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Koehler's Crossing bridge is gone

by Seth Isenberg

The old Koehler's Crossing footbridge over the Black Creek in Weatherly was removed during the afternoon of Tuesday, June 16. The bridge once took workmen to and from the Lehigh Valley Railroad shops, and later Weatherly Steel, and homemakers to downtown shops. Contractors cut the bridge off its moor-

ings, and lifted it whole to a trailer to be hauled away.

A short piece of the bridge was cut from the span, and has been left behind for the Weatherly Museum to display.

The bridge was not owned by the borough or any private organization. In recent years, it had fallen into disrepair. Weatherly officials closed it off many months ago out of concern it might collapse.

Dennison eyeing zoning changes

by Seth Isenberg

Dennison Township supervisors met June 3, at the township municipal building in Middleburg, socially distanced.

The spring clean-up day has been postponed, due to the COVID-19. Clean-up day will be the last Saturday in September, the 26th, and will also include electronics recycling if the company can be confirmed.

The curative amendment to the township's zoning ordinances took its first big step, on a unanimous 3-0 vote by supervisors. Within 180 days, Dennison supervisors will approve language to add to the ordinance to fix "invalidities" in the existing rules. The new language will include rules for short-term rentals, including what zone they may be allowed in. There will be rules barring marijuana dispensaries or growing facilities, and residential de-tox facilities. This language should be done by August, with the help of codes officer Jack Varaly, so that the rules being added can be reviewed by Luzerne County's Planning Commission.

Supervisors will hold a work session to work through some of issues on any proposed short-term rental rules.

Varaly, as zoning officer, reported that there was one per-

mit issued for a fence. He also notes that Jose Mendez has returned to his lot and is likely living on it. The property is up for sheriff's sale in August.

The property where horses were kept that was too small by township rules has been vacated, and the horses moved. Discussion on this led to supervisors looking to hold another work session about adding some rules on the number of animals that can be kept on a property that's not a farm.

May's police report lists one lost hiker, a forgery incident, and an animal complaint, in addition to regular patrols and speed control work.

Jim Yackiel, in his roads report, said that debris and a tree were removed after storms. A new STOP sign is up on 4th Street, and he added a 4-Way Stop sign. The lawn beside the township's building has been re-seeded and some new topsoil added (and rocks removed). He also attended some online training.

Supervisor Bruce Thomas reported that pothole patching is on the work schedule this month.

Bill Bauersfeld of the Dennison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. reported 4 calls with 29.75 hours of service for May. There was one dwelling fire, a search and rescue and a landing zone, plus a false alarm.

Two of the calls were in Dennison, one in Foster Township and one in Wright. Chief Jay Marotta added to the stats this month that the new Hurst cutting tool has been put into service.

Bills totaling \$13,715 were approved, including \$5,000 to the Dennison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co., \$2,252 to White Haven for police coverage, \$1,037 for the EFT payment, \$638 to County Waste, \$500 to Jack Varaly, and \$436 to Valley Power Equipment; 7 smaller bills; and \$2,946 for payroll.

Treasurer Stevie Stortz' report showed a balance of \$57,469 in the General Fund after income of \$31,811 — (\$21,058 in EIT, \$9,453 in local taxes, plus). Expenses were \$24,179.

The meeting was attended by supervisors Mike Mack, Sheila Weaver and Thomas, secretary/treasurer Stortz, roadmaster Yackiel, Bauersfeld and this reporter.

Dennison's supervisors meet next—in person, socially distanced—at 6 p.m. on July 1, at the township building on Walnut Street in Middleburg, White Haven.



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Editorial

Stop Sign Polka

by Seth Isenberg

I'm surprised to learn that it takes a bureaucrat's edict to get a regular STOP sign enhanced on a state road, even when that STOP sign is not doing its job well enough. We're talking about the 3-way stop intersection at the corner of Berwick and Church in White Haven, a/k/a Route 940. For those of us who regularly travel through that intersection, the stop sign runner is the great fear. This past week, I watched a young lady drive right through the westbound stop sign at Church and Berwick Streets as I approached the top of the hill. Fifteen seconds later, she'd have hit me.

Today, there was an accident on that side of that intersection. Of course, there is also the out-of-town driver heading west on Route 940 who stops where there's no stop sign, but that's a different problem.

White Haven Borough is proposing to erect a STOP sign southbound (Route 437) with flashing lights around it. This would be paid for by borough taxpayers, and its electric use would become a safety cost like the monthly bill for street lights. Even as the need is immediate and there's no cost to PennDOT, there's still PennDOT's approval needed, including a traffic study to prove the volume of traffic, delaying a needed safety improvement just as summer traffic comes through.

Personally, I'd like to see as many signs and as much road paint as needed to really cut the problem down.

Here's hoping approval comes quickly for everyone's safety.

From the Archives

From

The Weatherly Herald,

June 25 1970

James Faust and
Cletus Milan, Publishers

Photos on the front page show Emlyn Bell, who is the new president of the Weatherly Rotary Club, and Daniel Hittinger, who was a delegate to the 11th annual 4-H Congress. Bell was installed at a joint meeting of the Nesquehoning and Weatherly Rotary Clubs at Scrafford's Restaurant in Hometown. Hittinger attended the four-day Congress, held for 1,000 young people at Penn State University. The Congress is designed to increase skills in leadership and citizenship.

Another photo on the front page is of the new officers of the Weatherly Lions, who celebrated their 20th anniversary last week at the Crystal Inn. Otto Barbush was installed as president.

Still another photo is of Willard Hoffman of R.D.2, showing the 3'10" rattlesnake he killed Friday afternoon while out picking strawberries in Laurytown. He said the rattlesnake struck at him while he reached between goldenrods. It had nine rattles and a button.

The Pennsylvania Department of Highways is seeking bids for a new bridge to cross Koon's Creek in Weatherly, a site best known as the start of the Weatherly Rotary Club's annual hillclimb.

Allen Rothrock was elected president of the Weatherly Area Democratic Club.

Weatherly Area School Board adopted its '70-'71 budget, balanced at \$764,399. Francis Cherasara was hired for the summer maintenance

program at \$2 an hour.

Charles Parker was installed as commander of the Eroh-Warner Post of the V.F.W.

Sutter Corp of Necopeck was awarded the contract as general contractor for the new County Home, for \$2,610,800. All electrical bids were rejected, and will be readvertised for a bid opening on July 2.

The Weatherly Babe Ruth split their last two games, losing 8-0 at home to the Beaver-Banks team, and beating McAdoo at their field 10-5 on Tuesday.

Little League standings show the Legion team at the top, with a 3 and 1 record, earning 1st place by beating Wagner Electric (2-2) in a 7-5 game on Tuesday.

From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber

An exhibition game between Weatherly and White Haven Babe Ruth squads last Wednesday ended in a 9-2 defeat of the local boys. Manager Bill McCluskey told us his boys just weren't hitting the ball, while the White Haven lads hit everything that was served up.

Conservation News, put out by the National Wildlife Federation, says that "Air pollution has become so pervasive (that) the affluent can no longer leave their \$40,000 homes, get into their \$4,000 automobiles, and travel over \$100,000,000 highways to get a breath of fresh air. — There is no fresh air anymore, just 'fresher.'"

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

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The Certificate of Organization is filed under the Domestic Limited Liability Company law as amended.

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**Carol Ann Lenahan,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Brian Platukis of Sugarloaf, Pennsylvania in the Estate of **GEORGE PAUL PLATUKIS, JR. A/K/A GEORGE PLATUKIS**, late of Black Creek Township, Pennsylvania, who died on April 16, 2020. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to the Executor named or to:

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New gastroenterologist Joseph Yoo to join local practice

Joseph Yoo, M.D. will be joining his father, Young Kul

Yoo, M.D., as a new gastroenterologist serving the Greater Hazleton Area starting July 2020.

Joseph Yoo is a native of

Hazleton, but has spent the last 10 years living in the city of Philadelphia. While in Philadelphia, he completed medical school at Temple University School of Medicine in 2014, and has spent the last 6 years working as a physician and completing sub-specialty training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. He is now excited to move back to the area as its newest gastroenterologist, capable of treating a wide range of digestive diseases and conditions.

Areas of expertise include: colonoscopy, upper endoscopy, small bowel endoscopy, capsule endoscopy, colon cancer screening, anemia, gastrointestinal bleeding, hemorrhoids, constipation, diarrhea, abdominal pain, heartburn and acid reflux, nausea, vomiting, bloating, celiac disease, gastrointestinal motility disorders, pancreas and bile duct disorders, liver disease, inflammatory bowel disease, and other conditions within the field of gastroenterology and hepatology.

The office is located at 10 Park Place, Hazleton. Call (570) 454-1400 to schedule an appointment, or visit hazle-tongastro.com to learn more.

Great News for Tax Payers! You can now pay with a credit card!

The borough and myself have signed up with Municipay, which means that we can accept credit card payments for garbage, certain fees, county/municipal taxes for the current year, and school taxes for the current tax year. It is great that we were able to make this happen. There is a fee that will be charged to the credit card holder for use of this service. All fees are disclosed at the time of the transaction.

To use this service go to the White Haven Boro website and click on bill pay. You will then be able to select which category you wish to make a payment to and fill in the appropriate boxes. When paying taxes you will be asked to enter the parcel number. This number is the number on your tax bill that begins with 68. The first address to enter is the address of the property you are paying taxes on. You will then be directed to the second page which will take your credit card information and billing address. Please enter correct information so that I may properly apply the payment.

This site will also process payments through your checking account as well,

with a small fee also being charged to the payer.

Also another piece of good news is that face value on the county/municipal bills has been extended to 8/18/2020. Please keep this in mind and pay the appropriate amount which is face value till 8/18/2020 and penalty after that period of time. Supplemental bills have different dates, so this does not apply to those.

I will be in the municipal office starting August 5, 2020. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during the COVID pandemic, and our desire to keep both workers and residents safe. As always, I am available by phone or by email and will assist you with whatever you need.

School taxes will be coming out the end of July, so please be aware.

Thank you for your cooperation and support, and stay safe!

**Kathy Gross
White Haven Borough Tax Collector**



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**From
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June 28, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

The front page photos show 8th grade students Kenny Lawson and Jane Seigendall receiving the American Legion Post 360 awards recognizing their honor, courage, scholar-

ship, leadership, service and Americanism.'

The White Haven Area Senior Citizens, at their second June meeting, enjoyed seeing a display of White Haven memorabilia presented by Earl and Miriam Kresge, from business items and calendars, to photos, to quilts. It being graduation time, the club gave \$25 checks to the outstanding White Haven area graduate in each of the area's public

schools: Meloney Clymer of Crestwood, Melissa Guenst of Weatherly Area and Nicole Getz of Freeland.

The Rev. Milton Hartenstein will share a ministry with both the White Haven and Weatherly United Methodist Churches. He comes from the Old Union United Methodist Church in Wallingford, and will live in the Methodist parsonage in Weatherly. For the past year, the Centenary U.M.C. in Weatherly had been served by student minister Rev. Steven Longmire. White Haven's U.M.C. had been served for the past five years by Rev. Joseph Wenrich. The sharing arrangement means the White Haven Sunday morning service will now begin at 9 a.m.

Weatherly Borough was approved for a \$125,000 Northeastern PA Economic Development Council grant to install an air stripping unit at Well #3 to remove volatile organic compounds. Bids came

in low for the project, awarded to Howard Robson Inc. of Lancaster for \$96,708.

Borough council, at their meeting, also announced submitting a grant application to the PA Department of Community Affairs to pay for renovations to the bandshell and pavilion at Eurana Park. Plans were discussed on opening the park pool, and beginning swim classes. A recreation program started June 18 under the direction of Ron Sandt, with help from Amy Jeffries and Daniel Eroh.

Residents cutting grass were asked to keep cut grass off the streets so that storm drains would not be blocked.

Crestwood's School Board anticipates approving a five mill tax increase at their meeting this evening.

By the day or week, Jack Frost Mountain is hosting a day camp for kids, ages 5 to 12. Activities include indoor and outdoor games, swimming and pool games, movies, guest speakers, arts and crafts, hiking and fishing trips, parties and more. The camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from June 18 to August 31. Cost is \$15 for a full day or \$60 for a week. Half days cost \$8. Children must provide their own lunches.

June is Dairy Month at Farmers' — Get MOOVIN' with Milk!

Martha and Barry Searfoss celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 26, and there was a photo of the pair (Martha was a long-time employee of *The Journal-Herald*).

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Kidder Twp. supervisors ask Aqua for rate increase relief

by Seth Isenberg

At Kidder Township's May meeting supervisors via GoTo Meeting on the 21st, it was announced that the township will reopen its municipal office to the public starting Tuesday, the 26th. People coming into the building will need to wear masks.

Short-term rentals can resume under the Yellow phase.

A letter was shared by a group of Lake Harmony businesspeople, addressed to sewage service provider Aqua PA, asking for some kind of relief from a high increase in rates. Supervisors discussed this, and decided to send their own letter of support of these businesses' request to Aqua PA – by unanimous vote.

In business, police officer Ryan Kennedy has completed his probation period satisfactorily, and is now a full time

member of the department. The department reported 145 calls for the month of April, 59 of those were police services notifications.

The Lake Harmony Rescue Squad reports making 24 calls in April. Two new people were hired for the crew. The LHSR thanks WalMart of Lehighton for another donation of personal protection supplies. Unit 1760 is getting service for an electrical problem.

Supervisors authorized disposition of records per the township code of listed items between 2017 and 2012 such as old tax bills, exoneration lists and tax collector duplicates and general ledgers, as well as all electronic recordings of meetings once official written minutes are approved.

The old Mt. Laurel Campground parcel was bought by a citizen from the county tax claim bureau by a Walnutport

area resident, and is now returned to the tax rolls.

Supervisors approved bills totaling \$244,023. The biggest chunk of that is \$142,842 for funds to the two fire companies, the Rescue Squad, and into the fire equipment fund. \$26,920 was paid to County Waste for trash hauling; \$18,429 for Highmark Blue Shield coverage for staff; \$14,502 to ARRO for engineering services; \$13,334 to the IRS; were the highest bills in the rest of the list.

Roadmaster Bruce Berger reported that the township is waiting on a crew from Schiffer Bituminous to come clean out catch basins. The old dump truck was auctioned off at a price of \$16,600 via Municipibid.

A letter was received spelling out concerns of the Lake Harmony Association including about parking (due to big

houses built on small lots), noise and fireworks, and trash being put out too soon - attracting bears. These items will be discussed at future meetings.

The township's declaration of emergency continues to be in effect as long as the state declaration holds.

Lehigh raises zoning hearing fee

by Ruth Isenberg

tended to November 1.

The Declaration of Disaster Emergency was extended until July 6.

The Lehigh & Lausanne Fire Company reported three calls in May, all in Lehigh Township, including a brush fire caused by Norfolk Southern employees welding tracks near Penn Haven Junction.

Because of the COVID-19 situation, the fire company is looking into ways to cut expenses and come up with income. Homecoming and other events have been cancelled for this year.

Veterans Corner

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

US weekend mass shootings, 100 in Chicago alone:

Every major city in the USA has seen a surge in shootings, lootings, rape, assaults, robberies, and violence. As I wrote about before, when you remove police from a society, it leaves a void, that void is quickly filled. The majority of cities suffering the most are governed by liberal minded leadership. Most are also sanctuary cities and have supported defunding or abolishing police.

From the onset, at just the suggestion of defunding or

abolishing our police, crime soared. Look to Seattle's "CHOP" zone. Reports are it is becoming medieval, with warlords rising to power who direct armed thugs asserting mob rule. Imagine if a group came to our town and took over, ousted the police, ransacked the businesses, demanded to be fed, took what they wanted from you by force and demanded everything free from our town's leaders. Police, Fire and Ambulance Service would be prohibited from entering. Gunshot victims and other medical emergencies would be driven to emergency rooms in cars.

The people who support this have no regard for the businesses and homes destroyed. This is nothing more than lawlessness. Their Mayor and Governor, who took an oath to protect all, are allowing it, even providing supplies so it can continue.

This is an example of the future under liberal style rule and government. This is a reflection of the past, where tyrannical people seize power with crime and violence and prey upon the average law abiding and working people of a nation.

As long as this is allowed to continue, it will spread to

other cities, then the whole nation. This is a small percentage of radicals victimizing the much higher percentage of lawful people who work and struggle every day to exist. America's freedom is now at stake; we are all threatened in some way. What we are seeing is not a protest, it is not a demonstration by peaceful people, it's an insurrection; defined as "A rising or rebellion of citizens against their government, usually manifested by acts of violence." Under federal law, it is a crime to incite, assist, or engage in such conduct against the United States.

The laws we must obey do not apply to the special political class of people created from years of chipping away at the rights and freedoms of the American people – this same group who wants to disarm citizens. For years people wondered how America would end, we see it coming now. The end of our police would be the end of our nation as we know it. As the weeks go by, it is plain to see why American citizens need weapons. The 2nd Amendment is there so citizens could put down any takeover by hostile tyrannical government.

Carbon count completed

by Ruth Isenberg

There were few surprises in the official Carbon County vote summary released June 18 for the June 2 primary. Incumbent PA Representative Doyle Heffley succeeded in his write-in campaign on the Democrat ballot, with 416 votes to Kara Scott's 322. Heffley obtained 99.94% of the Republican ballots cast, with 6,333.

A total of 6,962 Republican ballots were cast, 34.93% of eligible voters. A total of 5,897 Democrat ballots were cast, 33.48% of eligible voters.

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Since many of us of the first nations are geographically separated by great distances, Pow-Wow has always been a way for us to come together to visit with one another, share our cultures, not only with one another but also with the general public so they may better understand our ways as we strive to hold onto the old ways of our past, while we must live with one foot on each side of a line that separates two very different ways of life. It is also a very spiritual time for us, as much prayer is involved in our dance, song, and drum. Many of the vendors who are set up at our Pow-Wow depend on the sale of their wares, as it is their only means of income, and as we mentioned, most Pow-Wows for this summer have been cancelled.

We will, however, be making every attempt to practice all safety measures possible during this event, and we hope that you will also, and above all, afford the respect of those around you.

As we of Native American heritage are a very spiritual peoples, we will be looking to the Creator to bless us and keep all who attend safe. We hope that you will join us for these two days of festivities and activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the tribal office at 570-427-8723, or email us at wyomingtrail@outlook.com.

Respectfully,
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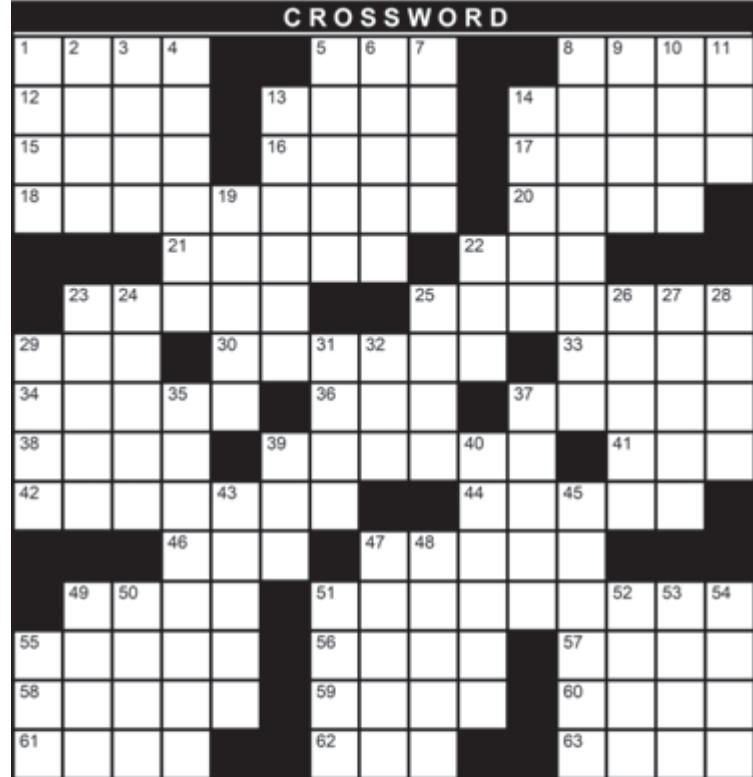
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- Begone!
- Blue
- Instinctive motive
- Barbershop supply
- Cover with asphalt
- Twist and distort
- Dismounted
- Tiny particle
- Like smell of burning rubber
- *King of Great Britain when America won independence
- Same as pleaded
- "Well-____ machine"
- *Abigail Adams ____ Smith
- *Preferred cooking device on the 4th
- They play dead
- Tiller's tiller
- Santa's reindeer
- Dwarf buffalo
- Smart ones?
- "____ the hills and far away"
- Penicillin holder, e.g.
- Part of both levorotary and levorotatory
- *Like 4th of July
- Choler
- Egg dishes
- Actress Close
- *Jefferson was three and Washington was ____
- Medal of Honor word
- Castle material
- *Roman Candles and Fountains, e.g.
- Manuscript sheet
- Dirty money
- Dire fate
- Type of wrench
- Charitable contribution
- Genesis twin
- Dad's lads
- General Services Administration
- Job for a body shop

DOWN

- Without a date
- *American Revolutionary War spy, Nathan
- Miscellany
- Type of local tax
- French composer of "Gymnopédies" fame
- Steer clear
- Prefix for half
- *U. S. personified
- Steak choice
- Power system
- Former times
- Saffron-flavored rice dish
- Stares
- Decorates with gold leaf
- Negative conjunction
- Jewish folklore creature
- "Superman" star
- Machu Picchu country
- Remove from Pinterest board
- Grieve
- *Many retailers hold one for the 4th of July
- Sign of a saint
- *____ of Liberty
- Rooster's girlfriend
- *13 of these at the start
- Give a green light
- *What contestants did at Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest
- Ends of shoe laces
- "____ a high note"
- What river did to bank
- Viola da Gamba, pl.
- Wafting pleasantness
- Aria, e.g.
- Comrade in arms
- *It should never touch ground
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- Obscenity
- Like The Beatles

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

I write this at the end of the week of high school graduations. This past Saturday, Ruth and I covered the last of the locals, the second of the two Pocono Mountain School District graduations. There were five in total, not counting the private schools, so we've had our fill of *Pomp and Circumstance*, and if we don't hear it again until next June, we'll be happy.

The last of the graduations had 400 in their class, which made it like the entire borough of White Haven turned out to see off their young folks. Where Weatherly's graduation was well under an hour, this took three.

Our reward is going to be a sedate couple of weeks leading up to the Fourth of July. Most every area event has been cancelled, or closed to the public. For example—June 26, 27 and 28 were to be Pocono Race Weekend here at Long Pond, with tens of thousands of people coming to our area. In the age of COVID-19, the races will be held with no fans in the stands, so our area misses out on a big economic

boost at a time we could really use it.

This same weekend, Ruth and I had hoped to attend at least one day of the annual Celtic Fling at the site of the PA Renaissance Faire. As you'd guess, it's postponed. So it's going to be a literally uneventful few weeks.

Ruth and I are reaching out to our friends to see if we can create our own fun. One couple is thinking of a trip to Gettysburg in July—they've not been before. Perhaps we'll hire a guide. We're also thinking a winery trip with a meal—short drive, maximum fun.

Sightings included a couple of times when turkeys crossed the road, making me stop to wait. This happens more with deer—it has become second nature there. The last of the turkeys was on the Francis Walter Dam Road, and starting Monday the 22nd, that road will be closed for reconstruction, a project which will last the entire summer and into late fall. As for the deer, I'm sighting fawns, and the velvet covered horns that on some

of-age males that will become nice antlers in due time.

One of the neater sightings this past week was when we joined my uncle Slater for lunch at the Bear Creek Café off Route 115 on Saturday after the final Pocono Mountain High School graduation. A large bald eagle had set up across the stream from the café, perched atop a dead tree directly. She—it was a big bird—was there for the better part of an hour before deciding to fly off to a place where there would likely be food. Ruth joked that she was there people-watching.

Our old Subaru has now been driven over 222,000 miles. It has a variety of elderly car problems, some typical for a car of this age, and some not. But... for one brief 15 minute time period last week, it performed like it was young. The car had a hiccup and all the lights went on, then they went off. The computer re-set and for a short time, all that hadn't worked started working again. The cruise control was back. The air conditioning was back. Sadly, the next time the car was turned on, the problems returned—except that the air conditioning started to blow cold air again. I thought

it stopped working this winter.

We had the Subaru on the road to Bethlehem on Sunday, feeding it oil and coolant. There was a trip to the Lehigh Valley Mall (department stores are open), and then a meal outdoors at The Red Stag (lamb stew and chicken tika masala, with a huge homemade banana walnut bread pudding dessert with homemade ice cream). Then we shunpiked our way home.

It's worth a note that the mountain laurel flowers hereabouts are gorgeous this year. Drive through Hickory Run State Park for the best display. There are also nice individual

trees near the Francis Walter Dam.

Wrapping this up... welcome summer and welcome to being in the Green zone when it comes to COVID-19 rules. Ruth and I are finding that our masks, keeping out distances, and using in-car hand sanitizers are doing the job, keeping us safe. We're glad to mask up in order to be able to go out to eat, to shop, etc. If we all continue to be careful, we can have a reasonably normal summer, and still keep ahead of this thing. Keep yourself safe, and see you out there...

Fundraisers planned for Carbon County EEC

The Carbon County Environmental Education Center is planning two fundraisers this summer, encouraging area residents to enjoy the outdoors while benefiting the center's wildlife rehabilitation and education programs.

The ninth annual Rattlesnake Run 5k race has been changed to a virtual event this year. Participants register online, run 3.1 miles, anywhere and any time through July 18, then upload results through a website to receive prizes and a finisher's certificate. Results will be posted for runners to see how their finish times compare to others in the same age category.

On Sunday, July 19, the EEC offers its annual whitewater rafting trek through the generosity of Whitewater Rafting Adventures of Nesquehoning. This year's trip is limited to

the first 70 pre-paid registrants. Due to COVID-19 concerns, participants may only register in groups of four people or more, who arrive at the rafting center together then share a group raft. Rafts hold four to seven persons each.

The center has lost nearly all operating income due to COVID-19, yet has continued to offer wildlife rehabilitation services to the community. Anyone finding an injured or possibly orphaned wild animal can contact the EEC for advice and assistance. This spring alone, EEC staff have cared for hundreds of birds, mammals and reptiles in need of rehabilitation.

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Antibody testing

will indicate if the donor's immune system has produced antibodies to this coronavirus, regardless of whether they developed symptoms. Donations will be tested using samples pulled at the time of donation and sent to a testing laboratory where they will also undergo routine infectious disease testing. A positive antibody test result does not confirm infection or immunity.

COVID-19 antibody test results will be available within 7-10 days in the Red Cross Blood Donor App or donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org. The test has been authorized for emergency use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"As an organization dedicated to helping others, the Red Cross is pleased to provide more information about COVID-19 to our valued donors," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomed-

cal Services. "If you are feeling healthy and well, please schedule an appointment to not only help save lives but also learn about your potential exposure to COVID-19."

The Red Cross is not testing donors to diagnose illness, referred to as a diagnostic test.

Donation appointments can be made by downloading the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Thanks to Amazon, all those who come to give by June 30 will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email.*

Host a blood drive

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Journal-Herald Sports

Crime doesn't pay? Oh, yes it does...in sports

by Patty Ellis

Excuse me for a moment while I vent! Major League Baseball (MLB)—through its Commissioner Robert Manfred—released its findings/disciplinary actions regarding the Houston Astros and the associated 2017 cheating scandal. I read the entire 9-page decision and can't accept what I read. "It is difficult," MLB wrote, "because virtually all of the Astros' players had some involvement or knowledge of the scheme. It is impractical (to impose sanctions), given the large number of players involved, and the fact that many of those players now play for other clubs."

How illogical is that?

the right-side-up world, the number of perpetrators should increase discipline, not decrease it. What's more, cheating wasn't done casually; it was carried out through an intricate system of thievery. Pitching signs were stolen using an outfield video camera. Through electronics and other methods, those signs were then relayed to the dugout. Once there, they were communicated to batters by banging on a garbage pail.

Anybody who has played the game knows that a batter has a tremendous advantage when he knows what pitch is coming. And if you want proof that the Astros benefitted by cheating, then take a gander at these 2017 batting averages when the

Astros played away (couldn't cheat) and when they played at home (where they could).

Player	Away (Real) Average	Home (Cheating) Average
Bregman	.154	.273
Correa	.211	.371
Altuve	.143	.472
McCann	.037	.300
Gattis	.200	.300

Those away-numbers aren't typos. Without cheating, those players stunk. Worse yet, through deception, the frauds won a World Series.

Sadly, baseball isn't alone in condoning cheating. Consider Jadeveon Clowney's vicious hit on Carson Wentz during the NFC Divisional Playoff game this past January between the Seattle Seahawks and the Philadelphia Eagles. That hit violated

two NFL rules: 1) Clowney speared the back of Wentz's head with a helmet, which is a helmet-to-helmet infraction; and 2) Clowney hit Wentz after the QB was down, which is a late-hit infraction. Did the referee assess a penalty for either violation? Nope! Instead, Clowney and his team got a huge reward: Wentz was knocked out of the game.

Just a month later, golf faced the same choice—punish a cheater or look the other way. Patrick Reed cheated during a match. The infraction is clear to anybody who viewed the video. Reed cheated. His peers know it, and many of them called him out for it. Case closed. Well, not really.

You can argue that what hap-

pened with Clowney and Reed is a one-off for the respective sport. Cheating is not rampant in either the NFL or the PGA. Ok, let's accept that argument.

But it doesn't apply to MLB because of all the cheating that took place during 'The Steroids Era'. So what should MLB do? The League can reinstate confidence and public trust by voiding the Houston Astros 2017 World Series championship.

If MLB doesn't act accordingly, it will mean that—once again—crime pays in sports.

Patty Ellis, who calls herself "a low-falutin' golfer," writes about sports at *The Sports Column*. She writes about sports and more at her blog, Public Golf Hack, at <https://publicgolfhack.com/>.



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What goes into a school nickname? Colors? Mascot? A lot

by Roger Barbee

The civic issues of the past months have caused me to reflect on my youth. I grew up in a small town in North Carolina -- a cotton mill town owned by J.W. Cannon. Our high school, A.L. Brown High, wore Green and White. We were 'The Wonders.'

Constructed in 1920 during the expansive years of Cannon Mills, the school carried the name 'Centerview' for three decades before it was renamed in 1951 for Alfred Luther Brown, a popular mill executive.

The world was far from perfect back then (it was segregated, for one), but I liked the fact that our high school was named after Brown, a person of honor, who did many things to help our community. Our

school colors were Kelly Green and White. Kelly Green represents growth and lushness. White symbolizes purity. Our nickname, "The Wonders," suggests positive things, either now or in the future. It's not problematic, as some nicknames are — like the nickname of Washington's NFL team, for instance.

Ours was a city school at a time of school consolidation. Many large schools were built to accommodate multiple, former school systems, and given geographic names, like South Rowan, a consolidated school serving the southern part of our county. Even though the school was located in China Grove, it couldn't carry that name because that would have shown favoritism.

What's the importance of what I write here? Well, in the

town where I grew up, nobody ever talked about removing the school name or tearing down a statue. No group argued that our school colors need changing or that the school nickname wasn't right.

Lo those many years ago, the adults of my town did a very wise thing: they sought mean-

ing, rather than impose ideology or act with political correctness. They chose a school name with meaning, school colors with meaning, and a school nickname with meaning.

While all of that seems like the obvious thing to do, we know today that it's not obvious at all. So my advice to

today's school administrators of today is to make decisions that will pass the test of time. Our communities and children deserve as much.

North Carolina's Roger Barbee is a columnist at *The Sports Column*.

Game Commission to present program on wild turkey

The Pennsylvania Game Commission will be providing a family-friendly educational program on wild turkey at the Northeast Region Office in Dallas on Wednesday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

Game Commission Wild Turkey Biologist Mary Jo Casalena will take participants on a short walk along an easy trail, interpreting wild turkey sign, discussing the life of turkeys and their management. The walk will take place on the office grounds.

This program will be held outdoors rain or shine. Participants will be required to follow all PA state mandated COVID 19 safety protocols in place on the date of program.

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**Wild turkey with poult.
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Pocono Raceway making history with two Cup races this weekend

by Steve Stallone
Sports Editor

Pocono Raceway has hosted two NASCAR Cup races each summer for nearly four decades. This weekend, for the first time in its storied history, the track will host both in the same weekend. On Saturday, the stars of NASCAR will be at the Long Pond superspeedway for the Pocono Organics 325. On Sunday, they will race again in the Pocono 350.

The races are two of five live racing events scheduled between Friday and Sunday at the 2.5-mile track known as the "Tricky Triangle." An ARCA race kicks the weekend off on Friday evening, followed by a Truck Series and Cup Series double-header on Saturday, and a double-header Sunday featuring the Xfinity Series and Cup Series races.

All five races will be run without fans in attendance due to the coronavirus pandemic. Saturday's races will be televised live on FOX. Sunday's will be shown on FS1.

Veteran driver Kyle Busch, who won at Pocono in both 2017 and 2018 in a Cup car, is no stranger to success here. He has also won Xfinity and Truck Series races at the Tricky Triangle, with five total victories to his credit. "It's been a good track for us," Busch said during an interview with Pocono media members on Monday. "We've run really well there."

Busch credits a good deal of his success at Pocono to Toyota teammate Denny Hamlin. Hamlin is a four-time winner at the track, including a sweep of the 2006 races. "I learned a lot from my teammate Denny Hamlin here. Being a teammate with Denny for so long, it's lended itself to myself

improving at Pocono. There's definitely a lot of things we've worked on over the years, fine-tuned and gotten better at."

Busch said the track can change with every visit, and can change over the course of a weekend as well. "Every time you go there it's been different. The bumps change, the characteristics change where the bumps are. The Tunnel Turn (Turn 2) is always a culprit for the bumps. The harsh winters there change the race track a lot."

With five races over the course of three days, race teams will be adapting to the changing track conditions on the fly. "I think you will have to make some changes to your stuff from the first race (to the second)," Busch said. "You're only going to have track rubber from the truck race, 50 laps, before Saturday's first race. We're going to put a lot of rubber down in our race, then you'll have the Xfinity race the next day and our race. Over the course of all those miles, I think there's going to be big differences from Day 1 to Day 2. We'll have to take a lot of different things into account.

"The springs, shocks, bars... you can change all that sort of stuff and make adjustments," he continued. "Knowing how much the track changes in that first race will kind of give you a basis for how much you expect it to change in the second race, barring any weather issues."

Busch enters the race in ninth place in the Cup Series standings, trailing points leader Kevin Harvick (490) by 112 points. He is also looking for his first victory of the virus-interrupted 2020 season. He was 32nd in Monday's race at

Talladega.

Harvick and Joey Logano (467) are currently 1-2 in the standings, and each own two wins this season. Ryan Blaney, who won Monday's photo finish at Talladega, is third with 465 points. Chase Elliott (458) and two-time Pocono winner

Brad Keselowski (441) round out the top five, with Hamlin (428) sixth. Hamlin also has a series-high three wins this season.

Pocono Race Weekend Schedule

Friday

6 p.m., General Tire #Anywhereispossible 200 ARCA Menard's Series Race

Saturday

12:30 p.m., Pocono Organics 150 to Benefit Farm Aid NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series Race (FOX)

3:30 p.m., Pocono Organics 325 NASCAR Cup Series Race (FOX)

Sunday

12:30 p.m., Pocono Green 225 NASCAR Xfinity Series Race (FS1)

4 p.m., Pocono 350 NASCAR Cup Series Race (FS1)

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