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While many local stores have been closed by Governor Wolf's directive to shutter all non-essential businesses, some of the essential establishments took the route of converting to drive-ups. Above, the Weatherly Area Pharmacy took their bay window and made it into a walk-up, drive up window. Owner Ed Melber explained that they locked the front door, and moved their register, credit card machine,



phone, and iPad signature capture device were moved there to allow customers to stay outside. At left, G&A Hardware in White Haven had been offering drive-through service since last week, but this week closed the store to public access and converting completely to drive-through or pick-up service. PNC Bank and BBT are now only offering drive through banking.

JH: Ruth Isenberg

Statewide schools closure extended through April 6

The Department of Education (PDE) has announced all schools in the commonwealth will remain closed through at least April 6 as a result of the COVID-19 response efforts.

The closure order could be extended beyond April 6 if necessary to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19, according to PDE.

See **SCHOOLS**, page 4

WH Food Pantry continues through COVID-19 crisis

The White Haven Food Pantry wishes to let everyone know they are continuing to serve its clients during the COVID19 crisis. Delaying or stopping distribution of food was never an option.

Safe practice methods are being utilized to protect both the client and the pantry volunteers when a client comes to pick up their monthly allotment.

A client will no longer enter the building to pick up their food but rather drive their car up to the rear loading dock of Hickory Hall in the White Haven Center complex and the food will be brought to their car.

The Pantry, located in Hickory Hall, at the White Haven Center, is open the first four Fridays of every month, from 10 a.m. to noon. Each client may come on any Friday, once a month.

Residents of the White Haven area 18661 zip code who find themselves in need of the pantry's services during this challenging time and wish to enroll should come to the rear of Hickory Hall in the White Haven Center complex, on any Friday, from 10 a.m. to noon. Proof of White Haven residence is the only documentation required. Upon enrollment, you will be able to receive a monthly food allotment consisting of dry and canned goods. Dependent on what is received from the CEO Weinberg food bank and other sources, there may be additional frozen food items and fresh produce available.

White Haven residents who have questions may call 570-507-7444 to leave a message.



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From the Archives

**From
 The Weatherly Herald,
 March 26, 1970
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The Weatherly Lions Club annual Easter egg hunt is set for this Sunday at Tweedle Park.

Navy Petty Officer 2nd class George Hudock, Jr., of Weatherly is serving on the staff of the amphibious command ship USS Pocono, now deployed in the Caribbean.

Robert W. Faust of RD2, Weatherly, has been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He is an aircraft mechanic at Da Nang AB in Vietnam assigned to the 617 Military Airlift Support Squadron.

Forest fire fighters in Carbon County will be equipped with a helicopter, expected to arrive April 3, and will be on duty for six weeks during the peak forest fire season. It is capable of carrying 250 gallons of water, and will have a swing bucket to take on more water from a lake without landing. A building to house the helicopter will be erected off Route 903 near Deer Trail Park in Penn Forest Township.

The Weatherly Area Democrats will attend a meeting of the Carbon County Democrat Party's Executive Committee in Weiksner's Hotel in Jim Thorpe.

A variety of ads wish readers a happy, holy Easter including Fellin's, Steiner's, First Federal Savings, Village Furniture Mart, and Hazle Drug in Hazleton.

"For the first time in many, many years, Lake Hauto has frozen solid. In the past years, the Hauto plant of the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. dumped warm water into the lake from steam powered generators, (so) the lake surface never froze solid. The power plant ceased operations last year..."

The Sioux and Tung-Sol Youth League teams played close through the first quarter before Paul Richie heated up for 29 points, supported by 17 points from Brent Pfeiffer 16 from Tod Warner, 14 from Brian Pfeiffer, and 13 from Charlie Scott for 94 points to Tung-Sol's 71. Tung-Sol was led by Bob Demyanovich's 31 points, with Bob Lutsick and Rick McNeal each adding 11 points.

The WHS Teachers, reinforced with some outside help,

romped to their second win in a row 54-34 over the Booster Club behind Bill Knepper's 21 points and "Pistol Pete" McMonigle's 11. Don Garber (*Herald* contributor) was the only Booster to score in doubles, with 14 points.

**From the Sidelines,
 by Don Garber**

A jammed WHS gym on Friday cheered on the Teacher-Booster benefit contest that aids the Booster's program. The Booster Club "is grateful for everyone's support," thankful for people coming out "on such an awful night, weather-wise." The high school girls team put on a preliminary split-squad game as part of the evening.

PA Fish Commission reports 10% more trout from their hatcheries this year — now being loaded into trucks to stock lakes and streams throughout the state. Over 300 game birds were also put into Carbon County woods this past week.

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

**From
 The Journal-Herald,
 March 29, 1990
 Clara and Jay Holder,
 Publishers**

Groundbreaking for the new Weatherly Area High School was postponed from last Sunday and is now this Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. across from the Elementary /Middle School.

S&J Subs, one of the businesses destroyed in the December 1987 White Haven Main Street fire, will finally re-open for business this Saturday in a brand new building.

Editorial

Can we show some Hospital-tality?

by Seth Isenberg

Back in 1901, the White Haven area became a place to go to get healthy from tuberculosis that was spreading through our nation. The White Haven Sanatorium operated for 40 years, and treated over 25,000 people. Private sanitariums around this area likely aided hundreds more.

The facility also had a training school, and through 1942 had graduated nearly 300 nurses.

By 1946, Jefferson Medical College was operating the Sanatorium on its own, through 1956 when the number of tuberculosis patients no longer supported the expenses.

The facility was then turned over to the State of Pennsylvania — beginning the history of the White Haven Center.

But it's the Hospital history I want to return to. White Haven has been a caring, healing community for some 120 years.

This crisis with COVID-19 has officials scrambling to be sure there are enough beds for critical care. In New York City, the Javits Convention Center is being converted by FEMA into a hospital. If things get serious, hotels will likely be converted, and perhaps college campuses. Here? Here we have the empty buildings at the White Haven Center with hundreds of beds. FEMA and PA's EMA need not go far if our area needs a quick critical care set up. They'd need to keep the hospital side sharply separate from the current Center patients, but the White Haven Center's wards, kitchens and facilities and trained staff would save lives in the emergency.

The same idea would hold in Polk, Selinsgrove and Ebensburg. These are all resources the Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies can use in a matter of weeks. Our area can step up when needed.

Let's look at our White Haven Center as a resource whose time has come again.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Packer Township Supervisors enacted a Declaration of Disaster Emergency on Friday, March 20, 2020. Call 570-427-8969 regarding the declaration and any questions you may have.

**Stephanie Stolpe, Secretary
Packer Township Supervisors**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters Testamentary have been issued in the **Estate of Sharon A. Kane a/k/a Sharon Kane**, late of 730 North Street, Weatherly, Pennsylvania who died on the 18th day of January, 2020 by the Register of Wills of Carbon County to **Richard F. Kane**, of 879 Buck Mountain Road, Weatherly, PA 18255. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

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641 State Route 93
Sugarloaf, PA 18249**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PENN LAKE BOROUGH has established dates for meetings of borough council for 2020 to be the second Thursday of the month with the exception of December, where the meeting will be the third Thursday. A work session will start at 7 P.M. with meeting immediately following. These meetings will be virtual starting with the April 2020 meeting. To attend, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/384401149>, audio Toll Free 866 899 4679, Access Code: 384-401-149.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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.

**CYNTHIA S. YURCHAK,
ESQUIRE
121 Carbon Street
Post Office Box 49
Weatherly PA 18255**

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Archives...

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The White Haven New Bridge Festival and Homecoming will be sponsored by Pepsi-Cola. Prizes for the best floats in the parade will be \$50, \$25 and \$15.

An ordinance in Dennison Township is proposed to raise supervisors salaries from \$25 a month to \$900 a year.

McCluskey's Nursery on the corner of Route 534 and the Hickory Run Road (River Street in Kidder Township) is having a going out of business sale.

A sign has gone up along Lehigh Gorge Drive at the site of the new building for White Haven's Free Methodist Church, currently meeting at 305 Buffalo Street.

The Boulder Run Corp. is having its Spring Sale. Screened Top Soil, soil mixtures, sand (several types),

landscaping stone, driveway stone... located a quarter mile west of Route 80 on Routes 940 – then look for the signs. No order to small of too big. Delivery service available.

The White Haven Area Sports Association is planning a work session at Lehigh Park starting at 10 a.m. on April 7. The White Haven Babe Ruth team is in need a few good ball players. Boys and girls ages 13 to 15 who are interested in playing must register a.s.a.p. For information, call Adam Detweiler or Rich Perry...

Spring sports at the high schools and at the junior high level start this week for track & field, next week for softball and baseball.

The Caster Florist and Lemich Mini Mart bowling teams remain tied atop the White Haven Merchants Mixed Bowling League this week 24.0 wins to 15.0 losses, right behind is Steve's Mobil at 23.5 and 15.5.

EMC message about White Haven Market

This week, White Haven EMC Chris Zwiebel spoke with Mark Tokach, manager of the White Haven Market. Mark would like the following messages relayed to the White Haven Area community:

- The supply chain in the US remains strong, and produce and goods are able to be received at the Market in adequate supply.
- The supply chain is behind a little bit right now due to the recent buying surges.
- The supply chain will catch up.
- Shelter in place guidelines are lowering the daily number of shoppers coming into the White Haven Market allowing the clerks to re-stock

the shelves.

“Mark reminded us all that social media is a great thing, but there are consequences that we sometimes don't think about. Posts showing full shelves are being seen by those who don't rely on the Market as their primary source of groceries. These posts can lead to surge buying that puts our Community at risk. How about we let the market do their own social media posts for a while?” Zwiebel said.

He added, “The White Haven Market is a resource that we need for our communities every day, not just right now. If we can keep a low profile on social media and buy from the

store just what we need, the Market will continue to serve us throughout this Pandemic. Please consider what you are posting about availability of products at the Market, and please take only what you need. Let's all do our part to keep White Haven market safe and secure and be sure to thank Mark and all of the awesome employees at the Market for all they are doing for us!”

Chris Zwiebel is Emergency Management Coordinator for Dennison Township, Penn Lake Park Borough & White Haven Borough. He can be reached at: zwiebelehs@gmail.com 570-991-1982

Death Roll



Surrounded by many of his loved ones, J. David Magagna

of Hanover, New Hampshire, passed away quietly and peacefully on the 10th of March, 2020 as a result of complications following a recent stroke.

David was born on May 6, 1936, in White Haven, to Peter F. Magagna Jr. and Muriel (Hauser) Magagna. After graduating from White Haven High School in 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Under the auspices of the Air Force, he studied foreign languages at Yale and Georgetown Universities. He was then posted to Japan, where he worked in top-secret cryptography.

After being honorably discharged in 1958, he began his long and distinguished career in the music industry by joining the sales department of the C. F. Martin Guitar Company for a 10-year period, culminating in his appointment as vice-president. With his familiarity with languages, he specialized in international sales for Martin—a role he later played as a senior executive for other major companies, including Taylor Guitars, Gurian Guitars, and Paul Reed Smith Guitars,

J. DAVID MAGAGNA

and as president of Guild Guitars.

In semi-retirement, David volunteered 9 months of his time to be at Ground Zero in New York City to help deal with the aftermath of the attack on the World Trade Center. He also devoted considerable time to Dartmouth College by teaching courses in Adult Education, especially enjoying courses on World War II and novels by Nevil Shute, his favorite being *On the Beach*.

David had many hobbies and interests. He was a voracious reader and always carried one or two books with him on his frequent business trips abroad. Wherever he went, he made it a point to visit the local art museums (the Prado in Madrid was his favorite) and to attend performances in many of the small and also great concert halls of the world—from the Staatsoper in Vienna to La Scala in Milan to the extraordinary Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires. He had a great love of—and an encyclopedic knowledge of—classical music, from Bach to Beethoven to Barber.

He also loved the outdoors and was a passionate hiker, kayaker, hunter, and fisherman—mainly in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado, and Montana. He was an expert downhill skier and worked as a ski instructor in his spare time. He played

several other sports in his youth, including tennis and basketball. David was also a trained and enthusiastic scuba diver, and earned a 3rd degree black belt in Karate while stationed in Japan.

David was predeceased by his parents, his son Matthew, his wife Martha Parker, his brother Peter Magagna III, and his sister Muriel Gumienny. He is survived by his brother John Magagna, and by his children, Susan Magagna (Woody) Allen, Lydia Magagna, Megan Magagna (Anthony) Sos, David Wolff Magagna, and Aaron (Laura) Magagna. He is also survived by his former wives Avis Mrozinski, Anne Lockwood Garnier, and Diane Laputka Magagna; by his grandchildren, Shelby, Devon, Danielle, and Colby; by one great-grandson, Cameron; and by numerous nieces and nephews who adored him.

David lived a life filled with passion, excitement, love, and adventure, and he will be sorely missed by his friends and family. A gathering to celebrate David's life will be held at a time and place still to be determined.

Those wishing to make contributions in David's memory may send them to Listen Community Services, 60 Hanover Street Lebanon, NH 03766 and/or to the Ledyard Charter School, 239 Hanover Street Lebanon, NH 03766.

Schools...

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Under the new timeline, school buildings would reopen on April 7 for two days to allow school administrators, teachers and other staff time to prepare classrooms, set up cafeterias, schedule transportation and arrange other business operations. Students would return to school on April 9, unless extending the closure is needed in response to the situation with the virus at that time.

The state's 29 intermediate units became available this week to provide technical assistance to help develop continuity of education plans for all students.

Additionally, PDE is canceling standardized testing for students in career and technical education (CTE) programs for the 2019-20 school year. These include exams from the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) and National Institute of Metalworking Skills (NIMS).

Weatherly Area School District is beginning online student education on March 30. This week, they asked parents to come to the school to pick up textbooks, and handed out devices to be used, including computers and mobile hotspots. Students have been directed to log in to their classes and get ready to learn.

In Crestwood School District, online learning had not been implemented as of press time, but an effort is being made on the Crestwood High School Facebook page to engage students in fun contests that could be categorized as learning experiences. Each day, a challenge is extended to a specific grade. The first student to correctly answer has been winning a pizza party for his class.

Lunch distribution continues by both districts, Monday through Friday, for any student.



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Kidder Supers declare disaster emergency, complete police business

by Seth Isenberg

Kidder Township supervisors conducted their March 19 regular monthly meeting in front of a small audience, all carefully separated by social distance, and with supervisors also carefully distanced, plus one by telephone. The meeting was short and packed with business, starting with a declaration of disaster emergency due to the Covid-19 public health emergency and actions of the Pennsylvania state government, effective immediately. The declaration authorizes the township to act to meet the emergency — in buying needed supplies and materials, adding temporary staff if needed, entering into contracts for public

work to meet the emergency, and the like.

In relation to the emergency declaration, supervisors' chairman Thomas Bradley made note that the township will need to review and update its emergency preparedness plan.

Kidder Police Chief Matthew Kuzma issued a statement about changes in police procedure to protect the KTP officers. He also reached out to township senior citizens to offer what help his department can provide.

Supervisors approved hiring part/time police officer Vince Morrow as a full timer. Morrow steps up to cover for an officer recovering from an injury.

The department is waiting for the arrival of its new

police vehicle, and was able to sell the vehicle that was retired for a higher price than the dealership offered for its trade-in. Walker Township near Tamaqua will buy the unit, stripped of its radio and computer, as is, for \$5,750.

Bills to be paid total \$107,232 the month. Taxes, insurances, pensions, electric and phone costs were \$50,907. Garbage pickup cost was \$26,919. Regular bills added up to \$24,413 (\$11,228 of that in engineering costs). The rest of the items include \$1,151 for traffic lights (PPL), and \$3,841 for the fire companies and ambulance.

With the improving weather, roadmaster Bruce Berger

will meet with the township engineer ARRO Consulting to look at the roads, and to contract ARRO to prepare specs for paving projects for this year. Plans are to get storm-water issues on Kirk Street and Kresge Lane resolved before any paving.

The meeting between Lake Harmony Estates and Lake Harmony Fire Co. Chief Ralph Lennon to site a new dry hydrant was delayed by LHE. Chief Lennon remarked he expects to meet with them soon.

In other business, supervisors approved the lot jointure of two lots in Holiday Pocono for Ronald and Jeanette Smith, and they added a property back onto the tax rolls from the tax claim repository. Police,

fire, EMS, codes, sewage, zoning and planning reports were accepted.

The next regular meeting is planned for April 16 at 6:30 p.m., potentially on-line depending on the Covid-19 dictates.

Fish Fry cancelled

BSA Venturing Crew 461 regrets to announce that this year we will not be holding our annual Good Friday Fish Fry at the American Legion in Mountaintop. We want to thank all our wonderful patrons who have faithfully supported us every season. Stay healthy, stay kind and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Veterans Corner

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

VETERAN IMMUNITY RUMOR:

Due to inquiries or other reasons unknown, there is a rumor circulating that veterans who have been treated

in the past with the malaria drug Hydroxychloroquine developed an immunity to Coronavirus. Veterans and others must not take that seriously, even with the results being published in some news media. Over the years, perhaps millions of veterans were placed on medical regimens when serving in areas where malaria is a known threat. Even then, it did not always prevent malaria 100%. The human immune system has a long memory, in some cases where the body builds up an immunity that lasts a lifetime, in others it is short term and requires booster shots.

It has now been discovered in clinical tests that in cases where Hydroxychloroquine was rapidly reducing the life-threatening cycle of Coronavirus, the most responsive patients were also on the

medication Azithromycin, a prescribed drug that fights infection. Although the clinical test period was short and performed on patients infected with the virus, the results showed a proven effect that during the 6-day time period, while patients not given Hydroxychloroquine showed no change. Patients given Hydroxychloroquine reduced the viral effects down to 50%, and patients given both Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin showed little to no infection at the end of the 6-days.

So even if a veteran or anyone else's system retains preventive effects of Hydroxychloroquine from the past, it would be weakened and also would require the Azithromycin to fight off the virus.

Testing is being continued as neither of these two drugs

can be called a cure, or made into a vaccine yet.

Always seek treatment and listen to medical professionals. Rumors only give a false sense of hope and reality.

STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR VETERANS

Note: At the time of this writing, no decision has been made, and because of the critical nature of the times, this may change from the time of writing Monday to publication on Thursday. I have written this in response to the many inquiries from veterans I am receiving.

There is no definite information as of 13:08 hours, March 23, 2020. It was said all Americans with a Social Security number as well as those receiving Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, and

Disabled Veterans, would be included. MSNBC's morning show reported: "Expanding Social Security and other benefits by \$200 a month through 2021 will be a more stable and reliable source of support for these seniors and the economy as public health officials work to contain this virus." This proposal included; Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, Social Security Supplemental Income and all Disabled Veterans receiving compensation and Veterans Pension.

Keep in mind I am writing about "Proposed" stimulus packages with desired additions from the House and Senate. This is the most up to date information I have as the submission of this commentary. I will provide any updates next week.



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Emergency Management Operation for White Haven area current status

by **Chris Zwiebel**

As the corona virus continues to spread throughout Pennsylvania, residents of the White Haven area should do their part to stay home as much as you can. Please consider that every trip out of the house that you can avoid is lowering the risk to you, your neighbors and our First Responders.

Our primary goal right now is to protect the Emergency Response Organizations (EROs) of the White Haven Area - Dennison Township VFD, White Haven EMS, WH Police and the WH Fire Department. Our belief is that if our First Responders are protected, they will be available to help you. Community members are reminded how important our First Responders are, and that we should all take a role in ensuring their

safety and seeing that their needs, and the needs of their families, are met so they may be available to support us.

The EROs of the three Municipalities, along with elected officials of each Municipality, and key members of the Incident Command Team, have formed an Emergency Management Committee that met via teleconference this past Saturday morning and will continue to meet on a weekly basis or more frequently as dictated by events.

A virtual Emergency Operations Center and an Incident Command System (ICS) have been initiated by the WH Area Emergency Management Committee. The following are Command elements of the ICS:

- Public Information Officer
- Communications
- Logistics
- Operations

- Finance
- Safety
- Sensitive Populations
- Infection Control

Each of these Commands are staffed by volunteers from our communities who have stepped up to help. We may need more help in each of these Command Sectors. Help may be individuals who wish to volunteer and work in a virtual role, and 'boots on the ground' for those with lower risks from exposure to the corona virus.

Through our Incident Command Systems' Finance and Logistics functions, we have submitted our requisition request order to Luzerne County EMA for complete personal protective equipment (PPE) ensembles for First Responders. A timeline for delivery is not available at this point.

Our Planning command function is looking at what needs our Communities may require and how these can be supported on the local level as we go through this event.

Our Sensitive Populations command function continues to work with local faith-based and civic groups to ensure sensitive populations within our Communities are identified and continued to be cared for. If you are aware of any residents within White Haven, Penn Lake or Dennison Township who may be infirm or otherwise need help, please contact your elected officials.

The Infection Control command function is diligently working to digest the volumes of COVID 19 information made available to the public so that critical businesses in our area may have some simple guidance on infection control strategies for the new operational circumstances each is faced with.

Our Operations and Safety

command functions are staffed with local Emergency Response Organizations and have been preparing their organizations to be ready for service should they be necessary.

The Communications command function of our ICS will continue releasing public press releases and social media updates the beginning of each week or more frequently as dictated by the nature of events.

The Communications command is looking for someone with Public Information or Communications experience to lead our Communications

Command. Volunteers are also needed to help us coordinate our messaging, especially in the social media space.

The Emergency Management Coordinator for the White Haven area is specifically asking young people who may be at home for a while to consider helping out. This is THE time for the next generation to show us all what you can do. Please consider volunteering with one of your Emergency Response Organizations or with the functions of the Incident Command structure.

White Haven Borough office closed

Effective Monday, March 16, the White Haven Borough Building at 312 Main Street, White Haven will be closed to the public until further notice.

This is being done to help prevent the spread of Covid 19 to employees and police officers who need to continue to work in the borough under the Emergency Management Guidelines set forth by the White Haven Area Emergency Management Council.

All borough business can be handled by mail including permit applications, fine payments, and borough trash bills by mailing them to the address above. The form of payment is to be CHECK or MONEY Order payable to White Haven Borough. NO CASH will be accepted.

The Tax Collector has suspended tax public tax collection hours thru the end of the month. This may be changed depending on direction from EMA. You can mail your property tax to Kathy Oross at PO BOX 124 White Haven PA 18661. You can reach Kathy by phone at 570-443-7340 or by email koross@whboro.org

If you need to reach the borough manager for any assistance you can call 570-443-9129 or email lszoke@whboro.org

As always, if you need an officer for a non-emergency you can call 570-443-8888. For emergencies dial 911. You will not be able to come to the building and speak with an officer while the Borough Building is closed. You will need to call to make an appointment for any reports, finger printing, etc.

Please be sure to watch our face book page and the Journal-Herald for any information pertaining to closures or updates on Covid 19. We will also advise you of any changes in the Public Council meetings as provided from the state. Its important to check on your elderly neighbors and please don't hesitate to let us know if you need assistance with anything.

Thank you for your Cooperation

Mayor Fred Meier
White Haven
Borough Council

The Journal-Herald is attempting to keep up with all the COVID-19 news and alerts. Watch our website, pocononewspapers.com, and our Facebook page. If you'd like to be on our e-blast list for bulletins and messages, send an e-mail to journalruth@gmail.com

Kidder Township Police Dept. issues Covid-19 statement

Kidder Township Police Chief Matthew Kuzma issued the following statement during the township supervisors meeting on March 19: "The Kidder Township Police is here to protect and serve the community, but in order to do that we need to protect the officers of the KTPD. In order to do this, we are modifying our patrol procedures to include taking reports over the phone that do not require an on-scene inves-

tigation. We will respond to crimes of violence or against other people, and reportable accidents.

"Please continue to call 911 for KTPD and we will assess the situation, and respond as appropriate.

"During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, if any senior citizens in Kidder Township need assistance, please call 570-722-0192. We will attempt to help you in any way we can."

VFW cancels events

White Haven VFW Bingo on March 26, is cancelled. is being postponed until further notice.

The Block Shoot, that was scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at the White Haven VFW Also, the kitchen will be closed until further notice.

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Now is the time to pull together as a community to get through this crisis and back to normal as soon as possible.

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Crestwood receives school safety funding

State funding in the amount of \$362,800 through the School Safety and Security Grant Program has been awarded to six local school districts, state Reps. Gerald Mullery and Eddie Day Pashinski announced.

“The safety of our children and the security of our schools is one of my most critical priorities,” Mullery said. “Funding like this allows our schools to develop initiatives and programs that ensure student safety, and I am pleased to be working with our school districts to secure these funds.”

“Our children deserve to learn, and our teachers deserve to work in the safest

possible environment,” Pashinski said. “I am happy to see this funding coming back to our school districts to improve safety and security in their buildings.”

The school districts that received funding are:

Crestwood School District - \$40,000

Greater Nanticoke Area School District - \$40,000

Hanover Area School District - \$40,000

Hazleton Area School District - \$152,800

Wilkes-Barre Area School District - \$45,000

Wyoming Valley West School District - \$45,000

The funds will be provid-

ed through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency’s School Safety and Security Committee. This committee is the result of Act 44 of 2018, and is responsible for establishing the standards schools must meet when performing school safety and security assessments.

The funds can be used for a wide variety of programs that address school safety, including risk assessment and violence-prevention efforts, classroom management, conflict resolution or dispute management initiatives, and the installation or purchase of technology related to school and student safety.

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Don't miss the count on Census scams

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tips to avoiding census scams. The Census Bureau will NOT send you an email with a link to complete the questionnaire online – if you get such an email, it is a scam. The Census Bureau will never ask you to for sensitive information, like your full Social Security number, bank account number or your mother's maiden name. Finally, when you do get a mailing from Census to tell you how you can complete your questionnaire, look for the official return address of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Any other address is a scam.

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Report scams to local law enforcement. For help from AARP, call 1-877-908-3360 or visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork.

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Centenary UMC moves online

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Please refer to our web-

site for information and live streaming worship opportunities. The website is www.weatherlycumc.org.

The prayer shawl group is also canceled until after Easter.

Services will resume once we can be sure it is safe to do so. Until then, please contact us via email if there is any

way we can be of service to our community during this difficult time. And remember, God is with us. It is in these difficult, trying, and uncertain times in which Jesus often shows up in the most powerful ways to offer comfort, strength, and peace, throughout scripture, and here, now, today.

New books donated to WACL

The following books have been donated to the Weatherly Area Community Library.

Donated in Memory of Thomas Rostock by KME Fire Apparatus:

Fireman's Safety Hints by

Giovanni Caviezel

Richard Scarry's Smokey the Fireman by Richard Scarry

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The Fireman: A Novel by Joe Hill

Donated by Chuck Shuck's "Libraries Across America" program, requested by Carolyn Maury:

Gabe: The Dog Who Sniffs Out Danger by Thea Feldman
Bonded by Battle by Nancy Roe Pimm

The library is currently closed, but will reopen as soon as schools are reopened.

Hinkle named to roster of "H.O.W.L.s" at Bloomsburg

Bloomsburg University recently released their 2020-2021 roster of Husky Orientation & Welcome Leaders (H.O.W.L.s.) for the 2021-2022 academic year. Often the first point of contact for incoming students and their families, H.O.W.L.s. are highly trained students who model and assist in a healthy transition to college life for fellow students. H.O.W.L.s. provide campus tours for prospective and new students and their families, facilitate the transition to college for small groups of new students, and serve as reliable sources of university information in an often-overwhelming time in a student's academic career.

"H.O.W.L.s. are critical to the smooth transition to college for new students," explained Kristin Austin, Bloomsburg University Assistant Director for New Stu-

dent and Family Orientation. "They are their 'go to' mentors, leaders, and role models and help with everything from homesickness and roommate adjustment to where to get the best slice of pizza downtown."

Julia Hinkle from Weatherly was selected as a H.O.W.L. for the 2020-2021 academic year. Hinkle is a Early Childhood Education major and a member of the class of 2022.

Student organizations, such as the H.O.W.L.s., are part of a comprehensive effort at Bloomsburg University to equip every student with practical, meaningful experiences and alumni and employer connections, both on campus and in the field, so they are prepared to impact their community and the workplace upon graduation. This commitment to student success is known as Professional U.

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Cub Scout Pack 60 competes in the Pinewood Derby



Every year, scouts from St. Jude Parish, Cub Scout Pack 60, look forward to the Pinewood Derby. The scout starts with a block of pine wood, two notches for wheels, four nails, and plastic wheels. With adult assistance, they then craft the block of wood into theme cars that ranged from Monster Energy to Mario and Pikachu. Participants this year were: Lion Den: Milan Hirian, Nathaniel Prezelski, Colin Rusinko; Tiger Den: Jayden Arruzzo, Bryce Cope, Robert Marcalus, Liam Truschel, Giovanni Shulde, Ryan Rathbone; Wolf Den: Brayden

Antonello, Coleman Grandzol, William Rutala, Luke Strish, Hayden Arnold, Noah Keiser; Bear Den: Quintin Sartori, Braydon Collins, Liam Arnold; Webelo Den: Samuel Amandola, Raymond Mazur, Joshua Pavlick, Jack Truschel; Arrow of Light Den: Aiden Eigenbrod, Hunsinger, Steven Rowlands, Harrison Vasek, Tyler White and Alex White (not pictured). Scout Leaders were: Ray Mazur, Mike Sartori, Alec Marcalus, Nicolas Rutala, Christian Grandzol and Jack Truschel II. The top finishers for the 2020, Cub Scout Pack 60, Pinewood Derby were Noah Prezelski (first), Nathaniel Prezelski (second) and Luke Strish (third).

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There's so much different with our world slowly contracting inward. It is always important to do all that we can to keep ourselves healthy, but with a serious illness lurking, around New York City, and New Yorkers coming to our area for vacations and second homes, we'll need to be vigilant.

Our norm would have been a day out this weekend to attend an event or go to a museum, followed by dinner – under the new rules, that's not going to happen for a few weeks. This past week, our excursions were either business related or mixed in with grocery shopping. On Friday, we delivered a newspaper for a client, then stopped afterwards at a Columbian Bakery and Restaurant for take-out – eating our meal and baked goods in the parking lot of the grocery store. On the grocery store shelves, we did not find all the shopping we needed.

On Saturday, we visited Slater and took him for a take-out meal at Mission BBQ which we then brought back to his apartment to enjoy. Mission BBQ again treated him since he is a WWII vet, and Ruth and I enjoyed their great meats and regular reasonable prices.

We spent part of Sunday afternoon doing a couple of short hikes in Hickory Run State Park – down into the hollow of Hickory Run Lake, and then along a lightly used part of the Old Stage Trail not far from the Turnpike.

On the walk back to our car on the Old Stage Trail – we slowly gained a small group of birds who flitted along the

trail ahead of us, then around us, and then behind. It was a treat.

The park was busy, though we all kept apart. We went over to the bathroom near Boulder Field, to find it locked up... There were well over 100 people on and around, with no bathroom. How's that healthy? We're social distancing, but running off into to woods to go.

On that subject, the idea of closed parks, ski areas and the like make little sense if proper precautions are taken. I am also of the opinion that pro sports should resume, even if only in empty halls. Ruth and I both really miss the AHL ice hockey games and on TV would be a treat right now. This is like London during the Blitz, with disinfectant and no sneezing.

Pennsylvania has amazed the entire country by closing its liquor stores. That over-reach stands alone nationwide.

Just the same, we are stocking up slowly on the items we need for any long shelter stay at the house – heating oil, foods, books, a T.V. subscription... Ruth has been encouraging me to exercise so we're planning remote walks on trails with no one but ourselves – there are hundreds of trails hereabouts and we can nearly always find one with no car parked at the trailhead.

Looking ahead, other than the hikes and grocery trips, we're at home. If the weather doesn't see frost, it looks like our forsythia may begin an early bloom, along with some of our daffodils.

To pass some of the time, I've started a science fiction series. When I get to reading, I leave Earth and the virus behind for adventures on distant planets and space with new alien species and humans... Ruth prefers period mysteries in the 1800s. So time travel the other direction ...

Slater is going to be 95 this coming weekend. We plan a small celebration, and have set a bigger one for mid-May with a neighbor of his who turns 95 herself in May.

So, to all of you – germ-free best wishes through these next several weeks. It's likely going to be a bumpy ride.

NEPA Alliance offering business loan assistance

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance is committed to working with regional small businesses and non-profits during the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, commonly known as Coronavirus. NEPA Alliance is working with state and federal agencies to offer loan assistance programs to Northeastern Pennsylvania businesses and non-profits essential to prevent larger issues.

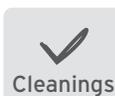
The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance is currently partnering with federal and state agencies to ensure small businesses and non-profits in the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania have available resources accessible to them through the coronavirus crisis. This includes help with the U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest federal disaster loan program for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, NEPA Alliance also has numerous business loan programs that offer low fixed interest rates to businesses in the 7-county region of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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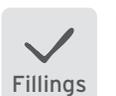
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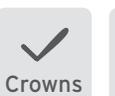
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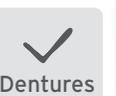
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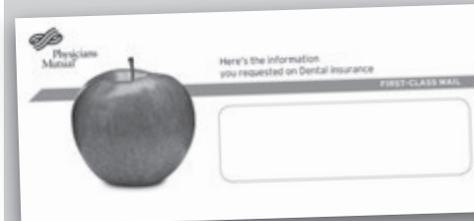
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Sources for free books

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kind, we're all in this together!

The Little Lending Library in Eurana Park in Weatherly is well-stocked with books, and the Weatherly Recreation Committee is asking people to post videos of themselves reading children's stories as an online storytime on their Facebook page.

Coming Events

The Coming Events column is on hold, for now. Because the president and governor have recommended no groups of larger than 10 assembled, most public events are being postponed or cancelled. De-

pending on how long this situation continues, we may begin listing online events, Zoom meetings, and concerts. If you have an event of this type to add, please submit it to journalruth@pa.metrocast.net.

Community Easter Dinner cancelled in Hazleton

After carefully monitoring local and national developments with the spread and potential of the Corona COVID-19 virus, the decision has been made to cancel the Community Easter Dinner, on Sunday, April 12.

This includes all aspects of the dinner: including, but not limited to: the eat-in dinner held at Holy Rosary Church, Hazleton, homebound deliveries, and deliveries to any and all emergency medical and safety personnel on duty that day.

"This decision has not been made lightly," Pat Ward,

United Way President and CEO, said. "The safety and well-being of our community, volunteers and staff remain the utmost priority during this most challenging time. There are lot of moving parts in this project, so canceling is the only solution. With about 300 people coming for a sit down dinner and another 650 deliveries to the homebound, we must lookout for the health and safety of our recipients and over 100 volunteers. The Hazleton Firefighters Association, through its representative Tony Columbo, and our major sponsors are all

in agreement. It also takes between three to four weeks to prepare and order food and supplies for the event. So we had to make the decision now."

"We have been in constant discussion with all involved and this decision is made collectively by the United Way, the Hazleton City Firefighters Association and Catholic Social Services – all partners in the annual event," Ward continued.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends taking preventative actions, avoiding crowds and staying home as much as possible.

The cancellation of the Community Easter Dinner has been announced in a timely manner in order to allow community residents to prepare accordingly.

To Supporters of the Mauch Chunk Opera House

Due to the Coronavirus we will be postponing the remainder of events in March

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On The Sly...

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guy. "The Fridge" rushed for two touchdowns and caught a third in the Bears' run to the Super Bowl.

The Baltimore Stars won their second consecutive United States Football League title, but with only nine teams remaining by season's end, the fledgling league was on shaky ground. Herschel Walker of the New Jersey Generals continued to be the face of the USFL, rushing for a pro-record 2,411 yards in '85.

Professional basketball

First-year players Michael Jordan and Akeem Olajuwon certainly made their marks in the 1984-85 NBA campaign, with Jordan winning Rookie of the Year honors. But the NBA stage still belonged to Magic and Bird.

Boston's Larry Bird captured his second consecutive MVP award and got the Celtics back to the finals, only to run into Magic Johnson and the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Celtics had beaten the Lakers in eight straight championship matchups, and routed them 148-114 in Game One at the Boston Garden.

Behind 38-year-old Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who averaged 30 points per game the remainder of the series, the Lakers came back to win it in six games and beat the rival Celtics for the first time.

Later in the year, the New York Knicks drafted Georgetown star center Patrick Ewing, and the Kansas City Kings moved west, beginning their first season in Sacramento in the fall of '85.

College Basketball

Ewing and the Georgetown Hoyas were the dominant team in 1984-85, ravaging opponents with intimidat-

ing defense. They won the Big East title, rolled through the NCAA Tournament, and brushed aside Big East rival St. John's again to reach the title game.

The Hoyas were expected to easily defend their title against Big East afterthought Villanova, which got into the tournament with an at-large berth before a shocking run to the final. Many thought the Wildcats would need a perfect game to beat the mighty Hoyas, and that's exactly what they delivered. Shooting 79 percent from the field, Rolly Masmemino's Cinderella Wildcats shocked Georgetown 64-62 for their first championship in what is widely considered one of the biggest upsets in college basketball history.

College Football

With a cast of unheralded players and head coach Joe Paterno, Penn State took down No. 7 Maryland and No. 10 Alabama, along with Notre Dame and Pitt, en route to an 11-0 regular season and the No. 1 ranking. Their national championship dreams ended on New Year's Day in the Orange Bowl, where Oklahoma beat the Nittany Lions 25-10 to take it away.

Grambling head coach Eddie Robinson ended the season with 328 victories, surpassing Paul "Bear" Bryant's 323 to become college football's winningest coach.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame fired head coach Gerry Faust after five non-productive seasons, and brought on Lou Holtz to lead the Irish.

Baseball

Despite the drug issue that was casting a dark cloud over the sport, some of baseball's finest and most memorable moments surfaced in 1985.

Pete Rose pursued and finally chased down Ty Cobb to become baseball's all-time hits leader on Sept. 11. His line

single to center off San Diego's Eric Show was the 4,192nd of his career.

Tom Seaver pitched his 300th career win and Rod Carew got his 3,000th career hit on the same day.

If that weren't enough, at age 46, Phil Niekro earned his 300th win on the final day of the season.

St. Louis Cardinals' Willie McGee, the NL batting champ, and New York Yankees' Don Mattingly, the majors' RBI leader, were named their league's respective Most Valuable Players, and the New York Mets' Dwight Gooden captured the NL Cy Young Award.

Perhaps no player had a more memorable season -- and a more thrilling final week -- than 21-year-old pitcher Bret Saberhagen. With the AL Cy Young winner Saberhagen showing the way, the Royals roared back from 2-0 and 3-1 series deficits to outlast the St. Louis Cardinals and win the World Series. In the same final week, he pitched the Royals to a World Series triumph, won MVP honors and attended the birth of his first child.

Also of note in 1985, New York Yankees fired manager Billy Martin, ending his fourth term as the team's fiery manager. Martin took over for Yogi Berra, who was let go just 16 games into the season. By season's end, Martin had brawled with Yankees pitcher Ed Whitson in a Baltimore motel.

Boxing

Two matches stood out above all others, and both were memorable in their own right.

Michael Spinks, more-or-less a light-heavyweight fighting up, ducked and dodged his way to a decision win over undefeated heavyweight champion Larry Holmes in Las Vegas.

It kept Holmes from equaling Rocky Marciano's 49-0 career record.

The most memorable matchup of the year -- and one of the most exciting in years -- took place between middleweights Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns. The two slugged it out ferociously from the opening bell into the third and final round, when Hagler finally stopped Hearns after eight marvelous minutes.

Around the horn

There were many other special moments in 1985. I'll leave you with a few more...

* Edmonton won its second straight Stanley Cup championship, beating Philadelphia 4-1 in the finals. A 24-year-old Wayne Gretzky showed the way with 73 goals and 135 assists that season, capturing his sixth straight MVP award and fifth consecutive NHL scoring title.

* At age 17, West Germany's Boris Becker became the youngest male to win the Wimbledon singles championship.

* The women's tennis rivalry between Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert Lloyd added three more amazing chapters, as Navratilova took two majors (U.S. Open, Australian

Open) and Evert Lloyd a third (French Open) in their head-to-head finals meetings.

* In golf, Nancy Lopez won five times and set an LPGA Tour single-season money record at \$416,473. Curtis Strange set the PGA record with \$542,320 in prize money. Germany's Bernard Langer won the Masters.

* Mary Decker Slaney rebounded from her fall in the 1984 Olympics to win all 14 outdoor races, from the 800 to 5,000 meters. Included in that was a dramatic win over Zola Budd and Maricica Puica when Slaney set the world record in the mile (4:16.71).

* After placing a disappointing sixth in the '84 Olympics, triple-jumper Willie Banks reversed his retirement plans, and instead set a world record at 58 feet, 11 1/2 inches at the U.S. Championships.

* Danny Sullivan won the Indianapolis 500, while Al Unser Sr. won the Indy Car championship by one point over son Al Jr.

* Darrell Waltrip won the NASCAR championship, and Bill Elliott claimed a record \$2.38 million in prize money. That included Elliott's two-race sweep at Pocono Raceway in the summer of '85.

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Journal-Herald Sports

Despite the Coronavirus epidemic, this athletic group conducted business as usual

by Roger Barbee

The NCAA, NBA, MLB, NHL, and other athletic groups have suspended activities because of COVID-19, but not the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA). Two weekends ago, the Association went ahead with its tournament near Dallas despite the fact that the mayor of Dallas banned gatherings of 500 or more people

and Texas Governor Greg Abbott had declared a “state of disaster.” The unsanctioned NCAA event involved 84 colleges and over 600 wrestlers.

“I think a lot of this is driven by fear,” said NCWA executive director, Jim Giunta. “We’re going to operate on faith rather than fear.” When asked how he felt about proceeding with business as usual, UT Arlington’s coach Collin Stoner said: “I think when we

start to cancel these events, the actual athlete and the hard work kind of fades away from them.” He viewed the virus “on the back burner” and was proud that the tournament had not been canceled.

Liberty University coach, Jesse Castro, put it this way: “From a philosophical perspective, do I think [reaction to the Coronavirus] is overhyped? Yes, I do.... You know the talking points. We’ve dealt

with this kind of stuff before.... We’re vigilant and use common sense, but I refuse to live in fear. I’m not gonna do that.”

There’s another narrative, of course. Every institution needs to put people first. Nothing is more important than public welfare - even if it means (in this case) that athletes lose an opportunity to compete in an event that has been the target of their

training. Going ahead with this tournament put everyone at risk, including the referees, arena workers, media, and fans in the stands.

Faith is one thing. Irresponsible behavior is another. The NCWA put public health at risk.

Roger Barbee is a former wrestling coach and educator. He writes for The Sports Column.

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COVID-19 Claims Four More Formula 1 Races, Season Won't Start Until at Least June 7

by Mark Gero

Last Thursday, the list of Formula 1 racing postponements/cancellations rose from four to seven. In addition to previously announced

scheduling adjustments in the Grand Prix of Australia, Bahrain, China, and Vietnam, the world learned that races in the Netherlands, Spain, and Monaco also won't be held as scheduled. It's all the result of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19.

The big question is whether any of these races will be run in 2020. The races in the Netherlands and Spain might be rescheduled for a later time, but the Grand Prix of Monaco - the race that many see as the cream of F1's crop -

will not. It will be the first cancellation in the history of the race, which began in 1954. It also means that the F1 season won't start until at least June 7 in Azerbaijan. But even that date is speculative. It depends on how the COVID-19 situation evolves worldwide.

Formula 1 officials have made it clear that no races will be held until the disease slows down or is fully under control. The sport's governing body put it this way: “Formula 1 and the FIA (Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile)

continue to work closely with affected promoters and local authorities to monitor the situation and take the appropriate amount of time to study the viability of potential alternative dates for each Grand Prix later in the year should the situation improve.”

Instead of racing, Formula 1 announced that it will shut down for a three-week break - a break that normally occurs in August - before it resuming activities. Such is life these days. Nothing has become the new reality.

Los Angeles-based Mark Gero, a veteran Formula 1 reporter, writes for The Sports Column

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Journal-Herald Sports

1985 year in sports was unforgettable

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

Back in the day, *Sports Illustrated* would send you free gifts for starting or renewing a subscription. Perhaps they still do. I've accumulated a few of these "gifts" over the years, including sports almanacs, championship memorabilia, clocks and videos.

I popped one of those S.I. videos into my old VHS player recently, partly to see if the thing still worked. Pleased that it did, I started watching "The Year In Sports, 1985" and within minutes I was jet-tionised back in time to what was a most remarkable year in the sports world.

I was just finishing up my final year of college and heading out into the workforce in 1985. A lot of my free time was spent watching sports on

the tube, and I had no idea at the time how special this year would be. It truly was an amazing time for established teams and stars, and new ones rising up.

On The Sly

It was a year when long-time records fell, milestones were achieved, and history was made. It was also a year in which sports received a black eye amid scandal.

Eighteen current and former Major League Baseball players were identified as cocaine users in a Pittsburgh trial on drug abuse.

Scandal also trickled down to the college ranks, where Tulane basketball players were implicated in a point shaving scheme, while investigations on other campuses

centered on drug use, gambling, payments to players and academic abuses.

Baseball also endured its second mid-season players strike, although this one lasted just two days.

Ultimately, the memorable moments of any sports year are those that take place on the field and in the playing arena, and 1985 had plenty of those.

Pro Football

The NFL's season wrapped up in January when an innovative coach named Joe Walsh teamed with Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana to

lead the San Francisco 49ers to a 15-1 record, and a 38-16 Super Bowl victory over Dan Marino and the Miami Dolphins. Montana threw for 331 yards and three touchdowns to bring home the MVP award.

Later in the year, the 1985 pro football season belonged to the Chicago Bears. Parlayed by a dominating defense and future Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, they also powered through the year with a 15-1 record, eventually putting together the "Super Bowl Shuffle" and winning the Super Bowl the following

January.

Although Payton and colorful quarterback Jim McMahon were the stars, Bears fans couldn't get enough of the new kid in town, rookie defensive tackle William "The Refrigerator" Perry. The 308-pound defensive tackle became a national folk hero of sorts, particularly for his offensive exploits. Head coach Mike Ditka inserted Perry into the offensive backfield in goal-line situations, using Perry as a lead blocker for Payton, and also as the go-to

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