ago, spoke highly of his coworkers. Although he was the lead technician for this project, he relied on the expertise of the team to get the job done on schedule. Wasko is assigned to the depot's M3L Disassembly Section.

"Installing the modem upgrades the shelter to meet the customer's needs," said Free-land resident Mike Broskoskie, production controller in the C4 Program Management Division. He remarked that the modem is irreplaceable and critical to the AN/TRC-170 mission. The system consists of a vehicle-mounted shelter with trailer-transported antennas and air conditioner. "In addition, Tobyhanna just happened to have a truck on site and I was able to persuade the item manager to release it for this project," he said.

Section Chief John Scott (a resident of Lake Ariel) applauded the efforts of Team Tobyhanna to meet the customer's needs in such a short period of time. "This team's dedication to the AN/TRC-170 program is unbelievable," he said, explaining that with everyone's help the project slipped seamlessly into the existing production sched-

ule. "The circumstances that brought this system here may have been unusual; however, the quality of the workmanship in the finished product is exceptional as always." Scott says the team's strong work ethic is the reason for the programs zero-defect rate.

Tobyhanna is the primary depot for repairing and overhauling the AN/TRC-170 for the Army National Guard, according to Fort Fort resident Joshua Choppy, electronics mechanic leader in the M3L Disassembly Section. On average, the small cadre of technicians work on 12-16 systems a year. "We are fortunate to work with a number of people who can help keep everything on schedule," Choppy said. "Their support has proved invaluable to the success of this project."

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Sen. Scavello to host Pathways to Pardons seminar

Senator Mario Scavello, in partnership with Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack, will host the seminar Pathways to Pardons on Tuesday, November 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Monroe County Emergency Management office (100 Gypsum Road,

Stroudsburg, PA 18360). The event is free to the public and will inform constituents about the pardon process in Pennsylvania.

"For some people, a single poor decision may have ruined his or her ability to obtain gainful employment or move

toward becoming a productive member of society. In some cases, as long as an individual has committed no further offenses, applying for and obtaining a pardon may help them 'push the restart button' and put their past behind them," said Senator Scavello.

Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack will discuss the Governor's pardon process and there will be a Q&A session following the presentation. Individuals interested in learning about the application process are encouraged to attend.

While the event is free to the public, an RSVP is required. To reserve your spot at the seminar, please contact Kristine Bush of Senator Scavello's office at 570-620-4326 or kbush@pasen.gov.

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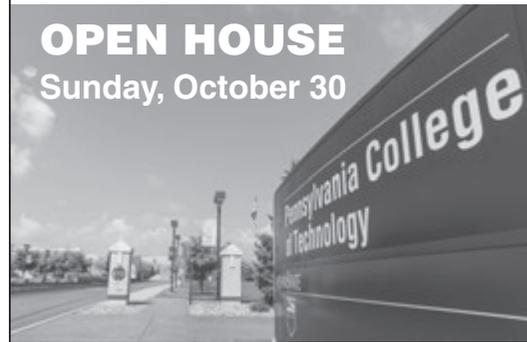
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Bill addressing private community violations approved by Senate Committee

Legislation to grant the power of investigation and mediation of complaints for residents of planned communities, cooperatives and condominiums to the Office of the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection recently passed the Senate Urban Affairs Committee. The measure

was introduced by Rep. Rosemary M. Brown.

Brown is hopeful this bill will gain consideration on the Senate floor before the 2015-16 legislative session ends and is asking residents to call Senate leaders and members to express their support for its importance.

"This is an initiative I have been pushing strongly this legislative session, and I know we are down to the wire with session days, but I am urging the Senate to consider this bill before the Legislature wraps up this fall," Brown said. "My intent is that this measure could provide private commu-

nity residents an avenue of mediation and investigation of serious violations of the Planned Community Act without having to jump directly to potentially costly lawsuits."

Nearly one quarter of Pennsylvania residents live in these types of self-governing communities formed

under Title 68 are operated under a set of governing by-laws that creates a micro government.

House Bill 1774 passed the House in June.

For more information about House Bill 1774, contact Brown's East Stroudsburg office at 570-420-8301.

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- "Pulling my leg," e.g.
- Venomous slitherer
- Dashboard acronym
- Big tops
- *Like a house to avoid
- *Halloween alternative to black
- Cul de _____
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- Sis' sibling
- Coarse file
- Centers, old-fashioned
- Indian music
- ____ gin
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- Do as directed
- Popular garden perennial
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- African sorcery
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- Not mint
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- 500 sheets
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- **Night of the _____ Dead"

- *Possible Halloween precursor
- Winnie-the-Pooh's friend
- High or low card
- Food from heaven
- Cupcake topper
- Spring mo.
- Bar by estoppel
- 2 aspirin, e.g.
- Gobbled up
- Desert's lack, pl.

- Marcus Aurelius garb, pl.
- *Honoree on day after Halloween
- Same as #1
- Down
- Arrival times
- Entertainment venue

- Artsy Keith
- Mont Blanc, e.g.
- Mood lighting switch
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- ____ Apso
- Insane in Spain
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- Involved in a secret
- Midday slumbers
- Free
- *Witch's familiar

DOWN

- Wet nurse
- Dad to a baby
- Pakistani language
- Property claims
- Reason to visit dental hygienist
- Shakespeare, e.g.
- *Gravestone wish
- Tanks and such
- Genesis garden
- *2002 horror movie "The _____"
- Sol or fa
- Ambulance crew
- Typeface letter that slants up and to the right
- E-wallet's content
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- One playing dead
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10-12. Troopers saw several indicators of criminal activity, so gained permission to search the car. Found was 101 grams of cocaine and crack. The driver, 42, and a 51 y/o woman, both of Johnstown, PA, and a passenger, 45, of Conyers, GA,

were arrested for possession / intent to drug deal. All three were taken to the Carbon County jail and were arraigned by the on-duty Magistrate, who set bail at \$50,000 each.

PSP-F Troopers made a stop for a suspected DUI on Hickory Lane near Gilbert on 10-14. When arresting the 52 y/o driver, a Kunkletown-area man who was under the in-

fluence of alcohol, he fought police. He was subdued and arrested. He faces charges of DUI, and aggravated assault on police, resisting arrest, and related offenses.

At 8:42 p.m. on 10-14, PSP-L was called to break up a loud fight between two women, 31 and 40, at a Weisport property. The 40 y/o was drunk. She was arrested for harassment.

PSP-L was called to a two-car crash at Meixell Valley and Blue Ridge Roads in Ross Twp. at 6:04 p.m. on 10-16, and found that it was caused by a 41 y/o Stroudsburg-area woman who was driving while drunk. She was arrested and is charged with DUI. PSP-L also made a DUI arrest on 10-15 after a traffic stop in Weisport.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down...

PSP and EMS were called to the scene of a crash of a motorcycle into the back of an SUV that was stopped in the northbound lane (in the 600 block) of Toll Road on Effort Mtn., Chestnuthill Twp., waiting for a school bus that was stopped in the southbound lane at 12:16 p.m. on 10-19, loading students. The motorcycle driver, 22 y/o Gregory Weir of Effort, was on his '15 Harley and was speeding when he crested a hill on the road—driving straight into the '97 Blazer. He died upon impact (no helmet). His passenger, also not wearing a helmet, was rushed to Pocono Medical Center by West End EMS. She died at the hospital, not surviving her injuries. PSP-F is investigating further.

At 11:48 a.m. on 10-12, a 62 y/o Reeders woman who was driving her '11 Mitsubishi sedan along Route 209 north and preparing to turn into the BK Plaza, instead was distracted by her dog. She then rear-ended the Dodge pickup that was stopped in front of her, waiting for a third vehicle to turn. The impact pushed the pickup truck into the one ahead. She was hurt (minor) and so was the Dodge's driver—taken to Pocono Medical Center by West End EMS. The Reeders woman was sent along with a ticket from PSP-F for following too closely—causing the crash.

Other crashes include fender benders along Route 209 from failure to yield / cutting out in front of oncoming traffic, failure to stop at STOP signs, and similar. There was an SUV into a tree off Weir Lake Rd. on 10-11, no one hurt. There was also a dent and run in the Kinsley's parking lot just after 3 p.m. on 10-8.

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