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Penn Forest awards snow contract to Schiffer

by **Seth Isenberg**

When the snows and ice make the roads hazardous this winter, it will be trucks from Schiffer Bituminous Service Co. of Kunkletown who will be called to make Penn Forest Township's roads safe for winter driving. This decision was made at Penn Forest Township supervisors meeting October 3. Schiffer submitted the low bid for the on-call road work of \$125 an hour for an 8-ton plow truck with spreader, and \$85 an hour each for up to three 2-ton

plow trucks with spreaders. The township will supply salt and anti-skid.

The Locust Ridge division of H&K was next lowest bidder — about 50% higher on the small trucks price, and about 11% higher for the big truck.

Roadmaster Butch Reiner explained that the reasons the township went back to contracting for winter roads maintenance are that the township's fleet "costs big money in repairs," plus the

operating and staff costs. This year, there are not enough people working for the township to cover roads and keep the transfer station open at the same time. He asked to "try this for one year..."

Schiffer was approved on a vote of 3-1, supervisors Scott Lignore, Roger Meckes and Butch Reiner in favor, Judy Knappenberger opposed, and Chris Fazio absent.

Another big move for the township was to close the

accounts with the PLGIT and move that \$1 million into Mauch Chunk Trust in four CD-style interest bearing accounts of \$250,000 each. PLGIT's management fees ate up most of any earnings (last year's earnings were less than \$1,000—a return of under .0009%—while this year's earnings with MCT are estimated at over \$6,000).

MCT will offer a guarantee of safe-keeping for the funds.

The vote to move the money was unanimous.

Work on Phase II of the Penn Forest Park is nearly complete. Supervisors agreed to extend the contract to October 28 so work can be completed on the tennis court, and bleachers installed at the baseball field. Custom Contracting received payment #6 for their work, \$181,866, on another 4-0 vote.

In public comments, Marcus Laurence returned with his Turbine Ordinance Committee's suggested ordinance changes—13 pages of them. He asked for a moratorium on windmill activity until these changes are discussed. Township solicitor Tom Nanovic will review what he submitted.

Also, township ordinances list a \$1,000 fee for this kind of action—the fee will be looked at to see whether it applies here.

Rick Tweed of the Park & Recreation Committee asked supervisors for their okay for the committee to raise money for the park by selling 4'x8' banners to businesses to hang on the outfield fence. Tweed was asked to bring information on the banners, and the plans for fundraising.

There is an ongoing situation at the Transfer Station that employee Sheri Knappenberger brought to supervisors. A man is bringing in overly heavy bags, then expecting township employees to help move them to the compactor. The Transfer Station employees are not supposed to do this—but the man insists. The man has sent a written complaint. Reiner says he will speak with the man.

There is also an issue with the punch cards. People who miss a week want to bring more bags the next week. Transfer Station rules limit the number of bags that can be "back-punched" to two weeks back, even if someone hasn't

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THE AUTUMN LEAVES WERE GORGEOUS this month in Lehigh Gorge State Park, though end of the month weather brought most of them down.

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used up punches from weeks earlier. (If the punch card limit is exceeded, people pay \$1 a bag for extras.) Supervisors were split in their opinions. No firm decision was made.

Roadmaster Reiner reported the township crew has been out trimming back brush from the roadsides, and clearing fallen trees.

Code officer Kathryn Forry issued 29 zoning, 22 building (6 new homes) and 8 septic permits. There were 27 zoning and 18 building certificates of occupancy issued, and inspections were 42 zoning, 70 UCC and 58 septs. BIA at-

tended the Atlantic Wind special exception hearing about the windmill farm on Sept. 20. Atlantic Wind has asked for a change of venue, and a continuance. The continuance was granted—with no future date scheduled at this time.

From the Treasurer's Reports, Penn Forest has a total of \$7,203,407 in all funds including the PLGIT.

The Transfer Station collected \$896 in September for bulk items. In reviewing the entries into the Transfer Station books for private haulers and regular accounts, township secretary Susan Gibiser reported finding some errors (double billing, billing wrong parties, etc.) totaling \$2,148. This amount

was removed from the books, approved 4-0.

Ashirov and Pinhasov were approved to combine two lots in Towamensing Trails into one (vote was 4-0), and Helmer was also okayed to combine two large acreage lots into one on Unionville Road (vote 3-0 with Knappenberger abstaining as she is a relative).

There were six right-to-know requests filed, and responded to; and 16 zoning and septic info requests.

Supervisors approved payout of firemen's relief funds to both fire companies of \$38,209 each.

From September approved bills total \$58,927 from the general fund, most of that be-

ing \$30,000 for a payment of a fire truck to Penn Forest Volunteer Fire Co. #1. Other bills of note are \$4,112 for state workers insurance, \$5,003, \$999 and \$757 to Barry Isett & Assoc. (BIA) for engineering and professional services, \$2,799, \$2,739 and \$2,348 to US Treasury for payroll taxes, \$2,233 to Berkheimer tax services, \$1,796 to Carbon County for 911 services, \$1,702 for staff's health and vision insurance to Highmark, \$1,006 to Nanovic Law Office, \$681 to PA Dept. of Revenue for payroll taxes, \$638 to WEX Bank for fuel purchases, plus 21 smaller bills.

\$152 was paid from the Liquid Fuels/roads fund for electricity for street lights to PPL.

From the Septic fund, \$450 was paid from the escrow to Atkinson, and \$10,341 for SEO services to BIA. Sanitation drew \$15,347 for payroll, \$14,154 was paid to Waste Management for garbage hauling, \$1,702 to Highmark for health and vision, \$368 to Solomon Container, and four other small bills to total \$32,022. For the Parks & Rec Fund, Custom Contracting was paid \$133,761 on their park work, BIA was paid \$14,843 and \$5,580 for park project supervision and administration, \$693 was paid to White Haven Red Rock for stone, and there were \$456 in smaller bills.

Budget planning meetings were held and there is a tentative budget for 2017.

Two press members, 10 citizens and five staff joined during this meeting.

The next meeting is Mon., Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. for the work session. The regular meeting follows at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 903.



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Zoning Hearing Slated

Protests of PennEast Pipeline expressed to Kidder officials

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“Beautiful Kidder Township has been targeted for a compressor station,” announced Linda Christman pleading for supervisor intervention against PennEast Pipeline plans in the township during the October 20 Kidder Township supervisors meeting.

She asked for help from zoning enforcement to thwart installation of a 47,000 horsepower diesel engine in the compressor station. Representing the Save Carbon County effort, she listed irri-

tants beyond noise that could result, from health-harming pollutants and a hazard to safety with potential for explosions, to an effect on economic industry growth because of the massive station’s impact on tourism.

Calling PennEast an “unscrupulous group,” Chuck Weber described the past two years of passive response as the potential for the pipeline running straight through his property loomed. Reporting a recent visit by a company representative now confirm-

ing his fears, he implored, “[There’s] precious little time” for the township to help.

Supervisor Thomas Bradley suggested the public attend a 6 p.m. November 7 Zoning Hearing Board meeting at Split Rock’s Town Center and let their voices be heard.

Bills approved totaling \$322,721.89 included \$54,005 for parking area changes and a Minimum Municipal Obligation toward police pensions of \$148,093.

Supervisors Bradley, Thomas LaFond, Bruce Berger, Barbara Franzosa, and Frank Pieri, business manager LIsa Klem, township secretary/treasurer Suzanne Brooks,

solicitor Dan Miscavige and approximately 40 members of the public were present.

Kidder Township’s next reg-

ular meeting is planned for 7 p.m. November 17 at the Township Building on Lake Drive in Lake Harmony.



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Examining the issues at candidates night

by Ruth Isenberg

Two candidates for state representative, and a representative of Congressman Lou Barletta spoke to a light crowd at the candidates' forum held October 23 at Weatherwood. Moderator Seth Isenberg noted that the Weatherly Rotary Club had hosted forums for the past 12 years during his welcoming statement.

Congressman Barletta's campaign manager Jon Anzur gave a brief summary of his boss' accomplishments during the four terms he has served since 2011. In his first term he proposed a bill to defund sanctuary cities, a proposal he reintroduced this year. He talked about Barletta's proposal to introduce a biometric entry and exit system, noting that 50% of the undocumented residents in the US arrive with a legal visa, but don't leave when the visa expires. He would increase the penalty for unlawfully remaining here.

Barletta is part of a bi-partisan group that meets weekly to work on proposals across the aisle, then take proposals back to their parties. He works with local legislators, and is especially proud of the SHINE afterschool program, which started in Carbon and Schuylkill Counties. He also noted that as subcommittee chair in charge of all federal buildings under his jurisdiction, new policies regard-



Doyle Heffley, left, makes a point as moderator Seth Isenberg, center, and Neil Makhija look on. Photo by Shane Moran

ing the maximum amount of space per employee and length of the lease have saved millions of dollars.

Anzur ended by recounting the familiar story of Barletta's first venture as a small business owner, going from a push cart and a can of spray paint with a contract to paint lines in a parking lot to obtaining a line of credit and a truck, and growing to become the largest line-painting business in the state. He feels it would not be possible today with the number of federal regulations and mandates in place.

Neil Makhija, Democrat candidate for state repre-

sentative in the 122nd District spoke next. He gave several reasons for his decision to run for office, starting with the drug epidemic taking over Carbon County. He lost his first friend to heroin 10 years ago, and said his aim is to prevent addiction in the first place, and hold drug manufacturers accountable. He claimed that drug companies have too much influence in Harrisburg in shaping policy, and said he would not rely on lobbyists to write bills, citing his legal background.

Makhija also promised transparency, spoke in favor

of term limits, and against partisan gerrymandering.

His opponent, incumbent Doyle Heffley, gave a summary of his background, from his graduation from Lehighon High School and Lincoln Tech, through his work for CONRAIL and as a truck driver. He and his wife owned a trucking firm started by her family, growing it to 120 trucks. After they sold the company he worked for national carriers. He acknowledged this was not a normal approach to getting into politics, but felt this gave him a common sense approach to issues of mandates and regulations.

He worked to relieve mandates in his role on the transportation, tourism, game & fisheries, and human services committees. He expressed pride in the prescription drug monitoring program he worked on under two governors, saying it has cut back on the amount of over-prescribing by physicians. He also noted that every police station in Carbon County now has a prescription drug take-back

box, and that 150,000 pounds of drugs have been safely disposed of. Other accomplishments include the expansion of Narcon availability to reverse effects of fatal overdoses, which save 1,300 people in one year, and the continued bipartisan development of a plan to combat opioid abuse in the Commonwealth.

Both candidates were asked to list the top three issues facing the county, and their proposed solutions. Heffley cited pension funding, noting that prior to 2010 the state did not make the necessary contributions, resulting in a \$63 billion deficit. Pension payments now account for 33% of payroll in the public school system. His proposal would not affect any current employees, he said, and would make up the deficit by switching from a defined benefit program to a defined contribution program after the first \$50,000.

His second issue was property taxes, and his solution was the adoption of House Bill 76, which would totally

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eliminate property taxes. He noted that it had passed in the House, and was tied in the Senate. He urged continued pressure on the governor to endorse the plan.

His third issue was to continue to grow the economy, noting that tourism is the area's number one industry.

Makhija named the heroin epidemic as the number one issue, saying it is growing worse every day. He proposed treatment centers, and alternative sentencing to keep people out of jail, and repeated that drug companies and lobbyists should not be involved in bill writing.

His second issue was jobs and new industry for Carbon County, and he proposed investing in industrial sites.

The third issue was property taxes for him as well. He proposed shifting the burden onto the fracking companies, and reforming the system. He also proposed providing more money from Harrisburg for education.

The next question dealt with how the candidates would attract jobs to the area. Makhija said the state must invest in STEM education to attract 21st Century jobs. He said that companies were not attracted to the area because employers don't think the school districts can prepare the workers they need. He cited an inequity in the amount per pupil school districts in this area receive, as compared to areas

around Philadelphia, and the classes and equipment that this funding provides.

He asked Mayor Tom Connors, seated in the audience, how much money is spent per pupil in Weatherly. Connors did not know, but noted he had seven children who were or are students in the district, all of whom are successful.

Makhija replied he objected to the inequality, that an hour down the turnpike the schools had better technology, more programs, and that teachers were paid more. He repeated his charge that legislators had failed in not imposing a severance fee on the gas companies, which could provide more money for education.

He added that he was the only Democrat candidate who will support House Bill 76, saying that only about nine Democrats are on board with the measure now, and that it needs to be bipartisan.

Heffley took issue with the charge that corporations aren't eager to come to the area, citing a grand opening of a company in Nesquehoning that provided 50 new jobs. He said that KME makes fire trucks that are exported all over the world, and that they rely on local schools like CCTI for their employees.

He also disagreed on Makhija's statement about the benefit of a severance fee for the gas industry, as opposed to the current impact fee, saying that the landowners would end up paying any severance fee, and that the governor had recently agreed that the impact fee in place was beneficial.

In summing up, Makhija raised the issue of a lawsuit that was filed alleging that he had not been a resident of the district for the past four years, as required by law, noting that the suit had been thrown out by the judge. Heffley replied by citing documents that showed Makhija voting in Massachusetts where he was attending law school.

After several other exchanges, the evening wrapped up with both candidates urging supporters to vote on November 8.

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Penn Forest Parks & Recreation dreams big for township

We have a Dream and want you to join us. Phase II of the Penn Forest Recreational Park development is almost complete. The contractor will be putting the finishing touches on the Tennis and Basketball courts in the next few weeks along with installing other items called out by the contract.

A grant application has been submitted requesting funds for the Concession Building which will include restrooms. We now await the time when the "Hills will be alive with the sounds of" soccer balls being kicked and the crack of the ball off the bats of Little Leaguers and Babe Ruth sluggers. Play Ball will be a welcome sound that will come in late Spring of 2017. The Basketball and Tennis courts should be available for use in early November 2016 as will the Walking Track.

The Parks and Recreational Advisory Board has been working to develop a vision for the Park and shared that

vision with the Penn Forest Board of Supervisors in a report this past May. In it were a variety of recommendations that outlined what they felt were necessary for the Park to be a first class asset of the Community. Included was a recommendation to increase parking. Increased parking will be necessary to accommodate the many vehicles expected when both Spring Soccer and Baseball games are going on simultaneously.

So what do we need to make the Park a facility that will become the center of our community? The list is not so long. It includes installing additional pavilions that will facilitate family celebrations. Placing at least two additional sheds, one in the vicinity of the Multi Use field and another at the Babe Ruth Field which will be used by the leagues using these fields for equipment storage and remote concession stands. Exercise stations spaced around the perimeter of the walking track

would be a complementary addition. The Advisory Board recently endorsed a project by a member of Scout Troop 555 to build the stations as an Eagle Scout Project.

The Wish List developed by the Advisory Board includes Goal Posts for the Multi Use Field; Scoreboards for the Ball Fields; sheds for storage; storage boxes like those found at construction sites for each of the baseball fields to store bases and other equipment associated with the field; several more pavilions dispersed throughout the Park; a gazebo; several Kiosks for posting of Park Information and schedules; additional benches; and more. Anyone interested in donating any of these items should contact the Advisory Board through the Township Office.

With that said, what is the

vision of the Park Advisory Board for the future of the Park? The Park Advisory Board envisions the Park becoming the activity center of our community, providing a venue for more than just athletic events. It could be used for birthday parties, family reunions, flea markets, Movies After Dark, a summer program for the children of our community and more. If one wants to see what our potential could be, all you have to do is to visit the web sites of the municipal parks in the area. We have a great start. Let's keep the momentum going to give out community a place for which we can be

proud. Investment in this Park is an investment in the future of our township, its residents and most importantly our mutual quality of life.

The Advisory Board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Office. We hope to see you there.



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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Will I Have to Walk Away from My House?

While hearings before the Penn Forest Township Zoning Board go on, angst-producing speculation over an Iberdola Wind Farm proposal including environmental destruction, property value declines, impassable local roads, a compromised water table and water-well systems and more... deep-pocket legal tactics and ploys come into play.

Zoning board hearings with wind farm executives and their attorney present, have been

conducted at a fire house in reasonable proximity and accessibility to concerned property owners, a venue that enables people like myself to attend, express concerns and a show of opposition solidarity to the placement of a wind farm on the ridge above Lipo Way.

At recent hearings, the attorney for wind farm representatives (Iberdola and the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania Water Authority) has claimed there have been "death threats" leveled at herself and company executives. I and others are waiting for verification of that allegation...waiting.

In addition to now attending a hearing with armed body guards, the attorney is attempting to have the hearing venue moved to the Court House in Jim Thorpe, a location that would certainly make it more difficult for residents to attend.

This tactic is nothing new when it comes to energy companies playing "victim" while the potential real-victims of adverse impacts from such projects, weigh heavily on their present and future well-being!

Get the picture?

While the State of Pennsylvania has parameters regarding wind farm placement proposals, should the wind farm construction actually begin, aside from health, environmental and other concerns, THERE IS THE ISSUE OF POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC FAILURES associated with wind turbines and farms.

For example: Since my house would be one of the closest to the proposed turbines location...if the 37 proposed, 525' high turbines are placed...

- What would be my recourse, should, during heavy rains and snow melts after hundreds of acres of pristine forest are replaced with millions of pounds of concrete turbine foundations,
- If a mud or rock slide would take down my tiny, 900 square foot house,
- If a turbine propellor blade broke away and crashed through my roof, maimed or killed myself or a family member,
- If the water from my well were to be rendered unfit for human consumption,
- If I could not sell my house, or, if I could only sell it at less than half its current market value...
- If a wind turbine motor burst into flames during one dry, windy autumn day and my house and the entire com-

munity burns to the ground?

My educated guess is, that despite the State's protocols regarding liability, individuals would be forced to sue for damages as the company likely argued that "it was not liable"... and individual legal fees in a series of protracted litigation proceedings, would exceed the "little guy's" financial and time constraints!

The deep pockets usually prevail in such cases, and should this scenario play out, I see no other realistic outcome than to simply walk away from my house as my resultant legal fees could easily exceed the value of my property... AND NO SETTLEMENT WOULD BEGIN TO ADDRESS ANY LOSS OF LIFE OR LIMB!

Even in its current limbo status, the possibility of 37, 525' tall wind turbines appears to have started people selling, trying to sell, leaving the community, and a once tiny-dream house becomes a nightmare of bad outcome scenarios. What used to be my "happy place" and the only "permanent" homes of others, are now sources of apprehension, stress and at times, even depression.

While there are LAWS ... one has to wonder if there will be JUSTICE.

A. Gurmankin
Towamensing Trails



Senator Yudichak Participates in Pinchot State Forest District dedication

State Sen. John Yudichak (D-Luzerne/Carbon) joined Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, and Bureau of Forestry officials in formally dedicating the Pinchot State Forest District, renamed in honor of Governor Gifford Pinchot, a conservation pioneer who helped build both the U.S. and Pennsylvania state forest system.

Formerly known as Lackawanna State Forest District, the Pinchot State Forest District began in 1902 when 2,854 acres were purchased in Lackawanna County. In the past decade, the state forest district has grown to 46,278 acres in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Susquehanna and Wayne counties.

"We owe a great deal of gratitude to DCNR, the Bureau of Forestry, and the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania who fully accepted the responsibility of building a great future for Pennsylvania by continuing the enduring legacy of Gifford Pinchot with the conservation of some of our most pristine forest land that will forever bear a most appropriate name, the Pinchot State Forest District," said Senator Yudichak.

DCNR Secretary Dunn and State Forester Dan Devlin also touched

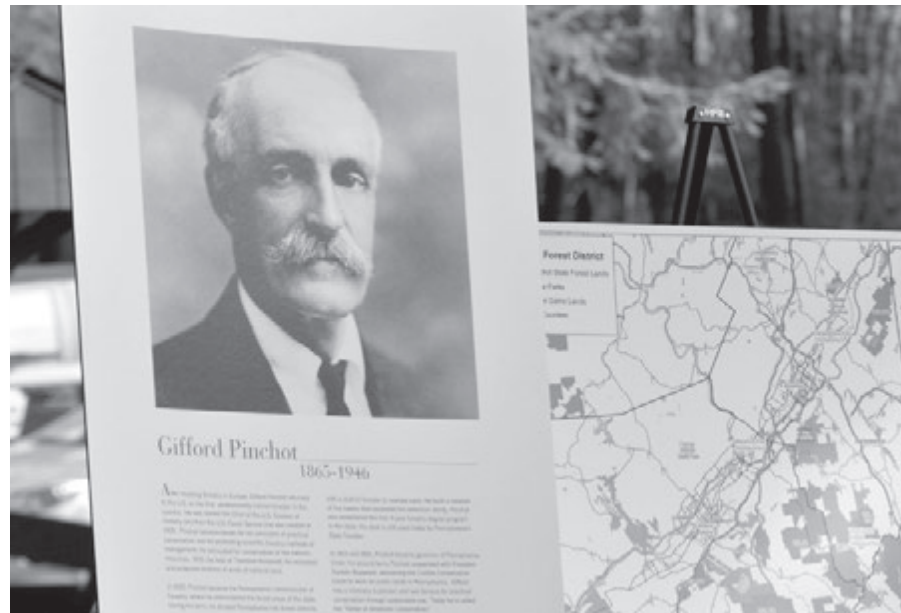


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on Pinchot's legacy in their remarks. "Pennsylvania is blessed with 20 state forest districts and this one -- bearing a new name in the northeast area of the state personifies Gifford Pinchot's crusade for healthy, sustainable woodlands, to be enjoyed and appreciated by all," Secretary Dunn said.

"The conservation legacy of Gifford Pinchot can't be overstated. He helped to shape forestry and land management practices at the national and state level. Naming this state forest district in his honor is a tribute to his lasting impact on conservation," Devlin said.

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individuals who have made a significant difference in our communities.

"As a bottom up organization we look forward to highlighting our local business leaders and businesses that truly are the ones that make this county so great," said Marlyn Kissner, Executive Director of the CCEDC. "This is a night that really is about the people and the businesses in this great county."

The CCEDC's Old Hollywood, Red Carpet Gala and

Annual Dinner will be an evening to remember. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at www.carboncountychamber.org. For more information, call 610-379-5000.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a happy hour, auction, and networking reception. The dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The evening will also feature an overview of the CCEDC's 2015/16 accomplishments with dancing following the program.

The awards will be presented to: Business of the Year- Kresge Services; Rookie Business of the Year- Somersault Letterpress; Tourism and Entertainment Business of the Year- Louis and Cyndi Pantages; Nick's Lakehouse, Louie's Prime, Shenanigans;

Volunteer of the Year- Joe Cyburt, president, Weatherly Hill Climb; Young Professional of the Year Award- Alicia Kline; Turn to Us; Economic Development Project- Sharps Compliance Inc.; William H. Bayer Lifetime Achievement Award- Bob Silver, Lansford Alive.

How can a rainforest come to town?

On Friday, November 4, Penn-Kidder Campus in Albrightsville will be transformed into a tropical rainforest. "Live on Stage, The Rainforest," will make you feel like you are right in the middle of the tropical rainforest with the beautiful sounds and sights of the Amazon region. You will see exotic birds, kinkajous, monkeys and snakes.

In the 1980s owner and director Mike Kohlrieser and his wife Marcia became increasingly aware of problems in the tropical rainforests. Using his skills as an animal trainer and

stage entertainer, Mike set out to educate people about these animals facing possible extinction. In 1992 the non-profit organization Understanding Wildlife, Inc. was created. The goal is to educate and inspire individuals to get involved and make this a better world for us all (including the animals) to live in.

This fascinating comedy animal show will be at Penn-Kidder Campus on Friday, November 4 for two shows at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the door.

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

Our beautiful leaf display in our piece of the Poconos blew away over the weekend. An October storm brought moderate rain, but then added strong winds. What leaves remained by Monday were on some select and sheltered maples and most of the oak trees. The beautiful reds and brilliant golds were replaced with warm browns and rusty oranges.



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That's not to say that in some spots there aren't still trees to show off their fall foliage best. The maple tree in our front yard held onto most of its leaves, and is very pretty, while the oldest one in our backyard, always a late participant, is just beginning its display. For me that means at least one extra week of raking. It makes me happy to have these remainders because I'm not ready the leafless season - the gray before the snows and ice.

For our comings and goings, we were busy, busy Friday with work, then a friend's

60th birthday party, and then a period of WBS Penguins ice hockey. When we arrived at the party in the evening, it had just started raining. By the time we left, temperatures had dropped to the point where we feared it might sleet.

That cold lasted through Saturday, with a brisk wind that blew us to Knoebels that afternoon. We wanted to see the park decorated for Halloween, and enjoy some rides. There was also the bonus of seeing lots of families in their Halloween outfits. The best may have been a couple dressed as lions, with their

two dogs - yellow lab mixes, also dressed as lions.

Our Knoebels visit was short. Earlier on our ride in, we took our dog Chess for a walk along the Roaring Brook trail, a place that we usually drive past on our way to Knoebels. Chess took herself for a couple of swims. Because the weather was brisk, there weren't that many people out in this normally popular park, so she had the bonus of being able to run free. We walked most of the length of the first lake, and then returned, as we were getting cold.

She got a second bit of walking in the park, meeting and greeting people and pets, including some of them

in costume. Then she got to ride with us to the Mohegan Sun Arena, where we enjoyed a hockey game and a home team win.

Sunday we stayed close by for work and then a community service project.

Sightings include a gorgeous trophy buck along the roadside in Foster Township, who was standing beside Lehigh Gorge Road at dusk, patiently waiting for us to drive past. We can add fox, porcupine and turkey to the mix of critters we've seen. And while on the subject, it seems the squirrels around our house are especially busy right now collecting nuts and acorns.

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Sightings...

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I'm wondering if that means a harsh winter.

Last weekend was a Great Pennsylvania football weekend. Temple beat one of the top teams in their league in front of a home crowd in Philadelphia, and Penn State defeated the number two ranked football team in the country, Ohio State, in front of a very happy Happy Valley crowd. The game started late and went until midnight. The Pitt Panthers were off this week.

Add the NFL Eagles return to winning for a bonus, though deduct from the fun if you are

a Steelers fan. As a New England Patriots fan, their win in Pittsburgh was fun for me though. The Steelers are off for a week to heal. We'll see if the Eagles can win two in a row this coming weekend.

Other than following football, Ruth and I look to return to Knoebels at dusk to see the park in the dark, perhaps on Friday. This is the last weekend for the amusement park until late in April. It's also the last weekend for the PA Renaissance Faire – I know of several groups going from our area - enjoy.

This Sunday is the first mid-afternoon WBS Penguins hockey game. We'll be there.

Then there's Hallowe'en Monday – a chance to volunteer at a safe space (both of us). We usually help the Weatherly Rotary give out hot dogs and drinks that night.

Next week, not only will it be cold and leaf-less, but we also turn our clocks back to Standard Time that weekend, adding dark to the mix.

AND, Please put aside time to vote on November 8.

Share Ride program for Carbon County Citizens

RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) and Share-Care Faith in Action have started a ride program for senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Carbon County, providing transportation to medical appointments and shopping.

To find out if you are eligible for this free program, call Karen at 610-867-2177.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for this project is also welcome to call for more information.

Funding to help families with heating

The Administration for Children and Families has released \$185,523,200 to help low-income families in Pennsylvania

stay warm during winter months, cool during summer months and make cost-effective home energy repairs.

LIHEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program run by the Office of Community Services at HHS' Administration for Children and Families provides funding to assist households with paying energy bills and weatherize homes for energy improvements.

"Unsafe indoor temperatures are unacceptable conditions for anyone to live in, especially for seniors and families with young children," said Jeannie Chaffin, director of the Office

of Community Services at HHS' Administration for Children and Families. "With these LIHEAP funds helping households in Pennsylvania with limited incomes pay their home heating and cooling bills, these families and individuals can use their income to pay for other critical necessities such as food and medicine."

LIHEAP funding assists households meet home energy needs, including vulnerable households with very young children, individuals with disabilities and older individuals. To apply contact your local or state LIHEAP agency or call 866-674-6327.

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Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

A Saylorsburg couple, 65 and 63, walked away from their small airplane's crash landing in the woods owned by the Bethlehem Water Authority south of Pawnee Trail in Mt. Pocahontas, Penn Forest Twp., just before 4 p.m. on 10-15. Troopers from both PA State Police – Fern Ridge and Lehighton responded, along with the Penn Forest Twp. Fire Co. #2 and Lehighton EMS/ALS. The pair were seen to by the EMS team, then taken to Gnadon Huetten Hospital for evaluation. The FAA and NTSB were notified.

A 39 y/o Penn Forest Twp. man faces charges after violating a Protection from Abuse order at a Behrens Road home at 8:08 p.m. on 9-15. The 33 y/o female victim also lives in Penn Forest Twp., PSP-L.

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 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.

glecting the care of a 61 y/o neighbor she was hire to aid, 10-8.

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., PSP-L and Jim Thorpe Police 10-8.

10-18 between 4 and 5 p.m., the driver of a large truck towing a trailer drove into the driveway and yard of a Deer

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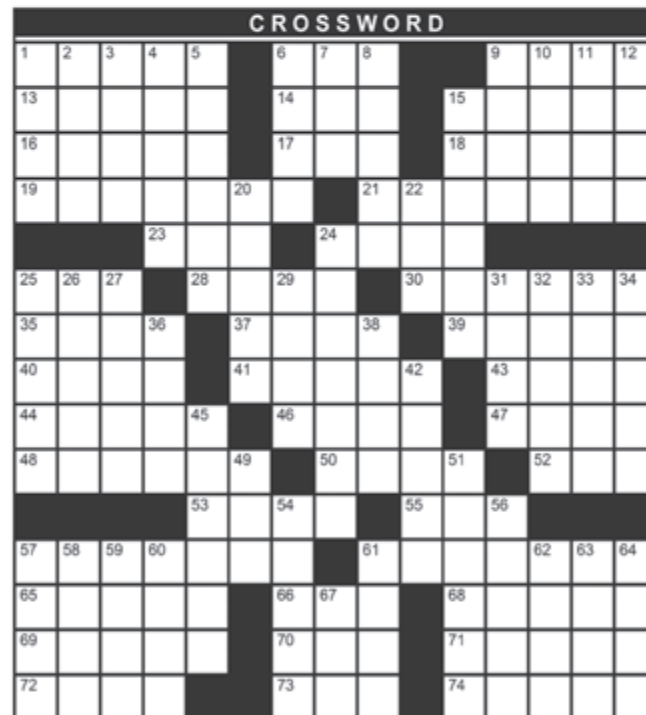
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Park Lane, Penn Forest Twp. home, and damaged lawn decorations.

Penn Forest and Kidder are not HIGH enough for some

Just after 6 p.m. on 8-19, Pocono Mountain Regional Police was called to the Indian Mountain Lakes entrance gate due to an intoxicated driver trying to enter—but unable to after several attempts. Security there made contact with the woman and “she appeared to be out of it.” Police arrived and talked to the 75

y/o IML resident, who was uncooperative with them, showing signs of being drunk. She became belligerent toward security members with police present—and got herself arrested for disorderly conduct. PMRPD sent her to the Monroe County DUI Center for a blood test and released her there. She will face DUI charges depending on the results of the test.

PSP-F made several stops on Interstate 80 in East Side borough and Kidder Twp. where drugs were found in the cars and the drivers arrested on suspicion of drug dealing.

There were six other DUI arrests in our area in the last month by PSP-F, and a dozen by PSP-L.

PA State Police including PSP-L and F took part in the National Drug Takeback Day on 10-22.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

Nancy Campbell-Pierro, 78, of Effort, died after a car crash in Penn Forest Township at 12:57 p.m. on 9-20. Police report that her car was hit in the driver's side as she drove out of a parking lot on the west side of Route 903, near Old Stage Road. She pulled out in

front of a southbound vehicle driven by a Jim Thorpe-area local. The crash killed Campbell-Pierro and injured a 35 y/o passenger—a Blakeslee man. He was taken to St. Luke's for trauma care. The driver of the other car and her two passengers were treated for minor injuries, PSP-F.

A 28 y/o Saylorsburg woman pulled her car 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.

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., again no one was hurt.

An Albrightsville driver made a wide right turn at the intersection of West Kings Way and Buck Lane in Rob-inhood Lakes just before 5 p.m. on 10-22, and hit a vehi-

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cle stopped at the STOP sign there, disabling it.
Stealin’

Someone stole a Myer 57 hydraulic plow pump from a vehicle parked at a Broad Mountain View Dr., Penn For-

est Twp. home, discovered 10-16. PSP-L seeks information or witnesses. Contact them if you can help at 610 681-1850.
Burglaries include a home off Coyote Drive in Penn Forest Twp. where a thief got inside through an unlocked door and stole about \$4,000 worth of DeWalt and other tools at about 9:12 a.m. on 9-20.

Other burglaries include a Guest Circle, Towamensing Trails home where a thief crawled into the basement and stole a crossbow and duffel with hunting gear — discovered 8-29.

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