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Lemonade stand raises dollars for White Haven Volunteer Fire Co. #1

by Ruth Isenberg

Kali Karnatski couldn't have picked a better day to open her lemonade stand. Saturday was hot and humid, and cold lemonade and pink lemonade really hit the spot.

The 6 year-old was raising money for the White Haven Volunteer Fire Co. #1 at the

stand set up in front of her home on Towanda Street, across from the White Haven Post Office. And raise money she did—over \$1,200. The money is much appreciated by the fire company, as COVID-19 has eliminated many of their usual fundraisers, and the new fire station means the money is needed.

The stand was open from 10 to mid-afternoon, and lots of people stopped by, Kali's mom said. She made gallons of lemonade, and cookies. Donations were generous. WNEP-16 featured the lemonade stand on their evening newscast, highlighting the fire company's appreciation and the community's spirit.

Packer Supers okay SALDO update, defer Zoning changes

by Seth Isenberg

Monday evening, August 10, Packer Township supervisors held public hearings on the extensive revisions and updates made to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance — SALDO, and on the Zoning Ordinances. The meeting was via Zoom on the internet, with provisions for socially distanced attendance in person.

No citizen attended in person — just this reporter, along with supervisors Robert Selert, Cory Gerhard and Terry Davis, township solicitor Robert Yurchak, and secretary/treasurer Stephanie Stolpe, who ran the Zoom meeting. Online, there were five citizens, Atty. Brian Stahl who represents Broad Mountain Power Company, and another reporter.

Of those online, only Gerry Grega spoke. Grega made two points: that under definitions, the Zoning ordinance lacks one for “electric power plant” and possibly a second definition for “hydro-electric power plant;” and then questioned if these should be added “by special exception” into the I-1 industrial and B-1 business zones (only). In a note he sent to follow-up

his comments, he asked if there would be added regulations to include a host municipal fee for power plants.

There was discussion of Grega's ideas and concerns. As things wrapped up, with no other comments by voice or e-mail, text or chat, there were questions enough on these issues, plus a spot in one section where a couple of lines were missing, so supervisors decided to table action on the Zoning Ordinance. A new date for a hearing and any additions will be advertised.

On the SALDO, supervisors approved the revisions unanimously. The SALDO was first adopted in 1989, then revised in 2003, so this update was timely.

Packer Township expects to host a continuing hearing on the Broad Mountain Power application for a windmill farm on August 31, starting at 6, at the township building in Hudsondale. The meeting can be attended in person, with limited seating available. A Zoom meeting for the hearing is likely, with details to be announced.



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From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
Thursday, August 13, 1970
James Faust and
Cletus Milan, Publishers**

Weatherly Borough Council, at their Monday meeting, authorized the purchase of the Marusak property on East Third Street as a possible well site. A study will be done to determine the quality and quantity of water available.

Surveying and grading of the site for the new Carbon County Home were subjects of this week's front page photos.

The 13th annual Allison family reunion was held Sunday at Eurana Park with 55 persons in attendance.

The family of Robert G. Weatherly of Apollo, PA, visited Weatherly on Tuesday and took a liking to our community. He is a native of Sumter, South Carolina.

The efforts of the Lehigh and Lausanne Sportsmen's Club in fixing up the rural cemeteries in Lausanne and Lehigh Township earned a letter of praise from U.S. Senator Hugh Scott.

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Wrecker gridders will be in the pads shortly. Coach Pete McMonigle expects a good number of boys to turn out. After about two weeks of practice, the team will travel to Kingston to have an informal scrimmage with West Side Tech.

In a few weeks, county treasurers will begin accepting applications for this year's doe licenses. They will start issuing licenses on Novem-

ber 9. The cost of the licenses are \$1.15, and don't forget to include 12 cents for return postage. All envelopes must be marked "Doe (or) Antlerless Deer applications." 358,500 licenses were authorized for last season.

An evening of softball was enjoyed by 30 men this week. Three teams were picked, and three 5-inning games played. Men are invited to come out again to the Little League field on the 16th, starting at 5:30 p.m.

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

Coaches Jesse Tom and Andy Kotch announced that Knee-Hi football will be getting underway for its second season here. Registration forms are at Kathy Koehler's store, Cunningham's, Bill Hinkle's Market, and at Eurana Park. The first practice session is Monday, the 17th, at the Eurana Park field. Boys ages 9 to 13 are eligible to play.

The cheerleading squad will also begin practice soon. Contact Mrs. Ethel Tom at her home on Hudsonale Street or call her at 427-x.

Both groups are reminded that all uniforms used last year have not been returned yet.

**From The Journal-Herald
August 16, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

Front page photos are of a food delivery truck that split open when being towed into the White Haven Shopping Center a week ago, Wednesday. The truck had suffered a flat tire, and was being towed off Route 940. The load spilled onto the parking lot,

and it took most of the day to clean it up.

The Senior Citizens Friendship Club is holding its annual corn roast today in Weatherly. Bring a table cover, table service, pitchers for birch beer and cups. Games begin at 1:30 and the corn is expected to be ready at 4.

The Family Picnic Day weekend will be August 17 to 19 at White Haven Center. A huge fireworks display will highlight Saturday night, and the public is invited to visit the grounds and enjoy the display. The picnic will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday with a Hawaiian themed luncheon under the outdoor tent. Entertainment will include a magician, live music, game booths, a book sale, and a craft and plant stand.

United to Serve is planning to hold a Fall Fashion Show and Tea on September 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall. Chairman Betty Morrisette is coordinating the event with Terry's Toggery of Mountaintop and Lookin' Good Dress Shop of Freeland. The newest in fall colors and accessories will be featured by local models. Proceeds benefit the men and women of White Haven Center.

With a picture—
"Odd Fellows Lodge 457 of White Haven has a new and spiffy sign erected last week in front of its Main Street Building, believed to be the second oldest in town."

Last week, we reported sighting Canadian Geese flying south as perhaps a sign of

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Editorial

Traffic troubles

by Ruth Isenberg

When an accident happens on Interstate 80, people in White Haven find out about it pretty quickly. Traffic volume on Route 940, a/k/a Berwick and Church streets, increases dramatically. Drivers take the "local" road, rather than wait for the interstate to be cleared. The same thing happens when there is construction activity. Cell phone apps alert drivers to possible slow-downs, and direct them to alternate routes.

The increased traffic can cause problems. Sometimes, it's difficult for local drivers to make turns onto or off of Berwick Street, because the steady line of traffic just doesn't let up. People who live in East Side have it even worse, because the speed limit on Route 940 in that community is set at 45 miles per hour, reducing to 35 miles per hour (though right now the 35 mph sign is partially hidden by overhanging branches), and finally 25 miles per hour right before the bridge. Just pulling out of a driveway there can be dangerous.

Trucks, including doubles, take the route through town, and have to negotiate the left turn uphill from Berwick Street onto Church. Sometimes they have no problem. Other times, they drive over the sidewalk and cause damage.

Drivers don't understand the STOP signs on Church Street, or the fact that there isn't a STOP sign on Berwick Streets. Confusion causes delays, and sometimes accidents.

Local officials will be meeting with PennDOT soon to talk about what will happen when construction begins on replacement of the I-80 bridges over the Lehigh River. We need to help them communicate the dangers and frustration bad traffic planning can bring to our community.

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Dennison Township Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 5:45 p.m. local time at the Dennison Township Building, 76 Walnut Street, Dennison Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania 18661. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider public input for proposed amendments to the Dennison Township Zoning Ordinance. The new uses to be defined, included and regulated within the Dennison Township Zoning Ordinance include:

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
Medical Marijuana Growing and Processing Facilities
Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities
Short Term Rentals

In addition to the above uses, a separate ordinance titled Short-Term Rental Ordinance shall also be considered at this public hearing. A copy of the text for the above amendments and Short-Term Rental Ordinance are on file and available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Dennison Township Municipal Building, 76 Walnut Street, Dennison Township (White Haven) Luzerne County, Pennsylvania 18661, the Luzerne County Law Library, 200 North River Street, at the Luzerne County Courthouse and the *Journal-Herald* Newspaper, 212 Main Street, White Haven, Pennsylvania or an electronic copy may be obtained by contacting John Varaly at jvaraly@ptd.net. Notice is also given that the Dennison Township Board of Supervisors shall consider adoption and enactment of the above summarized zoning amendments and Short-Term Rental Ordinance on September 2, 2020 at the close of the public hearing.

Kathleen Stortz,
Township Secretary

8/20

PUBLIC NOTICE

White Haven Borough Council has scheduled a Zoom meeting:
Topic: White Haven Borough Council Meeting
Time: August 24, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81305971156>
Meeting ID: 81305971156

Dial by your location
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Linda Szoke
Borough Manager

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 August 31, 2020 at 5:00 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

8/20



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Philip Engman, Esq. of Wellington, Florida in the Estate of PHILIP DAVID ENGMAN, A/K/A PHILIP ENGMAN, late of White Haven, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania who died on June 24, 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:

PHILIP ENGMAN, ESQ.
9134 DUPONT PLACE
WELLINGTON, FL 33414

8/13

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters Testamentary were issued in the Estate of Patricia R. Gerhard a/k/a/ Patricia Gerhard a/k/a Pat Gerhard, late of 220 Pine Tree Lane, Weatherly, Packer Township, Pennsylvania who died on the 30th day of June, 2020 by the Register of Wills of Carbon County to Executor, John Austin Gerhard, 1710 W. North Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

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

8/27

Weatherly Area's construction project nearly complete

by Seth Isenberg

A regularly scheduled meeting with the construction project manager Jerry Bonanno of the Quandel Construction Company about the Weatherly Area Schools project was held with administrators and some school board members during the last week in July. They got an overview of the project, and were told that it will be substantially complete by the planned finish date of August 21.

Due to the COVID-19 shutdown in the spring, the project had to be shut down. Since the restart, the contractors have caught up, and hope to finish up a couple of days early.

There was still a lot to be finished in late July, but that was with about three weeks

to go. The project is on target to be done before the 21st. So the crews will be done and the work area cleaned well ahead of when any on-site teaching would start.

Items remaining to be done after the 21st will be placed onto a punch list that will be completed with appropriate speed, likely after another month. For example, one room was waiting on counter tops that had been delayed by their manufacturer, as reported in a previous meeting. A generator for the High School is due to arrive to be installed in September. A date of September 17 was given for the punch list items to be done.

As of this late July meeting, the total costs for the project are \$8,231,611.

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Death Roll

GEORGE I. WOOD JR.

George I. Wood, Jr., 90, a resident of White Haven, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at home with family by his side.



Born in East Side Borough on August 15, 1929, he was the son of the late George and Florence Prutzman Wood and was a graduate of White Haven High School. He was a member of White Haven United Methodist Church, a 72 year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and served on the Weatherly Area Joint School Authority.

George worked as a letter carrier for the United States

Postal Service in White Haven and was a member of the National Letter Carriers Association. Being an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a member of Lehigh Sportsman Association. He loved to travel especially to Lancaster and Western United States.

In addition to his parents, George was preceded in death by his brothers, Harold, Robert and Clyde Wood, and sister, Jeanette Zehner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Mary Chasar Wood; sons, George Wood and his wife, Renee of Penn Lake, Gary Wood and his wife, Karen of Mountain Top, and Todd Wood and his wife, Patricia of White Haven; granddaughter, Megan Rose Kebles Wood; and several nieces and nephews.

Private funeral service will be held on Saturday, August 15, in White Haven United Methodist Church, 900 Buffalo Street, White Haven.

Memorial donations in memory of George can be sent to the White Haven United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. White Haven. Visit www.LehmanFuneralHome.com for additional information.

Anna W. Ravina, R.N., of First Street, Weatherly, passed away suddenly on Friday, August 7, 2020, in her home at the age of 89 years.



Born Sunday, November 30, 1930 in Freeland, she was the daughter of the late John and Anna (Balyo) Wursta. She was also predeceased by her beloved husband Dr. William T. "Doc" Ravina, D.D.S. on June 16, 2010; sisters, Helen Morinich, and Mary Kostick; brothers, Michael, George, John and Stevie Wursta; and four siblings who passed away in early childhood.

Surviving are son, William T. Ravina, Jr. of Hollywood, FL; daughters, Laura Wagner of Quakake, Cindy Hart, wife of Bill of Sewell, NJ, and Nancy Hadzick, wife of Ed of Peachtree City, GA; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great grandchildren.

A graduate of Freeland High School, Anna earned her R.N. from the Temple School of Nursing in Philadelphia. After graduation, Anna worked at Temple Hospital, before work-

ing for the Veteran's Hospital in Philadelphia. She and Doc came to Weatherly where he began his practice of dentistry and they raised their family. In 1972 Anna returned to nursing at Weatherwood until she retired in 1985.

Anna was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.C. of Weatherly. She was an active member of the Community Chest, served on the board of Tweedle Park Association, and volunteered with the American Cancer Society.

Family was foremost in Anna's life. She enjoyed time spent with her children and grandchildren and she will be greatly missed by all. Besides her family, she had a great love for playing cards—you didn't want to mess with her at Pinochle or Poker!

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, August 14, at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.C., 318 Plane Street, Weatherly, followed by interment in Union Cemetery, Weatherly.

Memorials to : Weatherly Police Department 10 Wilbur Street Weatherly, PA 18255 or

Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.C.

Online condolences or a fond memory of Anna may be made to the family at www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com

THERESA C. KUDLICK
Theresa C. Kudlick, beloved wife, mother, 90 years of age, of Quakake Road, Weatherly, passed away on Saturday, August 8, 2020, at home.



Born Friday, January 31, 1930 in Weatherly, she was the daughter of the late George and Blanche (Fox) Bretsky. She was also predeceased by sisters, Elizabeth Eroh and Catherine Younker.

Surviving are her beloved husband of 62 years, George Kudlick; son, who she adored, Dana G. Kudlick and wife Marcy, Weatherly; brothers, Ted Bretsky and companion Ann Brown of Weatherly, and Frederick Bretsky and wife Marie of Weatherly. A graduate of Weatherly High School, Theresa worked as a monitor in the flasher division of Tung-Sol. She was an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.C. of Weatherly, having taught catechism. Theresa was a member of Chapter 13 AFSCME Subchapter 8701. She enjoyed gardening and doing puzzles. Theresa worshiped the companionship of her Golden Retriever Misty, and missed deeply her deceased dogs; Ginger, Cassie and Sadie.

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

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, August 17, at 11 a.m. from Our Lady of Lourdes R.C.C., Weatherly. Private interment will follow in Union Cemetery, Weatherly. Memorials in her name to Carbon County Animal Shelter 77 West 13th Street Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

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



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BARBARA ANN HUMENICK

Barbara Ann Humenick, 66, of Hudsonale passed away Thursday, August 6, 2020 in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Cedar Crest.

She was born in Hazleton, the daughter of the late Michael and Stella (Slenzak) Kowalchick.

Barbara, before her retirement, was employed at Spaulding's Bakery in Valmont Industrial Park.

She was a member of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph, Hazleton.

Surviving are her husband, Leo L. Humenick Jr.; one

daughter, Nicole Marie Humenick, Riverview, FL; and one aunt, Pauline Kovalcik, Sheppton.

A private Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for family members and close friends in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish at the Church of St. Joseph, Hazleton.

Internment with the Rite of Committal was in Calvary Cemetery, Drums.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Carbon County Friends of Animals, 77 W. 13th St., Jim Thorpe, PA 18229.

Robert "Bob" Reynolds Jr., 67, of White Haven, a 33-year journalist for WNEP-TV 16, passed away August 2, 2020 surrounded by his 3 angels at Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore. He was a fighter over the many years he dealt with Parkinson's Disease and heart issues.

Born in Wilkes-Barre on April 26, 1953, he was the son of the late Robert and Irene (Palka) Reynolds Sr.

He was a member of St. Patrick's Church, White Haven.

Bob was a graduate of Brick Twp. High School New Jersey and studied at the American

ROBERT "BOB" REYNOLDS

Academy of Broadcasting. Prior to his career at WNEP he was employed for six years at radio stations in PA and NJ and was a reporter for WDAU (WYOU-TV).

Bob loved his family, especially getting lots of hugs from his grandchildren. Bob and Paula enjoyed cruising, especially during the better days of his illness. Bob was thrilled when he got permission to transmit from the "radio room" on one trip and always took his HAM radio with him whenever they traveled.

To all of his amateur radio friends: WB3DYE may now be a is a Silent Key but pay attention to the bands, you never know when you might hear him sending 73's.

Preceding him in death in addition to his parents was his son, David Reynolds.

Surviving is his loving wife of 27 years and "chief caregiver angel," Paula Deignan-Reynolds, by whom he is already greatly missed; son Adam Reynolds and his wife Kim; daughters who were angels to Bob and Paula during his care, Christina Reynolds

and her fiancé Rick Rogers, and Melissa Reynolds-Appel and her husband, Joe; brothers Marty and his wife Jen, and Eddie and his wife Jean. And of course those who were more than grandchildren... they were his Best Buddies and Princesses, Brianna, Tyler (Tabby), Caroline, Shaylene, Jayden, Koa, Kingston, Syx, Gia, and Edie; niece, Maddy; nephews, Max and Chase. Bob leaves behind many friends and his guardians Pookiscammer and Mia (at home).

Paula would like to thank all the medical professionals who took great care of Bob during his illness, especially the compassionate staff of Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore both at home and as an inpatient.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, White Haven, with graveside services in Calvary Cemetery, Drums.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 100 William St., Dunmore Pa. 18510 or online at hospicesacredheart.org

Veterans Corner

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

VETERANS AND ELECTION 2020

When asked my opinion and choice for the 2020 election from a veteran's point of view, I thought about this and by my own policy will not answer. My vote and my reasons are my own - not veteran news, or veteran advice. I will instead answer with some facts.

I use the VA for all my medical except for oncology treatment. I can say for a fact, the past 4 years has seen sweeping improvements in the VA system. In the news, it is a fact that the "long waiting lines of death" for veterans seeking care has disappeared. In our local VA, I can say for a fact that the quality of care is particularly good and wait times have changed to favor the veterans.

It is a fact that you never hear one side speak of or promote veteran issues, an example is: After numerous

debates among democratic presidential candidates from across the country, veterans paying attention would have noticed the lack of discussion on the debate stage relative to veterans' benefits and issues. Even with veteran Pete Buttigieg on the stage, veterans' benefits never seemed to make it to the forefront of the progressive issues debated time and time again... almost anything other than veterans, veterans' benefits and/or the military was ever discussed on the debate stage.

This is significant in two ways, it shows the party's mission does not support or promote the US Military, and cares little about the veterans.

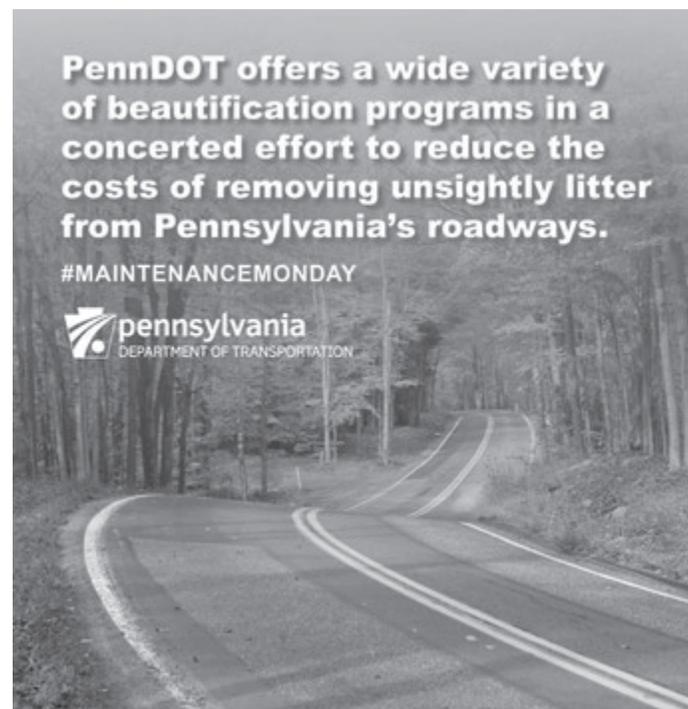
In contrast to that, just about every public appearance, the sitting President makes it a point to acknowledge, promote, and reaffirm promises being kept to the veterans of our nation. He just added an updated benefit to care for blind veterans while

additional veteran benefits are being opposed in Congress.

While the Choice Act was passed in the past administration, it was a failure for veterans seeking needed care outside the VA. The Missions Act that fixed all the problems of the Choice Act was passed and enacted by the current President.

I think that if a national political party supports defunding the police, they will also have no reservation about defunding military and veteran programs, and would not want a strong military to be backup for police when needed.

Voting is a personal choice; your vote is your vote. But you need to know all the issues and just what and who you are voting for. The last fact is it is proven major news media is not trustworthy to deliver the truth from either party. We need to look at the actions taken and delivered, not made once every 4 years at election time.



Archives...

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an early winter, but it seems the flock has established residence on and near the Pocono Hershey Golf Course.

At The Canal Deport, the Lechauwak Outdoor Store has Abdominizers for \$15.95; and Dr. Larry Skinner has moved his chiropractic office to the Depot from 300 Laurel Street.

Amy Warnagiris of Weatherly, a student at Marian High School, attended the 32nd annual International Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Leadership Conference, held July 27 to August 3 at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota among 250 high school students from 29 countries.

COMING EVENTS

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

AUGUST 17, Monday—Wild Water Adventure Day, sponsored by Faith Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Weatherly Area Middle School

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

AUGUST 23, Sunday—Faith Fest music night, 6 p.m., Eurana Park Amphitheater, Weatherly

SEPTEMBER 20, Sunday—LOWLPA Clay & Block Shoot, 1 p.m., Dennison Twp

OCTOBER 4, Sunday—Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Co. Block Shoot, 12-8 p.m., LOWLPA grounds

THEME: LABOR DAY

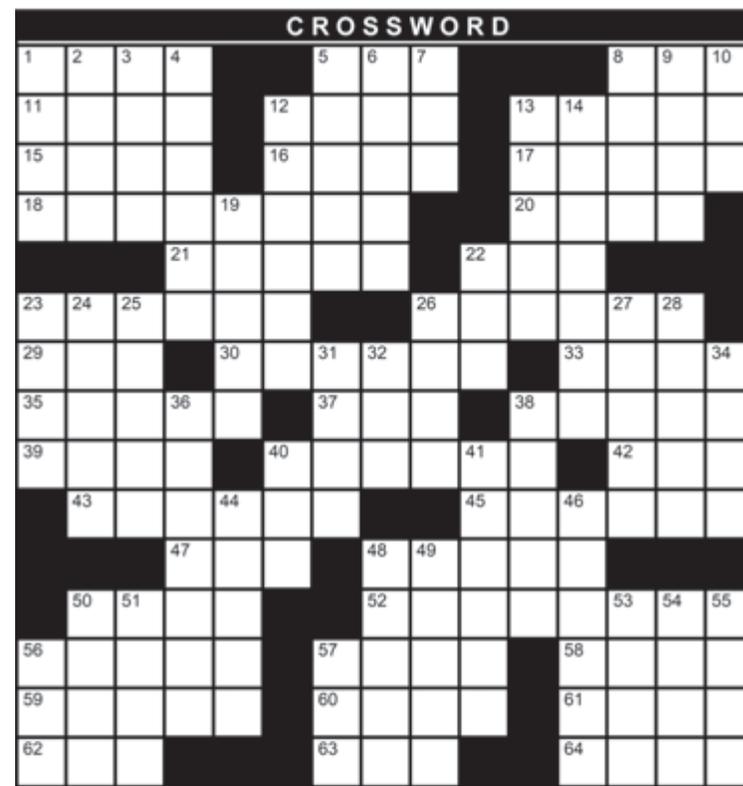
ACROSS

1. Delivery org.
5. *U.N. workers' grp.
8. Pressure unit
11. Prune, previously
12. Congregation's echo
13. Lusitania's destroyer
15. Samoan money
16. Enthusiastic review
17. Police informers
18. *More than 40 hours
20. First Nation nation
21. Not these
22. Paper or plastic?
23. Lads' girlfriends
26. Meal
29. Morsel
30. *Labor Day, always
33. International Civil Aviation Org.
35. She turned to stone, Greek mythology
37. Quaker grain
38. Same as gnarls
39. Toothy wheel
40. Capital of Canada
42. Homer Simpson exclamation
43. Russia's plain
45. Zoroastrian archives
47. Simon & Garfunkel member
48. Sheik's bevy
50. Goes with sushi
52. *Part of labor force
56. Jewish folklore creature
57. European sea eagle
58. Millimeter of mercury
59. Impolite dinner sound
60. "Dark" movie
61. Armor chest plate
62. Cupid's action
63. Type of evidence
64. "By ____ of" or "by means of"

DOWN

1. "____ no good"
2. Bohemian, e.g.
3. Whipper
4. "That ____!" and hurts
5. Mosque officials
6. Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the ____"

7. Comes before first Mississippi
8. Minute opening
9. "For Pete's ____!"
10. Belonging to it
12. Not aria nor recitative
13. Open a beer bottle
14. *Union responsibility
19. *Labor Day is this puzzle's ____
22. Beyoncé, a.k.a. Queen
23. *Like Labor Day weekend
24. Ovine sign of the zodiac
25. Type of weasel
26. "Pro" follower
27. Oodles
28. Fortune-teller's card
31. Sol, or la, or ti
32. Digital audiotape, acr.
34. *Health and safety org.
36. *Strike ____
38. Courtroom silencer
40. Choose
41. One who bends out of shape
44. Groom one's feathers
46. Used an emoji, technically
48. Long-necked wader
49. Embryo sacs
50. One-pilot flight, pl.
51. Reunion attendee
53. Jellystone Park denizen
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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

We were lucky last week that we didn't bear the full brunt of the Tropical Storm rains and winds as T.S. Isaias blew through on its way to upstate New York. Ruth and I took a drive to Lehighton for the damage to our car to be looked at, finding wind-driven rain with gusts at our destination on Route 209. The drive was not too bad, but that's why we bought another Subaru. So within a couple of weeks, that Subaru will be patched up.

Kudos to the teams of electric repair crews that went out to help New Jersey put their power back on after Isaias shredded some of the electrical system there. A lot of tree

and power teams from all over the East went out to fix them.

With the COVID shutdowns making for few events, we've gone online to find them. This would have been the week for Bethlehem's Musikfest, and they presented online some of the talent that would have been performing live. On Friday, *Scythian* performed their set from one of their living rooms, and then we found Thursday's shows for a set of *Igor and the Red Elvises*, who did their set outdoors at a marina. We donated to Musikfest to support these shows, and help keep things together until next year.

Also online have been ice hockey games, and we followed the Penguins through their unfortunate series versus a very good Montreal team, who beat our guys 3 games to 1 and so move on into the Stanley Cup playoffs. Our guys, who didn't muster much offense, and were weak on defense, packed up and headed home from Toronto — where the games were held. At Ruth's urging, we've shifted

to cheering for the Flyers and Golden Knights and will watch their games via NHL TV.

I am enjoying reading the sports pages again. There's something going on to read about. In the NBA, the Sixers were doing some winning, but lost a key piece of their team when Ben Simmons injured his knee. As I write this Joel Embiid has an injury too. I don't think the team can go very far without the two of them. As always though... go Celtics. In baseball, at least the Phillies are back to playing.

I'm increasingly concerned about college Division 1 football. I really hope that the major colleges find a way to play this fall in empty stadiums if

they must. Whenever Penn State plays, we'll follow them on the internet, radio or T.V. Given the finances, it is important to get out there for the Nittany Lions as the school would be out upwards of a hundred million dollars if they don't play — too much to fund-raise, and not something our state is going to write a check for. My understanding is that the money funds almost all of sports budget for the school, so if there's no football this fall, they'd better play in the spring.

We were out into the Pocoson on Saturday and Sunday. During our sweep through on Saturday, we saw that traffic had backed up nearly a half

mile on Route 903 from the Route 115 intersection. The new traffic light there cannot get installed soon enough.

Saturday, I took advantage of the cool morning to do some yard work. Ruth also led a house-cleaning detail. As I write this today, it's too darn hot again to do more, but next week looks bearable. I've been thinking that we're lucky that we received as much rain as we did. This extended hot weather could have dried our woods out, and put our area into fire danger.

We're looking for activities. This weekend there's the White Haven Catfish Derby at Linesville Park in White Haven which supports the White Haven Volunteer Fire Co. #1. This is also likely to be the weekend for our winery trip, as my uncle Slater is spending some time in an in-patient rehabilitation facility.

As for sightings, last Wednesday, I was in Weatherly in the late afternoon when things were quiet. As I got out to deliver last week's paper, I could hear the 'skree, skree' of a hunting bird. It was way up above town, circling - and down below, part of the usual flock of vultures was also flying.

Governor's Youth Council seeking members

The Pennsylvania Governor's Youth Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation looks for ways to engage younger generations in resource conservation and appreciation of the commonwealth's hunting and fishing heritage.

The Council is composed of twenty individuals, ages 14 through 18, and there are cur-

rently several open seats.

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ALA Post 360 installs officers

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Unit 360 recently received the following awards:

1. American Legion Auxiliary Americanism Award for outstanding support of the Americanism program through promotion of patriotism and responsible citizenship.
2. 1st Place in the Eastern Division in Americanism.
3. 1st Place in the Eastern Division in the Children and Youth Program.
4. 1st Place in the Eastern Division in the Education Program.
5. 1st Place in the Eastern Division in Public Relations.



Shown from left are Carol Eroh, Sr. Sgt-at-Arms, Donna Thomas, Secretary, Georgeann Herling, President, Georgia Farrow, Treasurer, Betty Henry, Historian, Theresa D'Andrea, Chaplain. Missing from the photo was Karen Andrews, Jr. Sgt-at-Arms.



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Mountain Top native serves aboard USS Ronald Reagan



Mountain Top, native and Crestwood High School graduate Michael Jarmiolowski, shown above, is serving aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), which is continuing to conduct operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

Jarmiolowski is a Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Petty Officer, working on the computer network for 5,000 Sailors, ensuring communications from Sailors to their families stay operational and connected.

“I am a military photojournalist and graphic designer,” said Jarmiolowski. “I document historical events and tell the story of the crew to the American public.”

Since the ship’s Yokosuka departure in June 2020, the Ronald Reagan continues to operate in the Indo-Pacific alongside allies and partners to demonstrate the United States of America’s commitment to defense agreements, as well as provide security and stability in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

In early July 2020, USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and USS Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Groups started conducting dual carrier operations in the Philippine Sea and South China Sea. These carrier strike groups incorporate the capabilities of embarked fixed and rotary wing aircraft, Aegis guided-mis-

sile cruisers and destroyers, and attack submarines. This opportunity for two carrier strike groups to train and operate together in the region provides combatant commanders with significant operational flexibility and capabilities that only the U.S. Navy can bring.

Most recently, Ronald Reagan completed a trilateral naval exercise with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) and Australian Defense Force (ADF). Australia and Japan have both fostered long-standing alliances with the United States. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the treaty of mutual cooperation and security between the United States and Japan.

The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group is the Navy’s only forward-deployed strike group and one of America’s most visible symbols of resolve. The Ronald Reagan CSG, consists of Carrier Air Wing 5, the Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruiser USS Antietam (CG 54), and Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Mustin (DDG 89).

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Lehigh Supervisors look at ambulance reponse

by Ruth Isenberg

At the Lehigh Township Supervisors meeting on August 3, an item in Lehigh & Lausanne Fire Chief Tim Rossman's report led to a discussion about the response time of Mahoning Valley Ambulance. A motor vehicle

accident on Stagecoach Road was witnessed by supervisor Len Weston. He reported that the Lehighon Ambulance was first on the scene, arriving before Mahoning Valley. Weston has questioned the designation of Mahoning Valley as first responder in the past, even though the ambulance compa-

ny is supposed to be keeping an ambulance available in Weatherly Borough. Rossman added that they have been out of service more than they have been in.

At previous meetings, supervisors discussed contacting White Haven Ambulance to see if they would consider covering Lehigh Township. No action was taken.

Rossman also reported that the Weatherly Police Department has been responding to L&L calls, although they have not been requested. Weston volunteered to look into the matter.

The township's declaration of emergency was extended again to Tuesday, September 8, the date of the next supervisors' meeting.

Candidates are still being

sought for auditor, and a Zoning Hearing Board alternate.

The roadmaster report included clearing a tree downed on Leslie Run Road. Weston said he will be patching holes and cutting trees over the next week. Township resident Joe Barna complained about brush overhanging North Church Road; Weston said he would get to it, but the road is the lowest priority of those in the township since there are no residents on it.

The supervisors hired Steven Sparrow, a roofer from Albrightsville, as a part-time laborer.

Supervisors will obtain a quote for tree removal on Grist Mill Road from a PennDOT-certified contractor.

A letter from Hazleton City Authority notified the town-

ship of their application to DEP withdraw 2.5 to 5.0 million gallons per day as needed to facilitate shortages to refill reservoirs. Concern was expressed about moving water from the Delaware River watershed into the Susquehanna River watershed.

A letter was sent by solicitor Jim Nanovic to DCNR asking about status of transfer of Leslie Run Road to the Commonwealth. No response was received as of the meeting.

Present at the meeting were supervisors Larry Skinner, Weston and Wayne Wagner, secretary-treasurer Carol Lenahan, Rossman, two citizens and this reporter. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 8, at 1 p.m., a day later than usual because of Labor Day.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would like to offer a special thank you and kudos to Dan Shields for taking on the project of refurbishing the old Rockport church. To be mmore specific, I believe it was St. John's Reformed Church.

The church holds a special meaning and nostalgia for me. I attended the church, along with my brothers and sister and my parents (Henry & Grace Hittinger). I have vague remembrances of Rev. Clarence Moyer and vivid remembrances of Rev. Fred Sandrock. We lived in White Haven but made the trip to Rockport every Sunday to attend services. Our grandfather (Grant Hittinger) lived next to the church and our uncle Bob lived in the next house down the road. There is a stained glass window in the church in memory of our grandfather.

Our extended family holds a reunion every year at the L&L Fire House and in 2007 we held the 50th consecutive reunion. Part of that celebration was that we held a church service in the old church. The church was packed and the overflow spilled out into the road in front. We determined that the total capacity of the church was about 65 people.

I also remember the old pump organ in the church as well as the outhouse behind the building. The altar in church (I assume it is still there) was built by my father in the 1950s. I remember the same pew that we sat in for worship.

It would be great if Mr. Skinner would be able to refurbish the interior to make the project complete and efforts should be made to raise the funds necessary to complete the project.

Jerry Hittinger

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Lake Harmony lot owner wants to add three homesites

by Seth Isenberg

Kidder Township's Planning Commission heard the application from the owner of a large lot in Lake Harmony that sits on a paper street in the Lake Harmony Estates development at their meeting August 5. The owner wants to construct the street, and divide the lot so that it can host three more homes.

Concerns from an audience member were raised over the new homes to be built, fearing they would be large. Township engineer David Walasavage

explained that those decisions are made at the Zoning Board.

The developer, Ledgestone Properties, proposes to build the 700 foot-long road, and pave the first 50 feet to make a safe entry onto the state road. There would be stormwater detention features, and at the end of the road, a wide turn-around big enough for a fire engine to use.

The Planning Commission heard the plans and asked plenty of questions. Waivers were granted for map issues, and water-draw issues. No recommendation was made

on road paving. It is noted that any of this depends on approval of the Lake Harmo-

ny Estates Property Owners Association. The proposal, conditioned on the LHEPOA

approval, was approved to be sent to the Carbon County Planners for their comments.



The work to replace one of three small bridges on Honey Hole Road in Butler Township over tributaries to the Nescopeck Creek is nearly done. The Don E. Bower Construction crew has completed placing the pre-cast concrete bridge, and has a gravel base laid atop it ahead of asphalt work and the installation of guide rails. The road was opened to traffic in an unofficial way over the weekend. The official completion is expected shortly.

The Bower crew will move west to the next small stream crossing and begin to process of removing the old stonework ahead of moving another pre-cast concrete bridge into place. Honey Hole Road will again be closed to through traffic. The Dennison Township side of this road has been open all the way to the Butler Township line. With this new bridge done, the road will be open a little farther west, to the site of the next project.

The third stream crossing will get its pre-cast replacement well ahead of the end of paving season. Honey Hole Road is owned by Luzerne County. The \$644,243 project is paid for by a federal block grant and impact fees from gas drilling.

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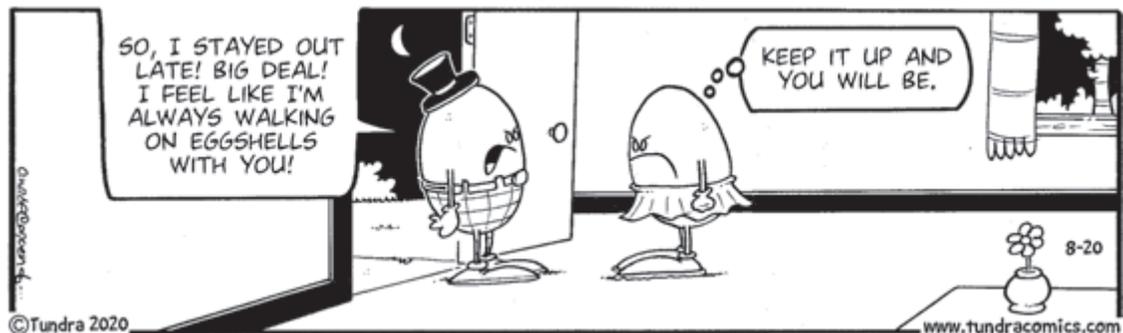
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How to eat to feel strong while sheltering in place

(StatePoint) With social distancing orders in place in many areas across the country, you may be doing your grocery shopping with shelf stability in mind. But this factor should not be your only priority. Right now, it's especially important that the foods you eat also support your health and longevity.

Here are three things to know about eating to feel strong while sheltering in place:

1. Empty Calories Should Get the Boot. Many products designed to last a long time don't contain the vital nutrients your body needs, and instead, contain artificial ingredients that lead to quick energy and crash



Fuel your body right and give empty calories the boot.

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cycles. While empty calories will keep you alive, they won't allow you to thrive, promoting fat over muscle and actually weakening your body's ability to defend itself.

2. Nutrients Ignite Your Body's Natural Power to Defend. The COVID-19 crisis highlights the fact that those with compromised immune systems and those with chronic disease are often the most vulnerable to viral infection. Fortunately, you can help to boost your immunity and defend against certain chronic diseases with a nutrient-packed diet. Why? Nutrients nourish your cells, defend against free radicals, give you energy, and aid muscle growth and repair.

3. Eating to Thrive is Easier Than it Sounds. Getting the "Big Five" -- protein, vitamins, minerals, omega-3s and fiber -- doesn't have to be a challenge during difficult situa-

tions. To get all your essential nutrients in every meal, consider stocking up on products supported by research, such as Nutrient Survival, a line of nutrient dense foods and drinks that are simple to make. Developed by a team of food scientists, researchers, chefs, outdoorsmen, survivalists and adventure athletes who were frustrated with the lack of effective emergency food options, these non-perishable snacks, drinks, entrées and even coffee are high in protein and contain 14 vitamins and 14 minerals, so you can provide your body with what it needs throughout the day. To learn more, visit NutrientSurvival.com.

Social disruption should not stop your ability to survive and thrive. In these challenging times, fueling your body right is one of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself.

My picks for recent pro sports dynasties

by Justin Levine

A friend and I had a discussion recently about recent pro sports dynasties. "Pick one in each sport," my friend asked, "in baseball, football, and basketball." I did.

San Francisco Giants (2010-14): The Giants are the only dynasty on my list that (well) didn't dominate. They averaged 87 wins per season in those five years, and -during the interregnum season of 2013- they finished 4th in the NL West with a 76-86 record. They also just barely snuck into the playoffs in 2014, earning a Wild Card berth. Nevertheless, the Giants managed to win a cham-

ampionship every 'even' year during that stretch. Buster Posey and Madison Bumgarner were the team leaders, and the supporting cast was equally strong. Brandon Belt, Brandon Crawford, and Pablo Sandoval were mainstays. Posey won the team's only MVP award of the decade in 2012, and Bumgarner became known as an all-time great for his postseason prowess.

New England Patriots (2014-18): If you go to the beginning of the Belichick and Brady era, the Patriots would be #1 on my all-pro sports dynasty list. But it's also important to point out that the Pats had a dry spell from

2005 to 2014. Then, starting with the 2014-15 campaign, New England averaged 12 wins per season and won three Super Bowls in four tries. They won the AFC East each of those five seasons and never had to play a game in the Wild Card-round. What's more, those teams triumphed against teams with incredible quarterbacks. They defeated a young Russell Wilson, who was fresh off of his first SB win. After that, they erased a 28-3 deficit against MVP Matt Ryan. Finally, they took care of Jared Goff, who was coming off a 4700 yard-32 TD season.

Golden State Warriors (2014-18): What a 5-year

run! The Warriors averaged 64 wins per season and made the NBA Finals in each season. In the first matchup with Cleveland (2014-15), the Warriors dispatched LeBron and his teammates in six games and went 16-5 overall in the playoffs. Then they got even better. GSW followed up the first championship in the Kerr/Curry era with a record-breaking 73-9 season. Of course, that performance led to the infamous blown 3-1 lead. But true dynasties are also dominant in the regular season. In this case, Curry won his first of consecutive MVP awards, and they erased that 3-1 deficit against OKC. A certain 7-foot lanky sniper

joined the ensuing season, and, once KD came on board, the Warriors had four all-stars. They ho-hummed their way to a 16-1 playoff record. Golden State would repeat the season after, officially claiming the 4-game series from LeBron and the Cavaliers. They likely would have won another last season had it not been for injuries to Durant and Klay. The Warriors changed the game of basketball.

A native New Yorker, Justin Levine is entering his senior year at the University of Georgia. He writes for The Sports Columnn.



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The Sand Lot elicits memories of good times, a simpler time

by Mathew Paris

Social media connects people in ways that we couldn't imagine years ago. That's good in some ways, but I'm not as sure in other ways. When I was growing up in Houston, TX, we didn't have advanced technologies that kids have today. Yes, there were video games, but those were more of a diversion than an occupation. Instead of fiddling with an iPhone, we spent a good share of our leisure time play-

ing ball with neighborhood friends on a patch of grass called 'the sandlot.'

So you can imagine how excited we were when we learned that a film by that very name was coming to our local theatre. The year was 1993. We all went down to see *The Sand Lot*. We could relate to what we saw on the screen.

As the years have passed by, I haven't forgotten about those days of my youth. They were memorable times, good times. So I wondered what it

would be like watching the film again, nearly 30 years later. It was an enjoyable experience! It reminded me of simpler times when 'fun' was meeting up with friends to play ball, mostly football or baseball.

Many of my friends back

then are still my friends today. And re-watching the film made me realize just how important that is. One of the most enduring things I've done in life has been sustaining those friendships.

If you've never seen the film, you can find the full-length

version on YouTube. It's a good watch and, perhaps, it might be a better conversation piece.

Author and screenwriter Mathew Paris lives in Austin, TX, and writes for *The Sports Column*.



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Fall sports season on hold for at least two weeks

by Steve Stallone
Sports Editor

On the Sly

Although I spent last week vacationing, I still had my eyes on Twitter following the latest developments of the coronavirus and its impact on sports. By week's end, Pennsylvania's student-athletes took another punch to the gut compliments of COVID-19, with some help from Governor Tom Wolf and the PIAA.

On Thursday, the governor recommended the shutdown of scholastic and youth sports until Jan. 1 to help curb the spread of the virus. One day later during an emergency meeting, the PIAA voted 30-2 to delay the start of the fall sports season by two weeks while it seeks a dialogue with Gov. Wolf on how -- or if -- sports should resume.

Immediately following the teleconference, PIAA Executive Director Robert Lombardi addressed the decision with the media. "We have spoken to some staff members and we seem to be going back and forth with the impetus of the request to meet to ask the governor to reconsider his position," he said. "Our intention is to give as many opportunities to our student-athletes as possible. We believe there are a lot of fall sports that fit into that ability to be run. We would like the opportunity to have some discussion.

"As an athletic association, we are giving our best efforts to advocate for our student-athletes, and their families and their community."

Teams may also continue voluntary workouts with their

school's approval while adhering to safety guidelines during the two-week pause. The PIAA will reconvene Aug. 21.

While the fall sports season remains alive for now, it was another setback to the athletes who have been preparing for the startup of the season with voluntary workouts.

Tennis and golf were originally scheduled to start this coming Monday, the 17th, and cross country, volleyball, field hockey and soccer were set to open Aug. 24. Football's heat acclimatization was to begin this past Monday, with practice slated to open Aug. 17 and opening night set for the 28th.

The governor's recommendation to halt fall sports until at least the first of the year hit student-athletes like an unannounced tornado. Many of these same kids had the winter sports season halted during the state tournaments, and had the spring sports season completely wiped out by the coronavirus pandemic. Some have been involved in youth sports during the summer and voluntary workouts with their high school teams, which received the green light in mid-July to proceed with caution.

Wolf's recommendation for no sports until January 1 came at the end of last Thursday's press conference in response to a question regarding banning spectators at high school sporting events. "The guidance is we ought to avoid any congregate settings," Wolf said. "That means anything

that brings people together is going to help that virus get us. We ought to do everything we can to defeat that virus. Anytime we get together for any reason, that's a problem, because it makes it easier for that virus to spread. So the guidance from us, the recommendation, is that we don't do any sports until Jan. 1."

Later Thursday, the state's departments of health and education issued a joint statement clarifying that Wolf's comments were a recommendation and not a mandate, and that ultimately, local administrators and school boards should make decisions on sports.

Lombardi said he received support for sponsoring sports in the fall from a number of state legislators. "We are going to reach out to the governor's office and see if we can meet with either staff or himself and see if we can have some discussion about what was stated (Thursday. That statement came at the end of a meeting and there was no follow up. So, we need to have some dialogue where the date came from and those type of things."

While the PIAA is still hopeful to play a fall sports season, Lombardi did not dismiss the idea of moving fall sports to the spring in order to save the season. "If we can't (have fall sports), what can we do is to hopefully have three sports seasons in some fashion before the end of the school year," he said.

One of the PIAA's concerns on moving things to the spring is the quick turnaround for football athletes into next fall. "That is a concern," Lombardi said. "However, I guess it's one of those things that (if we would be ordered to do, we would take a very serious look at it and try to make some modifications possibly to the season, to get the support of our Sports Medicine community to carry those activities out in the most optimal fashion."

Locally, District 2 and District 11 officials have been meeting to discuss plans of a potential fall sports season. The Wyoming Valley Conference was also set to meet early this week to talk about a potential 10- or 7-game WVC-only football schedule, if and when fall sports season begins.

While the local focus has been on youth and scholastic sports, the fall sports season on the collegiate level continues to be affected by the virus. Several colleges and universities have already either postponed or cancelled their 2020 fall sports seasons, or scaled back on the schedule. As of this writing, football and fall sports was still on in the Power Five conferences - The Big Ten, ACC, Big 12, Pac-12 and SEC - although that appeared to be on shaky ground. Dan Patrick reported Monday that the Big Ten presidents had voted 12-2 to not play this fall, and the Pac-12 will follow suit as early as Tuesday.

If the Big Ten and other Power Five conferences pull the plug on the fall sports

season, it would mirror those decisions already made by the Ivy League and several Division II and III schools. The NCAA's Division II and Division III announced last week that they wouldn't have fall sports championships, and more than half of the conferences at the second-tier FCS level of college football have said they won't play in the fall, including the 12 teams in the Mid-American Conference and the Mountain West Conference.

Major League Baseball is already finding out the difficulties of trying to play through a pandemic. Last week, the St. Louis Cardinals had more than a dozen players and staff members test positive for COVID-19, causing MLB to postpone the team's four-game series at Detroit and a three-game set against the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Cards haven't played since July 29, had have had 13 games postponed already. The Cardinals' situation comes on the heels of an outbreak in the Miami Marlins organization that sidelined half of their players and forced a ripple affect across baseball's already condensed 2020 schedule.

On the other hand, the "bubbles" set up by NBA, WNBA and NHL appear to be working. Few cases have been reported as each league tries to finish out their season that was interrupted by the coronavirus back in March. Basketball is being played in Orlando, and hockey is going on in Toronto and Edmonton north of the border.