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Feeding our communities during Covid-19 crisis



White Haven Chamber drive raises almost \$3,000 — vouchers available now

The Greater White Haven Area Chamber of Commerce has already raised over \$2,800, and distributed food vouchers to 37 individuals and families being adversely affected by the Covid-19 crisis. Sponsors included businesses and individuals, with donations from \$40 to \$500.

The money raised is being used to purchase \$20 certificates from the White Haven Market, which itself was one of the donors. These certificates are being sent out to people who have been identified as struggling because of unemployment or other aspects of the Covid-19 stay-at-home orders.

Residents of White Haven and the surrounding areas, including Foster Township and East Side, can receive the vouchers. Chamber president Linda Miller is coordinating the process, and names of families or businesses that are struggling can be e-mailed to her at laurakristopher@gmail.com, or call or text her at 570-570-582-9934.

Miller said donations are still welcome, so the Chamber can continue this project as long as necessary. Checks can be mailed to GWHCC, 408 Main Street, White Haven PA 18661.

Luzerne & Carbon remain in red zone

While Stay-at-Home orders will be listed for much of Pennsylvania on Friday, May 8, moving them into the Yellow Zone of “aggressive mitigation,” both Luzerne and Carbon Counties remain in

the Red Zone. Some businesses and industries will be allowed to reopen, however.

RESIDENTS OF WEATHERLY, BEAVER MEADOWS AND TRESCKOW were provided with food boxes from Second Harvest of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast Pennsylvania, distributed through the Carbon County Commissioner’s office on Saturday. The distribution took place at the Weatherly Area School District complex. Volunteers helped load boxes into cars in the parking lot. Distributions will continue in other areas of the county as the crisis continues.

JH: Paul O’Sullivan



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Editorial

Re-Opening PA

by Seth Isenberg

Local businesses and their employees are ready to get back to work.

A whiff of sanity found its way into Pennsylvania's halls of power last week, when bureaucrats opened campgrounds and golf courses, and most liquor stores for curbside sales. Other business owners who could operate safely under Covid-19 rules are chafing at being forced to stay closed—upset to not serve their customers, upset at not making needed income, upset at not having their employees back to work.

There's more hope in the hundreds of good ideas that are appearing daily from entrepreneurs and community leaders. An example is allowing outdoor dining for restaurants in cities by closing nearby streets to allow for safe social distances. Obviously, these cannot be main streets, but... it's still good thinking. (I'm okay dining outside to eat at a favorite restaurant.)

So with optimism, and safe practices, we can see our area re-open and get back to work, sooner, before the key weeks of summer that are so important to business here in our piece of the Poconos.

Say thank you

by Ruth Isenberg

A teacher's job is not an easy one at any time. It requires considerable patience, with students and sometimes with their parents as well. Teachers are the first adults kids learn to deal with outside of their families. A good teacher is remembered forever, and can change the course of a student's life.

This is Teacher Appreciation Week. This year teachers have gone above and beyond, working with students online, providing connection and emotional support, and in a way, a tether to normal life for their pupils. Let's show them the appreciation they deserve.

From the Archives

From
The Weatherly Herald,
May 7, 1970

**James Faust and
Cletus Milst, Publishers**

A photo of the first-ever Weatherly Area High School girls softball team is on the front page.

Weatherly's Planning and Zoning Commission tabled a request by E&R Plumbing to convert the former Holiness Church on Dunnigan Lane into a business establishment.

The Weatherly Police Youth Club will sponsor a dance for club members on May 15 from 6 p.m. to midnight featuring musical groups "New People" from 6 and "Stone Deaf" from 9.

George Stewart, affectionately known as "Buck Bunny," was honored at a party last week as he retires from the Carbon County Home after serving 15 years as night fireman.

A steam train trip from Bethlehem to Wilkes-Barre was delayed by a rock slide about a mile south of White Haven. The rocks were loosened by the heavy rain of the previous day into that morning. The LVRR sent a crew to clear the tracks.

Some 50 members of the US Naval Reserve who train in Hazleton will participate in the Memorial Day parade and program here.

Gifted students of Carbon County presented their projects Friday evening at the Vocational School in Jim Thorpe. Among the programs were a play, a telling of the story of the Molly Maguires, and ... "in

the mathematics division, parents were asked to test their skill with Dr. Nim, the computer, (as well as) learn how the abacus and Napier Rods solve mathematical problems. [I looked up Napier Rods – it's a manual calculator. SI]

Carbon County commissioners voted to make another effort to have the White Haven State School and Hospital admit more mentally retarded county youths for care and treatment. (As of this meeting, there were) 12 boys on the waiting list. Commissioners charge that county boys were being kept out... while youths from large city areas are admitted, and that many of the patients are from areas outside the jurisdiction ... of Northeast Pennsylvania.

Weatherly's Board of Health is planning a clean-up week May 10 to 16 and asked that containers put out for trash pickup not weigh over 50 pounds.

Weatherly's golfers were edged in two losses in a row last week, then a win versus Hazleton. The boys baseball team split their games, losing to Freeland and beating St. Gabriel's, and then earning a close win to keep a surging Marian team from a comeback—four runs in the ninth, winning 10-9. The first game of the girls softball season was a loss to Marian.

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Garber attended the first softball game by Weatherly. They put up 8 runs against the stronger Marian team (who scored 25). They will have met the girls from Cardinal Brennan after this newspaper

was printed, seeking their first win.

"We were proud to hear about Dan Suitch really bearing down under pressure last week against HHS on the golf links, as he sunk a 15-foot putt to give the win to the Wreckers after both teams had tied in regulation play... Nice golfing Dan, and to the rest of your WHS team."

"Musky" season opened May 2 for fishing of Muskeg-lunge, northern pike, pickerel and walleyes.

The state's spring gobbler season opens May 9 for seven days.

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

Among the ads in this issue is one for Burger Chef family restaurants on the Valmont Parkway, across from Clark's Valmont Plaza.

**From
The Journal-Herald,
May 10, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

Nurses Week is being observed May 6 to 12 at the White Haven Center. A front page photo features White Haven mayor Jay Holder signing a proclamation about the week in front of nurses Laverne Scheib, Mary Beth Machella, Robert Humphrey and Roberta Yeager.

At the top of the page are stories about the primary election, to be held on Tuesday, and the circus that is coming to Eurana Park on Monday.

The Poconos' greatest Irish Festival sponsored by the Big Two Resorts and Irish Cultural Society will be Memorial Day weekend at Jack Frost Mountain. Admission is \$5.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Weatherly Borough Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a Public Hearing, on Wednesday, May 20th at 3:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building to hear the following:

Request of, James and Debbie Kessell, Weatherly, PA 18255 for a variance to place a 12' x 20' storage building on the property location of 102A2-50J-14.02 Sixth Street, Weatherly, PA 18255

Violation:

Placement of an accessory building on a property that does not have a principal building on the property.

Interested parties should appear at the Hearing at 10 Wilbur Street, Weatherly, PA 18255

Harold J. Pudliner Jr.
Zoning Officer
Borough of Weatherly

5/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of CAROL F. ANDERSEN a/k/a CAROL ANDERSEN Late of the Township of Lehigh, Carbon County, Pennsylvania

Letters Testamentary in the above estate have been granted to the undersigned, who requests all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent to make known the same, and all persons indebted to the decedent to make payment, without delay to:

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or to his Attorney:

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Jim Thorpe, PA 18229-0359

5/21

Two month meeting for Lehigh Township

by Ruth Isenberg

Lehigh Township Supervisors met for the first time in two months on May 4, maintaining social distancing. Supervisor Wayne Wagner was not present, as he is in a high risk category, but supervisors Len Weston and Larry Skinner, and secretary/treasurer Carol Lenahan were present, along with this reporter.

Supervisors approved minutes, treasurer's report and bills for the two months, ratifying payments that were made in April. Several other pieces of business were still on hold, such as appointments for auditor and zoning hearing board.

Three declarations of emergency were adopted, the first

two retroactively for the period from March 16 to 23, and for the period March 23 until May 4. The third extends the emergency until May 31.

Secretary Lenahan had prepared a cost analysis of zoning hearing board fees, coming up with an estimate of \$700 to \$750 per hearing. The solicitor was authorized to draw up a resolution to change the fee to \$750 for adoption at the June 1 meeting.

Supervisors endorsed the decision by Weatherly Borough to enter into an agreement with Mahoning Valley Ambulance to provide service to the area. Skinner noted that Weatherly Borough Manager Harold Pudliner had indicated that once the affairs of the Weatherly Ambulance Asso-

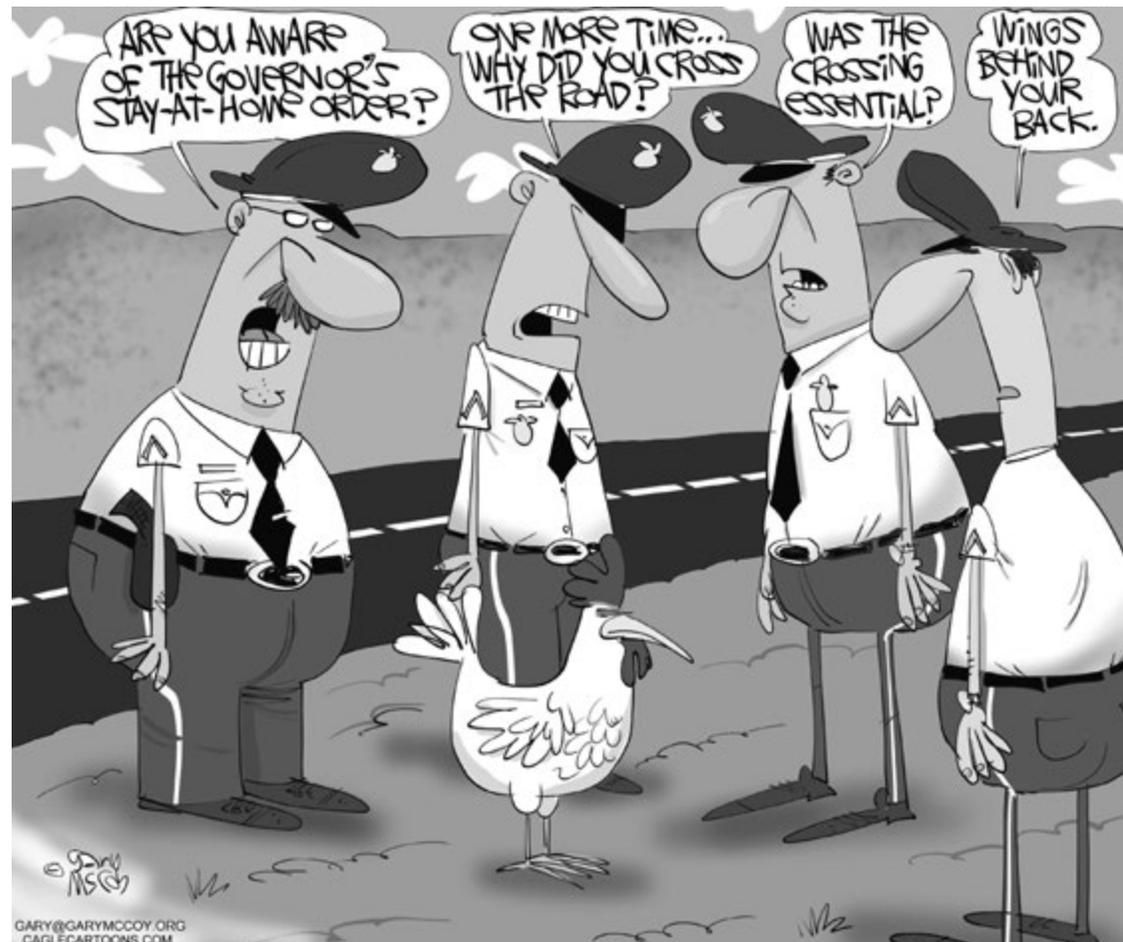
ciation are wrapped up the building will probably revert back to the borough and Mahoning personnel can be given access. Weston expressed some concern about how multiple calls could be handled.

As Roadmaster, Weston reported two trees down during April, and conferring with Ricky Hoffman to improve conditions on Grist Mill Road.

Zoning Officer Robert Selert submitted a report about the zoning hearing scheduled on the property owned by the late Robert Jones. Supervisors noted that the hearing would be continued with the second party named as owner of the parcel.

The township buidoing will be used as the polling place

See LEHIGH TWP, page 6



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Death Roll

ELAINE JANETTE WEAVER

Elaine Janette Weaver of White Haven died Tuesday, April 28, 2020, in Mountain Top Senior Care, Mountain Top. Born in Lehigh Tannery, she was the daughter of the late Roger and Pauline Wana-maker Heimbach and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White Haven. She enjoyed watching sports and spending time with her family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her husband, Harvey Weaver in 2009, son Harvey Jr. and two grandchildren, Paul Weaver Jr. and Michael Miller.

Elaine is survived by her daughter, Evanna Miller and her husband, Arnold of White

Haven; sons, Paul Weaver and his wife, Virginia of White Haven, Roger Weaver and his wife, Carol of Delaware, Heidi Weaver of East Side Borough and John Weaver of Lehigh Tannery; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and daughter in law, Joan Weaver.

Private funeral service was held by the Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc., White Haven.

Visit www.LehmanFuneralHome.com for additional information

Robert A. Smith, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away Monday, April 27, 2020 at the age of 94.



Bob was born May 10, 1926 in Hazleton, to Robert Andres Smith and Mary Levkolic Smith. After serving in the Navy during WWII, Bob returned to Hazleton and mar-

ROBERT A. SMITH

ried the love of his life Jean "Gina" Lona, and raised three children, Robbie, Barbara and Jimmy.

Bob was a lifelong florist and the third generation to run Smith Floral Company, which lasted for over 100 years in the Smith family. Known for his cheerful disposition and smile, Bob loved to spend time outdoors and could often be found fishing at Lake Harmony or the family farm in Albrightsville. He enjoyed nothing more than catching up with friends and

family over one of his legendary Manhattans.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean and son Robert. He is survived by his daughter, Barbara Franzosa, Albrightsville; son James G. Smith and his wife Jane, Albrightsville; grandchildren Gina Franzosa, Bend OR, Mary Franzosa and her husband John Mosty, Austin, TX, James G. Smith, Glendive, MT, and Frank Smith, Alberta, Canada; as well as great-grandchildren June, Joseph and Juliette Mosty.

Private funeral services will be held. Memorial donations may be made in Bob's name to Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company, Lake Harmony Ambulance and Rescue Squad, or Kidder Hike and Bike Trail Group.

Virtual Orthopedic Injury Center opens

Orthopedic injuries and issues don't stop, even during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. That's why Coordinated Health, part of Lehigh Valley Health Network, is proud to introduce the region's only virtual orthopedic injury center where patients can receive care anywhere at any time for orthopedic injuries like sprains, strains, suspected fractures and breaks and back pain.

Coordinated Health's virtual orthopedic injury center will provide the community with the same high level of care they have come to ex-

pect, but instead of a face-to-face visit, the care will happen through a secure digital platform. By using virtual visit technology, Coordinated Health is helping reduce a patient's potential exposure to COVID-19 by eliminating any unnecessary trips outside the home.

In order to access the virtual injury center, patients can simply call the injury hotline 24/7 at 610-861-8111. The call will be transferred to an orthopedic surgeon or an orthopedic physician assistant who will initiate a telemedicine visit right then. Telemedicine

visits can be done securely via phone or video. If it's determined that patients need further care, they will be referred to the nearest open injury center or if absolutely necessary, the emergency room.

"During these unprecedented times, Coordinated Health is pleased to continue to offer the best patient experience with convenient and accessible virtual care when it's needed the most. We want the community to know that we are still here for them and are just a phone call away," says LVHN-Coordinated Health President, Amy Nyberg.

Virtual orthopedic injury center visits are covered by most insurances. Patients with questions regarding coverage of virtual visits should contact their insurance provider.

For more information, call the injury center hotline at 610-861-8111 or visit coordinatedhealth.com/services/injury-center.

W'eel meet again

It appears that humans aren't the only ones who feel isolated during the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. Apparently the spotted garden eels in the Sumida Aquarium in Tokyo have become restless for the lack of human visitors, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. And so, the folks who run the aquarium are asking people to take the time to engage in video chats with the slithery sea creatures. A notice on the aquarium's Website explains: "It seems like the spotted garden eels are getting used to a non-human environment and have forgotten about people. When the staff pass in front of them, they start hiding in the sand."



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As a part of Bells Across America, Penn Lake Mayor Debb Kryszicki rang the bell at the Community House for 3 minutes on Saturday May 2, to show support for all essential workers as well as solidarity in overcoming Covid 19. The White Haven Volunteer Fire Company, Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company and the White Haven Police Department paraded around the whole area, and residents made thank you signs and came out to make noise in support of them. On Sunday, children were encouraged to hunt for painted rocks like the one at right, hidden on Saturday by volunteers.

Photos courtesy Jill Rosstock

Ringing out in thanks in Penn Lake



Veterans Corner

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

Communist China, Did They Attack the World?

Yes, in my opinion, and following the most ruthless, failed power grab in the current world, China will not become the dominant economic power.

If you are hurt from the events of the last five months, you, me and the world are a victim of China's last ditch effort to rise in global power.

China's economy depends on its economic foothold to remain a world power, and it will be the American people who brings them into decline. The demise of their system

will be one of the largest failures of socialism recorded, caused not by armies or navies, but by consumers and U.S. citizens.

It is speculated that in January at the start of the "Pandemic," the Chinese Government purposely or accidentally released a deadly virus. Instead of taking steps to contain it, they secretly stockpiled PPE and medical supplies, and slashed medical exports especially to the USA. Their government allowed infected people and carriers to travel to all major population areas of the world knowingly

causing the current pandemic. In a manner, they attacked the world economies to bolster their own. By killing off the doctors who tried to warn the world, lying, and partnering with the World Health Organization, the cover up and control attempt almost worked.

As a result, it is predicted that world powers will stop their dependency on China for manufacturing medical supplies, and start producing their own.

America's first responders have become soldiers in this fight — those working at hospi-

tals and everyone working to contain and stop the weakening of our economies. Also on the front lines are our truck drivers, our grocery store workers, and don't forget our sanitation workers.

Everyone who still reports for duty everyday helps to defeat China's plan, every US citizen who puts down a "Made in China" item and buys a "Made in America" item instead helps us to win this thing.

Like in other times of crisis, it will be the American people who save the world from tyrannical forces. Every Ameri-

can who says no to the imports, and makes it a point to buy American and buy locally supports our nation's manufacturers and farmers. And every American citizen who is working on the front lines is a modern day hero.

And finally, our Eagle will defeat the Chinese dragon, quoting Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto on the attack on Pearl Harbor referring to the American people. "I fear all we have done is awaken a sleeping giant and fill him with terrible resolve." Yes, they have, and America will have its comeback.

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Tips for those struggling with online schooling

by Anna Mae Hinkle

PART ONE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many students find themselves schooling online, which is a big change from going to school. I empathize with all students who are trying their best to adjust to this new and different lifestyle. I know that, if after years of homeschooling, I found myself having to navigate the newness of going to a public or private school, I would not adjust quickly.

But the adjustment doesn't have to happen all at once,

and there are many practical ways to make your home-schooling days go by more smoothly. In my experience, I have found that there are three things that lead to a good homeschooling experience. These are scheduling, habit building, and environment.

Even if you don't have a detailed schedule with times marked beside your tasks, a simple checklist is often a huge help. Seeing a list of the things you need to do, and in a certain order, is beneficial. It can be overwhelming to think of all the homework assign-

ments you need to do, but if you write them down, you can see each task. Additionally, it's easier to remember to do certain tasks when they're written out in front of you.

When I make a schedule or checklist, I usually write down things I *need* to do and things I *want* to do. Needs might be things like homework, chores, animal care, etc., while wants might be reading a book, watching a show, or playing a game. Schedules and checklists can often act as a reward system. It's satisfying to see a row of checks alongside a column of tasks.

Checkmarks shouldn't be the only rewards, though. One of the beauties of homeschooling is that you can work rewards into the schedule of your busy days. If you work at math for an hour, you could go on a 10-minute walk. If you read all your homework assignments, you could get a snack. The schedule you make is adaptable to you and the things that make *your* day go the way it needs to go. You could emulate a regular school day if you want, placing your school subjects in the order you'd most likely do them if you were going to school.

There are only so many hours in the day, and for many, it never feels like there are enough to get everything done. Efficient scheduling and checklist-building reduces the time it takes to remember what to do and when. It helps keep you on track, focused on your work, and more organized overall.

Anna Mae Hinkle is a twelfth grade student of Mother of Divine Grace Distance Learning School. She is a member of the Weatherly Scholastic Scrimmage team and enjoys writing, music, and horseback riding.

Archives...

Continued from page 2

Rusty the Rotary Dog, a local canine celebrity, will be a special guest at the Weatherly Flea-Bake this Saturday at the Weatherly Plaza, featuring more than 25 stands.

Friday night is Country Night with the Gary Dillon Band in The Mountainview Lounge of The Mountain Laurel Resort from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A performance of Dinosaurs Go To School was performed

for students in the Weatherly Area Elementary School grades kindergarten through 5 on April 11, with songs dance, puppets and student participation. The program was provided by the Weatherly Area PTA.

The Weatherly Area Elementary School Band and Chorus will present their annual Spring Concert this Friday.

Caster's Floral & Gift Shop is reminding everyone to Remember Mom, or someone who is special like a Mom to you on Sunday.

Lehigh Twp

Continued from page 3

for both Lehigh and Lausanne Townships on June 2.

Methods to slow traffic speed on Stagecoach Road were discussed. A suggestion to put in a Stop sign was considered unlikely, since it would be in a straightaway rather than an intersection. It was also noted speedbumps are not legal on public thoroughfares.

The township may apply for a CDBC block grant for Grist Mill Road, although it may not meet income guidelines.

Because the road is used as an access for recreational purposes, funds may be available to improve ingress and egress to the Lehigh Gorge State Park at Rockport.

Skinner noted that the state is doing some work in that

area, having taken down the old A-frame in Rockport, and making preparations to replace the bridge.

The next Lehigh Township Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 1 p.m.

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**

Carbon County property transfers through April 26

Banks Township

Casey R. Smith to Jonathan T. Petrole, 36 N. Chestnut St., Tresckow, property at 36 N. Chestnut St., \$70,756.50.

Kidder Township

Ronald Schwartz to Moun-tain Home Trust, Bryn Mawr,

property at 115 Telemark, \$1. Nancy L. Lewis to James Pallas, Wantagh, New York, property at 10 Snow Ridge Village, Lake Harmony, \$105,000.

Donald L. Roegge to Jeffrey G. Brock, 656 W. Oak Lane,

White Haven, property at 656 W. Oak Lane, \$159,900.

Kidder Township

Dennis M. Delany to Sandhya P. Rege, Maple Glen, property at 36 Blue-stone Court, Lake Harmony, \$375,000.

Neil P. Harrigan to Prop-erty Partners, LLC, Clemmons, North Carolina, property at C402 Mills Drive, Albrightsville, \$17,520.

Lehigh Township

Ronald Seibel to Sandra M. Seibel, 878 N. Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, property at 878 N. Lehigh Gorge Drive, \$1.

Weatherly

Ship Is It, LLC, to Carrie M. Askew, 38 Franklin St.,

Weatherly, property at 38 Franklin St., \$85,000.

CHS Class planning 50th reunion

Crestwood High School Class of 1970 is having its next class meeting on Sunday June 7, from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Wright Township Park Pavil-

ion. All classmates are urged to attend to finalize the events for the 50th Reunion over the weekend of October 16 and 17.

No VBS this year in White Haven

The White Haven Area Ministerium regrets that due to the pandemic, the 2020 Vacation Bible School has been cancelled. We will be back in

the summer of 2021 and are looking forward to fun, games, and great times based on Bible stories. Looking forward to seeing you then!

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4-County Council meeting cancelled

The ALA Carbon/Lehigh/Monroe/Northampton 4 County Council's meeting scheduled for May 9 at Unit 360 in Weatherly has been cancelled due the current medical crisis/restrictions and to protect the health and safety of members.

Right now, plans are to hold the next scheduled meeting on June 13 at Brown & Lynch

Post 9, 2260 Corriere Drive, Easton.

The Americanism Essay winners, Memorial Service and council Poppy contest (hat, corsage, centerpiece, Wreath or Junior entry) will all take place at that meeting. The meeting will be held if conditions permit.

CCAL cancels May meeting

With great regret, the upcoming May meeting of the Carbon County Art League (CCAL), held every second Wednesday of the month, has been cancelled. Based on CDC continuing recommendations for social distancing, the monthly workshops and artist presentations will not be available as scheduled, postponed until it is safe to do so.

The Carbon County Art League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports local artists of all ages, working in all mediums. Any artist in need of assistance, or interested in joining the league, can contact us here: info@carboncountyart.com. For more information and updates visit <https://carboncountyart.wixsite.com/carbon-county-art>. Stay well, stay safe, stay creative!

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Voting to Support & Protect Workers throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic

Asking for your vote in District 119 in the June 2 Primary



On Friday, May 1 Faith Church Weatherly continued its “we care” thank you and prayer tour, stopping by the Citizens Fire Company No. 1 to donate some supplies and thank them for all they do. We took time to pray God’s protection and provision over them. Keep praying with us for all these vital workers.

Girard Fewins is WAHS April Senior of the Month

Girard Fewins, son of Girard and Laurie Fewins, Weatherly, has been named Senior of the Month for April at Weatherly Area High School.

Girard is a member of Modern Band, where he has been involved in projects recording and producing music, and the Weatherly Area High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Girard has also provided Instructional Technology support to the district and teachers for the past few years in the summer months as well as during the school year.

In the community, Girard volunteers his time with the Tweedle Park cleanups and the St. Patrick Church Bazaar. Girard is employed by the White Haven Market.

Sponsor for the month of March is Broad Mountain Stone, in Weatherly.



WAHSAA cancels Memorial Day dinner

Due to the current Corona-virus pandemic, the Weatherly Area High School Alumni Association is cancelling their annual Memorial Day Dinner and General Membership Meeting that was to be held Monday, May 25.

We are postponing the rest of our 25th Anniversary celebration until the Corona Virus situation has settled. In the meantime...

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

Sunny and spring...

This past weekend was to be a spring afternoon at Knoebels, seeing a show, riding some rides, and walking the park, but with the COVID closure, we're still locked down and the park is still to open for this year. The best we were able to do is take a drive after doing shopping. It's not enough, but it was a bit of freedom. We drove enough to burn off some gasoline bought at a price of \$1.73. As I write this, prices have dropped down

below \$1.70 – how wonderful, especially once we all can drive again.

Sightings this week include a good-sized pot-bellied pig seen in the front yard a home on our way to Wilkes-Barre – out eating grass on a nice sunny day. That day, Ruth and I got some shopping done for my uncle Slater, and enjoyed a take-in dinner. He's been staying inside except for taking walks for daily exercise, so he's truly bored and has taken to asking to go out shopping

with us. With Luzerne County being a hot spot, we are going with caution, and convincing him to stay put for a few more weeks.

Back at home, with the weather nice into the evenings, we have taken to walking around the block after dinner as a way to take an edge off our cabin fever.

Sightings also include some frost-sensitive magnolia trees that returned from being frost-burned to show off their beautiful blooms. Lilacs are now blooming, just in time for the next frosty nights scare this week. Accuweather projects we may need to get to Memorial Day before frost is not a threat.

On our Sunday ride to go for our own home's shopping, Ruth and I sighted cows and newborn calves spread out in a farm field not far off the road we were traveling. The calves were not two weeks old in some cases—just big enough to cluster together in a huddle like puppies, laid out enjoying the sunshine. The littlest of them kept close to their mothers. Not much

farther along, we found a field with sheep and some newborn lambs.

On this trip, we also enjoyed a stately overflight of a great blue heron.

On our way, we saw people lined up at the local ice cream stands, wearing masks, socially separated. Some restaurants had take-out set ups, and others looked closed. Here's to all of them reopening soon.

Looking ahead to Mother's Day weekend, under restriction, there's not even a glimmer of a possibility of taking someone out to dinner at a restaurant – though taking dinner to them is an acceptable alternative, bar the set-up and the clean-up afterwards. Looking farther ahead, Memorial Day weekend will be with-

out the local parades. I remain hopeful for events later in June – best to look ahead.

In looking ahead, we pine for being able to travel to see family.

Stay well everyone.

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Lehigh & Lausanne Fire Chief Tim Rossman reported the following calls for March, 2020.

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Summer won't be the same without Little League baseball

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

The earliest recollection of sports in my life can be traced back to Little League. Sure, I played catch with my father in the backyard, and had my fair share of whiffle ball and kickball games with the neighborhood kids. But it was the

summer following my fourth grade school year that I clearly remember my first taste of organized baseball.

I remember my first uniform as if I was trying it on right now. It was a big, baggy thing for a skinny 10-year-old like myself. It was heavy and extremely warm on hot days, nothing like the lightweight uniforms of today. It was grey, with big, bold block lettering: Callaghan's Pharmacy.

Oddly, I don't remember what my uniform number was. Everything else about my two Little League seasons remains very clear to me, even to this day.

I struggled to hit the ball my first year, even in practice against Mr. Jennings' lob pitches. I had three hits -- all

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season -- and our team went 6-16 and did not make the playoffs. Even though I wasn't much of a hitter that first season, I quickly learned that I was a decent player when I wasn't in the batter's box.

As one of the faster kids on the team, Mr. Jennings put me in center field most of the time. I could catch a fly ball, and I could run down hits in the gap to eliminate the "inside-the-park" home run.

I didn't exactly have a gun for an arm that first year, but it was my arm that helped produce my biggest moment that season. Playing in center, I remember it was the sixth inning and the other team was

rallying. The game was tied, a runner was at second, and there were two outs. At that point, I didn't want the ball hit to me, but of course it was. A line single up the middle. As I charged the ball and scooped it, I could see the runner rounding third. I threw with all my might in the direction of home plate. Although it took a couple hops to get there, it was on the money and we got the out at home. We went on to win in extra innings.

I don't doubt for a moment that play changed everything for me. That simple play gave me a certain confidence, something I had been lacking up until that point. The next season, my defense and my arm got even better. And, I started to hit. I went from three hits to 23 that second season, and we improved to 16-6 and made the league playoffs.

In our league's 12 year-old senior all-star game, I even got a hit off the fastest pitcher in the league, and bragged to him about it the whole next school year.

Little League baseball put me in love with sports, and started me on the path I am still on today as a sportswriter. So when Little League President and CEO Stephen Keener announced late last week that the Little League World Series was being cancelled this summer, it stung. It was the latest gut-punch delivered courtesy of the coronavirus. With social distancing in place, local seasons delayed and travel restrictions, it would have been impossible to play the 2020 LLWS, Keener said. Therefore, for the first time in 74

years, there won't be a Little League World Series in South Williamsport this summer. State, sectional and regional tournaments have also been cancelled.

I feel for every boy and girl out there whose dream it is to play baseball. I remember that dream as a player, and I also lived it as a parent of three Little Leaguers. Our family spent countless hours at practice and games, coaching and cheering on the boys and their teams. Like their father before them, Little League baseball gave them their start in sports, and was a huge part of their lives growing up.

I've umpired, coached, worked the concession stand and groomed the field. As a sportswriter for more than three decades now, I have also covered hundreds and hundreds of Little League tournament games. I've taken the boys to Lamade Stadium a couple of times, enjoyed several LLWS games, and even slid down the hill with them on cardboard boxes. Quite frankly, Little League baseball is a part of me, and this summer won't be the same without it.

I am holding out a glimmer of hope that perhaps Little League baseball can return later this summer on a local level. Little League International has produced a 2020 season resumption guide that it hopes can help local leagues return to play at some point this year, depending on guidelines set forth by local and state health officials.

Here's hoping something can be salvaged, and our young players can continue to learn, play and enjoy the game of baseball that has been such a great stepping stone for so many of us.

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Gerhart...

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his voice. “The first two weeks that we were off I was really working out for the sole fact that I was hoping that we could get back. For me I was a little bit heartbroken, just because I put a lot of time and effort into this my junior season and this spring.”

A natural at any sport he played, Gerhart has been a fixture in Wrecker varsity athletics since his freshman year. On the baseball diamond, he was the Wreckers’ starting center fielder as both a freshman and a sophomore. He joined forces with his father, head coach Corey Gerhart, to help turn the boys’ basketball program into a district playoff qualifier again.

He also competed for the Wreckers’ soccer program in the fall, in part as a way to maintain his physical stamina. He excelled at all three, and was one of the area’s premier 3-point threats on the basketball court. This past season, he gave the Wreckers 6.0 points, 3.1 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 16 3-pointers as a key cog on their District 11 Class A playoff team.

“My best memory is from basketball, from winning two games to coming around my junior and senior years, making it to the playoffs and turning the whole team around,” the Packer Township resident said.

The one thing evident in all three sports was his sheer speed, and it was time for Mason to explore that. “Coming into my sophomore season I really didn’t know much about track. I knew I was fast, and I wanted to perform and try to get faster as the year went on,”

he said. So he doubled for the Wreckers that spring, chasing down fly balls in center for the baseball team, and learning the art of sprinting for the school’s track team, even though that meant running on Sixth Street or through the Eurana Park parking lot. The Wreckers don’t have a track to run on, and have never experienced a home meet.

“It’s definitely hard for sure just because when you run on a track, you get used to the track. When you run on a road, once you go on to the track it’s kind of difficult to transfer over from what you were just training on,” he explained. “The hills that I have by the soccer fields, that definitely helps. Also, running on the road there’s a little bit of a slant, so I measured out the 100 meters so when I was running on an uphill slope it would just make my times faster, because I was running against the wind and running the slope.”

Gerhart was emerging as a sprinter to watch by the time his junior season began. He clocked personal-best times of 11.5 in the 100 and 23.9 in the 200 -- both school records -- and found himself in the District 11 Class 2A 100-meter final. A time of 11.1 seconds, regardless of where he finishes, gets him to the state meet at Shippensburg University.

When the starter’s gun went off twice quickly, one of the runners had false-started. “I wanted to get there so bad my junior year, just be there with my best friend,” he said, referring to Jim Thorpe sprinter Jarrin Geisinger.

Instead, Gerhart never got to complete the race. “I was disqualified for a false start,” he said. “I was told (later) that it wasn’t me that false-started,

it was someone else, but they just called my name, and I was out.”

All that did was fuel Gerhart’s fire to improve, and to strive for a senior sendoff to Shippensburg. As Geisinger wrapped up a decorated track career with another state medal in the 100 last spring, Gerhart reached out to his friend’s track coach, Kareem Mickens, for some private training. “He was helping me get faster throughout the summer,” Gerhart said of Mickens. “Not only was I working this spring, I was working in the summertime. I was expecting some big times. I was running a lot better. I was hoping to break my records from last year.”

Although the Wreckers had yet to get on a real track this spring, Gerhart felt his work was going to pay huge dividends with lower times and a legitimate shot at states.

“We never really got to a track to see what my times improved to, but I know for a fact that they definitely improved. It just really sucks. Just make it to Shippensburg. That was definitely the goal,” he continued. “Knowing how fast those other kids were and knowing I probably wouldn’t win, but just to be able to go out and compete (at states) would be a dream.”

As a team captain this spring, he was also welcoming the opportunity to lead. He was giving his younger sister, freshman Kendall, pointers at practice. He was also hoping to push the younger sprinters to shoot for the stars, and continue to promote his sport and make track and field relevant at his school.

“Being named captain, that just meant for me that I could try to potentially get kids

younger than me to beat my record. That’s all I really wanted, for Weatherly to become a track school,” he said.

Although Gerhart could have raised the eyebrows of some college scouts with a big spring, he’s hoping his hard work and track record will still get him a look at the next level. The 3.6 GPA honors student will be at East Stroudsburg University in the fall, majoring in Exercise Science and Pre-Chiropractic. “I’ve been trying to talk with the East Stroudsburg coaches to potentially run for them. I’m not sure about that yet, but we’ll see how that goes. That would be really sweet.”

For now, he’s turned his focus to finishing up his classes from home, and awaits what he hopes will be some type of graduation ceremony. It was originally scheduled for June 5, although that remains up in the air. “It’s really hard, because I always envisioned

at a really young age to walk across the stage with my friends and everybody,” he said. “Having that stripped away from you by something that I can’t even control, it’s terrible.”

The same streets Mason practiced hard to improve his sprinting on are now lined with lawn banners for each of the members of the Weatherly Area High School Class of 2020. It is a salute to their hard work and perseverance in the classroom and away from it during these difficult times.

For student-athletes like Mason, it is also a nod to how they have represented their school and their community during their time at Weatherly, and to those spring sports athletes who were unable to end things on their terms. It was a reminder that they won’t be forgotten.

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Don Shula's passing elicits memories of the '72 Miami Dolphins

by Mark Morthier

How good were those Dolphins? Let's compare the '72 Dolphins to the '75 Vikings - a team that some analysts feel was the NFL's best-ever. After ten games, Minnesota's record was 10-0, and it looked like the Vikings would end up

undefeated just like the '72 Dolphins.

The Vikings' first ten opponents had a combined record of 38-102. Dismal. Their last five opponents (including one playoff game) had a combined record of 37-33. Much better. But the Vikings lost three of those final five games, includ-

ing in the first round of the playoffs. The Dolphins, on the other hand, won all five of their last games against teams with a combined record of 48-25.

Now let's turn to the '75 LA Rams. Including the postseason, the Rams finished the season with a 13-3 record. But

LA faced only five teams with winning records. They feasted on those weak opponents, going 11-1 against teams with a combined record of 43-111. But they were only 3-2 against teams with winning records, including a humiliating 37-7 loss to the Cowboys in the NFC Championship.

There's something else about that '72 Miami team that doesn't get mentioned much. The team clinched the division title with a Week Ten win against the NY Jets. The Dolphins could have coasted the rest of the way. They didn't. They kept playing hard, outscoring their last four opponents, 107-44. And, oh, by the way, their reward for finishing the regular season 14-0 was playing the AFC Championship game on the road!

Some analysts still say the '72 Dolphins are overrated. Well, one thing can't be disputed: that team remains the only undefeated squad in NFL history. Perfection. That word best describes the '72 Dolphins. And it's Don Shula's legacy, too.

Mark Morthier writes about 'old school sports' for The Sports Column.

NFL's ten best quarterback-wide receiver combos

by Jason Feirman

Not long ago Gil Brandt ranked the Top 10 quarterback-wide receiver pairings in the NFL. Surprisingly, Brandt included tandems with players who've just been traded to, or have signed with, new teams. For example, Brandt ranked new Tampa Bay QB Tom Brady and Mike Evans 6th on his list even though Brady

has yet to complete a pass to Evans. And he listed Kyler Murray-DeAndre Hopkins 3rd on his list. Yes, Murray and D-Hop are great players, but we need to see them take snaps before announcing them as one of the NFL's best.

I'm all for potential, but I'm also into performance. There are plenty of existing QB-WR tandems who've proven what they can do--on the field, not

just in a speculative mind. Yes, I'm asking for a reality check. So here's my offering of the ten best QB-WR combs in the league. My list only includes players who've played with each other in NFL competition.

1. SAINTS: Drew Brees-Michael Thomas
2. PACKERS: Aaron Rodgers-DeVante Adams
3. CHIEFS: Patrick Mahomes-Tyreek Hill
4. FALCONS: Matt Ryan-Julio Jones
5. COWBOYS: Dak Prescott-Amari Cooper
6. VIKINGS: Kirk Cousins-Adam Theilen
7. SEAHAWKS: Russel Wilson-Tyler Lockett
8. LIONS: Mathew Staf-

- ford-Kenny Golladay
9. RAMS: Jared Goff-Cooper Kupp
10. BROWNS: Baker Mayfield-Jarvis Landry

You can certainly quibble with the order, and you might want to remove one or two and add a few others to the list. But I'll make this bet: no matter which tandems you pick, they're likely to be top-shelf performers.

Jason Feirman writes about pro sports for The Sports Column. He also hosts the 'Route 4 Sports' podcast at Anchor.FM, which is also available at other fine podcast platforms, including Apple, Google, and Spotify.

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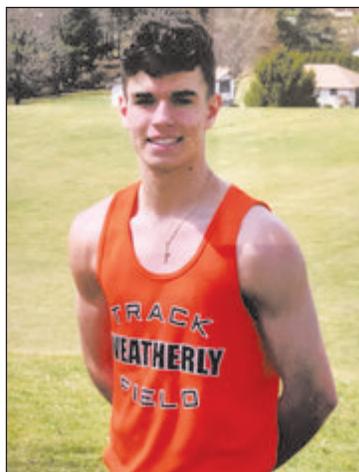
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Gerhart was a four-year, four-sport fixture for the Wreckers

by Steve Stallone
Sports Editor

Mason Gerhart could picture himself sprinting down the front straightaway at the district track and field championships this spring, and completing his dream of qualifying for the state championships. "I felt faster. I felt great," the Weatherly Area High School senior said, as he looked back on his preseason



Weatherly Area senior Mason Gerhart is a sprint specialist for the Wrecker track and field team, holding the school records in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

the 100- and 200-meter dashes. After reaching the district final in the 100 as a junior, he put in extra time over the summer fine-tuning his craft, and was two-plus weeks into spring workouts under new Wreckers' head coach Ryan Kately.

"Coming into my senior season I was expecting big things. I was expecting to win a district title hopefully, that was my plan," Gerhart said. Just days before the Wreckers were scheduled to have their first track meet, schools closed their doors and athletics were put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic.



Gerhart played basketball, track and field, baseball and soccer during his varsity athletic career with the Wreckers.

workouts. "I was excited for the season."

It was to be an unforgettable final season for Gerhart, the school's record-holder in both

Senior Salute



Gerhart excelled in baseball as a freshman and sophomore, and was the team's starting center fielder before the Wrecker program went into hiatus during his junior year due to lack of players. Gerhart competed in both baseball and track during the spring of his sophomore year.

A few weeks later, with social distancing guidelines now in place, the PIAA pulled the plug on the rest of the state basketball playoffs and the entire spring sports schedule. And just like that, Mason's high school sports career -- and the careers of senior ath-

letes nationwide -- were now over before they could ever write the final chapter.

"I was absolutely heartbroken when I heard everything was shut down," Gerhart said, the disappointment still in

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WAHS seniors, including Mason Gerhart, are showcased with lawn banners along Evergreen Ave. and Sixth St. leading up to the high school. Placed to salute the Class of 2020.



Gerhart was a multi-year starter for the Weatherly Area High School boys' basketball team, helping the Wreckers to back-to-back district playoff appearances as a junior and senior.

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