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Region responds to COVID-19

by Ruth Isenberg

Cancellations and postponements piled up rapidly, as businesses and institutions learned more about COVID-19 and the steps the federal and state government are taking to combat its spread.

Late last week, we began compiling a list of cancellations and postponements. By the end of the week, that had changed to a list of the events that were still scheduled.

Schools were given a two-week recess statewide by Governor Tom Wolf. Both Weatherly Area and Crestwood are providing food for students, in Weatherly at the Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, and in White Haven, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Library. In both cases, breakfast and lunch are being provided for all children who want it under the age of 18, and are being distributed from the parking lots. In Weatherly, a local busi-

ness, It's All About BBQ, is also providing certificates for adult meals on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays when student food is picked up.

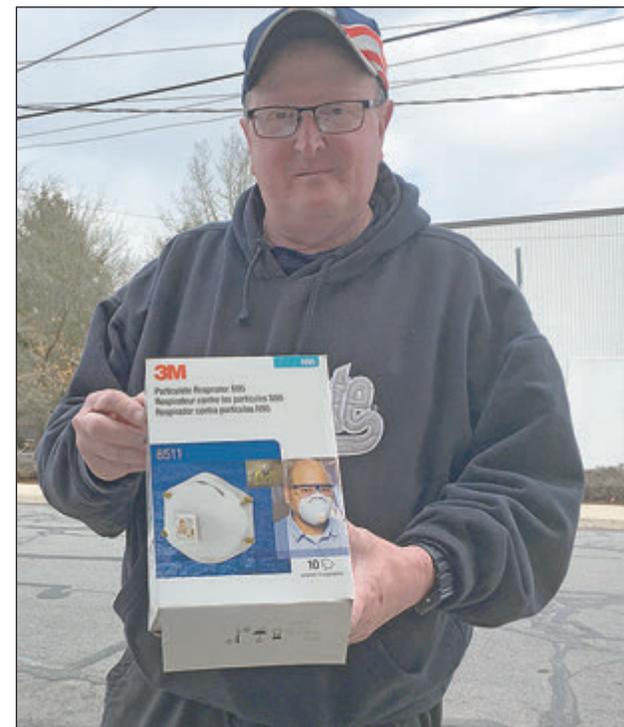
Businesses throughout the area are responded to the recommendation to close non-essential businesses in a variety of ways, some designed to help those affected by the need to stay isolated. The White Haven Laundromat is open, and owner Darren Gallagher has volunteered pickup and delivery service for those unable to get out; he can be reached by calling 570-443-9868 from 8 a.m. to noon daily.

G& A Hardware is open, but customers can use the "drive-through" on the side of the building, and someone will come out to help fill orders.

Weatherly Area Community Pharmacy has also set up a drive-through, although at this point it's more of a walk-up for safety reasons.

Most restaurants and

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PREPARED: White Haven Volunteer Fire Company Chief Dean Raudenbush displays a box of the N95 particulate respirator masks being distributed to the White Haven and Dennison Fire Companies, and the White Haven Ambulance. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*

Consolidated plan for White Haven area

by Ruth Isenberg

White Haven, Dennison Township and Penn Lake have a consolidated emergency plan, and Emergency Management Coordinator Chris Zweibel has been working very hard these past few

weeks to make sure its plan, and its emergency providers, are up to date on how to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

He's spoken with the

See **WH PLAN**, page 6



EMPTY SHELVES JUST TEMPORARY. Dollar General has placed a limit on paper products, hand sanitizer and wipes while stocks are replenished, above. Below, Weatherly's Declaration of Emergency. See p. 5 for more.

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about Mar 18, 2020 a (disaster) has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of WEATHERLY BOROUGH;

WHEREAS, the (disaster) has endangered the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in WEATHERLY BOROUGH, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than WEATHERLY BOROUGH may be able to resolve; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in WEATHERLY BOROUGH;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the undersigned Borough Council and (Mayor of WEATHERLY BOROUGH, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, (35 PA C.S., Section 7501), as amended, do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in WEATHERLY BOROUGH;

FURTHER, we direct the WEATHERLY BOROUGH Emergency Management Coordinator to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

STILL FURTHER, we authorize officials of WEATHERLY BOROUGH to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies of this emergency, namely: by the employment of temporary workers, contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately;

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John A. O'Donnell
Attest:
Date: 3/18/2020

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Editorial

What we can control

by Ruth Isenberg

One of the most frustrating aspects of the current situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic is the confusion. We want to know what will happen next, whether containment measures will work, what the future holds. Unfortunately, this is a new disease, and answers to those questions will be learned only over time. Meanwhile, we hear and read conflicting reports, see empty store shelves, and worry about loved ones. We feel helpless and out of control.

Let's concentrate on what we can control. We can limit our consumption of news outlets that use a breathless tone to convey information, and instead turn to trusted sources like the Center for Disease Control or the World Health Organization. It's important to stay abreast of what's happening globally and locally, but it's also important to turn the TV off at a certain point.

We can make sure we wash our hands, and keep at appropriate social distance from one another. But that doesn't mean we need to hide inside. Go for a walk. Make use of the trails and state gamelands. Be in touch with your neighbors, and see if they need your help. Collect food for the food bank, and deliver it.

Read a book. Play a game with your kids, and introduce them to some of the excellent online learning resources that are out there. Tackle some home improvements you've been putting off.

Most of all, let's learn from this experience. This isn't the first global illness, and it won't be the last. Let's figure out what we need to do to keep everyone healthier and safer.

From the Archives

From
The Weatherly Herald,
March 19, 1970
James Faust and
Cletus Milan, Publishers

The front page photo shows fireman Ron Gerhard putting out a grass fire behind the Weatherly Fashions building on Thursday.

Borough manager Carl Wagner reported that Weatherly Council is studying an improved fire alarm system. Among the improvements are having the alarm horn elevated to the point where it can be heard clearly throughout the community. A ward-type alarm system is recommended, with different tone patterns depending on the location of the fire.

The Grace Chapel on Kline Street welcomed new pastor the Rev. Robert Kulp. The Kulp family with their two sons moved from Duncannon, into the parsonage on Hudsonsdale Street. The Weatherly charge is Rev. Kulp's first assignment after completing his ministry studies. He had for the past 12 years been an underwriter for Statesman Insurance Group of Harrisburg.

The Weatherly Area School Board named Thomas Walker, supervising principal at the schools since September of 1967, as superintendent. He is the first superintendent of schools for the district, the title being authorized by a recent act of the PA Legislature. Walker's term continues through June of 1974.

William Knepper resigned as head basketball coach. He will continue as a member of the high school faculty.

The student volunteers of

Newsy Nuggets will attend a newspaper clinic at King's College with advisor Betty McCelvey.

Over 300 people attended the junior class play last Friday night.

Tung Sol's Youth League team clinched the second half of the season with a 54-18 win over the Lions team. Tung-Sol went 5-0 in the second half (and the Lions were also perfect - 0 and 5).

Next Sunday is a play-off game between first half champs, Sioux, and Tung-Sol. (May the best team win, adds Don Garber.)

From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber

The Weatherly Booster Club was holding their meeting at the Crystal Inn when Wrecker quarterback Nick Lazo was also there, celebrating his 16th birthday. The Boosters joined in the singing of Happy Birthday.

The Booster-Teacher basketball game fundraiser is tomorrow night. Garber humorously talks up the game and players.

The director of the Youth Basketball League, Mike Setzer, asked us to thank all the volunteers who made this a most successful season for the youngsters.

In memory of Don, who passed away this past October.

From
The Journal-Herald,
March 22, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers

Groundbreaking is this Sunday for the new Weatherly Area High School.

The former Rockport Tavern on Lehigh Gorge Drive in Lehigh Township has reopened with a new name and new owners. Heinz and Paula Zahren completely remodeled and redecorated the building, and are now open as The Weatherly Country Inn.

A parade is planned for Saturday, July 7, as part of the opening ceremonies of the White Haven Bridge Festival and Homecoming. Parade chairman Dolly Daneker is looking for floats and other entries, and promising at least two bands.

Booth reservations for the festival are being taken. The festival will be set up in Lehigh Park where it is likely to be cooler.

The Crestwood School Board sent a commendation to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in White Haven and "all the volunteers who assisted in the successful evacuation of Borough students during the propane gas truck situation on February 22. The provisions for supervision, shelter, telephone service, snacks and beverages were most appropriate."

White Haven Council, after a police committee meeting and an executive session, voted at their March 14 meeting to terminate Police Chief Thomas Albrechta on a six to one vote, Patsy Shelhamer opposed. Albrechta then turned in his badge and keys to Mayor Jay Holder in the police office as the meeting continued, and removed his personal possessions. The decision was not popular with the audience.

Since this meeting, a petition

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The White Haven Borough Council meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2020 has been cancelled.

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

Penn Lake Park Boro is accepting bids on the following scope of work: Fixed price for 5 months of grass cutting on and around the baseball field at 2 cuts per month, maintenance of the playground as necessary, 3 cuts of the dam area and roadside late May, early July, and late August. Cutting of weeds and grass on Lakeview, Horseshoe, and Hollenback as needed. Please quote an hourly rate for additional work requested by the Penn Lake road master. Bids will be accepted until 5/6/2020. Bids can be mailed to Penn Lake Park Boro, PO Box 14, White Haven, Pa 18661 or emailed to plpbo-rosecretary@yahoo.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTY A. HYNDS, A/K/ BETTY ANN HYNDS, A/K/A BETTY HYNDS, Deceased, late of the Borough of Beaver Meadows, County of Carbon and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the Estate of Betty A. Hynds, a/k/a Betty Ann Hynds, who died on the 30th day of December, 2019. All persons having claims against the estate are requested to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment without delay to the Testatrix, Margaret A. Frank, 24 Forest Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648, or her attorney.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters of Administration have been granted to Linda G. DeShon, of Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania in the Estate of ANDREW JASON LYNN, late of Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania, who died on December 20, 2020. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Administratrix named or to:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Dale W. Frederick, of Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania in the Estate of MARIE J. FREDERICK, late of Sugarloaf Township, Pennsylvania, who died on February 13, 2020. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Executor named or to:

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Greater Weatherly Ambulance Association, Inc., with principal offices at 400 Carbon Street, Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, a Pennsylvania Corporation has hereby commenced winding up proceedings and intends to file Articles of Dissolution for said Corporation with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Pennsylvania Corporation Law as amended.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Betty Ann Marchetti and Robert Marchetti, of Drums, Pennsylvania in the Estate of MILDRED E. MARCHETTI a/k/a MILDRED ETHEL MARCHETTI, late of Butler Township, Pennsylvania, who died on February 3, 2020. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Executors named or to:

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bars are complying with the governor's order to close for sit-down dining, and most are ramping up their take-out and delivery service.

Local governments are still figuring out how to hold public meetings. The White Haven Borough Council meeting scheduled for next Monday has been cancelled, and the continuation of the Lehigh Township Zoning Board hearing scheduled for March 25 is most likely being postponed. Kidder Township is holding its meeting this Thursday, and urging those who attend to maintain social distancing. Borough and township offices are conducting routine business via phone and internet, as are the offices of State Representatives Doyle Heffley and Gerald Mullery.

Because schools are not in session, parents are looking for ways to keep their children learning. Weather-

ly Area School District has asked teachers to monitor their e-mails so they can help parents with questions. Gifted Support teacher Dr. Katie Leach supplied this:

Online learning can be fun for students, and also help others around the world. Online games to help others are "games for change." *Freerice.com* allows students to choose a subject area, then asks them multiple choice questions in that topic. For every correct answer, the United Nations World Food Program will donate grains of rice to people around the world in need of food. Another game for change is *iCivics.org*. If you earn points in games about Civics, you can use the points to vote for the impact project you want to support. The project with the highest amount of points will receive \$1,000 from iCivics. Have fun playing these online games, learn from them and help others.

We will continue to update, both in these pages and on Facebook and at *pocono newspapers.com*

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Death Roll

ANN GREGORY

Ann Gregory, born Anna Cecelia Quinn, in Freeland, on December 25, 1927, died March 10, 2020 to be reunited with her husband, the late William P. Gregory, Sr. She was a recent guest of Weatherwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Weatherly.

Ann was the daughter of the late Edward P. and Julia E. (Deitch) Quinn of Freeland. Along with her husband Bill, she was predeceased by brothers Joseph Quinn and Vincent Quinn, and sisters Helen Quinn Hallett, Mary Quinn Thrash and Grace Quinn Kimmel Komishock.

Surviving are her three children, Carol Gregory Hill, wife of the late Robert Hill, Drums, William (Bumps) Gregory and his wife, Diane of Weatherly, and Bruce Gregory and his wife, Becky of Weatherly; and brother James Quinn of Freeland.

The “apples of her eyes” were most definitely her seven grandchildren, Troy, Heather, Brad, Blake, Austin, Evan and Anne. Nana will forever remain in their hearts. Her 11 great-grandchildren will grow to know what a special woman their great-Nana was.

Ann was Salutatorian of her graduating class from St. Ann’s in Freeland. She was a long-time member of Zions Evangelical Lutheran Church in Weatherly and active with the Busy Bees. She was a leader for many years for the Carbon County 4-H Club and served as an officer for the Conservation District of Carbon County.

All who knew Ann, especially the residents of Lehigh & Lausanne townships, knew that she placed her heart and soul into the L&L Fire Company Auxiliary with her close lady friends to help ensure fire company protection for residents.

Private services were held Saturday, March 14, at the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly.

Carrying their Nana to her final resting place of Union Cemetery, Weatherly, were grandsons, Troy Gregory, Brad Gregory, Blake Gregory, Austin Gregory, Evan Gregory, Josh Parkins and Daryl Gebhardt.

Contributions in Ann’s memory can be sent to the L&L Fire Company, 390 S. Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, PA 18255 and Zions Evangelical Lutheran Church, 335 Third St, Weatherly, PA 18255.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com

Alice Jean Gudanowski, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, of Green Valley, Arizona, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 13, 2020, at the age of 67.

Born in Hazleton, Alice was the daughter of the late Henry J., and Aretta “Rita” (Strohl) Eroh.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years, Bruce Joseph Gudanowski; sons Chris Gudanowski and wife Cherie of Tucson, AZ, and Daniel Gudanowski and wife Jackie of Sahuarita, AZ, and their daughter Emily; sister Sharon Adrian and her husband, Joseph of Reno, NV,; brothers, Ronald

ALICE JEAN GUDANOWSKI

Eroh and his wife, Amy; and Philip Eroh and his wife Catherine, all of Weatherly.

A graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Levittown, PA, Alice worked for Kmart, retiring as a department manager.

Alice loved the outdoors, hiking, canoeing, and vacationing to new places. Alice’s favorite place was Lancaster County, PA, where she enjoyed observing the Amish and how they lived. Alice also enjoyed reading, listening to music, and dancing. Alice cherished her family. She considered holidays with loved ones, spending time with her

sons, and playing with her granddaughter Emily to be the most special moments. Finally, Alice was a spiritual woman, committed to serving Christ, and attended church throughout her life.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jefferies Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly.

Memorials can be sent in her name to: St. Jude Children’s Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105

Interment is in Union Cemetery, Weatherly. Online condolences may be sent to www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com

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was circulated asking Council to rehire Albrechta and former part-time officer George Pennington, whose employment was terminated earlier. On March 16, a letter from Albrechta requested a hearing on his dismissal, stating his conduct and actions while being Chief did not warrant his dismissal.

The Crestwood Jazz Ensemble will host the second annual Jazz Festival and Competition at Crestwood this Sunday evening.

“A Friend” placed a half-page ad in this issue thanking Don and Faye Garber for twenty-five years of service to Weatherly Area Sports.

The sports page is somewhat bare without the Garber column. In its place this week is the Weatherly Area spring sports schedule for baseball and softball.

On the page is a photo of the White Haven Area Sports Association’s 5th & 6th grade all-star basketball team who competed in the White Haven Center Lions Club / McDonald’s tournament at the Center in February: Jeff Hartley, Ed

Cawley, Ryan Detweiler, Ed Gower, and Joe Eximatas; Danielle Chmielinski, Mike Sartori, Sean Parry, Heather Burke, Shawn Savage, Vince Brezinsky, Guy Bove and Charles Medwetz.

The Weatherly Youth League 9 and 10 year-old all-star team had its first taste of competition last Tuesday in West Hazleton, losing to Freeland 62-21. They are scheduled to play again Tuesday.

Jeff Harris led the Garber-Drasher sponsored basketball team over the DeFalco’s Café team in the opening game of the Edwards Memorial Tournament in Freeland at the Y. He poured in 31 points towards the 113-95 win. They next challenge EJ’s Pub in the second round,

John Nugent, sportscaster for WYOU, channel 22, will be the speaker for the Weatherly Area High School sports banquet, to be held at Lobitz’s on April 1.



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Weatherly declares State of Emergency

by Seth Isenberg

At Weatherly Borough's March council meeting in March 16, council approved an 'immediate state of emergency' to allow the borough to be prepared. "It is not meant to alarm (the public)," explained borough manager Harold Pudliner, and it will help in bringing plans, and aid, if needed, to the borough faster. The state of emergency is in effect until the Corona Virus crisis ends.

According to the borough's "Corona Virus Action" plan, starting March 17, the borough "will be limiting operations to conform to the guidelines as established by the President of the United States, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Center for Disease Control." To limit social con-

tact, the borough will operate its offices but with no public admittance to any facility. If contact is needed, such as for borough forms, call the office at 570 427-8640 or e-mail weatherlyboro@gmail.com.

Borough bills can be mailed, or paid at BBT bank at their drive through window.

The Eurana Park pavilion will be closed to all activities. Non-borough meetings that used the borough council chambers will not be allowed.

Council promised to keep citizens informed as to changes in this situation. A Swift Reach call was sent out to Weatherly citizens after the meeting, informing them of these changes.

Council approved the declaration and operations changes by unanimous vote.

Discussion then started

about whether to close the basketball and volleyball courts at Eurana Park to discourage gatherings. Council member Joe Cyburt pointed out that the weather was due to be warm at week's end, and that kids were out of school. As many as 40 kids had gathered there on a recent night. Joe Thomas noted that it was "following the protocol of the CDC" to do so. By unanimous vote, it was decided to lock the gates.

In regular business, council approved bills to be paid totaling \$210,291 – the largest parts of that being \$120,446 and \$2,795 for purchased electricity, near \$21,600 in a variety of insurances, and \$10,607 for garbage collection.

Manager Pudliner explained that not all the borough's

streets are "ordained," so do not come up as eligible for state liquid fuels money. Council approved putting a full list into a new ordinance to be crafted by solicitor James Nanovic, who will then submit it to be advertised.

Bids were opened for the 2020 paving projects. Of two bidders, Hazleton Site Contractors (H&K) was lowest at \$94,108. Roads on the list for this work are Seventh Street, the south end of Pardee St., Walnut Avenue, Allen Ave., Louise St., Edgewood Lane, Dunnigan Lane and Buttonwood St. – all of which will now be on the list for liquid fuels money due to the new ordinance.

Atty. Nanovic was also approved to advertise an ordinance vacating a paper street at the south end of Fell Street.

Council tabled a topic on a 'rate variance' for the Foundry.

The Weatherly Festival committee was approved to use Eurana Park and close a section of Third Street for their August event.

Other than council, borough staff and reporters, there was just one member of the audience. David Fatula of Lehigh Valley Health Network EMS, attended to learn more about the former Weatherly Area Ambulance, who he said owed for ALS (advance life support / paramedics) services from his company. He was directed to the WAA's solicitor, Daniel Miscavige, who is handling the wrap-up of the WAA.

The next regular council meeting is slated for April 20, at the borough council chambers, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Veterans Corner

Commentary by John Kearns, USCG Ret., chiefk@pa.metrocast.net

CYBERATTACK AGAINST AMERICA'S HARDEST HIT:

As we as a nation all struggle and contain the coronavirus outbreak, as everyone, rich or poor, regular working folks or famous celebrities all are giving more and doing with less as a nation. Just when the nation is up to our eyebrows in uncertainty, it got worse. Saturday, someone, or some nation launched a cyberattack that was aimed at and hit the U.S. Health and Human Services Department. Citing three people familiar with the matter, Bloomberg News reported that the attack aimed to

slow down the department's computers but did not have any meaningful impact. This is the main agency fighting for a vaccine and responsible for the distribution of the funding of those affected by this pandemic.

Whoever is responsible, just attacked the USA and everyone in it. By slowing down the agency's computers and jamming them up with problems, hard hit people all over the nation could have experienced a delay in any effort by the Government to provide financial and medical assistance. The administration has said the computer systems' protections did their job.

It's hard to imagine it is just some hacker out for kicks, it is more likely a sophisticated nation or large entity. Who and why would anyone want to see average Americans suffer more than a pandemic brings, but deny life saving medicine and badly needed financial assistance to those hit the hardest? If it is another nation when the truth is known, the US must respond and respond meaningfully and hurt those more than they sought to hurt every American citizen. If this came from within our country, whoever is responsible for this attack, be it private or political, must be held responsible.

Terrorism is defined as: the

unlawful act of violence or intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims. This harmful act was against our own friends and neighbors whose lives is affected financially and medically by this virus outbreak. It has gone way to far when the citizens are attacked and harmed, and those who do it have no fear of consequences of legal or military action.

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE:

Remaining Connected: Internet providers AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are among a slew of companies that have committed to keeping Amer-

icans connected even if these Americans can't pay their bills during the coronavirus outbreak. Dozens of Internet and telephone service providers have signed the FCC's Keep Americans Connected Pledge. The companies have agreed to "not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic" for a 60-day period, according to the FCC. They have also promised to waive any late fees incurred because of the coronavirus crisis and open their Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.

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area's large employers, and gone door to door talking with Main Street businesses.

He's also talked to representatives of the churches, feeling that the community is blessed with a strong faith community that can help with mental health issues like anxiety and social stress that may arise.

First priority is the health and safety of fist responders. "We can't protect the overall community without them," he notes. That's why people should not be concerned if a firefighter or EMT responds to a call with a mask—it's to prevent them from either contracting or spreading the virus (or any other illness).

Zweibel hopes that young people will "make this their disease." Because they are feel-

ing strong and healthy, they can spread the virus without knowing it, but they can also be the ones to provide the help the older people need.

The spread of misinformation is a concern; he suggests visiting sites by the Center for Disease Control or World Health Organization for factual information. But overall he thinks social media is helping get the word out.

He emphasized that food distributions and social ser-

vices are still in place, and are for the most part controlled at the county level. Food banks do need supplies, and he suggested that people who are temporarily not working could collect food from their neighbors and donate it. He also suggested calling neighbors who may be at risk, and letting them know someone has their back if they need something.

Another suggestion—get outside, hike in our parks,

state forest and gamelands. Take advantage of the beauty our area still has to offer.

Finally, he'd like everyone to stay calm. "Don't be crazy, be diligent," he said. There's no need for panic buying or stockpiling, as our nation has a strong supply chain, and stores will be replenished soon.

Though COVID-19 is new, emergency situations aren't. "We'll get through it," he promises.

WASB takes steps to improve school safety

by Seth Isenberg

Safety at the Weatherly Area School District will be enhanced with by a contract to extend wireless internet coverage from the school buildings outside to the fields and gathering areas around the District's two buildings. The \$19,159 contract with Integra Wireless, paid for from the District's security services budget, will push service out into parking lots and fields, allowing staff's internet-connected devices to send and receive information as a first priority, and for public device use secondarily. At the March 11 WA School Board meeting, members approved the contract unanimously of the six members in attendance.

At the WASB's caucus meeting on the 4th, member Brian O'Donnell reported, as liaison to the PA School Board Association, that the PSBA is sharing information to aid districts in preparing for the Covid-19 virus, including offering training. The district has put out disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer, with other plans in place if needed. In answer to a question from the audience (later in the meeting), the board explained that plans will continue to change

with more information.

Also at the caucus meeting, the board, on a split vote, turned down a chance to refinance debt for the upcoming paving project. The proposal was to borrow more money at the new, lower, market rate, and set the extra money aside for the future. The extra borrowing would not cost the taxpayer any additional millage. The vote was 2 in favor, 4 against.

Members were unanimous in approving the \$9,500 engineering cost to Brinkash & Associates for their work in preparing the paving project specs.

A split vote of 5 in favor, 1 (O'Donnell) against, approved the change order to buy a set of two divider curtains for the gym, at a cost of \$11,258.

A discussion over restricting students who attend the Carbon Career & Technical Institute (CCTI) to half-time, so that they get their academic classes here in Weatherly, showed a division on the board. Board president Gerard Fewins was strong in his disagreement with the idea that there should be a restriction like this, pointing out the cost from last year for those WASD students in the program was listed at \$1,800 for academ-

ics provided at CCTI – so, small money to allow parents and the students themselves to make their own choice. Fewins chose to remove the topic from the agenda, and did so backed by a 5-1 vote, O'Donnell opposed. Fewins hopes the topic is settled for the next couple of years.

Representatives of the CCTI are to present their budget to the WASB at the April 1 caucus meeting.

Jones & Co. CPA Ed Ebling presented a 66 page report for the District's audit of the last fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2019. "You're in very good shape," Ebling noted. Revenues were up \$1,047,255, while expenditures were up a bit less, \$882,936. The food service is sound, running a small profit. Jones & Co., of Pottsville, have audited the WASD for the past 10 years.

Business manager Natasha Milazzo, board secretary, who presented the district information in the absence of superintendent Teresa Young (away attending a conference), presented bills to be paid of \$1,157,509 from the General Fund, checks from the bond fund totaling \$339,721, bills from the cafeteria fund totaling \$45,141 and from the student activities and athletic

fund of \$3,664. These were unanimously approved.

Milazzo, as business manager, recommended the 2020 tax collection periods as – July 15 to September 15 to pay at a 2% discount, then until November 17 to pay before the penalty period which then runs through the end of the year. Taxpayers may pay in three installments of 1/3 of the base amount, by August 14, October 16 and December 15, and the penalty will only apply to any unpaid balance should the installment payer become delinquent. This was approved 6-0.

In other business, the board approved the Chapter 339 K-12 Counseling Plan (a PowerPoint presentation was made 3-11); the Special Education plan (a PowerPoint presentation was made 3-4); a list of parents and alumni associations authorized to use the District or schools names; and facilities use requests from the Weatherly Cheerleaders all day May 2 for the gym and cafeteria, for the Elite AAU travel basketball team to use the middle school gym for practices now through June 30, for the Senior Parents to use the high school on April 3 to 4 for a Midnight Madness event, and for the Alumni

Association to use the Media Room or LGI room for meetings. This events will depend on whether school returns to session by the dates requested.

Athletic committee chairman Chad Obert reported that they had agreed to supply game managers with shirts for their identification. Coaches for the winter sports had their exit interviews. Obert also led a discussion on buying a solar-powered scoreboard for the soccer field behind the high school. Brett Kelly and Jeremy Witner were approved as volunteer Baseball coaches, and Zachary Peiser as a volunteer Track & Field coach.

The property committee reported that service and repair staff from Trane, the company whose HVAC system is installed at the District's buildings, continue fixing the current batch of problems (too hot, too cold, etc.).

The next regular board meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, in the Middle School LGI room, beginning at 7 p.m.

Since these meetings, Pennsylvania has temporarily closed schools for at least two weeks.

Crestwood schedules Kindergarten registration

The Crestwood School District has announced the upcoming dates and times for Kindergarten

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year.

Fairview Elementary registration will be held on April 14 and 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. The enrollment process should take approximately an hour.

Children should be 5 years old by September 1, 2020. Please bring your child with you for academic, speech and vision screenings. Parents must also bring a copy of

their child's birth certificate, current immunization records plus three (3) proofs of residency showing name and current address such as: Deed to home, agreement of sale, lease containing your name and verified by building owner, real estate tax receipt, valid PA Department of Transportation license or identification with current address within Crestwood School District, W-2 statement/IRS statement or tax return, homeowner's / tenant's insurance statement, copy of state/federal program

enrollment, voter registration card noting township or borough, current utility bill (gas electric, water, sewer or verification of service start date), check stub from employer showing wages, public assistance, or social security, builders contract.

In accordance with district policy, in cases where the legal guardian is not the lessee or homeowner, but is

residing with someone who is, please submit the above documents along with a notarized affidavit. Affidavits are available upon request from the school office.

Enrollment packets will be found on the web sites for Fairview Elementary at www.csdcomets.org. Parents may print out the packet and complete all forms at home which will save time during

the enrollment process. Please bring your completed enrollment packet to the registration along with all needed documentation. Enrollment packets will also be available during registration for parents without access to a printer.

Should you have further questions, please call the Fairview Elementary office at (570) 474-5942.

White Haven Lions Club accepting applications for scholarships

The White Haven Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2020 Scholarship

Program. The Club is offering at least two \$1,000 scholarships this year. Students, regardless of age, are eligible

if their primary residence is in the 18661 zip code or the 443 telephone exchange. Recipients must, at the time of award, be accepted as provisional or full-time students to a degree program at an accredited institution. Eligible institutions are limited to accredited universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, and technical schools having at least a two-year program.

The scholarship program is open to both new students and those already working towards their degree requirements. In past years, scholarships have been awarded to freshmen and upperclassmen, and previous winners have included a number of students from area high schools as well as local students attending colleges nationwide. Eligible applicants from previous years are encouraged to participate in this year's program.

Applications must be received by April 10, 2020. To obtain an application form, please text or call Joe Quinn at (570) 977-4368 or contact any other member of the White Haven Lions Club.



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Serrata takes part in 2020 Sophomore Expedition

Dozens of Cedar Crest College students traveled to London, England recently, as part of the Carmen Twillie Ambar Sophomore Expedition. Among them was Necarly Serrata of Weatherly.

The Sophomore Expedition is a guaranteed study abroad program. In the spring semester of their sophomore year, students participate in a series of classes to prepare them

for the trip. Then they spend 8-10 days traveling as a class to an international destination where they participate in a number of service activities. This year they traveled to London from February 29 to March 7.

The Sophomore Expedition is part of Cedar Crest nEXt - an initiative that helps to prepare students for life after college.

Without live sports, it's a good time to reflect on sports memories

by Frank Fear

"There are more important things in life than sports," I've heard. You've heard it, too. It's true, and undeniably so. But let's face it, life without sports is hell, especially THIS week. It's supposed to be 'March Madness,' a time when millions of us would have been glued to the screen watching Thursday through Sunday, starting at noon and ending after midnight. We'd be rooting for our teams and checking our brackets, too. Instead, we have something else: COVID-19.

So we have to make the best of it, right? How? With everything in sports either postponed or canceled, I thought it would be an excellent time to go from live to 're-live,' that is, to embrace this quiet time and reflect on sports memories.

My most memorable sports memory isn't something I witnessed personally. I was too young for that. My father told me about one athlete and one play—one golfer and one swing, to be specific. The year was 1950. The athlete was Ben Hogan. The place was Marion, Pennsylvania. The event was the U.S. Open.

Hogan was quite the phenomenon back then, a 'dead man brought back to life,' so to speak, having recovered from a near-fatal auto crash. Hogan defied the odds by physically clawing his way back to compete in golf's top echelon. And he did it in about a year. America was in awe.

And there Hogan stood that day on the 18th hole of one of pro golf's most-prized tournaments. Vying for the lead, he stood about 200 yards from the green. To stay in conten-

tion, Hogan needed to finish in three or fewer strokes. He took out a 1-iron and addressed the ball.

For those of you who didn't win while reading that last sentence, I'll repeat it: HE TOOK OUT A 1-IRON! Golfers have created new and nasty words while trying to play that club. Lee Trevino once quipped that he'd be comfortable holding up a 1-iron in a lightning storm because "not even God can hit it."

With that classic Hogan swing, the ball left his club-head and went straight for the green, bounced, and settled 20-feet from the pin. Two putts later, Hogan found himself in a three-person playoff. He won the next day.

Hogan is remembered as one of the game's greatest players—in the same category as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. But there was something about Hogan—just as there was about Arnie—that set those two apart. For Arnie, it was personality. For Hogan, it was 'that swing.'

And when Hogan got into the business of manufacturing clubs under his name, well, golfers came running. My father bought a full set—1-iron included.

I remember going to the golf course with my father. I don't remember how well he played (I was too young to know), but I remember being there with

him. I remember his smell. I remember that his golf buddies liked him. I remember how he approached the game, too. Seriously. Studiously. My dad loved golf.

I wish I had more memories like that. But not long after, my father passed away suddenly—literally dropping dead before me. We were alone. One minute he was there. The next minute he wasn't.

Yes, 'there are more important things in life than sports.' But there is something about the sports-life connection, too, especially when love for a sport passes from one generation to the next. What my father did for me I passed on to my son. The best memory of all was playing with Frank Jr. at my favorite course—Old Head Golf Links in Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland. It was great fun that neither of us will forget.

Yes, there's no March Madness to watch this week. No NBA, NHL, MLB, XFL, or other sport, either. But the void will pass. Before long, there will be new games, additional experiences, and wonderful memories to cherish. As Ben Hogan put it, "The most important shot in golf is the next one." Yes, the next one. But, in life, let's never forget the last one.

Avid golfer Frank Fear is the Managing Editor for The Sports Column.

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Scouts earn Religious Medals



According to the Scout Law, a Scouts are “reverent” - reverent toward God, faithful to their religious duties and respectful of the beliefs of others. On Scout Sunday, February 23, Reverend James Alco presented five Cub Scouts, three from St. Jude Parish, Cub Scout Pack 60 and two from St. Johns Lutheran Church, Pack 63 in Drums with Religious Medals they earned over the last year. Coleman Grandzol, Pack 60 earned his Light of Christ Medal. Jonathan Shaffer (Pack 63), Salvatore Beltrami (Pack 63), Aiden Eigenbrod (Pack 60) and Steven Rowlands (Pack 60) earned

their Parvuli Dei. The Light of Christ program helps young Scouts develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as his friend. The Parvuli Dei (Children of God) program to help young Scouts see the presence of God in their daily lives. From left to right: Christian Grandzol, Throop and Pack 60 Leader; Coleman Grandzol (Light of Christ, Pack 60); Jonathan Shaffer (Parvuli Dei, Pack 63); Salvatore Beltrami (Parvuli Dei, Pack 63); Aiden Eigenbrod (Parvuli Dei, Pack 60) Steven Rowlands (Parvuli Dei, Pack 60) and Reverend James Alco, Mass celebrant.



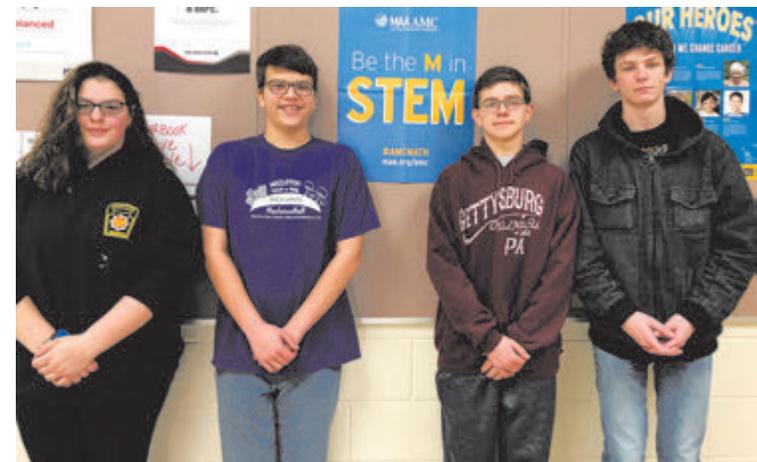
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Weatherly Area High School students participated in the American Mathematics Competition in February and the results were recently posted. The top scorers at Weatherly High School were first place,

Jack Nemshick; second place, 3-way tie, Michael Berger, Taylor Jones, and Mason Stewart. Shown from left are Jones, Nemshick, Berger and Stewart.

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Carbon County property transfers complete through February 23

Banks Township

Michael J. Hornick to Laura Levandoski, P.O. Box 50, Beaver Meadows, parcel No. 124-3-A1.01, \$5,000.

Beaver Meadows

John P. Hornick Jr. to Brandon John Gombert, 92A Berwick St., Beaver Meadows, property at 92 Berwick St., \$115,000.

Joleen Ryman Stokes to Michael Delese III, 58 Broad St., Beaver Meadows, property at 58 Broad St., \$49,90.

Amanda Lyons to Jacquelyn L. Davidovich, 62 New St., P.O. Box 334, Beaver Meadows, property at 62 New St., \$68,250.

Bank of New York Mellon to 2019 Castle, LLC, White Plains, New York, property at 30-32 Tamaqua St., \$15,100.

Marshall M. Williams Jr. to Fernando Puerie, Hazleton, property at 41 Penrose St., \$7,500.

East Side Borough

Timothy Oetzel to Allison Marie Pollock, 719 Centre St., White Haven, property at 719 Centre St., \$193,640.

Kidder Township

Tia Dinh to Charles W. Blauth, Flemington, New Jersey, property at 100 Ruffed Grouse Court, Lake Harmony, \$142,000.

Robert W. Thompson to Michael T. Gulash Jr., 38 E. Maple St., Tresckow, property at 38 E. Maple St., \$64,900.

Freya Land Company to Kelly Youngcourt, Hazleton, parcel No. 133B-1-12, \$500.

Christine Sobolewski Chernigo to Christine Sobolewski Chernigo, McAdoo, property at 511 E. Grant St., McAdoo, \$1.

Robert J. Brislin to Mary Jo Massar, 5 W. Market St., P.O. Box 308, Tresckow, property at 17 W. Market St., Tresckow, \$25,000.

Christina Jackson to F S Property Rental and Investment, Inc., Hazleton, property at 2247 Berwick St., Beaver Meadows, \$15,000.

Nicole Marie Harris to Robert J. Brislin, 14 N. Chestnut St., P.O. Box 425, Tresckow, property at 17 W. Market St., \$1.

Lenny L. Fisher to Luann Fisher, 132 Tamaqua St., Audenreid, property at 132 Tamaqua St., \$1.

Annette Harmonosky to Jennifer Griguoli, 3 W. Market St., P.O. Box 22, Tresckow, parcel No. 130A-4-A15, \$1.

Jason G. Martin to Franklin Diaz, 6 W. Oak St., Tresckow, property at 6 W. Oak St., \$159,000.

Francis J. Lamonica to Edelmira Avila Guzman, P.O. Box 418, Tresckow, property at 9 E. Market St., \$83,000.

Frederick Asbrock to Kevin Franks, Perkasio, property at 1407 Upper Laurel Creek Road, Albrightsville, \$12,500.

Jeannie L. Metzinger to Patricia McNally, Bayside, New York, Lot 2, Section H, Split Rock, \$40,000.

Blue Ridge Real Estate Company to Boulder Lake Village Condominium Association, Box 164, Lake Harmony, parcel No. 20-21-A1.10, Big Boulder Drive, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Daniel McDonald to Chad McNelis, Harrisburg, property at 150 Hartung St., Lake Harmony, \$60,000.

James Daryl Swan to James Daryl Swan, Sugar Land, Texas, Unit 40, Stage 1, Golden Oaks Village, \$1.

Robert C. Grupski to Renee Rico, Wharton, New Jersey, property at 50 Aspenwall, Lake Harmony, \$2054,000.

Salvatore J. Furciato to Jerry D. Vanwageningen, 64 Tamarack Trail, Albrightsville, property at 64 Tamarack Trail, \$119,000.

Nancy E. Ellis to Joseph E. Laschenski, Harleysville, property at 556 N. Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$95,000.

Jeffrey Holstein to Jeffrey Holstein, Newtown, Lot 332A, Driftwood Drive, \$1.
Packer Township

Jennifer L. Malisko to James P. Berlando, 118 Center Lane, Weatherly, property at 118 Center Lane, \$1.

Thomas Ferris to Stephen K. Ehmman Sr., Ambler, property at 5 Blue Spruce Road, Albrightsville, \$150,000.

Seth Bacon to Francesco A. Gullo Jr., Warmminster, Lot 602, Block 600, Section C, Holiday Poconos, \$55,500.

Scott J. Sundberg to Kyle L. Stuart, Peoria, Arizona, property at 27 Fern St., Lake Harmony, \$110,000.

Matthew Ritter to Info Tech Delta Computer, Inc., New York, New York, property at 53 Bluestone Court, Lake Harmony, \$430,000.

Stephen Marcum to Patrick Meyers, Sinking Spring, property at 102 Midlake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$164,900.

David Samuel Allen to Todd P. Newton, Georgetown, Delaware, property at 37 E. Fawn Grove Drive, Albrightsville, \$10,000.

James A. Hesk Living Trust to Allen & Lovelyn Properties, LLC, 79 Crest Drive, Lake Harmony, property at 79 Crest Drive, \$275,000.

Sharon G. Czerwinski to Thomas Stanley Czerwinski, Middletown, Delaware, Lot 41, Section D, Split Rock in the Poconos, \$1.

Marc J. Cuesta to Sicaville Properties Group, LLC, Princeton, New Jersey, property at 12 Chestnut Road, Lake Harmony, \$350,000.

Paul C. Miller to Samir A. Patel, Bethlehem, property at 145 Pineknoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$257,000.

Jean J. Onofrietti to Craig Marone, Doylestown, property at 58 Hickory Road, Lake Harmony, \$202,000.

Louise M. Gilligan Rogers to Matthew L. Schwartz, Yardley, property at 98 Skye Drive, Lake Harmony, \$257,000.

Jennifer M. Koval to Gratefull Dancing Bear, LLC, Shamong, New Jersey, property at 147 Midway, Lake Harmony, \$250,000.

Kathleen M. Spigelmeyer to Susan J. Kaiser, Philadelphia, property at 34 Black Bear Pass, White Haven, \$1.

Marilyn P. Smith to Randall E. Pilecki, 43 Horseshoe Drive, White Haven, property on Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$30,000.

Gerald H. Fulk to Christopher Scala, Tenafly, New Jersey, property at 287 and 283 State Rt. 940, Lake Harmony, \$280,500.

Mary Gistafson to Sergey Trofimov, 17 Fernwood Drive, Albrightsville, property at 17 Fernwood Drive, \$150,000.

Daniel A. Backich to Burhan Memisovski, Wayne, New Jersey, property at 19 Mountain Crest Drive, Lake Harmony, \$220,000.

Bernard D. Wiesse to Laurie A. Wiesse, Pittsford, New York, Lot D-37, Split Rock in the Poconos, \$175,000.

Thomas J. Brown to George F. Brown, Hawthorne, New Jersey, property at 2 Rock Ridge Road, Lake Harmony, \$308,403.

Thomas J. Bickart to David Loftus, Trevoise, property at 25 Quail Run, Lake Harmony, \$545,000.

Thomas Marturano to Kimberly M. Tobin, Garden City, New York, property at 2 Mosey Wood Road, Lake Harmony, \$383,000.

Ravi B. Shah to Ravi Bhanuprasad Shah, New York, New York, property at 318 Skye Drive, Lake Harmony, \$1.

P. Wayne Zschech to Asstha Homes, LLC, Blakeslee, property at 103 Laurelwoods Drive, Lake Harmony, \$210,000.

Thomas P. Carney, Inc., to Aatah Homes, LLC, Blakeslee, property at 11 Wildbriar Court, Lake Harmony, \$230,000.

Steven B. Moss to Aastha Homes, LLC, Blakeslee, property at 119 Crest Drive, Lake Harmony, \$210,000.

David Geppert to Joseph Theurer, 186 S. Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, property at 186 S. Lake Drive, \$1,000,000.

Henry L. Skabowski to Juliana Stanley, Galloway, New Jersey, lots 149 and 150, Pocono Mountain Lakes, \$1.

Geiss Properties, Inc., to J.D. & J. Roads, LLC, 7 Woodridge Lane, P.O. Box 1785, Albrightsville, property at Woodridge Lane and Laurette, Cedar and Jonathan Point drives, \$1.

Anil Thakrar to Modex Holdings, LLC, Allentown, property at 4700 State Rt. 534, White Haven, Bandit Truck Stop, \$700,000.

Christina L. Humphreys to Donald R. Blew, Bridgeton, New Jersey, Lot 259, Section B-2, Snow Ridge, Northwoods, \$200,000.

Mark S. Molino to Carole L. Butler, Cherry Hill, New Jersey, property at 63 Telstar, Lake Harmony, \$100,000.

Krasktere, LLC, to Krasktere, LLC, P.O. Box 276, Lake Harmony, property at 479-493 Moseywood Road, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Robert Rafter to Joseph Jacobsen, Doylestown, property on Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$305,000.

Elizabeth M. Gillian to Todd Ernst, Zieglerville, property at 33 Forest Drive, Lake harmony, \$165,000.

GEF Properties, LLC, to Angelo Laventura, Allentown, property at 48 Mountainwoods Drive, Lake Harmony, \$260,000.

Ronald B. Avrich to JLANY, Inc., Massapequa, New York, property at 101 Wolf Hollow Road, Lake Harmony, \$164,000.

Tax Claim Bureau of Carbon County to Geoffrey S. Mosebach, 119 Big Pine Drive, P.O. Box 2008, Albrightsville, two transactions, property at Edgemont Road and Mills Drive and property on Edgemont Road, Holiday Poconos, \$809 each.

Edward Hocker to Rovigo Group, LLC, 25 LiPuma Drive, Lake Harmony, property at 25 LiPuma Drive, \$115,000.

Stephen T. Maginnis to Gregory Birzes, Chester Springs, property at 9 Pineknoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$177,500.

Bryan C. Barrett to David A. Lack, North East, Maryland, property at 63 Midlake Drive, Unit 201, Lake Harmony, \$155,000.

John F. Creegan Jr. to Christopher Scott Kavlick, P.O. Box 775, Lake Harmony, property at 29 Falcon Run, Lake Harmony, \$150,000.

Dionisio V. Almeida to MOCOCALU, LLC, Perkasio, property at 624 Pine Knoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$135,000.

Mearilyn, Inc., to Michael T. Godlewski, Bryn Mawr, property at 101 Nordic Drive, Lake Harmony, \$118,000.

Sheriff of Carbon County to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, McLean, Virginia, property at 126 Nordic Place, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Michael J. Motto to SGS Rentals, LLC, North Brunswick, New Jersey, Lot 2, Michael J. Motto Subdivision, Lake Harmony, \$120,000.

Mark Jones to June A. Kresge, P.O. Box 315, Lake Harmony, lots A5 and A6, Henning Family Lots, \$1.

Scott Kopec to Scott M. Kopec, Reading, property at 79 Wood St., Lake Harmony, \$1.

Donald Kramer Roseman Jr. to Legacy Properties Group, LLC, West Chester, property at 70 Pineknoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$160,000.

Lausanne Township
Eldrich C. Campbell to Glenn E. Campbell, 1761 Buck Mountain Road, Weatherly, property at 1761 Buck Mountain Road, \$1.

Lehigh Township

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, property at 249 Buck Mountain Road, \$1.

Franklin D. Peiser to Mark M. Walters, 1449 Packer Drive, Weatherly, parcel No. 92-27-B12.03, \$8,000.

Packer Township

Joseph G. Hill to Kyle Holman, 581 Roundhead Drive, Weatherly, property at 581 Roundhead Drive, \$309,900.

Kaitlin Correale to Mark J. Correale, 902 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, Lot 2, Correale Subdivision, \$1.

Susan Stein to Jason Titus, 3500 Quakake Road, Weatherly, property at 2816 Quakake Road, \$80,000.

Weatherly

David Miller to Brian Rose, 815 E. Main St., Weatherly, property at 815 E. Main St., \$145,000.

Lorraine M. Woodring to David R. Leininger, 611 Second St., Weatherly, property at 611 E. Second St., \$1.

Sheriff of Carbon County to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Coral Gables, Florida, property at 159 Plane St., \$1.

Black Creek Junction Consulting Investing and Acquisitions, LLC, to Leonardo Colon, 214 Second St., Weatherly, property at 214 Second St., \$110,000.

Stacey Levitsky to Jeff Ragan, 409 Carbon St., Weatherly, property at 409 Carbon St., \$67,000.

John Latniak to Mark Graham, 201 Lairytown Road, Weatherly, property on Spring Street, \$67,500.

Lawrence Smith to Joseph J. Corradini, 839 E. Main St., Weatherly, property at 839 E. Main St., \$145,000.

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

While Ruth and I are exercising caution in our comings and goings, we weren't going to miss some St. Patrick's Weekend fun. Our plan to see a St. Patrick's parade was cancelled. None of the locals marched this past weekend. The Mauch Chunk Opera House, however, invited Irish rock fans to come hear the Kilmaine Saints perform on Friday. That night, the crowd was somewhat light, but the fun wasn't as the Saints put on a highly entertaining show. We found seats six plus feet away from other couples, then enjoyed our adult beverages and the music.

Afterwards we went shopping at an hour we'd hoped

would be light on crowds. It was quiet, but with more shoppers than we expected. It's amazing to see a full grocery store aisle of paper goods just cleaned out.

We went to three other stores where there were no tissues or toilet paper – two without any paper towels. We found a package of Cottonelle t.p. at the White Haven Market not long after the shelves were stocked.

Our area has the perfect size businesses for people at most hours, shopping away from big crowds. It's important to support local businesses when there is a crisis like this. They are our home team. A quick dash to the store for

something—easy. Depending on how things progress, these local stores might become our only source for supplies. Being contained in a car is one way of maintaining social distance. It's an advantage we have over the urban areas.

And about driving, gasoline prices are down substantially. The best price in our area is \$2.29.9, meaning that we will see prices into the low \$2.20s in about a week if the trend holds. With Pennsylvania gasoline taxes so high, we may not see prices under \$2, but every price reduction is a relief and a few extra dollars in our pockets.

Hockey is shuttered ... frozen for now, though for

college teams, their seasons are done. The NCAA shut everything down. Pro sports seasons are in hibernation. The hope is that games and races resume once there is some sense of predictability with the contagion. Ruth and I are hoping to see more hockey later this spring, even if it's only on TV.

I wonder what it must be like in Canada to have no hockey to watch this time of winter – there's going to be withdrawal symptoms.

I'm sad for the new NFL football league getting only a short season in. Their product was improving, and it was looking like it might have a good year. Football fans are left with nothing until late summer, of the CFL if things get to normal when their season opens.

Sightings this week include a golden eagle in the woods in north Lehigh Township, seen from Lehigh Gorge Drive. I also have a good batch of crocuses blooming now at the house. A healthy line of snow drops has just finished their bloom. The warm early spring

days have gotten our daffodils into leaf. I'm guessing they may bloom early.

Here's hoping that when the whole of the contagion is settled well ahead of the Olympics. The folks in Japan are trying to put on a calm front, but are certainly really unhappy about the questions being put out about this year's event slated for July.

Looking ahead here, we're not going to be able to do the museum trips we had planned during these next few weeks. Luckily, Ruth and I recently took advantage of a big book sale from Better World Books. Between the two of us, we have enough mysteries and sci-fi books to last us into May. We also plan to pass the time watching some internet movies, mysteries and sci-fi.

We will get outside as often as we are able. I believe that authorities will manage things to keep us all reasonably safe. To that end, keep yourselves out of unnecessary crowds, wash and wash your hands again when you are out, and keep optimistic.



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Spring sports season, sporting world put on hold

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

Temperatures were unseasonably warm and dry, and the fields were ready for play. Weatherly Area's softball and track and field teams were already out practicing, preparing for their first games and meets that were less than two weeks away. The baseball program, shuttered just last spring due to a lack of players, was also back up and running, with 17 players attending the opening day of practice.

On Friday, that all changed. When Governor Tom Wolf ordered schools around the state to shut down for two weeks in reaction to the spreading of a new coronavirus, it also brought sports programs to a screeching halt. No practice. No games. All sports and extracurricular activities are now suspended until at least March 30, an unprecedented move that has also put the ongoing PIAA Basketball Championships on hold just ahead of the quarterfinal round.

Weatherly Area High School Athletic Director Scott Zoscin is unsure what comes next. "Obviously we followed the Governor's lead starting Friday when he

shut schools down. With the protocol in place, everything seizes," Zoscin said on Monday evening. "Because of the unknown, you've got to be cautious and take this precaution seriously.

"You don't have voluntary team practices. With all the things they have in place, you can't do it. President Trump says you can't be around more than 10 people at the same time. Obviously right now for the kids it's safety first, and we'll worry about the spring sports season next."

The return of baseball at Weatherly this season has been the buzz so far this spring. That, and sports as we know it, has been put on hold.

Major League Baseball has suspended the start of its season until at least May. NASCAR's next eight race weekends have been postponed. The NCAA Basketball Championships are cancelled, as are the spring championships. The NBA and NHL seasons are on hold, and the Masters golf championship and Boston Marathon are off.

Even Little League baseball has been halted as we deal with this global pandemic.

"This is the first time in over

20 years that we haven't had sports at some point in the spring. It's going to be terrible," Zoscin said. "Our baseball program was back. There were a lot of things I was looking forward to in terms of that."

Head baseball coach Brian Kaminski had gotten the program back up and running, and was pumped for the upcoming season. "Coach Rubasky and myself are extremely happy with how it was going so far," Kaminski said Monday. "We took advantage of being on the field earlier than we thought and that helped tremendously. Every kid is getting better every practice and just ready to work hard."

"With that being said, it definitely is a blow to the season and also the kids and coaches working hard this preseason to get ready for the 2020 season."

"The kids were enthusiastic about the season, getting back out on the field. We had a scrimmage lined up. It would have been Wednesday with Nativity. I know Brian was excited about things," noted Zoscin. "They had the field ready. I went down to a practice. They looked good. The

kids were upbeat. The weather was warming up and the kids were pumped up."

Kaminski said when word first broke Friday that things were shutting down for at least the next two weeks, the players were already planning on gathering to practice on their own. The PIAA said on Monday that those informal practices were also being shut down.

"The first thing the kids asked is if they could meet on their own and practice. They were setting times to meet this week even before we left practice on Friday afternoon," Kaminski said. "Now this was prior to the PIAA handing down their latest update, but seeing their enthusiasm was very encouraging. However, in the interest of safety for everyone, the PIAA doesn't want and informal workouts so we will abide by that. Just to have the kids amped up for the season and taking it upon themselves to want to keep working is just a huge sense of pride for me on their work ethic."

Zoscin said that while he is saddened for the kids who were gearing up for the spring sports season, he also feels

for those teams and athletes who were still competing for state championships in winter sports. Those have been put on hold, and their status remains up in the air. A year ago at this time, the Weatherly Area girls' basketball team was in the midst of a memorable season, still alive in the quarterfinal round.

"A year ago, that's a lifelong experience we had. That's memories that are going to be with us forever. Now, there's going to be kids that don't get that same feeling that we had. It's a shame," Zoscin said. "For other schools, all your championships from the winter are on hold. You feel bad for those kids. There's a lot of kids now that aren't going to get that opportunity. You feel for them. It's horrible."

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While the winter sports season is in all likelihood finished, there is still hope that spring sports can return if the pandemic levels off. For the Wreckers and the rest of the sporting world, it's a wait-and-see thing.

When asked if he thought spring sports would be back at some point, Zoscin was unsure.

"I am not 100 percent confident that that will happen. The state's going to guide us in terms of what's going to happen moving forward," he said. "If you look now, Major League Baseball, they're now moved to May to start their season. The NCAA spring championships are already off. If you look at it in those terms...it came from the top down. It started with the NBA. It's going to be a tough decision for the PIAA, to say the least.

"The most important thing is the safety of the kids, health-wise. I don't know the answer to that as far as spring sports. My hope is, obviously, that we can play at some point," Zoscin said. "This is such uncharted waters. You've got to think of the kids' safety first."

Kaminski remains hopeful. "I am definitely hoping we can get school and part of the season back, at least for the seniors that will be playing in their last games or matches or meets for the season," he said. "Sports teach teamwork and perseverance, and this season is one like no other."

Zoscin knows if things improve and the Wreckers can play again this spring, they'll be ready when they get the call.

"Kids are resilient. They'll be chomping at the bit. If you say be ready in a week, they'd

be ready." Now he's just hoping that they'll get that chance.

"It seems like more and more restrictions are being put forth," Zoscin said. "When major sports organizations are off and are being cautious, I can't see why the state of Pennsylvania wouldn't be just as cautious.

"I don't want to say 100 percent I think the spring sports are a wash. I think the next two weeks are going to be critical, in terms of are things going to level off a bit."

Until then we sit, we wait, and we hope that things will get better.

All-Star Wrestling Classic called off

The 2020 All-Star Wrestling Classic, featuring the area's best senior wrestlers, was cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. The event had been scheduled for this past Saturday at Hanover Area High School, where the top District 2 wrestlers in Class 2A were scheduled to face off against the top Class 3A wrestlers.

Crestwood seniors Garrett Swank (145 pounds) and Jordan Miale (132) were selected to participate for the Class 3A team.

To be selected to the All Star Classic, each wrestler must be a senior. The District 2 wrestling committee then selected the highest placing senior at the 2020 Individual District 2 Championships. If a senior was not available for both AA and AAA, they looked to see if there were multiple seniors at a certain weight in either classification for a match up. In the inaugural event last season, the AAA team defeated AA, 38-6.

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On The Sly...

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A time normally reserved for March Madness (the NCAA Basketball Tournament was scheduled to begin this week) has turned into a madness no one ever thought possible just two short months ago.

The PIAA Basketball Championships - stuck in the quarterfinal round - are likely gone for this year. So too are

The Masters, the Boston Marathon, and countless sporting events the world over, cancelled out of precaution as to not spread the virus further.

Major League Baseball, the NBA, the NHL, MLS and all major sporting organizations have either suspended their seasons or in the case of baseball, postponed the start of theirs. The NCAA has also scratched all remaining winter championships, and the entire spring sports schedule, including those championships. Auto racing has also silenced

its engines, with NASCAR's races postponed until at least May.

It's a complete shutdown. Something that this generation has never seen, and hopefully the last one of its kind.

Granted, it was certainly the right call. Shutting down sports, first and foremost, and eliminating those large gatherings of people will save countless lives and reduce the spread. It doesn't make it easier to understand, especially for a 10 year-old who has been breaking in his or her glove for baseball season, or a senior whose final high school season could be wiped away without a single at-bat.

As we sit and await word on when children can return to the classroom, and when we might be able to resume our normal way of life, let's hope and pray that we get back to "yesterday" real soon.

Yesterday was a simpler time, too.

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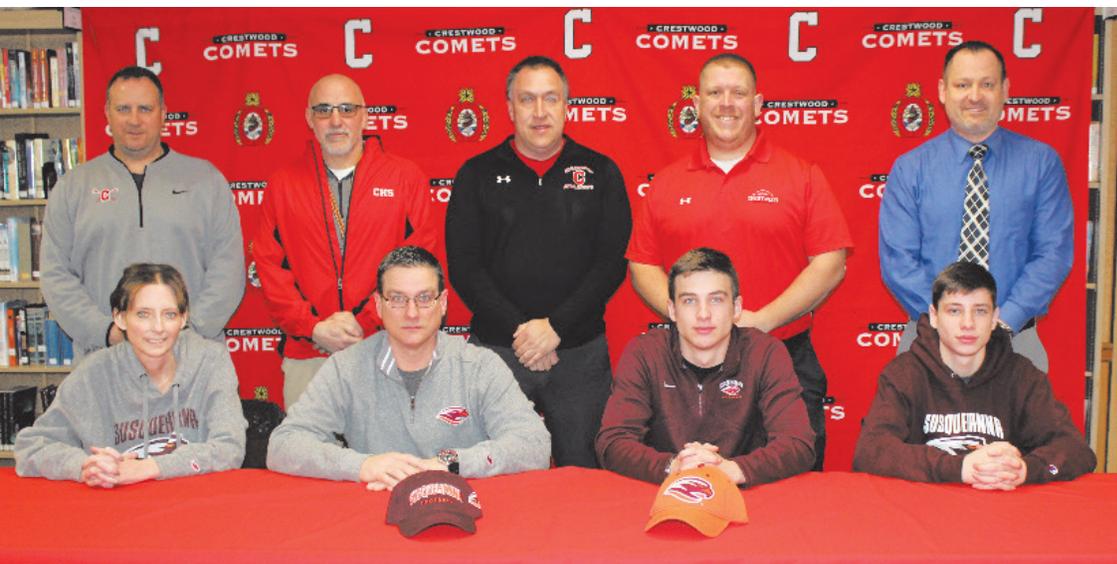
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Crestwood High School senior Garrett Swank, seated third from left, signs a letter of intent to continue his academic and football careers at Susquehanna University. Joining him at the ceremony are his mother, the late Lael Swank; his father, Randy Swank; and brother, Jason Swank. Standing: Crestwood High School coaches Brian Zabroski (lacrosse) and Darren Testa (wrestling), athletic director Dean Ambosie, football coach Ryan Arcangeli, and John Gorham.

Journal-Herald Sports

Can we turn back the clock?

by Steve Stallone
Sports Editor

Take me back to a simpler time.

Fifty years would do just fine.

For me and my elementary school friends, summer break is closing in, Little League practice is under way, and the temperatures are finally rising. The days are getting noticeably longer, allowing us added play time before the street lights -- or dad's whistle -- prompted our return home.

Our biggest worry was would we have enough players to go 3-on-3 at the local basketball court. Or if the rain would stop long enough to get in a good backyard Whiffle ball game. Would those bike tires hold up all summer? Whose lawns would I be

cutting this year to bolster my newspaper delivery income?

Where can I find doubles of Clemente and Stargell? And would Tom's Dairy (and candy

On The Sly

store) be getting any new penny candy? Things certainly seemed a lot simpler then.

Fifty years later? Not so much.

My baseball heroes are gone, and so is penny candy and my care-free days of summer. So too are a lot of the good things in life, things that have become scarce in this crazy world we live in right now.

Now with heightened security everywhere, identity theft, cyber-crimes, health care instability, job security, global

warming and threat of war dominating the landscape, the stress levels in recent years are through the roof. Yet even yesterday's problems don't seem all that bad, given what we're going through right now.

With spring and summer approaching, no one is quite sure what to expect, what to plan for, and what to hope for.

The new coronavirus has claimed thousands of lives overseas, sickened tens of thousands more there, and brought the world to a grinding halt. The mystery of how long it will last grinds on. Along the way, it has crippled the world of sports, going right to the very fabric of our culture.

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Mikayla Pugh, 8, the daughter of Brandon and Karen Pugh of Weatherly, recently achieved second place in the 2020 Pennsylvania State Elks Hoop Shoot 8-9 year-old female championship, held March 7 at Bellefonte High School. Pugh earned her state runner-up award by connecting on 18-of-25 free throw attempts. She was one of eight Pennsylvania district champions from competing for the state title. On the court, Mikayla proudly represented Hazleton Elks Lodge #200. She is a member of the Freeland YMCA and CVCO basketball programs where she trains and plays in their respective leagues.

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