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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. Pocono Mountain School District is providing food for students, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Pocono Mountain East High School – Swiftwater Campus, Pocono Mountain West High School – Sullivan Trail Campus, Clear Run Intermediate School – Clear Run Campus. Meal service will consist of a drive-up, grab-and-go type service, and parents can go to any of the schools, regardless of where their children attend.

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. Most restaurants and bars have closed except for take-out and delivery services.

At their meeting on March 18, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners passed a Declaration of Disaster Emer-

gency for the County in response to the current situation involving the COVID-19 virus.

By declaring a disaster emergency, the County's ability to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Monroe County is enhanced. It also allows the county to access Federal and State funding, when available. This action does not change any current response to the efforts by other agencies to combat the virus.

In addition to the Declaration, and in order to keep county government open, the Commissioners have ordered all departments to reduce staffing levels in their offices to only essential personnel. This action will enable county government to continue to provide necessary services, while minimizing contact between the public and county staff.

The Commissioners urge members of the public to avoid county offices unless absolutely necessary to avoid any potential exposure. Call county departments for assistance or information.

County updates can be found on:  
The Monroe County, PA Website:  
[www.monroecountypa.gov](http://www.monroecountypa.gov)  
Monroe County, PA on Facebook

Monroe County on Nextdoor  
Pocono Plateau local governments have approached the situation in different ways. Topyhanna Township cancelled

As this edition was getting ready to go to press, Governor Tom Wolf released an executive order that all non-life sustaining businesses shut down as of 8:30 p.m. Thursday night. It is unclear exactly how this will be interpreted, but enforcement is due to begin Saturday evening. Enforcement may include fines, quarantine, and the threat that any loans or grants would not be available to businesses that do not comply. According to the PNA, newspapers are considered essential businesses.

its public meetings; Coolbaugh Township held theirs via Facebook Live.

*The Journal of the Pocono Plateau* and its sisters are planning to continue to print during this period, but we are dependent on our press continuing its business as well. We hope to help our readers with up-to-date information about what is happening in the near and long term. If we are unable to print for any reason, we will post our pages on our website, [www.pocononews.com](http://www.pocononews.com) and also post updates on our Facebook page.

We also want to help our advertisers, to not only weather this situation, but to come back strong after it is over.

Most of all, we want to help our readers stay connected during this time of social distancing. Stay safe.



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## Group in Blakeslee hoping to help

A small group of concerned citizens in Blakeslee met on March 16 to build a team to reach anyone who needs "a little extra help with anything" such as picking up vital medicine, trips to emergency care, food and pet food runs, and the like. The group's flyer is reprinted above.

Similar groups around the Pocono Plateau are asked to connect on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Reachout-Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors-101428371500349/](http://www.facebook.com/Reachout-Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors-101428371500349/). Volunteers can call either 570-643-1234 or 570-817-9058 and leave a message.

Flyers will be posted around the community as well.

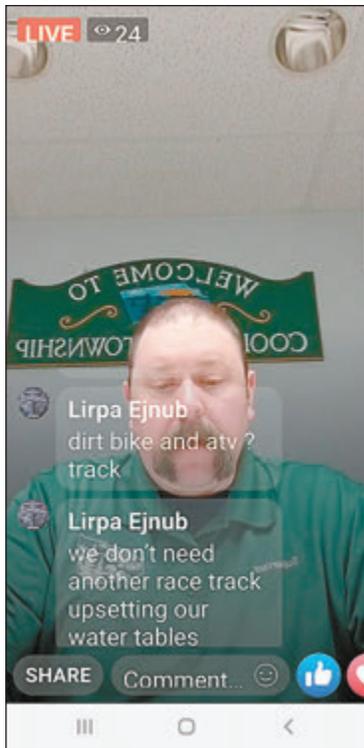
# Coolbaugh Twp. moves into social media for meetings

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Faced with Coronavirus/COVID19 orders urging social distancing, Coolbaugh Township supervisors applied social media tactics to the March 17 meeting. Fluctuating Facebook Live viewership showed 23 to 28 observers as the group addressed agenda items that included declaring township Disaster Emergency status and a 110-acres multi-use ATV track along the Route 611 and Route 196 corridor.

While the broadcast video frame displayed Bill Weimer navigating meeting proceedings, audio allowed for response and direction from solicitor Patrick Armstrong.

Online chat compiled observer comments and questions that ranged from asking where the ATV track will be to voicing environmental concerns citing potential water tables disturbance.



**Supervisor Bill Weimer addressed online chat inquiries during Coolbaugh Township's March 17 meeting on Facebook Live**

Resolution 06-2020 recognizing the Existence of a Disaster Emergency in Coolbaugh Township for 60 days was adopted. Discussing recent Commonwealth and health agency directives, the action was put in place “to protect the residents of Coolbaugh.”

Reminding votes must be ratified within seven days, Attorney Armstrong added, “[The resolution] allows you to proceed with the operation of keeping the township going.”

At the March 3 meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Pope’s request to pay costs for a memorial bench honoring the late Neil Carlson was approved. They consider the former TAA coach, who passed away suddenly last December, instrumental in teaching their son baseball. “Very nice idea,” said supervisor Lynn Kelly, proposing the use of township DPW employees to do the bench installation.

Various schedules were established for athletic field usage and spring cleanups, but that information will probably have to be revised in light of the current COVID-19 situation.

Supervisors present included Weimer, Ruiz-Smith, Kelly, Anthony Lamantia and Claire Colgan. Business Manager Meredith Thompson, Secretary Erin Masker and Solicitor Patrick Armstrong were joined by approximately 15 attendees.

Coolbaugh Township’s next meeting is scheduled for April 7. Municipal offices are currently closed, and updates about meeting attendance options will be posted on the township’s Facebook page.



**TEC and SIC slide presentation put Trout in the Classroom facts in front of March 4 Pocono Mountain School Board meeting attendees.** JP: Jeanine Hofbauer

# PMSD approves CIU20 Budget

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Mountain School Board approved the district’s \$79,408.92 portion of Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 2020-2021 General Operating Budget during its March 4 meeting. Proposing a 1% increase impacting all 13 school districts across 1,200 square miles served, Executive Director Dr. Chris Wolfel, shown below, gave a cost analysis for services

like Special Education and Behavioral Health. Reporting 1,147 students at an expense of \$6,800 per student, GOB revenue serves as 1.5% of the CIU’s \$242 million overall budget.

SIC 6th grade teacher Matt Pero, and Eric Argot, TEC grade 5, gave each school’s perspective on Trout in the Classroom objectives and lessons learned. Sharing eggs to fingerlings progress slides, the pair told of cold water conservation, monitoring and identification stages student responsibilities as part of the Fish & Boat Commission concept that includes spring release locally in waterways like Pocono Lake Preserve and Promised Land.

Curriculum is expanding for grades 9-12. From Business and Marketing Information Technology Communications and Auto CAD to Video Production and ELA project Lead the Way each brief intro revealed district’s intent to go beyond textbooks.



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# Tunkhannock Township looks at trash options

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Reporting that 4,000 recycling bins that had been made available for residents had been sold out, on March 11 Tunkhannock Township secretary Tina Kernan reminded supervisors that Tunkhannock Township's Spring Clean-up is soon to start. From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 to 18, those with proof of residency, can bring items like mattresses, furniture, metal scraps, propane tanks, appliances, and remodeling materials to the township Long Pond campus for proper disposal.

Rates, noting a price change, are: \$10 an automobile and \$20 for an SUV/Mini-Van/

Small Pick-up truck load; with tiered pricing up to \$80 for larger truck, trailer and Box Truck cargos. Individual things like tires, rims and car batteries carry a separate fee.

No charge items include TVs, computer, printing, networking devices including monitors, keyboards, speakers and hardware with all wires and power cords attached.

A lineup of items not accepted like household trash, chemicals, plus paint cans can be found online at [www.LongPondPA.com](http://www.LongPondPA.com) or by calling 570-646-3008.

"I did my research and this is what I found," declared solicitor Dan Lyons responding to Mountain Road resident

Patrick Roxberry's request to reconsider a speed limit reduction. With varied opinions regarding PennDOT-named-versus numbered routes, the group debated about state regulations governing speed limits. While a recent traffic study suggested an increase to 45 miles per hour, supervisors assured residents the 40-mph limit in place since 1960 stays intact.

Director Anne Hogya shared Clymer Library's Yearly Report, first announcing, "no disasters in the building," compared to past freezing pipes and HVAC mishaps. She reported 35,108 visits; 33,501 items borrowed; program attendance of 9,524 and more.

Fundraising, from Piggy Banks to House Tour and Fund Drive efforts yielded \$57,000. A three-year summary showed over \$351,350 in grant success with a spike from 2017's \$26,331 up to \$168,330 for 2018 and \$144,325 in 2019.

Describing the Pocono Pines resource as "a noisy, moving, happy, bright, cheerful place," she listed uses of the community space.

From audio books, 200-Speed internet access and Powerpoint Presentation, to video screen capabilities, an invitation came along with a suggestion assistance of any

kind is by appointment.

February's General Fund was \$1,467,565.72 with income of \$181,093.56 and expenses \$64,115.64. Bills approved totaled \$52,232.14.

Supervisors Fran DePiano and George Ewald were present along with Atty. Lyons, secretary/treasurer Kernan, zoning officer Kate Lambert and an audience of just over 10.

Tunkhannock Township's next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 8 at municipal offices 1557 Long Pond Road, Long Pond.

## 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.

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## Area Funerals

### SHADUR A. BORDEN

Shadur A. Borden, 45, of Pocono Summit died on Monday, March 9, 2020. He was the loving husband of Julie (Dawson) Borden. He was the son of Regina Borden.

Shadur was a resident of Pocono Summit for the past 5 years. He was employed in the

security field for several years and was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his wife Julie he is survived by his children, Jasmine, Alexander, Octavia and Shadur Borden Jr.; siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins.

### ADELL D. HENRY

Adell D. Henry, 70, of Tobyhanna, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at home. She was the loving wife of Bruce Henry, with whom she shared 31 years of marriage

Born in Elmhurst, New York, she was the daughter of the late Raffaele and Mary (Janas) Cuiffo.

During her working career, Adell spent 22 years with the Tobyhanna Army Depot as an administrative assistant. She was a life member of the Coolbaugh Township Fire Company

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Keith James and his wife, Shannon of Henryville; daughter, Kristen Ford of Tobyhanna; sister-in-law,

Margaret Cuiffo of Matawan, New Jersey; six beloved grandchildren: Alicia, Elijah, Sebastian, Jonah, Delilah, and Silas; niece, Meredith Kobstad and her husband, Gary; and nephew, Christopher Cuiffo and his wife, Pei. Adell was preceded in death by her brother, Philip Cuiffo.

Reverend Ralph Chubbuck conducted a service March 17 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center c/o Cancer Center, 206 East Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, Pa 18301

Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

### ANTHONY P. JACONDINO

Anthony P. Jacondino, 70, of Tobyhanna, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Brookmont in Effort. He was the loving husband of the late Dorothy Ann (Trotter) Jacondino, who died in 2002.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was the son of Julia (Rocco) Urgo of Long Island, New York and the late Anthony Jacondino.

A proud veteran, Anthony served with the United States Air force during the Vietnam war. He was a member of the AMVETS.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his sons, Anthony Jacondino and his

wife Roseann of Long Island, New York, and Todd Jacondino and his wife, Melissa of Canyon, Arizona; daughter, Nicole Jacondino of Tobyhanna; grandchildren Anthony and Doria Jacondino, Jordyn Moey, Niko Jacondino, and Alysa Carpentieri.

Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco, was in charge of arrangements. A blessing service was held March 15 at the funeral home followed by military honors.

Private cremation is entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Josephine M. "Jo" DeVeau, 88, formerly of Pocono Pines and Bartonville, died Friday afternoon, March 13, 2020, at Whitestone Care Center in Stroud Township where she was a resident since January 2012.

Born on January 30, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY she was the only child of the late Benjamin and

Karen Ann Zwally, 72, of Tobyhanna, died Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Pocono Hospice House in East Stroudsburg. She was the loving wife of John Zwally, with whom she shared 51 years of marriage.

Born in Queens, New York, she was the daughter of the late Andrew and Dorothy (Fehrenbach) Schwint.

During her working career, Karen was a key punch operator for TWA Airlines. She was active with the Glendale Volunteer Ambulance Corps and served as a dispatcher. Karen was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary at the VFW

### JOSEPHINE M. DEVEAU

Mary (Lupo) Dazzo. Originally from Malverne, Long Island, NY, she was a part-time resident of Monroe County since 1987 and full time resident since 1995.

Loving mother of Nina Whiteway (Joseph), Lisa Horton (Raymond), and Toni Humrich (Steven); and adored by 10 grandchildren,

two great-grandchildren, and her family at Whitestone Care Center. She was preceded in death by a son, Richard S. DeVeau; and her former husband of 50 years, Richard P. DeVeau.

A memorial gathering will take place at a date and time to be announced.

### KAREN ANN ZWALLY

Post 509 in Tobyhanna.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, John A. Zwally of Bethlehem Township; daughter, Lynn Ann Zwally of Tobyhanna; and brother, Robert Schwint and his wife, Charlene of Worcester, Massachusetts.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 20 and from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21 at Bolock

Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Pastor Peter Kennedy will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in honor of Karen may be made to a charity of your choice.

Private cremation is entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

## Services cancelled at St. Maximilian

The Diocese of Scranton will have live Masses on its website at DioceseofScranton.org. Also, St. Luke's Church

in Stroudsburg has a 9:30 Sunday Mass on Channel 13 and there's a link on its website, churchofsaintluke.org.

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## Area Funerals

### GERVASE J. PURCELL III

Gervase J. Purcell, III, 59, of Blakeslee, died on Monday, March 9, 2020, at home.

Born Tuesday, June 28, 1960 in Philadelphia, he was the son of Gervase J. Purcell,

Jr. and the late Margaret Mary (Glackin) Purcell. He was also predeceased by his wife Jennifer Purcell.

Private arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation services of 211 First Street, Weatherly.

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## Grant Money to Help Hundreds During COVID-19 Crisis

*Funding will be provided to qualifying organizations*

Pocono Mountains United Way and its coalition of partners are working together to establish the Crisis Response Fund. This initiative aims to rapidly deploy resources to regional organizations that work with communities who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and the economic consequences of this health crisis.

The Crisis Response Fund functions in the form of a one-time grant to financially support organizations that have deep community roots and strong experience helping residents in, but not limited to, the following areas:

- At-risk populations.
- Those without health insurance and/or access to paid sick leave.

• People with limited English language proficiency.

• Healthcare and tourism workers.

Grants will be released on a rolling basis, with the initial round of funding expected to move within the next few weeks. The anticipated primary areas of need include:

- Food for children out of school, seniors, families.
- Rental assistance to keep people housed.
- People experiencing homelessness.
- College students facing barriers.

“This fund is designed to complement the work of public health officials and expand local capacity as efficiently as possible,” said Michael Tukeva, President/CEO of Pocono Mountains United Way. “A

coalition of philanthropy, government and business partners is working together in real time to make this happen.”

Pocono Mountains United Way will administer grants from the fund, while grant recipients will be determined by a subset of the non-profit’s Board of Directors and other community leaders. The specially formed Crisis Response Fund Committee is chaired by Chris Barrett, President/CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau.

Pocono Mountains United Way commits that 100% of donated funds will be used to support crisis response efforts with 0% overhead fees assessed by United Way or the recipient organizations.

## Tobyhanna student part of SU leadership program

Alexis King of Tobyhanna learned the value of helping others this summer by participating in SU SPLASH

(Susquehanna University’s Students Promoting Leadership, Awareness, and Service through Humanitarian

efforts). This opportunity was coordinated by the David ‘69 and Sharon Johnson Center for Civic Engagement.

Students took part in service-learning activities designed to teach them about the realities of poverty and to provide strategies for tackling humanitarian issues. They spent time throughout SU’s campus and the Selinsgrove area before traveling to other parts of PA where they volunteered with service organizations such as the Hand Up Foundation in Milton, the Haven Ministry Center in Sunbury, and the Central PA Foodbank in Harrisburg.

King is a student in SU’s History program and is part of the Class of 2023.



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## PMSD to provide meals for students in need during emergency school closure

Pocono Mountain School District is offering students grab-and-go meal service, between the hours of 9 a.m. to noon. Meals will be provided on weekdays only, from March 17 through March 20, and March 23 through March 27.

The District will offer this free meal service at the following schools for all District children regardless of which schools they attend: Pocono Mountain East High School – Swiftwater Campus, Pocono Mountain West High School

– Sullivan Trail Campus, Clear Run Intermediate School – Clear Run Campus.

Meal service will consist of a drive-up, grab-and-go type service. Families are asked to follow the signage on campus to drive up to the front of the

school where meals will be brought out to their vehicle. One bagged lunch and one breakfast item will be provided for each child each day for as long as supplies last.

Pocono Mountain SD officials ask that parents be patient as there may be lines of cars waiting for meal service.

Access to Pocono Mountain SD schools will not be permitted.

## Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

What a wild week. I go from writing about hockey and plans to be at Knoebels in late April in my column last week, to this week writing about how to spend time in the age of the Corona virus. The Eagle Arms show at Split Rock is cancelled. The Greater Pocono Home Show is postponed. A business meeting that booked us overnight in Philadelphia next week was moved – to next year. Our calendar went from busy – to wide-open.

Ruth and I plan to resume our walks in the woods around the Pocono Plateau, and to use the time to adopt a Labrador. We've identified a 3-plus year-old female rescued from a breeding program, and are looking to meet her soon.

This past Sunday, we took my 94 year-old uncle Slat-er, who is soon to be 95, out shopping and to a really fine Greek restaurant in Dickson City. We did the hand sanitizer full hand washes at the grocery store and at the restaurant, and kept apart from others.

Less than a week later, our dinners have become take-out and shopping even in big grocery stores a near-tourist experience of gawking at shelves laid bare by hoarding.

The stores we've shopped in this past week all were wiped out of toilet paper. Things like frozen pizza and frozen vegetables were nearly gone. The bread aisle was sparse. Meat packages in one store were nearly gone from one set of

shelves, while in the freezer a few steps away, there was plenty of fish. A surprise we found elsewhere in that same store was a corned beef brisket on sale, just before St. Patrick's Day.

A funny thing that was also on sale at the same store - for very little (with a minimum store purchase) - was a five pound box of matza. Friends shared a joke that this is the perfect item to buy during this time, as the stuff lasts forever, and tends to bind one's system up – limiting toilet paper use.

We also managed to attend a St. Patrick's performance of Harrisburg's *Kilmaine Saints* at the Mauch Chunk Opera House on Friday (the Opera

House is now closed for at least a month, until the Corona virus runs its course). The ski areas hereabouts all closed by the end of the weekend and are either looking ahead to summer events, and then next November for the 20/21 ski season.

I am pleased about the crude oil dispute between Saudi Arabia and Russia that has gifted us with the big drop in gasoline prices, down to near \$2.20 a gallon, plus a bonus of a similar drop in heating oil prices. (I realize there's more to this, like the big drop in travel, etc. – but it's still money in our pockets that is needed right now.)

Sightings include a golden eagle perched in a tree seen by Ruth on her drive to White Haven on day last week. Snowdrop flowers had made an appearance, now done. As I write this, our house now has a substantial bloom of crocus – brilliant purple for one set, and a delicate powder blue for another. Next up looks to be

daffodils if the spring continues to be warm.

Our best to our readers as we all weather this challenge. Keep yourselves healthy. Binge on TV or better, on books (we stocked up when *Better World Books* had a big sale a few weeks ago). Look for our next *Journal of the Pocono Plateau* in early April.

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The Monroe County Women's Commission celebrated Women's History Month by recognizing local women who have worked to ensure that women can fully enjoy their voting rights. This year's Women's History theme is "Valiant Women of the Vote." In honor of women from the original suffrage movement, 21st century women who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all were honored. Seated from left are recipients Sara May-Silfee, Monroe County Director of Elections; Martha Stout, Judge of Elections for Chestnuthill Township for 23 years; Barbara Keiser, president of the League of Women Voters of Monroe County. Accepting in memory of Althea Staples is Amy Leiser of the Monroe Historical Society. Mrs. Staples, wife of a local judge, was the Chair of the Women's Suffrage Society during the Suffrage movement. Born in 1860, she fought for the right to vote, organized suffrage meetings in Courthouse Square, and founded many local women's organizations. She died in 1959 in Stroud Mansion. Also shown are Monroe County Women's Commission members Annette Atkinson, Carol Stolfi, Chris Grape-Garvey, Lucille P. Prawl, Patrice Dume, Linda Zak and Noreen Snyder.

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# Journal Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Pocono Mountain Regional Police Detectives received a report that two juvenile females had been sexually assaulted by a 20 y/o Coolbaugh Township man on March 4. A search warrant was obtained on his home on Idlewild Dr. in APCP., executed on 3-13. The search found evidence related to the assaults, some marijuana, and a 9mm rifle with ammunition. The man is ineligible for possession weapons due to previous interactions with Monroe County

court, AND, was out on bail for impersonating a police officer this past December. He was arrested and taken to the county jail on the assaults, the gun, the pot, and the parole violation. He's to be arraigned before District Judge Danielle Travagline first on the rape and related charges, and then on the other charges as a separate case.

PMRPD was dispatched to a call to a home in western Coolbaugh Township, south of Thornhurst, on a report of

a 9-month old child who was not breathing. Police arrived to find the child was deceased. Her 27 y/o mother told police she had fallen asleep and awoke to her child not breathing. PMRPD, the Monroe County Coroner's Office and the District Attorney's office began an investigation. Evidence revealed the use of illegal substances by the mother. Detectives believe the mother fell asleep while high with the infant in her arms, and suffocated the child to death. The woman is charged with involuntary manslaughter. A preliminary hearing is scheduled before D.J. Travagline for early April. Bail was set at \$100,000 unsecured.

About 3:15 p.m. on 3-7, a man was walking his two dogs along Dryden Drive in Towamensing Trails, Penn Forest Twp., when another dog approached from a nearby property and attacked his two dogs. The attacking dog's owner and the man tried to separate the dogs, in the process, the man fell over. He

repeatedly told the woman he would have to shoot her dog, then drew a pistol and shot it once. The dog then retreated, ran away, and died. PA State Police-Fern Ridge investigated the incident, and determined the shooting of the dog was justified and no charges will be filed against either party.

## Stealin'

Investigators at PSP-Hazleton are working to determine who set up a credit card account using a Foster Township (White Haven) woman's identity, then charging \$1,387 through the fall until this February.

Tools and other items were stolen from a weekend home on Eastbrook Rd. in Chestnut-hill Twp. between 2-6 and 3-6. PSP-F.

Tools and two pistols were stolen from a truck parked outside a Center Road, Jackson Twp. home between 2-26 and 3-2. PSP-F.

PSP also reports various shoplifting incidents in the Brodheadsville area.

## The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

A 57 y/o Blakeslee-area man was arrested for DUI at 12:38 a.m. on 2-29 while driving on Allegheny Dr. in the Sierra View development. Notes show he resisted arrest. PSP-F

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by Jeanine Hofbauer

“Apprehended in four days,” – a phrase that praised the entire Pocono Mountain Regional Police force on March 10 as Chief Chris Wagner reported to the PMRP Commission about rapidly capturing the accused perpetrator of last month’s horrific stabbing in Tunkhannock Township.

Reminding the Commissioners that what’s behind the scenes is also worthy of headlines, Chief Wagner praised PMRP’s team from the “street level to senior” ranks. With thanks he told how patrol officers were routinely checking on the victim and her family, in sync with Criminal Investigators skillfully working with law enforcement agencies.

“They worked their tails off,” he stated as others also expressed admiration.

Corporal Lucas Bray was promoted to Detective Sergeant with a swearing-in ceremony attended by family members. He brings a resume that includes a degree in Criminal Justice. Part of PMRP’s Criminal Investigation Unit since 2006, he was promoted to Corporal two years later. The 19-year veteran of the force is also part of SWAT and the department’s Crisis Negotiation team.

PMRP 2020/2021 hiring process promotions resulted in nearly 140 applicants ready to take the March 14 written test with hopes of moving on to physical testing.

Chief Wagner announced 19th Annual Drug Take Back

plans for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 25 at headquarters. The community is encouraged to bring in unused prescriptions for proper disposal.

March’s bill pack totaling \$168,347.37 was approved for payment, with funds to be disbursed as follows: General Fund, \$158,825.93; Prescription Plan, \$538.10; Capital Projects Fund, \$8,983.34; ESSA February mortgage payment, \$8,983.34.

Commission members present at the meeting included Dave Moyer, Dave Carbone and Brendon Carroll of Tobyhanna Township; Fran DePiano and Juan Adams of Tunkhannock Township; Mayor Michael Penn and Claudette Williams of Mount Pocono; Lynn Kelly, Kurt Cummings and Anthony Lamantia of



Chief Chris Wagner congratulates newly named Detective Sergeant Lucas Bray. JP: Jeanine Hofbauer

Coolbaugh Township; and John Seese of Barrett Township.

PMRPC’s next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 14 at police headquarters on Route 940 in Pocono Summit.



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# Mount Pocono replaces zoning officer

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Mayor Michael Penn moved for the immediate termination of Mount Pocono Zoning Officer Dennis Noonan, and hiring Gene Simchak part-time at a rate of \$15 per hour up to 20 hours a week at the March 2 borough council meeting. Council president Claudette Williams stated the action was due to “conflict of interest,” in response to Noonan’s demand for the reason. Council approved the termination and appointment with council member Fran O’Boyle opposed.

“There are false emails in the

name of the Borough Secretary,” stated Williams, accusing former councilman Tom Ford of creating a fake email address to collect Borough information.

Responding, “Typos do happen” from the audience during the meeting, Ford later said the email for Borough Secretary Lori Noonan written in his publication, *The Boro*, as *Lori@MountPoconoBoro.com* was a “typo” that occurred when he was reporting on a borough council work session. He explained it was indicated during the public meeting that candidate applications were to begin being accepted upon ac-

knowledge of now former councilwoman Donna Casole’s resignation.

Noting, “The @mountpocoboro.com is the address we use for our people and a mistake was made in typing out the report.” He added action was taken the next morning following the online published piece after learning of the error.

“We get zilch,” stated O’Boyle adding net zero on property sales to council member Tom Neville’s points opposing Resolution #1 of 2020 Land Bank IGA, following discussion. Suggesting “Competent, aggressive” blighted property turnaround as a responsibility for the zoning officer and solicitor, Neville said he considered “Middleman” Land Bank’s \$1,000 annual costs unnecessary.

Mayor Penn responded that success in this field is “beyond our capacity,” and that Land Bank’s purpose is to work with the borough.

Council rejected Neville’s

objections, instead moving forward with the Land Bank agreement.

Junior Council member Arissa Joy Chambers was welcomed on board joining fellow Pocono Mountain East High School pupil Kathryn Crosby.

Mayor Penn announced the borough will soon welcome Aspen Dental and Starbucks to the site next to Perkins in front of Walmart.

Borough Treasurer’s cash report listed \$505,544.27 with the following fund account details: General fund, \$57,055.78; Penn Security general, \$245.56; Banner Beautification,

\$3,788.73; State Liquid Fuels, \$115,520.50; Park & Recreation, \$883.53; Planning Commission Reimbursement, \$12,531.39; Road General, \$116,893.76; Stormwater, \$49,274.06; Sanitation, \$577.97; Intersection & Signalization, \$148,772.99.

Present were council members O’Boyle, Williams, Neville, Aida Montanez, Patty Bucco and Stacy Stewart-Keebler; junior council members Crosby and Chambers, Mayor Penn, solicitor James Fareri, secretary/treasurer Noonan and former zoning officer Noonan were joined by about 30 attendees.



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