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Schools reopening options presented at special WA School Board meeting

by Seth Isenberg

At a special meeting held Monday, July 13, Weatherly Area School Board heard proposals for what school could be like this fall in the District. An extensive list of health and safety changes and upgrades was listed — and approved — including designing

an up staircase and down staircase in the high school, rules about masks, rules if someone becomes sick including a quarantine space, and rules about the cafeteria — including K-8 grade students being served lunch in their classrooms, while the high school students will go get their lunches and return

to their classrooms to eat. The list will soon be posted by the District.

The plan follows guidelines set by the state, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the U.S. Center for Disease Control, and federal guidelines on phased reopening of schools. The board approved the plan unanimously.

Three options were presented for attendance this fall.

They will be put out to parents as a survey to get comments, ideas, and answers as to which option they would choose for their children. The survey will be out soon, with answers due back by July 24.

Option 1 is for in-school learning. The proposal is for

grades K through 6 to attend school daily from 9 to 2; grades 7 and 8 to attend three days a week from 7:30 to 12:30, with online teaching during those same hours the other two days; and for grades 9 to 12, in-person classes for two days, 7:30 to 12:30, and two days of synchronous on-

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Developer seeks LERTA for Kidder distribution center



by Seth Isenberg

A distribution center is proposed for eastern Kidder Township, on Route 940 at the eastern edge, almost in Blakeslee. Property owner Rick Sutliff presented his project to the Weatherly Area School Board this past

Monday, June 13. His site, on approximately 117 acres along the state road from the PPL electric station to the top of the small hill overlooking

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Editorial

Learning by doing

by Ruth Isenberg

The upcoming school year is going to be a learning experience for everyone — not just students as usual, but also teachers, administrators, parents, grandparents, bus drivers, and employers. The continued presence of COVID-19 is bringing radical changes to the educational system, from pre-school to graduate school.

Here in White Haven and Weatherly, parents are looking to school districts for guidance. Administrators are working hard to come up with solutions that will keep students safe, while also ensuring that they have the opportunity to learn the skills they need to succeed. They are working with guidelines provided by the state and federal government, guidelines which will continue to change as more is learned about COVID-19 and the impact it can have.

This school year is not going to be easy. Shortened school days and split schedules, with days in the classroom and days out, will be hard on working parents. In-classroom education won't be sustainable if the virus flares up. Internet service quality needs to be strengthened for on-line learning.

Overcoming these issues will take patience and perseverance. Figuring out the new hybrid education model promises long-term benefits that will strengthen education and our communities after COVID-19 is conquered. Being on the front lines of an educational revolution isn't comfortable, but there's a real chance we'll end up with smarter, stronger, better educated students once we figure it out. If experience is the best teacher, we're in the perfect position to learn.

From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
July 16, 1970
James Faust and
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Michael and Mary Superdock of Hudsonale St. in Weatherly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner party with their family.

A front page photo shows Mrs. Evelyn Hooven and Mrs. Lois Williams with their top award winners in the Weatherly Flower Club's competition, held in the Lutheran Church annex.

The Truvers of RD 2 won an award in Carbon County Court against a local man who set their barn afire in September on 1966. He was jailed, and ordered to pay restitution. The sentence was amended, eliminating the restitution — so they sued for the difference from insurance payments of \$5,856, and their claimed value of \$12,625 for the barn, machinery of \$3,530, and hay worth \$4,000. Carbon County Court Judge Albert Heimbach handed down a decision of an award of \$13,265 to the couple.

The Weatherly Area School Board gave its approval to classes for the mentally and academically talented for this coming year, as proposed by elementary school principal Robert Kelshaw. Kelshaw has worked closely with the Carbon County superintendent of school to make the program in Weatherly a success.

The goals of this year's classes are:

To teach critical thinking and to provide opportunity to question properly, weigh

evidence and make tentative conclusions;

To provide enrichment and acceleration in basic skills of observing, listening, reading, writing, asking, computing and research;

To teach an understanding of the environment and the individual pupil's relation to it;

To develop an appreciation of beauty;

To foster experiences which provide better understanding of the world and its various cultures;

To promote character development including moral and spiritual values, social usefulness, good citizenship, and service to the community;

And to assist the gifted student to grow in basic knowledge, to become independent and self-sufficient, and to develop new knowledge and the ability to solve one's own problems.

Quartz is being taken from the railroad cuts in the Lehigh River Gorge, and the Reading Railroad has issued a warning that anyone doing so is trespassing.

Weatherly Borough Council's July meeting became heated over mayor Andrew Letishock's refusal to swear in special policeman Joseph DeMelfi. Mrs. Rosebud Drolles read a lengthy statement about the issue, and then went into the mayor's non-performance of his other duties. She noted the mayor had threatened her with a lawsuit. (She and the mayor serve on the safety committee for the borough.) Among the arguments that followed were whether a pinball machine is a gambling device. On DeMelfi, Letishock noted he's 61 year-

old and "didn't want to see him get hurt in a police job." Several other attendees joined into the argument over police and whether the chief should live in the borough.

Bonnie Barbush of Weatherly will be the Weatherly Lions Exchange Student to Canada for two weeks, beginning July 18.

First Federal Savings pays 5% on passbook savings.

Babe Ruth is now in a three-way tie for first place after a 9-1 win over Thomas Electric. Playoff dates will be announced later this week.

In Little League action, pitcher Ron Goida hurled a one-hitter, fanning 11, to lead the Bank team to a 10-1 triumph over Wagner Electric. The win puts the team in first place — for the first half championship.

From the Sidelines, by Don Garber

Garber led off his column this week with a primer on safe target shooting.

He tells a tale of Shep, a dog owned by Jan Grover in RD1. Shep was making rounds on her property on Tuesday evening when she found a little black and white creature... grabbing it by the neck and tossing it in the air in a playful manner, which was not at all appreciated. The polecat, as it turned out to be, landed and regained its composure, then let Shep have a full spray. "Now you don't have to look to see Shep to know where she is, just lift your nose to the wind..."

Nick Lazo, Wrecker quarterback last season, has left

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Public Notices

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 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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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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PUBLIC NOTICE

White Haven Borough Council will hold a work session on July 27 at 6 p.m. to review code enforcement of properties in the borough.

Several vacant properties have been left in disrepair, properties with several piles of junk and old cars, properties with tarps on roofs for several years without repair, high vegetation and poor condition of sidewalks.

Meeting will be available by zoom or facebook live for residents' participation.

Regular monthly meeting of Council will follow after the work session at 7pm.

Meeting ID: 830 6429 9874
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
Linda Szoke
Borough Manager

7/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

White Haven Borough Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the White Haven Borough Municipal Building, located at 312 Main Street, White Haven PA.

Council intends to act on an Ordinance approving the agreement and participation of the White Haven Police Department with Luzerne county Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Task Force, and Luzerne County District Attorney's Offices.

Completed copy of the ordinance is available for review at the White Haven Municipal Building Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Linda Szoke
Borough Manager

7/24

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Administration have been issued in the Estate of Jeffrey J. Dolinsky a/k/a Jeffrey Dolinsky a/k/a Jeff Dolinsky, late of 129 Maple Lane, Weatherly, Lausanne Township, Pennsylvania who died on the 14th day of April, 2020 by the Register of Wills of Carbon County to Co-Administrators, Amber Dolinsky, of 86 N. Stagecoach Road, Weatherly, PA 18255 and Devon Dolinsky, of 129 Maple Lane, Weatherly, PA 18255. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

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Odor complaints could lead to WH legal action

by Ruth Isenberg

White Haven Borough Council solicitor Sean Logsdon told residents with complaints about odors from Standard Farms that legal action was possible, during the June 22 council meeting. Several items of possible litigation were discussed by council during an executive session before the 6:30 p.m. regular meeting. The meeting was again held via Zoom, and on Facebook live.

One Woodhaven resident said that the odor was constant on weekends, and that she feared the long-term effects of breathing in the odors.

In other business, engineer Don Totino's report included information about a traffic study that would be needed in order to erect a STOP sign equipped with flashing lights at the Route 437/Route 940 intersection of Berwick and Church Streets. PennDOT will not accept a study on a holiday weekend; the plan had been to do it on the NASCAR weekend, but since fans were not allowed to attend because of COVID-19, that idea was abandoned.

On the solicitor's suggestion, council approved moving forward with a contract to demolish the Mary Keil property, as soon as payment of fines is received from her.

The Luzerne County District Attorney's office has requested borough participation in the county DUI task force. Council is in favor, and will adopt the ordinance prepared by the county in August, after it is reviewed by the solicitor.

Manager Linda Szoke reported that residents are using

the on-line payment option for garbage bills, and that a letter was being released by tax collector Kathy Oross letting people know they could pay taxes online as well. She will not be holding in person office hours until August 5.

The Sports Association has announced that there will be no T-Ball this year.

Rental inspections will not be held this year because of COVID-19, but will be picked up in 2021.

Fundraising is a concern for the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company. The Firemen's Club is open on a limited basis, and a sold-out raffle was to be drawn at the Food Truck Festival, where the Fire Company was going to sell potato pancakes. The Fire Company expected to be in the new building by the end of the month.

A PEMA grant is being sought to cover some COVID-19 related expenses.

Police Chief Tom Szoke reported receiving good comments about Officer Nick Ross. He also noted that a flag had been donated to the Police Department.

Public works supervisor Joe Wychock reported a lot of storm cleanups and trimming around the borough, and the need to repair a cracked toilet at Lehigh Park, and a sinkhole on Towanda Street.

Bills were approved for payment. Spring water sales brought in \$7,400 for May.

The next council meeting on July 27 will also be held via Zoom, starting at 6 p.m. with a worksession about property maintenance, followed by the regular meeting at 7.

Death Roll

STEPHEN DELUCA

The funeral of Stephen DeLuca (Steve), who died February 24, 2020, will take place July 25, at St. Patrick's Church, White Haven, with memorial at 10 a.m., followed

by funeral mass at 11 a.m. and burial in the parish cemetery. The service was postponed from March because of Covid-19.

ANNA C. WITNER

Anna C. Witner, 81, of Weatherly, passed away on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at St. Luke's Manor, Hazleton, after a lengthy illness. Born April 6, 1939, in Tamanend, PA, she was the daughter of the late George and Beatrice (Harris) Frye and was the loving wife of Alburtis C. Witner II. The couple would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on July 21.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sisters Florence Gerhard and Betty Fulk, and brother Oliver Frye.

She is survived by children Alburtis C. Witner, III and wife Denise of Sicklerville, NJ, Anita (Witner) Irving and husband John of Hazle Township, and Brian Witner and wife Janet of Weatherly; seven grandchildren, Stacey Abbate and husband Patrick, Alburtis C. "Chuck" Witner, IV and wife Katie, Nathan Witner and wife Melissa, Adam Witner, Jeremy Witner and wife Rachel, Jeffrey Witner and wife Amanda, and John Irving. Surviving siblings include George Frye of Sellersville, and Richard Frye and his wife Tina of Pennsburg, Gerald Frye and his wife Alice

of Corydon, Indiana, Georgine Davidheiser of Telford, and Dolores Kletzing of Weatherly. She is also survived by nine great-grandchildren whom she loved and adored, Noah, Abigail, Megan, Kaden, Cassidy, Alexandria, Adriana, Grace and Massimo "Mino"; 28 nieces and nephews; sister-in-law Sharon DeMelfi and husband Joseph; and brother-in-law Ronald Witner and wife Judy with whom she had a very close bond.

Anna was a member of Zions Lutheran Church and served for many years as troop leader for Brownie Troop No. 287. She always loved being in the presence of children, especially her great-grandchildren who brought her great joy. An avid bingo player, she also loved camping, game nights with family, bowling, and going to the casino.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 17, at 11 a.m. from the funeral home. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until time of services.

Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Weatherly.

Memorials in Anna's name to:

Citizens Fire Company
107 Spring Street
Weatherly, PA 18255

Distribution Center...

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the Tobyhanna Creek, would feature an approximately 739,000 square foot building parallel to Route 940, with truck parking on the north and south sides. There would also be employee parking for up to 250 employees, and a large outer lot for more trucks. Once the structure is completed, the area would be nicely landscaped.

Sutliff, of Richard Henry and Sons Construction of Pocono Pines, explained that the undeveloped property now generates \$11,991 each year in taxes for the District. The property, once sold and improved will then generate \$163,935 a year in taxes. What is being asked is for taxes to remain at this level for the first five years to enable the developer to get the building constructed, and leased. After five years, the taxes would rise 20% each year to reach 100% valuation — and annual taxes of about \$1,267,769. That would make the building one of the Weatherly Area School District's largest taxpayers. The ask, called a LERTA, a Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance, is to encourage economic development (or in some cases, re-development).

The School District's approval of the LERTA would

allow a developer to erect the building sooner, and ideally, to get a tenant sooner.

Sutliff explained that there is a prospective developer who would erect the building on speculation, likely starting in 2021 once all the permits are in place, if the LERTA is approved.

Given the building's location, it is hoped that a tenant can be developed by the time the construction is complete. It is also possible the building might take a year or two to become occupied.

No decision was made at the meeting, but the prospect of

increased tax revenues in the near future, with more down the road, seemed to be appealing to most of the school board. Adding to the appeal would be the jobs the project would bring.

Sutliff plans to follow-up with more information at future WASB meetings.

As a side note: the WASB has approved, and then recently renewed, a Keystone Opportunity Economic Zone tax reduction for a warehouse development proposed for another site, also in Kidder Township, further west on Route 940.

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WASB School Options...

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line instruction — similar to being in class — with one day of online learning on the student's own with support from teachers, and office hours available.

Pre-K would be held every other day, 9 to 2, with classes a maximum of 10 students.

Option 2 is for students in any grade to choose synchronous learning with WASD staff (attendance taken daily). Superintendent Teresa Young explained that grading expectation with this option would

be the same as if the student attended in person.

Option 3 would be to go virtual, using "Weatherly Area Virtual Education" — online learning that students can do on a schedule they set themselves. Teachers with this option would not be WASD staff, but the students would still be part of the District.

This led to a great deal of discussion, including how busing might and might not work, and also about staffing. Answers parents give on the survey will guide district administrators on how busing may work. It was pointed out that the gap in the hours of busing the elementary students and the upper grades was to allow time for full disinfecting.

When the surveys are complete, those decisions

will become the transportation plans for the year. The survey results will also allow class schedules to be developed. A challenge will be to keep the busing plan within the set budget, as there is no additional money coming if costs rise. It is hoped that high school students will drive themselves to school.

The school board approved the reopening plan 5-1, with director Brian O'Donnell opposed; he wants five days attendance for all. Director Gerry Grega was in the audience but said he was 'locked out of the meeting' — he said he would have been another no vote.

The health and safety plan, as well as the reopening options, will be posted on weatherlysd.org.

In other business, the board

approved a resolution which factors online learning into the school's calendar so the District can complete the 990 instructional hours/180 equivalent days of teaching. While this is for the '20-'21 year, it can extend three more years if needed.

It was noted that the shorter hours will cut back on early dismissals, and if winter weather threatens, that the teaching can go fully online, so class days are not missed.

For the health and the reopening plans, district administrators are expecting lots of e-mails, with lots of questions.

Among the complaints heard at this meeting, held as a Zoom meeting, were that local internet supplier Atlantic Broadband has provided unreliable service, or slow repairs

in one citizen's case. Superintendent Young commented that Atlantic Broadband is "working on it."

Attempts are being made to get physicals done at the WASD.

Upcoming meetings include some of the board getting together to meet the new union leadership of the support staff.

Board members on the property committee, along with administrators, will schedule a meeting with the contractor to go over the progress made, and determine what will be complete by August 21. It's expected most of the work will be done by then.

Regular WASB meetings will resume in August, the 12th for a work session and the 19th for the voting meeting.

Veterans Corner

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

VETERANS HEALTHCARE SERVICE MESSAGE

In response to many questions concerning veterans' health, the VA wants all veterans to be informed, here are the 5 most asked questions.

Question 1: What's VA doing to deal with COVID-19? **Answer:** We have activated VA's emergency management coordination cell, and have started clinical screenings at all VA facilities.

Question 2: Can I be tested for COVID-19? **Answer:** Testing is based on many factors, including the severity of symptoms, other existing illnesses or conditions, possible exposure, and other criteria. VA health facilities have been testing Veterans who meet the testing criteria provided by

the CDC - there is no charge.

Question: 3: I don't have symptoms, but I feel anxious and overwhelmed. What can I do? **Answer:** First, it is important to know you are not alone, and we're here for you. Concerns about COVID-19 can be stressful for many people. You can take the following steps to manage stress and get support. Stay connected and healthy, stay in touch with friends and family by phone and social media. Follow your normal routine as much as possible and get enough sleep and exercise. Keep your existing mental health appointments - if you currently have regular sessions, you can change them to telehealth

(phone or video) appointments by sending your provider a secure message through My HealtheVet. Ask for a new mental health appointment - if you need same-day mental health care—or want to request a new appointment—call your local VA health facility.

QUESTION 4: Is my VA health facility open for in-person care? **Answer:** This depends on the facility and the current conditions in your local area. Locally, call (570) 824-3521.

Your safety is our top priority. In May, we started expanding select services at VA facilities that met VA, federal, state, and local criteria for safe in-person care. We have con-

tinued to monitor conditions since. Please know access to in-person services may change based on the conditions in your area. Telehealth appointments by phone or video will remain available, and your provider may recommend telehealth for you.

Be aware, if the number of COVID-19 cases rises or there are other facility or community needs, your VA facility may temporarily hold at its current level of expanded in-person services, reduce select in-person services, and add or change safety measures (like not allowing anyone except patients and staff to enter the facility). We appreciate your support, patience, and under-

standing as we work to protect you, other Veterans, and our staff.

Question 5: What should I do if I have an upcoming VA health appointment? **Answer:** For routine appointments, we recommend using telehealth for your scheduled appointment, or cancel and reschedule your appointment for a later date. But if you need care, please do not delay, we are here and can provide safe care to meet your needs. If you have a non-urgent elective procedure scheduled, we may contact you to cancel or reschedule for a later date. Urgent and emergent procedures will continue as scheduled.

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for Italy. His father, a career Army man, was reassigned there for a tour of duty. It's a big loss to Coach Pete McMonigle and it will be interesting to see who will fill Nick's shoes. (We have a pretty good idea who that will be, but won't comment on that yet until practices get underway next month).

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

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Front page photo for this issue was the Bridge Festival & Homecoming Queen Susan Kaminski and her court: Renee Reilly, Cindy Pierce, and Cindy Heffelfinger.

The White Haven Ministerium elected a new slate of officers on July 9. Pastor John Hazel of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was elected president;

the Rev. Milton Hartenstine, treasurer; and the Rev. Glen Hueholt remains as secretary.

The Weatherly Rotary Club installed officers at a joint meeting of the Carbon County Rotary Clubs at the Mahoning Valley Country Club. This year's officers are Arnold Nance, president, Larry Suravicz, vice president, Edward Young, secretary and Richard Garber, treasurer.

On July 12, the Senior Friendship Club welcomed 98 members to their club meeting. A picnic, catered by Gloria, is planned for July 19, at Eurana Park.

Sandra Foley of Weatherly, a Bloomsburg University junior, is the summer intern at the Carbon County Environmental Education Center.

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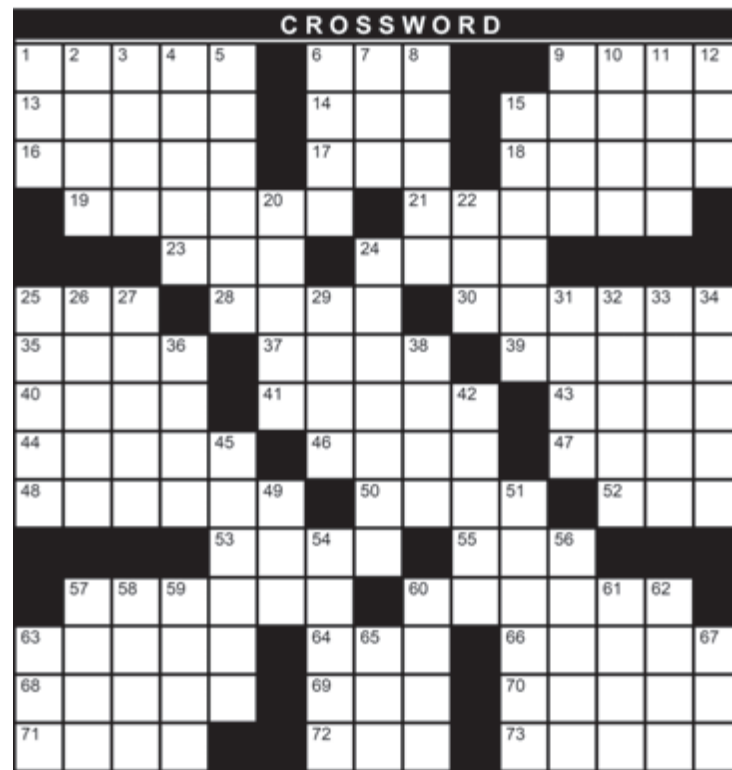
- On a cruise, 2 words
- Horse poker
- Deadly slitherers
- Way to curl hair
- *Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another ____.
- Islam's Supreme Being
- Subway coin
- Salve for Tin Woodman
- Grim Reaper
- *"A ____'s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."
- **Christmas Day will always be, Just as long as we ____.
- Structure named for 31st President
- Indoor allergy trigger
- Ship pronoun
- H. H. Munro's pen name
- Something or anything
- Madam, to a cowboy
- Dr. Jones, to his friends
- Best not mentioned
- Not in favor of
- Myths and legends, e.g.
- Max/Etre d's list
- France's longest river
- *"I Can Read ____ My Eyes Shut!"
- Use a beeper
- In direct line of descent
- Italian car maker
- Equinox mo.
- Coral barrier
- Not a friend
- **From there to here, From here to there, Funny ____ are everywhere."
- **Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. ____.
- Canine foe
- However, poetically
- Full
- Up and about
- Porridge grain
- Say something
- Start of a conclusion
- Parental involvement org.
- Popular garden flower

DOWN

- **Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing ____.
- Turkey dance
- Punjabi believer
- Correct

- Pause in breathing, pl.
- **If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is ____.
- "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
- Indian metropolis
- Sheltered, nautically
- BBQ side
- Toupee spot
- "Zip it!"
- Countdown to Christmas
- Inbox item
- Chowed down
- Middle of a torso
- *"A person's a person, no matter how ____."
- Capital of Vietnam
- Dine at home
- **You're on your own. And you know what you ____."
- Pipe smoker's tool
- Letter-shaped girder

- Polynesian kingdom
- **"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is ____ than you."
- Bog down
- Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin
- Elevator passage
- Breadwinner
- Race part
- 50-50
- Bar by estoppel
- Related on mother's side
- Baloney
- Rwanda's majority
- a.k.a. The Islamic State
- Itty-bitty bit
- ____ von Bismarck
- Not quite an adult
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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We finally made our long-awaited trip to Knoebels on July 10. We'd planned to go on Monday the 6th for the afternoon, but I instead spent that time getting Slater admitted through the VA's emergency room. He's home after a week's stay with a bunch of new medicines.

Our timing into Knoebels on Saturday was right after a storm that had cleared a bunch of the day's crowd out. It was nice to be back in the park after being in it last in October. We started by taking an easy walk around to people watch, then decided to enjoy our favorite ride, the train that takes a ride into the woods under the big roller coaster. We saw that folks were sepa-

rated, with an empty seat or more between groups, and everyone masked.

One of our other favorites, the skyride, was closed, we think because of electrical storms in the area. We decided instead to enjoy the shows. There was a little family circus at 5, then the show that brought us to Knoebels that day at 6, Rick K and the Allnighters, with special guest The Belletones. In a properly socially distanced crowd of 100 plus (in an area that could seat 300), he and his band gave a really good show.

Storm clouds threatened just as the show ended, so we headed out — seeing lighting off in the distance and hearing thunder approaching. We'll be

back for another afternoon or evening this summer, likely to see another show.

We were planning on returning this weekend, but The Mahoney Brothers cancelled their week of performances at Knoebels that would have lured us to a trip there this weekend. The Mahoneys are hoping to return in 2021. Rick K and his band are back in August, and there's a nice list of country, classic rock and more, performing daily through the rest of the season on Knoebels famous band-shell.

We sure had a bunch of thunderstorms roll through, at least through Weatherly. I'd been doing post-storm clean up on the street around our home on most days last week.

It's tax week, delayed from April by the Covid-19 virus. We send a check, so we wait until the last day for paying. That down-side will be that we are tapped out after the sendings. Still, it's nice to have that task completed.

The virus has kept a lid on

things including our plans to travel to a wedding out of state. Our niece will be marrying a nice man over Labor Day weekend. Instead of a big event, that event has now become small and we'll send love and a gift, just not ourselves.

Ruth and I had so much wanted to see the family, but coast-to-coast air flights during the pandemic had us concerned. We'll save up and go once the crisis is over. If we do travel, it will be via a long car trip where we can be safe, and contained, as well as control how we gather in crowds.

This weekend, we hope to enjoy the Pow-Wow to be held in Drums, featuring some local first peoples and their culture.

With most of the events we had been looking forward to cancelled, we're now looking towards August, hoping to resume museum visits, in small crowds and socially distanced only, now that they are reopening. Museums are our refuge on days when it's 90 degrees and humid — or

raining all day. America on Wheels in Allentown has reopened, featuring a display of Hudsons.

A ray of hope — The Celtic Fling and Highland Games that was to be held in late June has been pushed to August 22 and 23. We're going if the event is held. The event is in the PA Renaissance Faire "shire" in Mount Hope, PA. The PA Renaissance Faire itself was pushed to start Labor Day weekend, then running weekends to November 1, and we'll be attending that as well.

The Celtic Classic in Bethlehem September 25 to 27 is a beacon on the horizon, along with the Bloomsburg Fair, September 25 to October 3.

Stay healthy, keep safe, and do get out and about — just pick your places with care.

Catfish Derby opens with bonfire party

The Wells River Band will open up the annual Catfish Derby sponsored by the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company on Friday evening, August 14. The public is invited for food, beer, bonfire and music. Picnic tables will be limited, so bring chairs.

On Saturday the breakfast buffet will open at 6:30 a.m.; at 8 fishing starts. Fishing ends at 10 a.m. Sunday.

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Coming Events

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

JULY 20, Monday —Blood Drive sponsored by ALA #360, 1:30-6:30 p.m., Citizens Fire Co. Social Hall, Weatherly, 800-733-2767 for reservation

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

AUGUST 22, Saturday — Kid's Clothing Swap, 12-3 p.m., Eurana Park, Weatherly

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

MMI honors Class of 2020 at 128th commencement



MMI Preparatory School honored the Class of 2020 during its 128th commencement ceremony on Tuesday, July 7. Seniors received their diplomas from MMI Head of School Justin Kleinheider and Chairman of the 2019-2020 Board of Directors John H. Hersker '76.

Among the members of MMI's Class of 2020 were Madyson Leigh Hornack, daughter of John and Jeanie Hornack of White Haven; and Paige Madison Machulsky, daughter of David and Renee Machulsky of White Haven.

The ceremony was held in the MMI Gymnasium and was available via a live stream on

MMI's website for anyone to watch.

This year's graduating class of 28 seniors were accepted at more than 79 percent of the colleges they applied to and amassed more than \$7.6 million in merit scholarships and awards.

The 2020 graduating class also attained an average score of 1192 on the Redesigned SAT and an average ACT score of 24.

"All of us at MMI Preparatory School are extremely excited to be able to provide our graduates with a com-

mencement ceremony that allows us to celebrate them and their accomplishments with their families in person. While we typically would have celebrated the class of 2020 in late May, we felt it was important to try to gather the class together one last time in a safe and controlled environment. Maintaining as many of our long-standing graduation traditions as possible was vital for MMI and

our community. Moving the ceremony to accommodate the green phase of reopening was our best option. We have a very talented group of young people at MMI who may not have had a traditional senior year but demonstrated considerable poise in a challenging environment. No matter what path they take, success will follow," said MMI Head of School Justin Kleinheider.

Blood drive in Weatherly

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly is sponsoring a blood drive on July 20, from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. The American Red Cross will conduct the drive.

Because of CDC regulations, the event will be held at the Citizens' Fire Company #1 So-

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Americal Legion Auxiliary awards club, student for Good Deeds

ALA Unit 360 presented two Good Deed Awards at their meeting on July 13. The first was presented to the Weatherly Area High School Kindness Club. The members sold bracelets to raise money for Jaden Leiby. Jaden, a senior North Schuylkill football player,

was severely injured during a game last fall. The students raised over \$400, which was donated to the Leiby family to help with his medical expenses. Accepting for the club was WASD Principal Anthony DeSpirito. The award came in after school was closed.

The second Good Deed Award was presented to incoming WAHS senior Luke Derr. On May 2, Luke helped to distribute and deliver food boxes during the Carbon County Food Distribution at Weatherly.



From left, Children & Youth Chairman Betty Henry, WASD Principal Anthony DeSpirito (accepting for the WAHS Kindness Club) and Unit 360 President Georgeann Herling.



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Beaver Meadows

Kevin Conahan to Katlin Conahan, 121 rear Short St., P.O. Box 34, Beaver Meadows, property at 121 rear Short St., \$1.

Gerald Galada to Michael Richard Galada, 52 Dean St., Beaver Meadows, property at 54 Dean St., \$69,900.

East Side Borough

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Des Moines, Iowa, property at 1469 River St., White Haven, \$1.

Kidder Township

Bruce D. Rettew to Kevin P. Glasson, Levittown, Lot

11, Section G-1, Split Rock, \$65,000.

Mirijen, LLC, to Paul F. Graham, East Stroudsburg, property at 9 Midlake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$232,000.

Peter Ancone to Peter T. Ancone, St. Augustine, Florida, House 218, Snow Ridge, Section B-1, \$1.

Michael D. Cavanagh to John Faronea, Belleville, New Jersey, property at 110 Tanglewood Drive, Albrightsville, \$40,000.

Stephan Van De Berghe to Declan O'Neill, Haver-town, Lot 408, Block 400, Section D, Holiday Poconos, \$110,000.

PA Rehabs, Inc., to Wayne S. Springate, 7 Chestnut Road, Lake Harmony, property at 7 Chestnut Road, \$130,000.

T. Elaine Dompieri to David C. Arena, 5 Estates Drive, Lake Harmony, property at 5 Estates Drive, \$195,000.

Jonathan Thir to James Forry, Naples, Florida, property at 59 Aspenwall, White Haven, \$185,000.

James C. Armstrong to Narsun Properties, LLC,

Blakeslee, property at 9 Slalom, Lake Harmony, \$58,500.

Carla S. Louie to Thomas Marchozzi, Linwood, New Jersey, Lot 321, Section C, Holiday Poconos, \$110,000.

Shane McGirr to Serena Lally, Springfield, lots 194 and 196, Section D, Holiday Poconos, \$130,000.

Christopher Eriksen to Greg Moylan, Sellersville, property at 492 Moseywood Road, Lake Harmony, \$250,000.

Cindy S. Selmanaj to Patrick R. Thornton, West Chester, property at 26 Hartung St., Lake Harmony, \$680,000.

George W. Maehr III to Jaclyn Steudtner Colabraro, Fanwood, New Jersey, property at 7 Clover Lane, Albrightsville, \$70,000.

Helen McKeever to Chad H. Janak, West Chester, property at 350 S. Lake Drive, Lake Harmony, \$665,000.

Michele Antonacci to Nicholas Delisse, New Hyde Park, New York, House 20, Snow Ridge Village, Section A, \$1.

Betty J. Manwell to Peter S. Springer, 644 W. Oak Lane,

White Haven, property at 644 W. Oak Lane, \$217,000.

Raymond Motto to Thomas V. Macchia, Long Island City, New York, property at 5 Hazelwood Drive, Lake Harmony, \$325,000.

Glenn Votek to Scott T. Harvey, Allentown, property at 360 Wolf Hollow Road, Lake Harmony, \$787,500.

Thomas J. Brown to Thomas J. Brown, Paramus, New Jersey, property at 45 Kent Clarke Road, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Catherine Ann Hall to Richard I. Oakey, West Chester, property at 41 Pineknoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$175,000.

Stephen Benigni to Eric L. Carbone, Little Silver, New Jersey, property at 129 Estates Drive, Lake Harmony, \$244,000.

Michael L. Principe Sr. to Kevin O'Connor, Crownsville, Maryland, Lot 8, Section H, Split Rock, Wolf Hollow Road, Lake Harmony, \$386,000.

Lehigh Township

Edward C. Miller to Edward S. Hall II, 3157 S. Lehigh Gorge Drive, Weatherly, property at 3157 S. Lehigh Gorge

Drive, \$219,000.

Packer Township

John Doddo to John Doddo, Little Neck, New York, parcel No. 120-45-A5.05, \$1.

William A. Staats to Thomas J. Katchur, 64 Beaver St., Beaver Meadows, 8.85 acres, West Main Street, Weatherly, \$86,000.

Weatherly

Matt Wagner to Shay A. McGee, 630 Evergreen Ave., Weatherly, property at 630 Evergreen Ave., \$1.

Constance M. Lashefsky to Sandra Ellen Eroh, 102 Washington St., Weatherly, property at 921 North St., \$62,000.

Judith Ann Gallagher to Kelly A. Reese, 636 E. Second St., Weatherly, property at 636 E. Second St., \$1.

Francis J. Lutzick to Black Creek Junction Consulting Investing and Acquisitions, LLC, Mountain Top, property at 436 Carbon St., \$42,500.

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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.

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Kids' clothing swap planned

A Kids' Clothing Swap has been scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 12–3 p.m. at Eureka Park in Weatherly.

Drop offs can be made at 126 Decker Lane or 224 7th Street. Organizers are looking for donations of anything a kid can wear or use: clothes, shoes, coats, book bags, etc.

You donate the clothes, we'll sort and put them out. On Saturday, August 22, just come and take whatever you need! We're such a great community, let's help each other out!

School supplies will also be collected for Faith Church — pens, pencils, notebooks, anything.

Karalyn Sitch receives award from Immaculata U

Graduates of Immaculata University were recognized for their outstanding undergraduate academic achievements. "I am pleased to be able to celebrate these students, who have realized significant achievements in their chosen academic field," states Angela M. Tekely, ED.D., vice pres-

ident for Academic Affairs and provost. "These students represent a true desire to excel that is a hallmark of an Immaculata education."

Karalyn M. Sitch of Weatherly received The Mary Elizabeth Larkin Dowling Medal for Fashion – Family and Consumer Sciences.

Hunter Pitman presents research at national conference

Sixty-four Susquehanna University students were recently chosen to present research at the 2020 annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research at Montana State University. Established in 1987, the conference is dedicated to promoting

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Hunter Pitman, of White Haven, was chosen to present a study of "Extrafloral Nectaries in Vicia fava (Broad Bean) Are Resource-Dependent and Closely Linked to Leaf Number," supervised by Dr. Alyssa Packer at Susquehanna. Pitman, a biomedical sciences major in the Class of 2020, is a graduate of Selinsgrove Area High School.

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Will Cam Newton fill Patriots' 'Brady Void'?

by Fernando Nunes

The NFL off-season had eye-catching change. Out West, a blockbuster signing brought DeAndre Hopkins to the desert. And, for the first time, Las Vegas has a football team – the Raiders (from Oakland). But the biggest news of all is that Tom Brady left a dynasty (and his legacy) in New England to join Tampa Bay. While TB is excited to be in TB – and fans certainly are, too– there are more questions than answers back in New England.

Cam Newton has arrived to replace Brady, but, as the season grows closer, at issue is

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whether Newton is up to replacing a leg-end. It's easy to see why. The Brady-Belichick partnership earned New England a jaw-dropping six championships. Will the Brady-less Pats come close to having the same aura?

If there's one thing for sure, it's that Newton has potential. A former MVP in Carolina, Newton broke all-time NFL rookie records for passing and rushing yards by a quarterback. But following a struggle with injuries and inconsistent performance, the Panthers decided to cut ties with him.

That's when New England came calling. But the Patriots aren't viewing Newton's entry as a sure thing. They signed him to a bare-minimum, incentive - heavy contract with a base salary of just \$1.05 million. Translation? That's a no-risk move by New England. But if Newton shines on the field, he'll be rewarded. More than \$6.45 million more awaits in incentives.

For sure, Tom Brady's departure leaves a huge hole in the heart of the Pats, but in talent and personality, Newton looks like a worthy replacement. A natural leader, Newton is itching to get back to winning ways. That means he could be a perfect fit—a player who has a point to prove and a team that needs a big-time winner.

With Jarrett Stidham, Brian Hoyer, and rookies Brian Lewerke and J'Mar Smith as Newton's QB rivals, the overwhelming odds are that Newton will be behind center in Week 1. In Newton, the Patriots might have a new talisman.

Fernando Nunes, an NFL fan who lives in Great Britain, writes periodically for The Sports Columnn.

Journal Sports

Is sports start-up coming too soon?

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

Local Little Leagues are starting to play. Junior Babe Ruth baseball is also up and running. High school fall sports teams have been getting together to practice as well, hoping there will be a season when -- and if -- students return to the classroom later this year.

On the national scene, golf, auto racing and soccer are among the professional sports that have already returned. Basketball, hockey and baseball teams are also now gathering for practice as they push forward for a return to play -- albeit without fans -- later this month.

I know personally it was a welcome sight to see kids returning to the basketball and volleyball courts at Weatherly's Eurana Park in recent weeks as they released months' worth of pent-up energy and frustration. Ahhh, the sights and sounds of summer were returning after being silenced the past four months by the coronavirus pandemic.

Sports is a big, big part of our lives. Some play sports to stay fit, while others do it for the competition. Many others watch and cheer their sons and daughters, friends and teammates, favorite players and teams, or their heroes.

Sports is an escape, a recharge, a distraction. Sports is something to look forward to, and Lord knows, these days we need something to look forward to.

The real question through it all remains this: Is the timing right for a return to sports?

With the uncertainty still surrounding COVID-19, and a vaccine still at least six months away, are we taking too many risks by returning now?

You have 22 NBA teams returning and converging at the Disney campus in Orlando to finish off their season and playoff. Yes, in the heart of Florida, the state with the highest spike of positive coronavirus tests in recent weeks. The league quickly realized that even when you have a relatively small number of people (each team can bring just 37 players and staff) in this quasi-bubble, things can go wrong. Already, Houston Rockets' superstar Russell Westbrook has tested positive for the virus just before the team arrived at Walt Disney World. In July alone, 19 players have tested positive.

Coronavirus cases in this country are so bad that the NHL is completing its season north of the border in Toronto and Edmonton, where all games will be played beginning August 1 and ending at the Stanley Cup finals in late September or early October.

Baseball teams are gathering at training sites. Some of baseball's biggest stars have opted out of returning, including San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher David Price, hurler Felix Hernandez of the Atlanta Braves, and slugger Ryan Zimmerman of the World Series-champion

On the Sly

Washington Nationals. Many others are following their lead, some not wanting to put their families at risk, others feeling the risk of returning is not worth the reward.

Atlanta Braves star Freddie Freeman has tested positive for COVID-19, as has seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, proving this silent virus has no boundaries, and we're all vulnerable.

Many colleges and universities have already figured the risk was not worth the reward. Schools in the Patriot League and the Ivy League, as well as the Division III Centennial Conference have already shut down their fall sports season for 2020, though some could return in the spring if the pandemic is under control. Other schools have individually cancelled their fall sports seasons. The Big Ten and Pac-12 have both shifted to a conference-only fall schedule.

Although some high school

fall sports teams have started off-season workouts together, there's considerable grumbling going on about the possibility of the PIAA suspending the fall sports season, and perhaps pushing football and other sports to the spring. The PIAA has denied those reports, but is scheduled to meet this week to discuss the ongoing coronavirus situation as it pertains to Pennsylvania scholastic sports.

So, are we starting things up too soon? Are we at greater risk if we play sports and have

close contact with others? Is the risk of getting the virus worth the reward sports provide us?

I don't have the answer to these questions, and I'm not sure any of us really do.

What I do have is hope. Hope that we can develop a vaccine quickly to protect us all from this deadly virus. Hope that we can return to the normal life we knew just six months ago. Hope that those athletes who do decide to play, can do so safely while keeping themselves and their families safe.

Hope that we can all remain healthy and safe, and be able to play, compete and watch the sports we love safely.

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Amid financial crisis, NCAA abandons national leadership role

by Frank Fear

“What’s best for college athletics?” You’d think that would be the guiding question for the NCAA - college athletics’ governing organization. But a better tagline seems to be, “Figure it out on your own.” While that appears to be a harsh conclusion, the reality is this. In the face of the biggest financial crisis to ever hit college sports (caused by COVID-19), the NCAA has decided not to issue guidance regarding how member schools should proceed. Conferences and schools should figure things out on their own.

While that might appear to be a liberating settling place, facts dictate otherwise. While sports programs at about 60 major sport-playing schools (those with household names) are self-sustaining financially, all the rest (over 200 schools) struggle financially. And while

each school might appear to be a boat on its bottom, that’s not the case. Here’s why. One of the ways ‘the have nots’ generate athletic income is to schedule away-games against ‘the haves.’

But with the NCAA’s affirmation that conferences and schools can make independent decisions, schools in two major athletic conferences - the Big Ten and Pacific 12 - have decided to cancel non-conference games for the 2020 season. Other leagues (the Atlantic Coast, Southeastern, and Big 12) may follow suit. That move won’t have a significant impact on big-time schools financially because they will continue to reap substantial benefits from playing conference games. But that’s not the case for lower-tier schools.

Take, for example, the financial impact for schools that would have played at Big Ten schools this fall. Florida Atlantic University was to have opened the 2020 football season at Minnesota in exchange for a \$1.8 million guarantee. Bowling Green and Buffalo were scheduled to play at Ohio State for a combined take of \$3 million. Bowling Green expected to get a sec-

ond big check from visiting Illinois. Three other schools — Northern Illinois, Ball State, and Central Michigan — also had two games scheduled against Big Ten opponents. Thirteen other smaller schools (called mid-majors) were expected to play against Big Ten programs, and those programs will lose out on \$10 million-plus combined.

After the Big Ten and PAC-12 made their decisions, USA-Today estimated that the cost to non-conference opponents would be \$45 million-plus. And if other major conferences follow suit, the financial loss will grow. For example, Western Michigan is scheduled to play at Notre Dame (ACC conference) this fall for a paycheck of \$1.25 million.

The financial implications get even worse for smaller programs. If FAU plays football this fall, SUNY Stony Brook will visit Boca Raton a week after the Owls were to have played at Minnesota. On that weekend, the shoe Minnesota wore a week earlier will be on the Owls’ foot. SB’s guaranteed take from playing that game is \$400,000. The problem for FAU is clear: money gained

from playing Minnesota is gone, but the need to pay SB remains. The college sports financial system is built on stratified levels, such that payees become payers.

Where will the lost revenue come from? For schools like FAU, a good share of athletic revenue comes from non-athletic sources, including transfers from the general university budget and student fees. But the financial stress from COVID-19 is affecting universities writ large. Schools will be hard-pressed to allocate more money to athletics because they are facing steep financial pressure on the academic and operations sides of the ledger. To respond, some schools are cutting athletic budgets by eliminating non-revenue generating sports, like wrestling and track. Some of the same schools - and plenty of others - are eliminating athletic staff positions.

Where will things settle? When I asked a colleague what he thought, he put it this way: “The entire college sports financial model is being

broken apart, and its vulnerability to disruptive events (like the pandemic) is being exposed. He added: “For me, the big question is: Will whatever emerges reflect the lessons learned and be sustainable?”

That’s a question the NCAA should be asking.

Frank Fear is managing editor of The Sports Column.

Free Ref Clinic

Each year, Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association offers a free referee clinic for anyone interested in working as a referee for youth soccer games in Mountaintop. This year’s clinic is being held on August 5 at 8 p.m. at the SoccerPlex. Please arrive at 7:45 p.m.

Minimum age is 14. The clinic is free, and anyone interested is welcome to attend. Advanced registration is required. Deadline to register is July 29.

Call or text Judy at (570) 299-9513 to reserve your spot.

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Lights come on for Mountain Top Little League

The Mountain Top Area Little League played its first game under the lights in the 51-year history of the league on Monday. A brief pregame ceremony was held, with George Hayden, president of Hayden Power Group, a league parent/ benefactor and light installation contractor, “flipping the switch.” Hayden also threw out the first pitch.

It was the culmination of a 12-year mission to have lights at the baseball complex at 375 Alberdeen Road.

Journal Sports

Babe Ruth

White Haven 12, Paul’s Towing 2 -- Devin Fairchild laced a three-run triple, leading White Haven to a 12-2 victory over Paul’s Towing in Valley Junior Babe Ruth baseball action.

Ty McDermott clubbed a pair of doubles, and winning pitcher Ben Keil also had two hits for White Haven.

Paul’s was led by Isaac’s Ferrera’s single, Logan Stone pitched well in relief and scored a run, and Hunter Gallagher scored a run.



Mountain Top Little League began its 51st year Monday, and debuted under the lights for the first time. Lights were installed at the field by Hayden Power Group, and company president George Hayden flipped the switch via an app on his cell phone, and then threw out the first pitch at the Alberdeen fields. It was the culmination of the league’s 12-year dream to have lights at the complex.

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