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White Haven Council holds first-ever online meeting



by Ruth Isenberg

White Haven Borough Council's March meeting was different from any previous meeting, because it was conducted via Zoom. The technology allowed council members and other borough officials to meet and conduct normal business without compromising safety or violating Covid-19 shelter in place orders.

Council president John Klem, Mayor Fred Meier and borough manager Linda Szoke anchored the meeting at the municipal building. Attending from their homes were council members Charlie Best, Mike D'Angola, Rose Diel, Bob Lamson and John Zugarek; engineer Don Totino; solicitor Sean Logsdon; public works supervisor Joe Wychock; and reporters for this newspaper and the Standard-Speaker.

After opening with a virtual Pledge of Allegiance, council proceeded through its usual agenda items. Minutes were approved, and though no members of the public logged in to voice complaints, manager Szoke reported receiving numerous calls and e-mails

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From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
April 2, 1970****James Faust and Cletus
Milan, Publishers**

Joyce Slovak was the winner of the special oratorical contest for grade 8 of the Junior High School with her speech, "Moment of Truth." Her picture is on the front page, with her certificate being presented by Miss Carol Raynock. Other contestants were Kathy Lazo, Joan Stoff, Chris Zumar, John Timko and Karen Jeppsen.

Donald Gerhart of Weatherly was promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He is a radar repairman, now based at Craig AFB in Alabama. The sergeant graduated from Weatherly Area High School in 1967. AF staff sergeant George Deisenroth and his family returned from the Philippines after two years, and, after his furlough to visit with family here in Weatherly, continued to his new posting in Plattsburgh, New York.

The Keystone Quartet perform at the Grace Chapel on Kline Street on Thursday.

This was James Faust's top of front page story:

"March gave up like a raving lion this week, leaving a mantle of white to mark the end of one of the worst winters in recent history. (The storm) snarled the entire Eastern Seaboard with an Easter punch that dropped up to 10 inches over the Weatherly area.

"Sunrise service worshippers emerged from churches at 7 a.m. to be greeted with a few snowflakes... by noon the borough, townships and state plows were out (as) six inches had fallen."

Travelers drove, "squinting into a blinding snowstorm..."

The Easter Egg hunt will be held Sunday if the weather cooperates — postponed from last week due to the snow-storm.

The Weatherly Area Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8128 will conduct another paper drive on Saturday, April 11. Place your papers on the curb for pickup between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Officials of Hazleton National Bank announced the Tri-Shop on Wilbur Street will be razed. The bank had been trying to sell the structure for over a year. The building had been the headquarters of the Nail Keg youth organization. "At one time, it was a thriving eating place, newspaper and magazine shop, and pool hall," operated by brothers Harry and Pete Allison, and most recently by brothers David and Paul Coll. Bank officials costs to renovate the building are prohibitive ... Once razed, the property will become a parking lot for bank employees and customers.

A photo shows Donald Hoffman of Rockport with the 130-pound wild boar he shot in the Bloomsburg area.

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

The Eurana Park baseball diamond was just about clear of snow, though a little mushy (before Sunday's snow). [He remembers playing baseball through snow flurries in April, but nothing like the snow that fell Sunday.] Guess we'll have to wax up the slats again.

Before too long, WHS will

have its first competitive sport for girls. Registration is now underway for softball players ... with the team to be coached by Physical Education teacher Sheri Williams.

Congratulations to Pete McMonigle on being elected president of the Anthracite League.

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

Steiner's in Hazleton is offering "beautiful new spring coat & dress ensembles" from 10% to 20% off as "After Easter Specials."

Open a savings account with \$100 or more at Hazleton National Bank and select from gifts including men's or ladies' umbrellas, a portable barbecue, a wide mouth Thermos, an all-weather lantern or a folding aluminum chair.

**From
The Journal-Herald,
April 5, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

Sixth grade student Erica Brown of White Haven was the winner of the annual spelling bee at Fairview Elementary School. She was tops of 19 sixth and seventh graders. The field slowly narrowed as the words became more difficult. Brown was the sole sixth grader of a group of three, the others being Matt Lengyel and Rosanne Lisa. Rosanne missed a word first. It was "a see-saw battle until Matt tripped up on "reservoir." Erica spelled two words right to be declared the winner.

Erica went on to compete in the Luzerne County competition, ending as first runner-up.

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Editorial

Please help with the fight

by Seth and Ruth Isenberg

The White Haven area Emergency Management team is looking for volunteers to aid in this area's response to the Covid-19 virus. Since folks are all cooped up, here's something to do in the borough and the townships that surround White Haven that can help everyone through this crisis. College-age and high school students who might be getting edgy from all the restrictions can make a big difference. Their skills and energy can turn a regular response into a great one.

Here in our corner of the Poconos, most of the volunteer corps comes from folks 55 and over. Many local volunteers are part of the population most vulnerable to the virus. This is the age group we fall into, and while we get the work done, for heavy lifting and the like, and for social media, we tend to need help. This is an opportunity to really help out, and work with all sorts of people and of all ages and all kinds of skills.

It's not clear what the emergency team will get to do. It might be an organized program to reach out to seniors and shut-ins, perhaps aiding in getting food and medicines to them. With the highway hotels out in Kidder Township, we may find ourselves supporting medical responses if those beds become needed.

Whatever the task, volunteers will help make the job easier.

In the past, our being located along the Interstate has meant responses to accidents and aid to travelers. As written here, our area history has White Haven stepping up to help those stricken in the tuberculosis epidemic. In 2020, a new role awaits.

Volunteer by email whitehavenareacovid19@gmail.com or go to the White Haven Area EMA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WHACOV19/

You are needed, you are valuable, and your service could save some local lives.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Packer Township Supervisors will hold their regular scheduled meeting remotely via Zoom on April 7th at 6:00 P.M. The public can attend this meeting remotely and should visit www.packertownship.com for information. If you do not have internet access but would like to have public comment read into the record during the meeting, mail to Packer Township Supervisors, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, PA 18255. Please call 570-427-8969 with questions or to obtain meeting minutes.

Stephanie Stolpe
Secretary

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 issued in the **Estate of Doreen C. Davis a/k/a Doreen Carol Davis a/k/a Doreen Davis**, late of 265 Lauderburn Avenue, Weatherly, Pennsylvania who died on the 3rd day of March, 2020 by the Register of Wills of Carbon County to **Executor, Glenn John Davis, 42 Rose Loop, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66207**. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

Daniel A. Miscavige, Esquire
Gillespie, Miscavige & Ferdinand, LLC
67 North Church Street
Hazleton, PA 18201

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN RE: **ESTATE OF HELEN G. KOST**, Deceased, late of the Township of Hazle, County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the **Estate of Helen G. Kost, to Luzerne No. 4020-0511**, who died on the 10th day of February, 2020. 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 Executor, Frank G. Kost, 906 Hamilton Circle, Harrisburg, PA 17111, or his attorney:

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

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The Journal-Herald is collecting e-mail addresses to help communicate essential information during the COVID-19 situation and beyond. We plan to send out a between-issue e-blast at least once a week, and more often if needed. It will also include some fun stuff and ways to entertain yourself at home, as well as messages from our advertisers. If you'd like to receive it each week, please send an e-mail to journalruth@gmail.com with the subject line: **E-BLAST**

From our friends at Tundra Comics:



Dennison Supervisors deal with property issues

by Seth Isenberg

At Dennison Township's March supervisors meeting, the meeting started with an executive session to discuss litigation and consider purchase of property. When the public meeting began, supervisors were unanimous on a motion to authorize attorney Matt Boyd to defend the township in the litigation, and prepare documents needed to buy two properties up for tax sale.

Mr. & Mrs. Craig Jones, who bought a vacated part a non-developed portion of 7th street a few years ago, are now owners of another property opposite theirs, on another section of the paper street. They want to acquire this other piece of the never improved or opened street, as well. They informed them that they would need a letter from their neighbor that abuts property that he is not interested in using or acquiring the piece. Supervisors then asked atty. Boyd to review the Jones' request.

Jack Varaly, in his zoning report, issued zoning permits

for a garage and shed, and a replacement of a mobile home.

Jim Yackiel, in his road report, said he did some snow clearing, more cleaning of culverts, and some tools and equipment maintenance. He reports that the recycling dumpsters area are "going good" and staying clean.

Ed Jarick and Bill Bauersfeld of the Dennison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. reported that the Fire Co. was out on 13 call during February for 20.5 hours of service. The team also trained for another 16 hours. There were three dwelling fires, 5 vehicle accidents, 2 trees down, one wires down, a search and rescue, and a carbon monoxide alarm. Calls were four in Dennison, five in White Haven, two in Wright, and one each in Foster and Dorrance.

The meeting was attended by all supervisors, secretary/treasurer Stevie Stortz, Jarick and Bauersfeld, atty. Boyd, Yackiel, and three citizens. Dennison's supervisors meet April 1 for a short meeting at 6 p.m.

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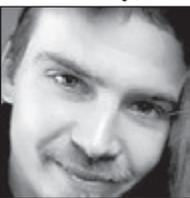
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Death Roll

JACOB LEONARD LAZAR

Jacob Leonard Lazar, 28, of Weatherly, died suddenly on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, in Drums.



Born Friday, August 30, 1991 in Hazleton, he is survived by his

parents, John Michael Lazar and Ann M. Grula of Weatherly; brothers Brandon Lazar and his fiancée Courtney Coxo of Weatherly, and John Lazar of Weatherly; sister Kristen Boyle and her husband Jason of Kelayres; maternal grandmother Joan Lazar of Beaver Meadows; companion Tiffany DeLuca and her sons, Caden and Connor; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A 2010 graduate of Weatherly Area High School, Jacob attended Carbon County Technical Institute earning

his welding certification and taking second place in state competition. Jacob worked for Weatherly Casting & Machine Co.

An avid outdoorsman, Jacob enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a talented mechanic and spent countless hours restoring cars. Jacob was currently restoring a 1967 Toronto Oldsmobile. When time permitted, he could be heard rumbling on his Harley.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly.

In accordance with the CDC precautions for the public concerning the Covid-19 pandemic the family will postpone a celebration of Jacob's life until a later time.

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

Rose Ann Kephart of White Haven, died at home on Saturday, March 28, 2020,



ROSE ANN KEPHART

with her loving pets Roxie and Kitty.

Born in White Haven, she was the daughter of the late Stanley and Betty Schoch Radjavitch and was a graduate of St. Patrick's Grade School and Crestwood High School. Rose enjoyed going on cruises with her family, gardening and crocheting. She was a member of White Haven VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6615 and was a nurse's aide for White Haven Center, prior to retirement.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, James

late Stanley and Betty Schoch Radjavitch and was a graduate of St. Patrick's Grade School and Crestwood High School. Rose enjoyed going on cruises with her family, gardening and crocheting. She was a member of White Haven VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6615 and was a nurse's aide for White Haven Center, prior to retirement.

NORMAL F. ABENDROTH

Circuit Breaker, now Brown Boveri & Cie in Philadelphia for 44 years until retiring in 1986. He served our country with dedication and courage in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion in Philadelphia.

Norman was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church

Norman F. Abendroth, age 94, of White Haven passed away March 29, 2020 at his home. He was the loving husband of Eleanor Shafer.

He was born in Philadelphia on November 10, 1925, son of the late Max and Anna (Meyer) Abendroth.

Norman had worked as a wireman for the former ITE

R. Kephart, Sr.; infant son, Jonathan; and siblings Stanley, Bertha, John, James and Elizabeth.

She is survived by her son, James R. Kephart, Jr., and grandson, James R. Kephart III of Florida; siblings Jean (Robert) Romanelli, Freeland, Michael (Pearl) Radjavitch, Freeland, Rita Drasher, Hazleton, Veronica Radjavitch, Karen (Joe) Kearns, Mary Ann Radjavitch, Theresa (Mark) Metzo, and Philip Radjavitch, all of White Haven; and many nieces and nephews.

Due to COVID-19, private interment will be in Laurel Cemetery, White Haven at the family's discretion.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. White Haven

in White Haven.

We have been blessed with the presence of Norman in our lives. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife: Eleanor; his stepson Stephen Shafer of White Haven and several nieces.

Norman was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel (Piccoli) Abendroth in 1995, and a brother, Max Abendroth.

Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family at Maple Hill Cemetery in Wilkes-Barre.

Memorial donations may be made to: American Cancer Society (Monroe Unit) 2158 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

For more information, visit www.gowerfuneralhome.com

FRANK W. PIERI

Frank W. Pieri (Sharkey), 76, of Lake Harmony, passed away on March 26, 2020 in East Stroudsburg,



after bravely battling cancer.

He was born on June 20, 1943 to the late Francis W. and Adele M. (nee Lynch) Pieri of Mahanoy City. His father was a Captain in the Armored Engineer Battalion in World War II and after he lost his life in the war, Frank was raised by his devoted mother. He was also predeceased by his former wife, Susan M. McGrorty.

Frank grew up in Mahanoy City where he attended St. Canicus School and graduated from Mahanoy Area High School in 1961. He furthered his education and graduated from Thaddeus Stevens Trade School in Lancaster.

Frank was a long-time resident of Lake Harmony, a place he truly loved. For years he worked as a salesman and printer for Printing Craftsmen. His passion for the community extended to his work as a Kidder Township Supervisor, a member of the Planning Commission, and other local boards and committees. He was also founder of, and a former co-owner of the *Lake News*.

"Sharkey," as he was affectionately known, treated everyone like family and loved spending time with his close-knit group of friends in the area. He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman, and ski instructor, and fond of sailing and traveling.

Frank will always be remembered for his kindness and his outgoing manner which he extended to all who crossed paths with him. He will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends. A service to celebrate Frank's life will be scheduled at a later date.



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White Haven...

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from Woodhaven residents about odor from Standard Farms.

Engineer Totino presented a price he had obtained for demolition of 507 Berwick Street; another lower price was obtained by the manager, and a third company declined to bid. However, the project is on hold until the owner of the property decides whether she will pay the contractor herself and retain ownership of the property, or have the borough take it down and assume ownership. Atty. Logsdon is getting in touch with her.

The solicitor also discussed the intention of Fidelity Bank to revoke a letter of credit for the original developer of the condominiums at Woodhaven. The units have been sold, but

the letter of credit was not released by the borough because it would cover maintenance of the retention pond for the project. The solicitor and engineer will work to identify the parties who should now be held responsible.

The borough's declaration of emergency was extended for as long as Pennsylvania is under a declaration of emergency, so that the borough can take advantage of any available grants or funding.

A mutual aid agreement with the White Haven Center was approved. The Center would make supplies such as cots, blankets, etc., available to the borough in case of emergency.

A \$50 donation was received from the Wyoming Valley Striders as thanks for assistance with their November race. The money is to be used for police youth recreation programs.

More on this meeting in the next *Journal-Herald*.

Inspiring Thoughts

by Ann Adams

If you have read my articles, you may know that Don and I like to walk especially in the woods. After a couple falls, I have learned to listen to my husband's wise counsel to walk the well-trodden paths. Still, I am adventurous by nature and enjoy seeing something new.

One day we drove to Tannery intending to walk south along the Lehigh Gorge trail. Since it was a holiday weekend, it was crowded with bikers and walkers. Off to the right I noticed a narrow path leading up through the woods. It looked interesting, so in spite of my husband's doubts about trespassing, up we climbed on the short, rocky path. At the top, we stepped out onto a beautiful emerald highway stretching off into the distance, reminiscent of Dorothy's path in Oz. In reality, it was only an old railroad bed whose tracks had been removed and replaced with a soft blanket of lush green grass about five inches tall. I was ecstatic! Off I went, tripping along without a care. It was so refreshing! What a joy! Before I knew what happened, I lay flat on my face. The culprit — a small rock hidden by the grass. Praise the Lord, I only suffered an abrasion on my arm,

some soreness and injured pride.

What a picture of our lives! When we see the rocks and roots, when the trials of life are obvious, when we sense our need for help, we walk carefully and keep our focus on the Lord. But, when the path seems smooth with no obstacles in sight, we race along without a thought of God or His Word. In 1 Corinthians 10:12, the Bible says: "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall." Just when we think we need God the least, when we think we can handle life, that is when we need Him the most. Solomon's wise advice in Proverbs 3:5,6 is still true: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

God Sees and Cares

When the way seems smooth and you're tripping along,
Watch out for hidden snares.
When you least expect to stumble and fall,
Down you go, taken unawares.
God sees the obstacles that you cannot see.
Trust Him to guide you; He cares.

Ann Adams

Veterans Corner

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

VA TELEHEALTH UPDATE: Had a few questions concerning Veterans Affairs Tele-med. The correct term is Tele-health, which allows veterans who receive treatment from the DVA to talk to and see a nurse or doctor face to face. This could save many trips to VA for minor needs. Your Doctor is seeing you, hearing you and you are doing the same.

"Home Telehealth is defined as a program into which Veterans are enrolled that applies care and case management principles to coordinate care using health informatics, disease management and technologies such as in-home and mobile monitoring, messaging

and/or video technologies. The goal is to improve clinical outcomes and access to care while reducing complications, hospitalizations, and clinic or emergency room visits for Veterans in post-acute care settings, high-risk Veterans with chronic disease or Veterans at risk for placement in long-term care."

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Veterans receiving health care at VA medical centers have an opportunity to obtain care with the ease of a video chat. VA Video Connect is a web application that veterans can use to connect with their health care team from anywhere with an internet connection and compatible

device. Most veterans now have smart phones with a video camera. Many have home computers with or without a web camera. Through an internet connection, you and your medical professional can see and talk directly. If needed, veterans receiving care and who qualify for Telehealth, a compatible tablet, smart phone or video monitor will be taught how to use it at no cost. If you are interested, next time you visit your VA primary care, ask if you can use telehealth for your non-emergency visits.

VETERANS TREATED WITH ANTI-MALARIAL DRUG UPDATE. Unfortunately, there are no new facts

in long lasting effects. I can find nothing that says this past treatment provides immunity. All Veterans should continue to take proper precautions.

ABOUT PETS: I was asked a question about pets and the Corona virus. I found this answer from the World Health Organization, which has no evidence of dogs, cats, or other animals contracting COVID-19.

So, pet owners, breathe a sigh of relief: There's currently no evidence that cats, dogs, or any other household pets can contract or spread COVID-19. You may have heard back in February that a dog in Hong Kong tested "weakly" positive for novel coronavirus, per

CNN. But many experts think the dog was only superficially contaminated, meaning the highly-sensitive tests picked up low levels of the virus in the animal—not enough to warrant the diagnosis of an active COVID-19 infection like those in people.

While it's believed that COVID-19 originated from an animal source, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) explains that there is no reason to think that any animals could be sources of new COVID-19 infections, and confirms they have not received any reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19.

White Haven Emergency Management Coordinator Update

The following is an update for the White Haven Area Community on the status of our emergency preparedness and response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is intended to provide relevant information and current status update specific for the White Haven area, as events continue to unfold. We will continue to make every attempt to update these and distribute, as dictated by events.

Please stay at home all you can - We all recognize the shelter in place orders are tough. They were tough calls that were made to protect the health of our Community. These orders are going to continue to stay in place for some time, so we have to adapt as individuals and as a Community. Together, if we follow guidelines on infection control, and pull together as a Community we will get through this.

Be Prepared - The coming weeks will be the most critical time of the response to this health crisis. This is part of how a pandemic works and why they are horrible – each pandemic peaks in a certain area at a certain time, those east of us may peak before we do, as may more populated areas west of us, like the Pittsburgh area. Please make all preparations that you can to keep yourself and family members safe as we continue to shelter in place. Please remember to identify those in your neighborhoods who are most at-risk from exposure to the virus. If you know someone at risk or who may need help please email our address below.

Prepare Smart – Don't hoard dry goods, cleaning

supplies, frozen goods or fresh foods. If we all buy just what we need the supply chain will hold as strong as it continues to be. Also, keep your social media chatter about our Market to a minimum so we can ensure the awesome WH Market employees can continue to keep the shelves stocked.

Keep it Positive! - Make sure you give a great big 'virtual' hug to every employee at the WH Market and all of the other awesome businesses that have stayed open and continued to serve us through this emergency. Every emergency has its heroes and they are always those who form the fabric of the Community. We should all be very proud of our First Responders and all of those who continue to serve us and will be there for us in the upcoming weeks. The protection of these great folks remains our greatest priority.

Infection Control - The absolute best thing you can do avoid spreading or catching COVID 19 is learn and foster, in a very positive way, those behaviors that are recommended by CDC and other recognized government agencies to prevent the spread of the virus. The focus of our positive behaviors should be the continual reduction of the number of potential virus exposures each one of us receives throughout each day. Practicing social distancing, sneeze/cough hygiene, hand/face avoidance, avoid touching of others with whom you have little frequent contact or touching high contact surfaces upon which viruses may linger are all Infection Control behaviors that we have to learn to adapt to. Each infection we prevent through our positive behaviors may very well

save your life or the life of a loved one, the life of a First Responder, Medical Professional or someone in need of advanced medical care.

If you do go out - If your exposures increase due to work or family commitments, increase your level of protection and precautionary behaviors (6 foot rule, sneeze/cough to elbow, wash hands all day, sanitize equipment and tools) at a level that is reflective of the amount of exposures you think you may receive each day. Try to minimize your time in high traffic areas within stores by having a plan to buy exactly what you need and move through the store quickly and cleanly so others can do the same without congested aisles, checkouts, etc.

Preparedness Update

Top Priority - The White Haven Ambulance Association and those members of White Haven's and Dennison Township's Fire Departments who respond to medical/EMS calls remain our top priority.

PPE for First Responders - Luzerne County Emergency Management provided the WH Area Emergency Management Committee with a limited supply of PPE on Monday that was immediately distributed among our Emergency Response Organizations (EROs). We are now in the distribution process for future PPE shipments from the County, but we do not know when these will be, so we are asking the residents of the White Haven area to donate any PPE they may be able to spare, by emailing whitehavencovid19@gmail.com to arrange for pick or drop off.

WH Area Emergency Medical Services - Our focus right now is with the crews of the White Haven Ambulance Association and those members of Dennison Township and White Haven volunteer fire departments who respond to EMS calls. These teams have been equipped with Tyvek Prochem full body encapsulating suits, similar to what may be used for environmental clean-up projects and spills. These suits offer maximum protection to our front-line warriors in this war. The suits are very bright yellow and have a very distinctive hood, so don't be alarmed if you do see one of your awesome First Responders in these suits. They are wearing them to protect you and themselves. Remember – each time we protect one of our First Responders, we help them protect so many others.

White Haven Ambulance Association Support - The WH Ambulance needs our Community support now more than ever. We are asking all able-bodied individuals with EMR, EMT, Paramedic or EVOC backgrounds to consider volunteering with the Ambulance. Please email the address below if you think you can help out in any way.

Incident Command Team – Through our consolidated Emergency Operations Plan, the Emergency Management Coordinator has established a virtual Emergency Operations Center including the establishment of an Incident Command Structure with eight (8) different command elements:

1. Operations
2. Finance
3. Logistics
4. Planning
5. Safety

6. Communications & Public Information Officer
7. Sensitive Populations
8. Infection Control

Do your part – volunteer! We are currently soliciting volunteers to help out with all of these command functions. We are especially looking for help from the younger generation! What a great time to help your community and build your college resume while the schools are closed! If you can help out with food or medicine delivery, or are good with a computer and social media, or acting in a media relations role, we can use your expertise! Our team of Incident Command volunteers need help across all of our Command functions. If you have experience and can volunteer time virtually/online or 'boots on the ground' please email me or message me on Facebook at the numbers below. We are also looking for those of all generations with experience in business management, distribution, communications, public relations/information, logistics, mental & community health, transportation, emergency planning, infection control and medical support.

To volunteer your time with the Ambulance, or to donate PPE, or to get involved in our Incident Command Team please email whitehavenarea-covid19@gmail.com or go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WHA-COVID19/>

This is your time to STAND UP White Haven and fight back against this virus. Please consider helping us in this fight.

COVID-19 Prevention Tips:

from White Haven
EMA Coordinator
Chris Zwiebel

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds as often as you can and especially after you are out somewhere or before you eat, cook or apply cosmetics. If you sing 'Happy Birthday' to yourself twice, with lots of soap and some warm water, that is a good wash.
- If you have a cough, carry tissues with you and be sure to cough or sneeze into them. Dispose of them in a garbage can with a lid. If you don't have tissues try to use your elbow or sleeve. Sneezing and coughing is what helps transmit the virus.
- Do not flush disinfectant wipes down the toilet! They can clog your house pipes or our Sanitation system. Please throw your used wipes into the garbage.
- The virus travels through the air on tiny water droplets that we emit from our nose and mouth when we

breath, sneeze and cough. Keep this in mind and treat your exhaled breath, coughs and sneezes as if they can infect someone else.

- The Centers for Disease Controls recommends that we isolate each other by 6 feet as much as possible, and to consider yourself and others as if you and they are infected, so that you are naturally protecting yourself and others.
- Regardless of whether you are sick or show symptoms, you can carry and spread the virus.
- If you feel sick and have some symptoms notify your healthcare provider. Not all reported symptoms will automatically trigger a test, as testing is being prioritized for those in greatest need and for prudent medical and public health practice.
- If you don't feel well, stay home and get someone else to go out.
- Make sure your neighbors are OK, especially those not able to get out or those at greater risk for doing so. Let us know if someone needs help.
- We are blessed with open spaces in White Haven. Take a mental health break and go for a walk if you can. Remember to practice social distancing by staying 6' away from each other.
- Remember — medicines alone will not kill Pandemics — a well-informed populace and well-trained and prepared response effort will. Please listen to all the advice, recommendations and requirements put forth by our Federal, State and Local governments.

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She is the daughter of Barbara and Charles Brown.

The White Haven New Bridge Festival and Homecoming have their parade route mapped — from Woodhaven to the Bridge — where a dedication ceremony will be held — and afterwards to Lehigh Park.

Members and friends of The Presbyterian Church of White Haven invite you bright and early on Easter morning as we watch the sun rise and worship together... on the baseball field at Lehigh Park, beginning at 6:30 a.m. "Bring your coat, your faith, your voice to sing, and a friend."

Caster's Floral advertises FTD and Teleflora arrangements which can be delivered before Easter.

Try-Outs for Babe Ruth baseball are Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Boys and girls who did not play White Haven Little League last year are asked to attend try-outs April 16, 17 and 18 at Lehigh Park at 5:30 p.m. sharp.

Citizens Fire Company advertised their ham raffle on April 6, and a Fish Fry on Good Friday (eat-in or take out for \$4).

Coming this weekend, Just In Time For Easter — EGG NOG from Farmer's Dairy.



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The dental practice of **Dr. Frank Glushefski** in White Haven is temporarily not seeing patients, in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines of the state and the American Dental Association.

Patients with emergencies or questions should e-mail drglushefski@gmail.com

The office will reopen as soon as clearance is received from the Pennsylvania Department of Health.



ESSAY CONTEST winners were recently announced by American Legion Post 360 Auxiliary. In the first row from left are winners Taylor Jones, Alexis Coluccio, and Kalei Morrison, and Americanism Chairman Carol Eroh. In the back row are advisors and principals Katie Leach, Shane Moran, John McGee, vice-principal James Hearne, and principal Anthony DeSpirito.

Walker Township Police buy used police Interceptor from Kidder Twp.



by Seth Isenberg

Walker Township in Schuylkill County is getting a gently used 2013 Ford Interceptor with a police package,

including police markings and the police light bar. The vehicle was to be a trade-in by Kidder Township towards a new police vehicle. Instead, it's going to Walker Twp., which made an offer for \$5,750 for the seven year-old unit with just over 136,000 miles on it.

Kidder Township receives a better price for their used vehicle, and Walker Twp. gets a well-maintained one-owner police unit. It will replace the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria that the Walker Twp. Police have been using.

PPL Foundation contributes \$500,000 to Operation HELP to assist customers impacted by the coronavirus crisis

The PPL Foundation has announced that it will donate \$500,000 to Operation HELP to support customers dealing with temporary hardships as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

"These are extraordinary times for individuals and families throughout eastern and central Pennsylvania, and this contribution will help ease the burden for some of the most vulnerable among them" said Ryan Hill, president of PPL Foundation.

"This contribution will supplement the more than

\$1 million that PPL Electric Utilities, its employees and its customers donate each year to support Operation HELP," said Hill.

Operation HELP was established in 1983 to help PPL Electric Utilities customers pay their energy bills. It is administered by a network of local agencies and has helped more than 100,000 customers since 1983. Every dollar contributed to Operation HELP goes to assisting those in need with their energy bills, and the program is not just for electricity bills.

Customers who wish to contribute to Operation HELP to assist neighbors in need may do so by visiting the PPL Electric Utilities website at www.pplelectric.com/operationhelp.

The Journal-Herald is collecting e-mail addresses to help communicate essential information during the COVID-19 situation and beyond. We plan to send out a between-issue e-blast at least once a week, and more often if needed. It will also include some fun stuff and ways to entertain yourself at home, as well as messages from our advertisers. If you'd like to receive it each week, please send an e-mail to journalruth@gmail.com with the subject line: **E-BLAST**



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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

I am not liking keeping cooped up, but I understand it. Covid-19 is a serious disease so we keep our distances and keep ourselves busy. Please, make some time to keep watch on shut-ins and the elderly hereabouts.

A coincidence this fall — I was given a history article to consider as a judge for a newspapers association's annual excellence in newspapering contest. It was about one Colorado county's response to the Spanish Flu epidemic 100 years ago. Officials there shut off the entire county from everyone from the outside, and kept most of the population safe. The photo that remains with me is one where officials had stopped the railroad at the county line.

So, here we are, and while the roads and railroads are not fully closed, we are as close as 2020 will allow. I am hoping that this action buys our health services the time our medical infrastructure needs to ramp up with medicines and equipment, and care facilities.

In the meantime, we are taking some losses from the Covid19 virus. Among the obituaries last week was country singer Joe Diffie — a wonderful talent who died of the virus over the weekend. I have been playing a series of his hits over these several days... so much good music on his own, and with and for others. His hearse would have to have been a pickup truck, and might he be propped up beside the jukebox?

My personal Diffie marathon was part of passing the day's free time. I have my mix of videos on You Tube — from

old time comedy and new stand-up, to adventures, animals, and more. I have at least six books to read.

With weather warmer lately, I'm planning to start some spring yardwork. Spring flowers are starting to bloom around our home. Our forsythia has started along with south-facing daffodils.

During our drives to go shopping — through Lehigh and into Wilkes-Barre (elder care and shopping), we sight-

ed flowering trees and bushes in the sunny spots. A few more truly warm days should get the flowers really going.

I'm watching the magnolia tree in White Haven in the hopes it won't bloom early. I'm still fearing frost. Still, it's nice to see the green.

Ruth and I were able to celebrate with my uncle Slater this past Sunday as he starts his 95th year. We shared a meal from a nearby take-out BBQ place, and some cake. Relatives

from all along the east coast called in to congratulate him on his day. My cousin said they were already planning a big celebration for when my aunt Joan — who is a few months older than Slater, and aunt Sunny — a few months older than Joan, turn 100.

On tap is more newspapers work, and some spring cleaning inside to go along with the outside yard work.

Best and healthy wishes to all our readers — stay safe!

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Penn Lake looks to summer spruce-ups

by Seth Isenberg

At Penn Lake Borough's March meeting on March 12, Mayor Deb Kryszicki offered a reminder to drivers that the borough had directed police to do some ticketing of speeding cars. With the new road pavement, people are driving too fast. Also as part of the mayor's report, it is time to round up volunteers to adopt street signs around the borough. This year, she's asking that flowers be red, white and blue. She mentioned that there was some evidence of an area

of wood behind the borough park where drug use is taking place. This led to some discussion, with an idea of installing a light in the park that would also light up that area of woods.

As winter wraps up, it's going to be time soon for work to start on upgrading the playground. Grants paperwork for the 2019 grant for the park is complete. Money from that grant and one from the PA DCNR, now here, each needs to be in a separate interest-bearing accounts. Borough council is waiting for a good

result on the application for 2020 money.

Council member Jill Rosenstock will be meeting with the borough engineer regarding the Americans With Disabilities Act grant.

Quotes for mailers, flyers and ads are being obtained to take advantage of a Luzerne County grant to promote responsible recycling.

The roads will be inspected, with potholes marked for filling.

About the lake, Penn Lake's goose-be-gone team is moving the critters along. Council also

wants to alert boaters who boat in other lakes as well as in Penn Lake to thoroughly wash their boats as there is a new invasive plant coming into lakes. The lake committee is looking at a different treatment to curb bladderwort.

Advertising for the 2020 lawn care contract was approved. A discussion to advertise a contract for the chemical treatment of lily pads was tabled, to be continued next meeting.

In public comments, council was encouraged to begin a review of the zoning ordinances.

George Wood of the White Haven Ambulance (WHA), a borough resident, attended to answer questions about the volunteer company and its subscription drive, which starts in April. The WHA has added help, and is always looking for more EMTs for its Basic Life Support units. He explained that a response when the crew is in station, to Penn Lake, is three minutes. If the unit is out, the calls go to Plains, and if not them, to Mountain Top, and then Hazleton. The need for a paramedic changes how the call works. He was asked if

the WHA membership covers services from another ambulance company — and he answered it does not, and that the resident would be responsible for the bill.

Bills of \$20,191 were approved to be paid (mainly the March PennVest loan payment, and garbage and winter roads payments for February). Receipts were \$28,954 (mainly sewer fees from December), plus an additional \$11,300 for a sewer hookup.

The general fund shows \$1,745 after bills paid, and the interest bearing general fund shows \$79,627.

The next Penn Lake council meeting will be a virtual meeting on April 9 beginning at 7 p.m. To attend, go to: global.gotomeeting.com/join/384401149. You can also call in to hear the meeting toll free at 866 899-4679 and key in access code 384-401-149 when prompted.

A special meeting was held March 26, advertised in *The Times-Leader*, to extend the Penn Lake Declaration of Emergency until the April regular meeting on the 9th.

Work to continue on PennDOT critical projects

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has announced that 61 emergency and critical highway and bridge projects will be active statewide this week. While the normal highway and bridge construction program has paused as the commonwealth addresses COVID-19 response, urgent emergency work has continued to ensure a reliable transportation system as circumstances surrounding COVID-19 continue to unfold. On March 17, in response to Governor Wolf's COVID-19 mitigation guidance, PennDOT paused construction projects statewide to minimize COVID-19 exposure for PennDOT and private-sector employees, as well as the communities where they live and work.

"A safe and reliable transportation network is always of the utmost importance, but it becomes even more crucial in times of crisis," said Acting PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian. "We need to ensure that work continues on these

critical projects, and we are taking the proper precautions to help ensure the safety of both our employees and our partners in the industry."

For any work activity addressing critical asset issues, strategies are deployed that include cleanliness protocols for jobsites and offices, social distancing guidelines, procedures to address employee sickness, and the safe handling of material deliveries.

The emergency work that continues addresses specific safety need criteria, such as landslide repairs, or critical

bridge, tunnel and drainage repairs, and work needed to eliminate roadway restrictions that could impede the ability for the movement of life sustaining goods and services. Conditions are continuously evaluated to determine the appropriate response.

More COVID-19 information is available at www.health.pa.gov <<http://www.health.pa.gov>>. For more information, visit www.dmv.pa.gov <<http://www.dmv.pa.gov>> or www.PennDOT.gov <<http://www.PennDOT.gov>>.



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Journal-Herald Sports

Now's a good time to pop in a favorite sports movie

by Steve Stallone
Sports Editor

There's been a ton of sports movies I've grown attached to over the years. It seems lately, with more time on my hands, several of my favorites have popped up on obscure channels and at odd hours.

For me, they provide the perfect distraction to the everyday issues we have all been dealing with. Over the weekend I watched the first four "Rocky" movies in succession before I finally got busy cleaning up the basement.

From comedies to tear-jerkers, there's certain sports movies I'll stop and watch, no matter how many times I've seen them. In addition to the original "Rocky" movie,

some of my all-time "sports-themed" films would have to include: "Rudy," "The Longest Yard" (original and re-make), "A League of Their Own," "Major League" (I and II), "Heaven Can Wait," "Brian's Song," "Ice Castles," "Blue Chips," "Hoosiers," "White Men Can't Jump," "North Dallas Forty," "Caddyshack," "The Natural," "The Sandlot," "Happy Gilmore," "DodgeBall," "The Bad News Bears," "The Mighty Ducks," "The Rookie" and "Field of Dreams."

Whether it's one of those movies, or one of your own go-to favorites, throwing in a sports movie classic can brighten your day and pro-

vide a little distraction during these difficult times.

SPORTS QUIZ -- Another thing that can take your mind off things is a good old-fashioned sports quiz to keep that old mind sharp. I've thrown together 20 interesting sports trivia questions to test your knowledge.

Before you grab your phone and "Google" the answers or look them up in the old sports almanac, see how many you can get.

When you've completed your quiz, check your answers with the correct answers on page 14.

If you answer 18-20 correctly, you're a sports genius! Get 15-17 right, you are a professional; 12-14, collegiate; 9-11, high school; 6-8, elementary

school; and 0-5, you're a kindergartener!

Good luck!!!

1. What is the only country to play in every soccer World Cup tournament?
2. The classic 1980 movie "Raging Bull" is about which real life boxer?
3. Which race car driver holds the record for most Formula One series championships with seven?
4. Who gave heavyweight boxing legend Muhammad Ali his first professional defeat, in 1971?
5. Which Australian tennis player is the only one to complete the Grand Slam (win all four majors) in the same season on two different occasions?
6. Who is the NFL's all-time leading rusher, with

18,355 yards?

7. Which country won the first-ever soccer World Cup in 1930?
8. Who was the first non-American to win the Masters golf tournament, in 1961?
9. What is the maximum weight for a golf ball? A) 1.2 ounces; B) 1.3 ounces; C) 1.6 ounces.
10. What basketball move was banned from 1967 until 1976?
11. If I'm talking about a "stale fish" and a "mulekick" what sport am I talking about?
12. What baseball player's nickname was "Mr. October"?
13. What is the oldest stadium in the NFL, dating back to 1924?
14. Soccer player Edson Arantes do Nascimento is better known by what name?
15. Who is Kansas University's all-time leading scorer in basketball? A) Wilt Chamberlain; B) Lynette Woodard; C) Danny Manning.
16. Who won more championships (11) than any player in NBA history?
17. In what country did the sport of "Curling" originate?
18. Who has won the most NFL Most Valuable Player Awards, totaling five?
19. "The Ashes" is the most important trophy in what sport?
20. Who is the only athlete ever to play in a Super Bowl and a World Series?

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21. Accepted truth
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23. Artist's office
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PIAA keeps winter, spring sports seasons on hold

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

The high school winter sports championships and the spring sports season remain on hold, that is as of Monday morning's videoconference of the PIAA Board of Directors. The board did not discuss the fate of the winter championships during the meeting, sticking to its plan on following the lead of the governor's office.

The swimming championships, however, were discussed at the meeting. The Class 3A championships were ended after the preliminaries, and associate executive director Melissa Mertz said that medals are going to be mailed out to the schools to be distributed from there to the respective winners in the races. The Class 2A championships remain on hold, she said, and that "as information becomes available, we'll make

a decision based on that."

Out of precaution, Gov. Tom Wolf ordered schools closed more than two weeks ago, and they were to remain closed until April 6. However, on Monday Wolf announced that both Carbon and Schuylkill counties were added to Luzerne and Monroe as counties now under a stay-at-home order. That is in place until at least April 30, and schools now remain closed until further notice.

The new announcement has further muddled the PIAA basketball championships, which have been stalled in the quarterfinal round that was supposed to take place March 13-14. The Mahanoy Area girls and Tamaqua boys are among teams still vying for a state basketball championship.

ELIGIBILITY EXTENDED

Also on Monday, the NCAA Division I Council voted to allow schools to provide spring sports student-athletes an additional season of competition and an extension of their period of eligibility. Winter sports were not included in the extended eligibility, which excludes basketball players and wrestlers from earning an extra year.

"The Council's decision allows schools to self-apply waivers to restore one of those seasons of competition for student-athletes who had competed while eligible in the COVID-19-shortened 2020 spring season," the NCAA wrote in a statement Monday.

On March 20, NCAA Division II spring-sports athletes were granted an extra year of eligibility. A week earlier, the NCAA Division III committee approved a blanket waiver for all student-athletes participating in spring sports. In

Division III, student-athletes have 10 semesters or 15 quarters to get in four seasons of participation. With this move by the committee, the 2020 spring semester will not count toward their 10 semesters or four seasons, giving them an added year of eligibility.

RACING SHAKEUP

For the first time since 1945, the Indianapolis 500 won't be run on Memorial Day weekend. Last week the storied race was postponed until August 23 due to the coronavirus outbreak, and will fall outside of May for the first time in its 104-year history.

Instead of being paired up with NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 from Charlotte, the Indy 500 will now open up for the Drydene 400 from Dover International Speedway in late August. Not exactly the television spectacle officials were hoping for.

The "Monster Mile" has suffered through dwindling attendance in recent years, so much so that NASCAR shuffled Dover's 2020 schedule and moved their races earlier. Dover still doesn't have a new date for its postponed May race, one of seven NASCAR weekends already postponed. The series is tentatively scheduled to resume May 9 at Martinsville.

With President Trump's latest announcement that the social distancing has to continue until at least the end of April, and with the increase in coronavirus cases and deaths, it is increasingly likely that NASCAR will be forced into further changes.

Some rumors already circulating are that there could be doubleheaders at places like Dover, night races and even mid-week racing. NASCAR has promised that all 32 Cup

races will be run this year. There also could be an Indy/NASCAR double-header at the Brickyard.

NASCAR was already breaking from tradition heading into the 2020 season. Pocono Raceway is slated to host the first NASCAR Cup Series twin bill in June. For now, that June 27-28 start date remains intact.

TROUT SEASON STILL ON

Although the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has revised its 2020 schedule, trout season is still on as of this writing.

The PFBC will operate under a consolidated statewide schedule for all counties during the 2020 trout season. Under this revised plan, a single Mentored Youth Trout Day will occur on April 11 and the statewide Opening Day of trout season will take place April 18.

Trout stocking will be conducted on an accelerated schedule. To ensure public safety, volunteers will not be permitted to assist with stocking activities.

To complete trout stocking operations without the assistance of the public, the PFBC will modify stocking methods for this year. In some cases, pre-season and in-season allocations of trout will be combined into single stocking

events to increase the efficiency of stocking trips.

To reduce unnecessary travel and social contact amid health concerns, Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer signed an emergency order that allows anglers and boaters to display their fishing license, launch permit, or boat registration digitally on a phone or other mobile device as proof of possession. This change will allow customers who may be unable to, or feel uncomfortable visiting a store to purchase a license or permit to make the purchase online through The Outdoor Shop (www.pa.wildlifelicense.com).

Anglers who purchase licenses online using a mobile device can save the PDF to their phone using the phone's save image/document procedures. Also acceptable would be a screen shot of the complete imaged license or a saved image of the license in your photo library.

If approached by a Waterways Conservation Officer in the field, the angler or boater would only have to produce the digital image of the license, permit or registration on their phone or mobile device.

For more information and official updates, visit the PFBC website at www.fishandboat.com

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Hit financially in March, major college sports holds its breath about football

by Frank Fear

The cancellation of 'March Madness' is having a major impact on the NCAA's pocketbook. *USA Today* reported that the NCAA "depends on the basketball tournament for nearly all of its roughly \$1.1 billion in normal annual revenue." Without a tournament this year, the NCAA has had to tighten its belt and, so too, will member universities.

How so? The universities get a good slice of 'Madness' revenues. The NCAA announced last week that it will cut a planned \$600 million distri-

bution to schools by more than half-to \$225 million.

And if that wasn't bad enough, COVID-19 could put a huge crimp in college sport's second major revenue stream — major college football. Last Thursday, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said that the college football season may launch without fans in the stands or, perhaps, might even be delayed. "It's a whole new ballgame if we find ourselves not playing football because it affects everything we do," Bowlsby said. Then, last Friday, NCAA medical consultants advised that athletic

training should be undertaken carefully ("don't share weights or balls") and that "the Coronavirus fight may last months."

Unexpected financial blows — a one-two punch to put it mildly — will affect all major sports-playing universities. But it will have the most effect on major schools that play outside of the Power 5 conferences, that is, the Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big 12, Pacific-12, and Southeastern conferences. Hundreds of lower-profile schools — often called 'mid-major' programs athletically — don't attract large crowds or get high-profile media attention, and don't have deep-pocket athletic boosters in the thousands. To make ends meet, schools like Middle Tennessee, Eastern Michigan, and Delaware rely on athletic subsidies, that is, non-athletic

revenue streams that come by way university budget transfers and student fees.

Using the most recent data available (for 2017-18), *USA Today* reported that 230 public universities needed a total of \$3 billion in subsidies to balance athletic budgets. The median contribution of subsidies to total athletic revenues was about 73%. For 165 programs, then, subsidies accounted for almost three of every four dollars in athletic revenues.

Almost all of the 'big-time' programs (e.g., Ohio State, Oklahoma, and Alabama) operate with few, if any, subsidies, while almost all mid-major programs do.

Most of the big-time programs will have to cut costs and some may even add or increase subsidies. But heavily

subsidized programs face a much steeper challenge — especially if the football season is curtailed, delayed, or in a worst-case scenario, canceled. With subsidies already as high as they are, adding more seems wrongheaded, especially during a time of national economic distress. State taxpayers, students, and their families are already bearing a significant burden for college sports. More is not the answer.

University executives and athletic directors should use this fiscal crunch to figure out a more responsible and palatable way to fund college athletics. More of the same won't do.

Avid football fan Frank Fear is the managing editor of The Sport Column.

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Yes, baseball is interrupted, but memories are not

by Traci Horrocks Burns

I relish baseball for many reasons, and I love Opening Day especially. It's the beginning of a long journey. You may not be the strongest team, but with hard work and some breaks, you could be in the seventh game of the World Series with the tying runner on third base in the ninth inning. That's what happened to my KC Royals in the 2014 World Series. We didn't score, and after the third out, you

felt defeated.

But what I remember most about that night was a dad comforting his young son who was crying and saying we had lost. The dad made it clear to the boy that "We're winners!" The team played hard and made it all the way to the World Series. Many amazing people never win 'the title,' he continued. "But that doesn't mean we should forget their greatness."

"Remember this day," he told the boy, "and strive to be

a champion."

It's funny as I look back on that night. I don't remember many other details of that game back in October 2014, but I remember how my husband and I shared that moment. Until I can be at the ballpark again, I'll hold on to that memory.

Traci Horrocks Burns lives in the Kansas City, MO area. Her Facebook post was re-published by The Sports Column.

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Out in the Open

COVID-19 cancels early trout opener, changes stocking



youth mentoring program, and that will be held Saturday, April 11, statewide.

The change that affected most pre-season angler activities was how the Commission is going about stocking the 3.2 million trout in 707 streams and 130 lakes throughout the commonwealth. In the past, anglers were encouraged to meet the stocking trucks at predetermined locations and help the Waterways Conservation Officer in charge of the stocking process. This year no help is permitted. Stocking will be accomplished by WCO's and reassigned PFBC staff.

Tim Schaeffer, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director, said, "We must take these necessary precautions to ensure public safety during this vital period. Just as we've counted on our volunteers for decades to help us stock trout, we're counting on them now to play it safe and stay home during trout stocking."

The Commission also says that trout stocking will take place unannounced. In some cases, pre-season and in-season allocation of trout for the entire year

will be combined into single stocking events to increase the efficiency of stocking trips. The Commission will announce where and when fish were stocked after the fact, but anglers can get this information on the FishBoatPA mobile app and PFBC website (www.fishandboat.com).

Included with the stocking of Brook, Brown and Rainbow Trout are some 60,000 brood stock that are 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 years old and measures between 14-inches and 20-inches. That's twice the number that was stocked last year. Included in the trophy-sized allocation is 13,100 trophy Golden Rainbow Trout that average about a pound and a half each.

The statewide opening day for the Pennsylvania trout season statewide will be 8 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2020. The minimum size to keep trout is seven (7) inches, and you may keep five (5) trout combined species. And remember you can legally only put one limit, five trout, on one stringer, or in one bucket even though the trout are caught by more than one angler.

by Alex Zidock

The COVID-19 situation prompted drastic actions by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, one of which was the opening of the 2020 state trout season. Instead of an early opening day in 18 southern counties of the state that was set for Saturday, April 4, the Commission determined there would be only one statewide trout opening day on Saturday, April 18.

Another change is that there will be only one day for the

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