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## Penn Lakes looks to control speed

by Seth Isenberg

Penn Lake Borough Council meets tonight, Thursday July 9, for its regular meeting. It will continue to use GoToMeeting. Find details on how to join the meeting at the new borough website, finally up and running, at [pennlakeborough.com](http://pennlakeborough.com).

It was noted at the June 11 meeting that speeding around the Lake will bring out enforcement. Council is also looking into the procedure to get the speed limit reduced on Hollenback Road by 5 mph. Council member Dave Longmore met with White Haven police chief Tom Szoke about the idea. Meanwhile, the bor-

ough will paint some speed measuring lines for the police, and install one more speed limit sign.

The beaches are open, limited to association members who do their social distancing. Wristbands will be distributed for beach use.

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**EAST SIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL** met July 2, remotely for the second month at the pavillion at Lehigh Gorge Campground. Shown from front left are council members John Cepiel, Rudy Schoch, chair John Marotta, secretary/treasurer Carol Lenahan, and zoning officer Rich Claus. Items for discussion included the Bridge Street road construction project, and the proposed site for the new borough building. We'll have more on this meeting in upcoming issues.

JH: Ruth Isenberg



**PennDOT** has a few projects ongoing in our area. In Weatherly into Packer Township, PennDOT crews are doing milling and base

repair/repaving on both West Main Street–Packer Drive, and Hudsonale Street–Brenkman Drive. Look for road closures and detours when the crews are present. The work is expected to be done by the end of the week, if the weather cooperates. Base repair means milling up to 4" deep, then putting new asphalt into the milled area and rolling it. In Kidder Township, crews will be on Route 940 also doing maintenance work. There will be some lane restrictions, and flagging.

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# Editorial

## What's in a name?

by Ruth Isenberg

How are names chosen? Individual names often reflect family heritage, with children named for living or deceased relatives. Family history is carried on through the naming process. In other cases, names are selected that create a clean break with the past, perhaps to signify a future unblemished by the actions of previous generations.

Institutional names are chosen by groups in power, sometimes to honor the past, sometimes to make a point about the future. When a building or a military base is named after a donor, or a war hero, it's a form of thanks to the memory of that person.

Unfortunately, the legacies of some of those individuals are tarnished. All people, including our heroes, have positive and negative traits. If we choose to use only the names of perfect individuals for public spaces, the choice will be exceedingly small.

That doesn't mean that some names shouldn't be changed. Confederate Civil War generals who fought against keeping the United States united and for the right to continue the practice of slavery really aren't the people who should be honored by our military. Buildings at colleges and universities are a bit more complicated—generous donations should be recognized, but it feels wrong to put the name of a person who would never have allowed a minority student to attend classes on a building that now welcomes everyone.

Name changes won't change the past. But they may ease current tensions, and help our society move forward in a more positive way.

# From the Archives

**From  
The Weatherly Herald,  
July 9, 1970  
James Faust and  
Cletus Milan, Publishers**

The top photo on the front page shows the homecoming of Dennis Houser, Boilerman 3rd Class, as he arrived to a family and neighborhood welcome of including big lawn signs and prominent flags. The Houser family, of Jefferson Street, was joined by the Weisses, Hadzicks, Gallaghers, Millers and Cauleys at the welcome. Dennis served on the USS Point Defiance, which returned from VietNam late last month. He'll be here for 30 days, then rejoin his ship, now based in Long Beach, CA.

A combined outdoor worship service will be held Sunday at Eurana Park. The First Presbyterian, Zion Evangelical Lutheran and Salem U.C.C. invite the public to attend.

Guy Koser Electrical of Williamsport was low bidder for the electrical contract for the new Carbon County Home at \$829,000, plus an addition of \$1,300 for a heated parking area near the home.

Woitko's Gulf Station in Beaver Meadows is selling Wigs (of 100% Kanekalon)—just \$12.50, compare to \$30. A Fitting Room is available.

The Weatherly Babe Ruth earned a 3-1 win over Brehm's in Conyngham, but lost both home games 7-1 to the CVCO team, and then after playing the West Hazleton Booster Club close for five innings, gave up 10 runs in the sixth to lose 14 to 4.

Jay Hess and Barry Whipple

of the Babe Ruth team have been picked to be part of the Valley All-Star team, to compete in the All-Star tournament in Lansford in mid-July.

Brent Pfeiffer tossed a no-hitter on Thursday, leading his Legion team to defeat Foundry 18-1.

**From the Sidelines,  
by Don Garber**

Season tickets are on sale for the Weatherly football season. Only 200 are available, for a price of \$5 for the five home games. The Wreckers will be starting their football drills in August.

Local hikers and outdoorsmen had a record week of rattlesnake kills. There were two photos of four-footers, and Don had two other stories in his column.

In his column, he also tells a tall tale on how he broke his arm.

He closed his column with thanks to the volunteers who staffed the block party at Tweedle Park to raise money for the park, and the Booster Club.

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

**The Journal-Herald** took the week off in 1990. Here is **The Journal from June 30, 1966 Clara and Jay Holder, Publishers**

Governor William Scranton encourages all Pennsylvanians to support the Fourth of July bell ringing project [that] calls for the simultaneous ringing of bells at 2 p.m. [This] is intended to revive the custom of celebrating Independence Day in the manner it was done in 1776.

Plans are being made for the annual fireworks display at Penn Lake, to be held Saturday, July 9.

Free swimming lessons are being conducted by a Red Cross instructor here each Thursday. Participants are to meet at 10 a.m. on the west side of the Lehigh River, near the old dam site.

Private Leo Decowski, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kasimer Decowski of Rural Route 1, White Haven, completed a radio teletype operation course at the Army Signal School in Fort Gordon, Georgia, on June 17. During his training, he received instruction in the operation of radio transmitting and receiving sets by voice, and Morse code.

In Little League competition, the Firemen won two games to nearly return to first place in the standings, behind the Boosters who they defeated 7-0. Last Friday, the Firemen defeated the Deckers 39 to 1, in a game that took so long that the second game that day was postponed.

On July 6, the Little League and parents will attend the Phillies-Mets game, with busses loading between 3 and 3:30 at the ball park.

The Central Luzerne County Joint School District Authority's \$1,650,000 bond issue for an addition and alterations to Crestwood High School was signed Monday, with a closing at Hazleton National Bank on Thursday.

The Summer Recreation Program at Lehigh Park runs weekdays from July 1 to Au-

**See ARCHIVES, page 3**



# Public Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Certificate of Organization has been filed with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bureau of Corporations, for a Domestic Limited Liability Company being KFN LLC on the 8th day of June, 2020.

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

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& Ferdinand, LLC  
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Hazleton PA 18201**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Packer Township Zoning Hearing for the application of Broad Mountain Power, LLC to construct and operate a Wind Farm is continued to July 28, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. and will be located at the Packer Township Municipal Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603454155> or by dialing 1 929 205 6099. Enter Meeting ID 846 0345 4155. Visit [www.packertownship.com](http://www.packertownship.com) for more information. If you cannot attend but would like to have public comment read into the record, mail to Packer Township Zoning Hearing Board, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, PA 18255. Please call 570-427-8969 with questions or to obtain meeting minutes.

**Stephanie Stolpe,  
Secretary**

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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:

**Conrad A. Falvello, Esquire  
THE FALVELLO LAW FIRM, P.C.  
641 State Route 93  
Sugarloaf, PA 18249**

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## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters Testamentary have been granted in the Estate of Thomas W. McBrien, late of Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, who died on March 26, 2020. All persons indebted to said decedent are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the estate are to present the same without delay to Marie E. McBrien and Matthew T. McBrien, Co-Executors, c/o Robert J. Gillespie, Jr., Attorney, 67 North Church Street, Hazleton, PA 18201.

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570-454-5575**

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## NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Hearing Board of Lehigh Township will hold a hearing at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1741 South Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, Carbon County, PA, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, for the purpose of hearing the following matters:

This is the appeal of Robert and Jessica Jones (Appellants). Appellants appeal an Enforcement Notice which cited Appellants with a violation of Section 1302.1 of the Lehigh Township Zoning Ordinance, in that Appellants are using the property located at 309 South Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, PA for the following uses, without a permit, and which are not permitted uses pursuant to Section 504.1 of the Ordinance: 1) Storage of Truck Tractors, Tractor Trailer Vans, licensed or unlicensed; 2) the accumulation of Junk, as described on page 2- 11, Article 2 Definitions, in the zoning ordinance; 3) the storage of excavation material/debris; 4) the Excavation of Natural resources; and 5) a Commercial Recreation Facility; notably a campground. The property is Tax Parcel No. 92-27- B13.01 and is in the C-1 Community Commercial Zoning District.

All persons are welcome to attend and be heard. If you are a person with a disability and wish to attend this hearing, and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please contact Christine Hoffman, Board Secretary at (570) 371-8552 to discuss how Lehigh Township may best accommodate your needs.

**Robert T. Yurchak, Esquire  
Solicitor, Lehigh Township  
Zoning Hearing Board  
1 East Catawissa Street,  
POB 127  
Nesquehoning, PA 18240**

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# L&L Fire Chief's Report

## June 2020

Lehigh & Lausanne Volunteer Fire Company reported three calls in June:

6/9 MVA Lehigh Gorge Trail MM 123 Lehigh Twp

6/20 Rehab Humbolt Street Hazle Township  
6/30 Structure Fire Oley Valley Road Foster Twp

## PKLC reopens, plans book sale

On Tuesday, June 30, Penn-Kidder Library Center reopened its doors after a three month+ closure due to Covid-19. The library, now a branch of Dimmick Library, is happy to be open and looks forward to a safe return of our patrons. Masks must be worn in the library.

Schedule is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2-6 p.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

A giant book sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 11.

Lots of your favorite authors will be included: Brown, Child, Cussler, Grisham, Nesbo, Patterson, Preston & Childs, Woods and more.

## ALA to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly will hold their monthly meeting Monday, July 13, 2020 starting at 7:00 at the post home. All members are urged to attend. CDC regulations will apply.

## Archives...

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gust 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Instructors this year are Mrs. Pearl Kocher, and college student Eric Moyer.

"Fill Your Bin Now with Lehigh Valley Anthracite while Summer Prices are still in effect" — at G&A Hardware.

At Schafer's Garage in White Haven, there's special savings on the Ford Galaxie 530 2-door hardtop, and Galaxie 500 convertible.

### From *The Journal* June issues of 1916 Walter Taylor, Publisher

"With the proceeds from school entertainment, (copies of) masterpiece (art) were purchased and placed in school rooms nos. 3, 4 and 5."

The children of the Public School are still waiting for the weather to clear so they can have their picnic at Dusheck's grove.

"Auto traffic through this borough on Sunday was at times just one continuous string of car after car."

The National Guard of New Jersey, on their way to the Mexican border, passed through White Haven late Thursday afternoon over the New Jersey Central, in three trains.

"The United States Ammunition Corporation recently took control of the Miller Powder Mill plant, north of town, (and is) now engaged in putting the plant into working order."



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# Death Roll

## FLORENCE Y. METHLIE

Florence Y. Methlie, 105 years of age, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, where she resided for many years.

Born Thursday, July 9, 1914 in Weatherly, she was the daughter of the late Elmer and Mabel (Rosenstock) Young. Florence was also predeceased by her husband, Charles Methlie; sons, Charles, Donald, Robert and David Methlie and his wife Maggie; sister, Elizabeth M. Hittinger; brothers, John, Harvey, Roger, and Bill Young.

She is survived by daughters-in-law Jean, Betty, and Joan Methlie; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

A Weatherly High School graduate, Florence was Methodist by faith.

Florence retired from Bell Telephone in 1965 after working for 30 years. Her career began in Weatherly where you would simply pick up your

phone and the operator would then connect you. Florence was retired for 20 years longer than her working tenure.

Florence was a member of Eastern Star Chapter 248 of Hazleton, and Chapter 407 of Elizabethtown. Florence, also belonged to the Shasta Club, Amaranth - Victory Court #149, Barth Club and was a life member of Capital Chapter of Telephone Pioneers of America. Florence enjoyed acting, was a talented pianist, and enjoyed camping, traveling and playing cards.

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

A Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, July 9, from the funeral home at 1 p.m. Friends may visit from 11:30 a.m. until time of services.

Interment is in Mt. Laurel Cemetery of Hazleton. Memorials in her name to: Masonic Charities

of Pennsylvania  
Office of Gift Planning  
1 Masonic Drive  
Elizabethtown, PA 17002

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com)

## EDWARD BRENNAN

Edward Brennan, of Mountain Top, formerly of Free-land, died Saturday, April 11, 2020 in Smith Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mountain Top.

He was born in Philadelphia and was the son of Edward J. and Agnes M. Skahill Brennan. He worked as a purchasing agent for Exopack Printing; loved hiking, mountain biking and camping and was a member of Mt. View Community Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his sister, Barbara Messing of Bensalem.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 11, in Mt. View Community Church, 5126 North Lehigh Gorge Road, White Haven at 11 a.m.

Arrangements by Lehman Family Funeral Service, White Haven.

Visit [www.LehmanFuneralHome.com](http://www.LehmanFuneralHome.com) for additional information or to leave the family an online condolence.

## PATRICIA GERHARD

Patricia (Cronk) Gerhard, 72 years of age, of Weatherly, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020, at Geissinger Medical Center in Danville.

Born Sunday, July 13, 1947, she was the daughter of the late Francis M. Cronk and Jeanne (Hartz) Cronk. Patricia

was also predeceased by her beloved husband, Grover R. Gerhard on June 8, 2015.

Surviving are son, John Gerhard and his wife, Dana of Bethlehem; sister, Gwendolyn Hendricks of Montana; granddaughter, Mia Gerhard.

Patricia was a member of St. Matthews Church of Weatherly. She had retired from Weatherwood Nursing & Rehabilitation Center of Weatherly where she had worked assisting her husband Grover while he cooked for the residents. Patricia enjoyed, crafts, making jewelry, and knitting.

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

A Celebration of Patricia's Life was held July 7 from the funeral home. Friends may call from 6:00 P.M. to time of services.

Patricia will be entombed at Ft. Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville.

Memorials should be sent to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com)

## ETHEL JONES

Ethel Jones, 82, a resident of Mountain Top for 41 years, passed away, Friday, July 3, 2020, at the home of her daughter and son in law in Dover, Delaware.



Born in the Bronx, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Ethel Kirby and was a devoted member of St. Jude's Church, Mountain Top. Ethel worked at Old River Road Bakery in Wilkes-Barre prior to retiring and enjoyed spending time with family.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded by her loving husband, Jerry Jones in 2011 and sister, Bernice Leins.

Ethel is survived by her daughters, Susan Jones and her husband, Howard of Port Murray, NJ; Barbara Slavick and her husband, Emil of Wilkes-Barre; Eileen Schmid and her husband, Dave of Dover, DE and Cathy Bottone and her husband, Dave of Wilkes-Barre; grandchildren, David, Kristen, Shannon, Ryan, Zach, Danielle, Kaitlyn great grandchildren, Roman, Leola, Moses and Aubrey.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 8, in St. Jude's Church, S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top, with Reverend Joseph Evanko officiating. Interment followed in Calvary Cemetery, Drums.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Church Building Fund, South Mountain Boulevard, Mountain Top, PA 18707

To leave the family an online condolence or view a video tribute to Ethel, visit [www.DesiderioFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesiderioFuneralHome.com)

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# Penn Lake...

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Kunkletown was low bidder on pothole patching and other road repairs, at a price of \$20,797. It's hoped they will be out to do the work before the next meeting.

Council president Paul Rogan reported that Penn Lake Park responded to the PA DEP's dam division by June 1, as they had asked. It's hoped that DEP will guide the borough to different options for repairs, hoping that a phased approach will be okayed. There's still a lot not known, but a guess would be that as a start, for 2021 alone, costs will run about a half million dollars.

Penn Lake Borough council can only borrow \$900,000 without getting voter approval, so a question on borrowing has to be on the November ballot to get approval for a tax increase for dam repairs.

The committee working on this project learned of FEMA grants that help pay to renovate dams like these, so the borough will apply for one of these through the PA DEP.

Mayor Deb Krynicki reported on a call from a former resident that their boat had gone missing from the dam area. They were told to file a police report. She thanked White Haven Fire, Ambulance, and Police for their prompt response to a 911 Emergency here last month. Valley Regional Rescue and Plains Ambulance also came out to help.

Krynicki reported the borough received 26.63 hours of police service last month: 23.9 hours for patrol, and the rest from seven incidents including a motor vehicle accident and a call for service, plus writing some traffic and speeding tickets.

In other business, council agreed to pay an extra \$15 a month to have a porta-potty from Reeves that has hand sanitizer. Cost total is \$120 per month. Council also agreed to buy disinfectant for the playground at a cost of not more than \$25.

Volunteers chased off more geese, and are trying to keep up with shooing geese away. There's still a lot of goose poop around. As for complaints about the noise of the goose abatement pyrotechnics, council member Shaun Kuter points out that they

have a state permit for them.

Contractor Nature Works was recently at the Lake to do mapping in preparation to treat the weed growth very soon. They use an airboat to do their work (it's allowed since they are working). The lake is not treated yet. It's noted that the Fish and Plant Life Club will share in the expense of the bladderwort treatment.

Plans are underway for the electronics recycling event in the borough, to be held August 15. Longmore was to get some paperwork that guaranteed reimbursement from Luzerne County (which he has done since the meeting).

Bills of \$23,353 were approved. Receipts in May were \$24,692.22. Borough solicitor Jack Dean reported that a lien was paid off, as efforts to get back payments continue.

The borough will apply to

PNC bank for a credit card to use for incidentals, like membership to host online meetings.

One zoning permit was issued, for an off-street parking area.

Citizens are reminded to send in census information.

In public comments, homeowner and former council member Jasin Marth told council of storm damage near his home and those near to his. He asked for help to get a big dumpster to share among the neighbors so the debris can be removed. After discussion, council agreed to pay for a 40-yard dumpster for the clean-up, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

Council will meet again on August 13 at the Community House. Plans are to continue to meet online until the Covid-19 crisis is over.

# Veterans Corner

Commentary by John Kearns, USCG Ret., [chiefk@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:chiefk@pa.metrocast.net)

Military strategists have used insects in war since there was war —not only to inflict debilitating pain on enemies, but also to deliver deadly pathogens, cause widespread misery, sickness, and hunger. Delivering disease via insect vectors has been wickedly effective. During WWII, Japanese biological warfare units dropped plague-infected fleas and cholera-coated flies on Chinese cities —killing some 440,000 people.

Since the beginning, insects have been deployed to torment and disperse enemies. At the end of the 2nd century, Roman emperor Septimius Severus was on his way to wresting control of Mesopotamia from the local monarchs

—that is, before a shower of scorpions helped waylay his plans, according to an account by ancient historian Herodian. As the Roman legions advanced on Hatra —King Barsamia and his citizens holed up behind its 40-foot high perimeter walls. The defenders crafted earthenware bombshells loaded with scorpions which were so prevalent in the region and so dangerous that Persian kings regularly ordered scorpion hunts. Scorpions inflict intensely painful stings, their venom induces irregular breathing, slowed pulse, convulsions, and death. As Severus's men reached the walls of Hatra, scorpion bombs rained down. The insects simply crawled

under the armor that swords and arrows could not pierce. The attackers broke off the battle and retreated.

Operation fling and sting: A breakthrough in military pain delivery came with the development of machinery capable of launching payloads. What the slingshot did for the humble rock, the catapult did for bees and empowering attacking forces. European history is full of accounts of beehives and wasp nests being used as warheads.

Slowly eaten alive: Assassin bugs were used as torture in 19th-century bug pits. According to western historians, the Bug Pit was 21 feet deep, covered with an iron grate and accessible only by a rope. The

foulest of the ruler's six-legged minions were the assassin bugs, although their eight-legged cousins, the sheep ticks, added to the torment. Assassin bugs are inch-long, carnivorous insects endowed with stout, curved beaks for piercing their prey. The bite of these insects has been compared to being stabbed with a hot needle, and the digestive enzymes that they inject to liquefy the tissues of their prey cause festering sores in human flesh.

Bug booby traps: Using insects to inflict pain has continued into recent times. During the Vietnam War, the Viet Cong dug a network of underground tunnels allowing them to decide when and where to

fight while lobbing wasp and hornet nests into U.S. positions to disrupt defenses before launching an attack.

The Viet Cong also conscripted the Asian giant hornet, described as "the most ferocious stinging insect on earth," gingerly relocating colonies to trails used by the Americans and then attaching a small, explosive charge. When an enemy patrol passed by, a patiently waiting VC set off the blast. The infuriated insects drove the soldiers into dangerous disarray. Alarm pheromone of bees converts all bees into fierce allies like a cavalry bugle, inciting bees to attack.

# Kidder Supervisor Barbara Franzosa resigns, Ray Gluck returns to board

by Seth Isenberg

At Kidder Township's municipal building on June 18, supervisors held their June meeting in person, socially distanced, with four supervisors, four staff and 17 citizens spread out through the room, plus solicitor Casey Gillespie by telephone.

At the start of the meeting, it was announced that supervisor Barbara Franzosa had sent a letter of resignation due to family obligations. She had served four and a half years on her term.

This was accepted with regret. Former supervisor Ray Gluck, who said he was there when the borough needed him... was. The vacancy board chairman was tapped again to serve as a supervisor – for his fourth time as a supervisor. Gluck will serve through the end of 2021. The seat will be on the 2021 ballot for a full 6-year term.

Gluck was present at the meeting in the audience, and stayed in the audience for the rest of the meeting.

Roadwork for 2020 will be underway for the Kirk Street drain and Kresge Lane and north Moseywood Road paving projects as soon as bids are received (Kirk St. on June 25, the paving on July 1). A grant came in from Carbon County for \$55,000 to be used for some drainage work alongside the Kresge Lane project.

Roadmaster Bruce Berger reported that the area of Laurel Lane and Henning Road took damage after the 5" downpour last week. That will need repairing. Schiffer Bituminous did the leaf and inlet

cleaning around the township during May. With the old leaf vacuum sitting, no longer needed, he got approval to offer it for sale on MuniBid.

Police have started to get busy again with noise and fireworks complaints. Supervisors approved the police agreement with the Jim Thorpe School District when officers are needed to attend basketball games or other activities. The department received a \$2,400 matching grant from the U.S. Department of justice, to be matched with department funds to buy new bulletproof vests. These have been bought. Kidder Police reported 117 calls for May including 12 disturbing the peace calls, 6 domestics and 6 fights.

The fireworks display by Split Rock Resort has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend.

With Ray Gluck now back as a supervisor, the township needs someone to fill the Vacancy Board position. It is also noted that there's an open position on the township's Planning Commission. If interested in either, please send, e-mail or drop off a note of interest to the township office. E-mail to Kidder.secretary@atlanticbnn.net

The Lake Harmony Rescue Squad reports making 20 calls in May. Two more new people were added for the crew.

Both township fire companies are looking for answers on improving radio reception. There was an incident this past weekend where radios were not working in the incident area. Lake Harmony VFD fire chief Ralph Lennon explained

that the radio signal barely works at the fire station. Gene Getz of the Albrightsville VFC also asked supervisors for them to consider allotting more funds to that company, given the added expense of operating the Tannery station. LHVFD reported 11 calls for May including a vehicle fire on the Interstate, and a dwelling fire. AVFC reported 19 calls, including 7 quick medical responses, 7 with LHVFD, a brush fire, a dwelling fire and a search and rescue.

Fire chief Lennon also noted that the access road from Route 940 into the Frances Walter Dam will be closed starting June 22, through October, for reconstruction of the roadway. This leaves the area around the dam that's in Kidder Township cut off from normal emergency response. He gained permission from supervisors to ask the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company to be put on the 911 call list for any calls for that area during the road closure.

Building permits for May included carports, sheds, decks, fences, a hot tub, and re-roofing -18 in all.

Supervisors approved bills totaling \$494,767. \$391,329 of this went to emergency services and the fire equipment fund; \$53,610 is for bills like taxes, insurances, and pensions; \$26,920 was paid to County Waste for trash hauling; and \$21,799 went to bills starting with \$10,552 to ARRO for engineering fees, \$2,678 for equipment repair, \$1,500 in payments to the township's solicitors; \$1,450 for uniform replacement, gasoline and diesel for \$1,159;

and 20 smaller bills.

As the meeting wrapped up, residents of Tannery made complaints about a fire-wood-making and selling business that has set up at a property in that section of town. Residents say that it is noisy, with traffic and truck and customer noise at all hours, seven-days-a-week. Chief of police Matt Kuzma will send officers out to cite them if there's noise

after 11 p.m. He said the landowner has been cited already, and has a month to resolve the issues.

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

The next regular supervisors meeting will be July 16 at the municipal building in Lake Harmony, socially distanced, starting at 6:30 p.m.

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We celebrated our 4th of July weekend with friends, and entrepreneurs, with food, with drink, and even with a bucket of blueberries. One of our friends is a July 4 baby, so we enjoyed an evening of food and drinks, and some neighbors' fireworks.

Earlier that afternoon, we sat with the proprietors of the soon-to-open Holy Ghost Distillery on Route 940 in Kidder Township — with their first product, bourbons, to be available as soon as Penn-

sylvania approves the last of their licenses. We'll write about them as they open up.

On Sunday afternoon, we went blueberry picking at the Stemmrich Blueberry Farm, which is off Route 93 in the Nescopeck valley. This was their first weekend open in 2020. The plants are loaded with beautiful berries. With the heat, we wilted in the sun, picking a bit more than a half pound of newly ripe berries. It's been 90+ degrees for a few days in a row, so now that we

have a car with working air conditioning, we could cool off afterwards ... a.c. and a cool drink.

Slater's bum leg is on the mend due to fine care from the Veterans Administration at Wilkes-Barre. We took him out for a Sunday evening meal. After that, as a gift, we spent time doing some cleaning for him.

But... on Monday, we ended up back at the V.A. in the emergency room. He was filling up with fluid into his torso. As I write this column, he's on diuretics to get the liquid out. So, healing legs but now a bigger problem. I'm optimistic, even after near six hours at various stops including the E.R. I was booted out when he went off to his room, and he'll be isolated from visits until he's discharged.

And a special sightings story: As she arrived home after work on July 1, Ruth, coming from her car into the house, told me she'd seen a bear walk into the neighbor's yard. I wanted to finish some yard work, so I went out into our back yard and saw the bear at the neighbor's bird feeder, emptying it. We live in town in a densely-built area about a half mile in any direction from any woods, so a bear is far from a usual visitor. I was able to get a distance photo. I then continued out to do the yardwork — away from the bear. As I picked up clippings from some trimming, the bear came around the corner about 50 feet away, squatted on my back lawn facing away from me and took a poop (so, not just in the woods...). Next, it went after another neighbor's garbage, by now attracting a small audience of still other neighbors. The bear, likely a



yearling, was a bit more than 100 pounds and eating well by the bear skat. He (?) went off to visit more trash cans.

An hour later, we added to more sightings: skunks across from our yard — and they spotted us and we got the tails up hello, but no spin or spray. A little further along, two deer ran across our path less than a block from the house as we drove to the car repair shop. So, we had a weird and wonderful hour of critters.

We've heard reports that a bear has been out and around elsewhere in Weatherly, Lanesville, and Lehigh

Townships.

Weatherly had a hail and windstorm this past Monday which shredded some of the leaves, leaving streets and yards littered with green pieces. Weather reports had the worst of the storm also dumping up to 4" of rain in Nesquehoning and Tamaqua. There was hail and rain as far east as a mid-Penn Forest Township, south of Albrightsville. White Haven was dry all day, not even a whiff of rain.

Knoebels rides and attractions opened July 2. Our plan was to spend Monday night there to enjoy the band and a few rides — but due to me being at the V.A. with Slater, that had to be put off. Through this weekend to the 12th onstage will be the Rick K and the Allnighters show band, and then a real favorite, The Mahoney Brothers will be in for the week from the 13th to the 19th for their awesome Beatles and Beatles and more shows. So, we'll go at least twice these next two weeks as both bands are terrific and worth the drive, with the amusement park as the bonus.



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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 [wyoingtrail@outlook.com](mailto:wyoingtrail@outlook.com).

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## Coming Events

**JULY 14, Tuesday** — Caring for the Caregiver, 2 p.m., via Zoom from Heritage Hill Senior Community, 570-427-4500 to reserve by 7/13

**JULY 14, Tuesday** — White Haven Area Community Library annual membership meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library

**JULY 18, Saturday** — Inter-Tribal Native American Pow-Wow, 10 a.m., Camp Rotawanis, Drums, 570-427-8723

**JULY 19, Sunday** — Inter-Tribal Native American Pow-Wow, 10 a.m., Camp Rotawanis, Drums, 570-427-8723

**AUGUST 14-16, Friday-Sunday** — White Haven Fire Co. #1 Catfish Derby, Linesville Park

**SEPTEMBER 20, Sunday** — LOWLPA Clay & Block Shoot, 1 p.m., Dennison Twp  
**NOVEMBER 29, Sunday** — Christmas/Advent Song-fest, 2:30 p.m., virtual event



# Faith Church, Weatherly, feeds Evergreen residents on the Fourth



**INDEPENDENCE DAY** was celebrated at Evergreen Apartments with a festive lunch provided by the members of Faith Church, Weatherly.

## ALA pizza sale set

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly will hold an unbaked pizza sale Friday, July 31, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the post home. The cost for a regular pizza is \$10, \$1 extra for each additional topping: extra cheese, 3-cheese, pepperoni, mushroom and sausage.

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# Wilkes University awards 720 degrees

Wilkes University awarded 720 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at a virtual degree conferral ceremony on May 16. Shane Moran of Drums, a teacher at Weatherly Area School District, earned a Master of Science degree in Education.

The virtual degree conferrals, livestreamed from campus, included remarks from Wilkes interim President Paul Adams and interim Provost Terese Wignot.

Because Wilkes University could not hold its 73rd spring commencement ceremony, an

in-person graduation ceremony is planned for Sept. 12, 2020, in the McHale Athletic Center of the University Center on Main on the Wilkes campus. Individuals completing degrees in both spring and summer will be individually recognized at the ceremony.



Erik Diel, White Haven, graduated in May 2020 from Lock Haven University with a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management. He is also an employee of Standard Farms.

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tor Rodney Murphy. All are welcome to attend.



# ICS Thrift Store expands, holding grand opening

The Immanuel Christian School Thrift Store will celebrate the grand opening of the store's expansion on Friday, July 10. The public and media are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. outside the main ICS Thrift Store entrance on Locust and 11th in Hazleton. The day's festivities include a 30% off sale for the entire store and prizes will be given throughout the day.

For over 20 years the ICS Thrift Store had shared its space with the students of Immanuel Christian School. Last fall the K-12 school moved to its newly remodeled downtown location, and the ICS Thrift Store was presented with the opportunity to expand. The store now occupies the entire first floor of the former Locust Street school building. The store temporarily closed this past spring due to COVID-19 and reopened on May 29. Since the reopening, the store has had great community support in abiding by the store's social distancing guidelines. Donations have been pouring in and the store

reached a record month of sales — the highest since its inception 23 years ago.

The larger space for the thrift store means more offerings for the community and a greater opportunity to support local students. The store offers weekly specials including a 10% off senior and military discount on Thursdays. Net proceeds from the ICS Thrift Store support the scholarship fund for students who might not otherwise be able to afford to attend Immanuel Christian School. Over 90% of the school's students receive need-based tuition scholarships thanks to the generosity of donors and the proceeds from the Thrift Store. This helps the school carry out its mission of making their grace-filled, quality academic, and Christian education financially accessible to students in the greater Hazleton area.

The ICS Thrift Store's summer hours are Monday to Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Acceptable items for donations can be found at <https://www.ichazleton.org/ics-thrift-store>.

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## Graduates from Cedar Crest

Cedar Crest College celebrated the Class of 2020 virtually this year. Amber Puk of White Haven graduated with a degree in New Media. Included was a message from President Elizabeth Meade, posting online pictures, and creating a website dedicated to the graduates, [www.cedarc Crest.edu/may9/index.shtm](http://www.cedarc Crest.edu/may9/index.shtm).

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### Lackawanna College

Sarah Howard, Weatherly

### LCCC

(Lehigh Carbon Community College)

Weatherly: Ashley Hunsinger and Sierra Weston.

### Susquehanna University

Hunter Pitman, of White Haven, is a biomedical sciences major in the Class Of 2020 and a graduate of Crestwood High School; Samantha Legg, of White Haven, is a psychology and education major in the Class Of 2023 and a graduate of Crestwood High School.

### University of Scranton

Cameron J. Shedlock of White Haven, a freshman neuroscience major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences; Lily K. Nowak of White Haven, a freshman occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Laura E. Miller of White Haven, a sophomore neurosci-

ence major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences; Ashley L. Martincek of White Haven, a senior exercise science major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

### York College of Pennsylvania

Alexis Hartz of Weatherly



**Steph Yurchak, son of Robert & Cindy Yurchak, Weatherly, has made the Dean's list for the Spring 2020 Semester at Penn State Hazleton with a GPA of 3.79. Steph is a 2018 graduate of Weatherly Area High School and is enrolled in the Recreation, Park and Tourism Management Major. He was a member of the Penn State Baseball and Basketball Teams for the Hazleton Campus.**

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## ACROSS

1. Stockpile
6. More of the same
9. One of Los Lobos
13. Orion's brightest spot
14. A pop
15. Spur on
16. Another name for a jack
17. Between E and NE
18. For all to see
19. \* Location of the first Summer Olympics

21. \* \_\_\_\_ test
23. Utmost degree
24. Allen Ginsberg's poem
25. Do this for cardio
28. Chesterfield, e.g.
30. Like "Extra!" news
35. Off-ramp
37. Barbequed slab
39. Right-hand page
40. Infamous Roman tyrant
41. Pandora's box contents
43. Socially inept one
44. Parachute material
46. And others
47. Kill a dragon
48. Prior to the present, prefix
50. Every which way
52. Swear words
53. Burst of wind
55. High affair
57. \*Non-permanent addition to Olympic event roster

60. \*Most decorated Olympian
63. Desire
64. Tom and Jerry, e.g.
66. Relating to hair
68. Skip the big wedding
69. Inquire
70. Key material
71. Bears' hands
72. House vote
73. Chain of hills

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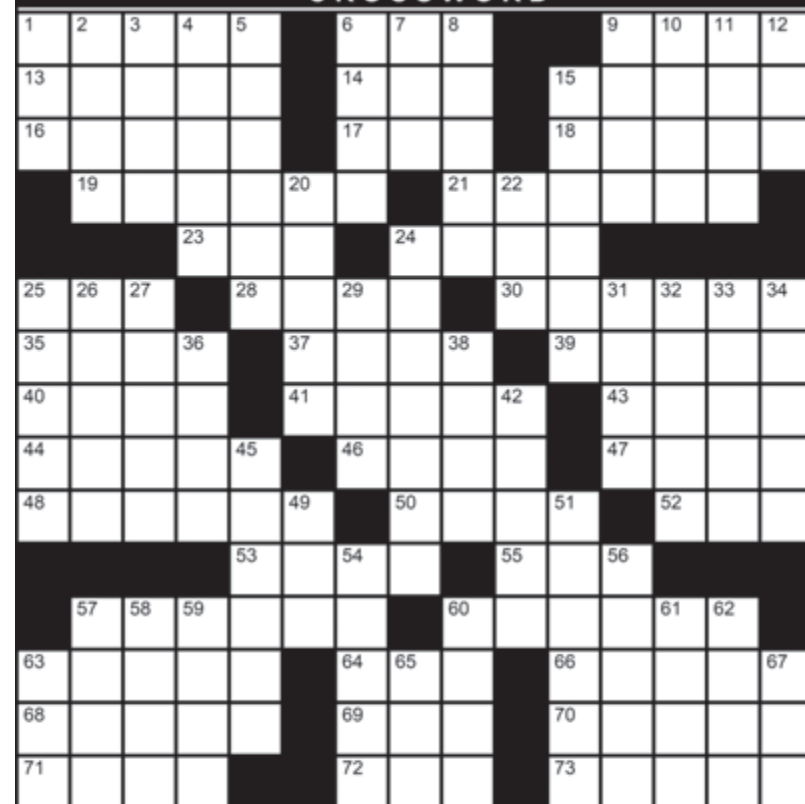
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2. Chinese dynasty (1368-1644)
3. Lab culture
4. \*Number of events in a heptathlon
5. Rains and snows at the same time
6. D'Artagnan's sword
7. \*Age of the youngest Olympian ever
8. Words to live by
9. Denim innovator
10. Welcoming store sign
11. Salz \_\_\_\_ or St. Peters \_\_\_\_
12. Make a choice
15. Tree used to make paper
20. House duty
22. Great horned one
24. \_\_\_\_ for Humanity
25. \*Most decorated U.S. female Olympian Thompson
26. Has daisylike flowers

27. Lena Dunham's HBO show, 2012-17
29. \*Number of countries that participated in every Summer Olympics
31. Nugent and Danson
32. Food contaminant
33. A Stradivari violin
34. \*2021 Olympics location

36. Thomas the Engine's warning
38. Wimbledon is a Grand one
42. Deadly sin
45. Nullify
49. Hard to escape routine
51. Zoo \_\_\_\_ or bee \_\_\_\_
54. Type of car
56. Courtroom excuse

57. Caffeine-containing nut tree
58. Swear, not curse
59. Exercise repetitions, for short
60. Annoyingly slow
61. Weary walk
62. Spilled the beans
63. Large edible mushroom
65. \*Most decorated Olympic country
67. Whiskey grain

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# Remembering Joe Kapp

by Mark Morthier

Today at 82, Joe Kapp lives in Los Gatos, California. He's in the football record books, too. Fifty years after he retired from the game, Kapo is still the only quarterback to play in the Rose Bowl, in a Grey Cup championship game, and in a Super Bowl.

It all began in college at Cal-Berkeley. Then Kapp moved to the pros in 1959, playing for the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. In 1961, Calgary traded him to the BC Lions. There, Kapp led the Lions to a 1963 Grey Cup appearance. The team won it all the following season.

Having achieved CFL successes, Kapp took his skills across the border to the NFL. There he had an ally — Bud Grant — who had coached against Kapp in Canada. Grant thought Kapp would be a good fit at his new team, the Minnesota Vikings. Minnesota had just traded starting quarterback Fran Tarkenton to the NY Giants, and Grant needed a new man under center.

At the time, Minnesota was an NFL newcomer, having joined the League in 1961. The team was getting its footing (29-51-4 overall) when Kapp entered the scene. In his first season with the Vikes, Kapp started 11 games and went 3-5-3 as the team went 3-8-3 overall — par for the course in Minnesota.

Things began changing the following season. Kapp started all 14 games, and the Vikings reached the playoffs with an

8-6 record. Even though the team lost in the playoffs to the Colts, the future looked bright with Kapp at quarterback.

Shining bright, too. In 1969, Kapp started 13 games, and the team went 12-2. At season's end, his teammates voted Kapp the team MVP—an award he refused to take. "There is no one most valuable Viking," he declared. "There are 40 most valuable Vikings."

Joe Kapp had proven that he could play with the best, but he still had plenty of critics. They said he threw a wobbly ball and had too many interceptions. They said his passer rating was below average. But those criticisms didn't fluster Joe Kapp. "A pro quarterback is paid to win," he said, "If people don't think it's pretty, that suits me just fine — as long as we win."

His teammates didn't waver. They knew, no matter what, Kapp would give 100%. Carl Eller, the Vikings Hall of Fame DE, said: "We had a closeness on that team among the black and white players, and Joe Kapp was the key to that." Another thing teammates liked about Kapp was his toughness. Unlike most

QBs who avoid contact, Kapp relished it. Rather than run out of bounds, Joe would run straight ahead, often looking for a defender to run over. He did just that in the 1969 NFL Championship game. He ran over Cleveland Browns' linebacker Jim Houston, knocking him out of the game.

Despite achieving success in Minnesota, Kapp played the entire 1969 season without a new contract. Unable to reach an agreement with the Vikings' front office, Kapp signed a four-year deal with the Boston Patriots—a deal that made him the high-

est-paid player in the League. But things didn't turn out in New England the way they had in the Midwest. Kapp and the Patriots got off to a rocky start at 2-12. Worse yet, Commissioner Pete Rozelle didn't like his four-year arrangement and demanded that Kapp sign a standard player contract. Kapp refused, and, just like that, his 12-year pro career was over.

After that, Kapp did some acting, but the lure of football was too strong. In 1982, he signed on as head coach at his Alma Mater and remained there for five years. He had a

brief stint as GM of the BC Lions before transitioning back to coaching as the head man of an Arena League team.

But Kapp isn't known as a coach or GM. Joe Kapp was a football player. And he was no ordinary Joe, either. He was extra-ordinary.

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# With Olympics 2020 postponed until 2021, let's carry the torch with words from champions past

by Reed Markham

One of the sports we'll miss this summer is the Olympics, which would have been held in Tokyo had it not been for COVID-19. Postponed until 2021, we'll miss seeing the pursuit of excellence, perseverance, and commitment as Olympians show us how to overcome life's roadblocks, eliminate the negatives that creep into our minds, and reach our potential.

Even though we won't see all of that in real-time, we can revisit inspiration from the past. Here are 20 of my favorite quotes.

1. *The essential thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well.* Pierre de Coubertin, father of

the modern Olympic Games

2. *Never quit. Never give up.* Gabby Douglas, gymnast, Olympic Gold Medalist

3. *I am building a fire, and every day I train, I add more fuel. At just the right moment, I light the match.* Mia Hamm, soccer player, two-time Olympic Gold Medalist

4. *If you fail to prepare, you've prepared to fail.* Mark Spitz, swimmer, nine-time Gold Olympic medalist

5. *Passion is a huge prerequisite to winning. It makes you willing to jump through hoops, go through all the ups and downs, and everything in between to reach your goal.* Kerri Walsh, beach volleyball player, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist

6. *He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.* Mu-

ammed Ali, boxer, Olympic Gold Medalist

7. *There is no substitute for work. There are no shortcuts. There are no secrets.* Al Oerter, discus throw, four-time Olympic Gold Medalist

8. *Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: the potential for greatness lives within each of us.* Wilma Rudolph, track and field, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist

9. *Failure I can live with. Not trying is what I can't handle!* Sanya Richards Ross, track and field athlete, four-time Olympic Gold Medalist

10. *It's all about the journey, not the outcome.* Carl Lewis, track and field, nine-time Olympic Gold Medalist

11. *We all have dreams, but to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.* Jesse Owens, track and field, four-time Olympic Gold Medalist

12. *The ones who are successful*

*are the ones who really want it. You have to have that inner drive; otherwise, it's not going to work out.* Kerri Strug, gymnast, Olympic Gold Medalist

13. *Every day I turned a 'you can't' into a 'you can.'* Rulon Gardner, wrestling, Olympic Gold Medalist

14. *It doesn't matter what your background is or where you come from, if you have dreams and goals, that's all that matters.* Serena Williams, tennis, four-time Olympic Gold Medalist

15. *Don't sacrifice what you want most for what you want now. Write down what you want most and see it often.* Peter Vidmar, gymnast, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist

16. *Don't practice 'til you get it right; practice 'til you can't get it wrong.* McKayla Maroney, gymnastics, Olympic Gold medalist

17. *In the sports arena, I would say there is nothing like training and preparation. You have to train your mind as much as your body.* Venus Williams, tennis, four-time

Olympic Gold Medalist

18. *Remember, all things are possible for those who believe.* Gail Devers, track and field, Olympic Gold Medalist

19. *Worrying gets you nowhere. If you turn up worrying about how you're going to perform, you've already lost.* Train hard, turn up, run your best, and the rest will take care of itself. Usain Bolt, track and field, eight-time Olympic Gold Medalist

20. *Each of us has a fire in our hearts for something. It's our goal in life to find it and keep it lit.* Mary Lou Retton, gymnastics, Olympic Gold Medalist

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# Dr. Rose Mattioli, Pocono Raceway matriarch, passes

by **Steve Stallone**  
Sports Editor

One day after the race track she and her husband founded made NASCAR history, Dr. Rose Mattioli passed away on June 29. The matriarch of Pocono Raceway, Dr. Rose died peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was 92. She

is survived by her daughters Looie and Michele and son Joseph III; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She and her husband, the late Dr. Joseph "Doc" Mattioli, who died in 2012, co-founded Pocono Raceway in 1968, building it on an old spinach farm off of Route 115 in Long Pond. Despite numerous financial struggles over the years, the two worked hard to create a unique and first-class motorsports venue that thrives today.

The 2.5-mile triangular track first hosted Indy cars from 1971 to 1989, and also from 2013-19. NASCAR held its first race there in 1974 and then held two races there each season since 1982.

In late June, Pocono hosted NASCAR Cup Series races on consecutive days for the first time in the modern era (since 1972), as well as the first time all three NASCAR national series were held at the same track on the same day.

"Dr. Rose was the heart and soul of Pocono Raceway for over 50 years," the Mattioli and Igdalsky families said in a statement released by the track. "She would often tell us, 'I love Pocono and auto racing more than Doc,' and



we believed her. While Doc moved the mountains, Rose moved your spirit. Dr. Rose's contributions to motorsports and her philanthropic efforts will always live in a class of their own."

The Mattiolis became one of the most beloved and respected families in motorsports, developing a special bond with the France family, which has been the driving force behind NASCAR through the years. "Our family and all of NASCAR is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Rose Mattioli," NASCAR chairman and CEO Jim France and executive vice president Lesa France Kennedy said in a statement. "For three generations, the relationship between our families has been more personal than professional. Rose and Doc created a unique racing experience at Pocono Race-

way, bringing a passion for race fans and love of racing to everything they touched.

"On behalf of the France family and the entire motorsports industry, NASCAR extends our deepest condolences to the Mattioli family during this difficult time."

Drivers, race teams and owners came to know Doc and Dr. Rose as family, and were treated as such when they arrived at the track. The Bodine racing family from nearby Chemung, N.Y., were particularly close with the Mattiolis. "Dr. Rose was always great. She was a charm that always had a big smile," two-time NASCAR Trucks Series champion and FS1 analyst Todd Bodine said on Twitter.

Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR's executive vice president and chief racing development officer, also added his condolences.

es. "Very sorry to hear about the passing of Dr. Rose," O'Donnell tweeted. "A true pioneer who always greeted you with a warm smile and a kind heart. You will be missed but I know Doc has a big hug waiting."

The Mattiolis also left their mark in the community and the region through their many philanthropic ventures. Through the years, the Mattioli Foundation has funded scholarships and charitable organizations including the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, United Way of Monroe County, Lehigh Valley Health Network, the Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital, Jimmie Johnson Legacy Scholarship at Monroe Career & Technical Institute and The NASCAR Foundation.

On Valentine's Day 2017, the track launched Rose Pedals, an all-women's initiative that provides assistance in areas of need such as Meals on Wheels and the Women's Resource Center. It also mentors girls and women and provides opportunities for them to realize their power, potential and accomplishments.

Born and raised in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, Dr. Rose met Doc while a student at Temple University in 1947. They secretly eloped one year later and were "officially" married August 5, 1950, in front of family and friends. Dr. Rose graduated top of her class from Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine in June 1952. Three years later, she and Doc opened their podiatric and dental practices, respectively, in northeast Philadelphia, becoming successful.

While neither knew anything about auto racing, they

overcame many financial hurdles through the years to create one of racing's most unique and successful venues. They eventually moved to the Poconos to be closer to the race track.

The family said they are committed to continue what Doc and Dr. Rose have built over the past 50 years, and honor their legacy moving forward. "Her passing has motivated us to remain steadfast, now more than ever, to never waver from Rose and Doc's commitment of always doing right by our Pocono Raceway family, our fans, our local community and the auto racing industry," the family statement said. "While we will miss her, we take comfort in knowing Rose and Doc are reunited and that their legacy will live on forever."

A private service was held for Dr. Rose. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of the donors' choosing.

To honor Dr. Rose's legacy, this Thursday's 15th Annual Pocono Raceway Blood Drive and "Ride for the Red" will be held in her memory.

"We are deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Rose Mattioli, and our hearts go out to her family and friends," stated Michele Baehr, Executive Director of the Red Cross's Greater Pennsylvania Region. "Dr. Rose and the Mattioli family have been supporting the mission of the American Red Cross for many, many years, and we are honored to hold this year's Pocono Raceway blood drive and Ride for the Red in her memory."

For more on the blood drive, which will be held July 9 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the track, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-REDCROSS.