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LILY PADS were blooming in profusion in the pond on Wright's Creek off Hollenback Road approaching Penn Lake last week.

JH: Ruth Isenberg

Kidder appoints Torres to Code Enforcement job

by Seth Isenberg

Another full house with citizens reeling off quality of life questions made August 20's Kidder Township supervisors meeting another lively one. Citizen complaints ranged from trash and noise, to an incident with one high-occupancy property where they ran their well dry, so brought in a water truck. Many of the answers provided by supervisors were that these are code enforcement issues, noting the position of code enforcement officer has been vacant.

One of the first orders of business this night, once the audience participation wound down, was to appoint Noel Torres as the new full-time code enforcement officer. Torres was selected after inter-



NOEL TORRES

views of a total of four candidates. He is a recent appointee to the planning commission, who is also an EMT with the Lake Harmony Rescue Squad. He is a retired New York City police detective.

Torres, after training, will get right out into the community.

In other business, a proposed subdivision of a Lake Harmony property into four lots was tabled.

Kidder Police, who had another very busy month, is down a patrol car. Supervisors approved buying a new 2019 Ford F-150 police package 4x4 super crew cab from the New Holland Auto Group. It will be delivered with lights

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WASB furloughs 24, ready to open on-line

by Seth Isenberg

With the decision made by the Weatherly Area School Board to open with classes taught on the internet only, came a decision by the board on August 19 that support staff will not be needed until in-person classes resume. It is hoped in-person instruc-

tion will begin on November 9, at the start of the second marking period. Twenty-two support staff, and two other school employees are affected, starting September 5.

Meetings are ongoing with Rohrer Bus Company over the plans for transportation this fall. An agreement is being worked out due to lighter bus

use. To that end, a limited number of bus and van drivers were approved to work the first marking period.

Marion Miller retired from her full-time para-professional position. Connie Derr, part-time para-professional, and Cathy Lafey, part-time business office and transportation secretary, resigned. The

School Board offered thanks to them all for their years of service.

The opening of a full-time para-professional position allowed for one of the part-timers to regain a full-time position.

The search to replace the departing supervisor of spe-

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From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
Thursday, August 27, 1970
James Faust and
Cletus Milan, Publishers**

Early Sunday, a fire destroyed the three-story Split Rock Lodge building, chasing 80 guests out into the night. Approximately 150 firemen from four counties battled the blaze, saving a two story conference center that was attached. The building contained a dining room and kitchen, two cocktail lounges, and 40 rooms.

Heavy smoke made it a difficult fire to fight. Reports are that the fire started in the basement at about 12:30 a.m., and was under control at about 5:30 a.m.

The news story shares the resort is owned by Treadway Inns of Lake Harmony, owners since 1967.

On the front page this week are two photos, one of the Little League champion Bank team, and the other of members of the Daniel Switch family with their new house guest, Rotary exchange student Yoshiko Narita of Japan.

A preliminary report reveals that Carbon County lost population since 1960. The unofficial report shows that the boroughs lost nearly 3,000 residents, while the townships enjoyed population gains. Lehighton, even with a loss of 218 persons, is still the largest community in the county, with a population of 6,100. Listed in the article, with their 1970 populations are Kidder Township with 564 people, Packer with 640 and Weatherly with 2,546.

Fifteen members of the Weatherly 4-H and Pony Club participated in a horse show at Lech's Grove this past Sunday.

A new three-year contract for the near 750 employees of Wagner Electric's Hazleton and Weatherly plants calls for the "greatest wage boosts and fringe benefits ever negotiated between the company and IBEW local 1497." The contract extends to July 1973, and calls for wage hikes ranging from 65¢ to \$1.15 an hour over the three years. New employees will be increased in pay grade to \$2.33 an hour, effective immediately, and to \$2.48 next July 20, then \$2.71 the next July 20. A major medical plan, something never before included among employee benefits, was agreed upon, with additional life insurance made available as well.

About 5,000 people visited The Carbon County Fair on Sunday. Opening day admission is free. Fair officials are proud of the "heavy entry list" for produce, homemaking, arts & crafts and photography. New this year are floodlights to allow night harness racing.

With school scheduled to open on September 8, the Weatherly Area School District is still searching to fill posts of two elementary teachers for the second grade, and two high school English teachers. The article notes that "considerable work has been accomplished in the high school building..." with several rooms painted and the hallways plastered, plus repairs to woodwork.

A final decision will soon be made on whether a 100,000

gallon water tank will be needed to supply adequate water to the new Carbon County Home. Borough manager Carl Wagner pointed out that if a new tank is to be erected, the cost could range from \$60,000 upward.

A photo inside this issue shows a newly installed Buck Mountain Lime Neutralization tank that will clean up nearly seven miles of acid mine water-affected streams that flow into the Lehigh River.

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Cross country coach Bill Rowett will run his first practice of the season this Monday at 8 a.m.

Football fans are invited to follow the Wrecker gridders to Luzerne to watch the team scrimmage some plays against West Side Tech this Saturday.

Garber writes that recently, the odor of skunk "has been a continuous nightly occurrence" in Weatherly.

Congratulations to the Bank team on their Little League championship. They won their last game over Wagner Electric by a good margin, 14-3. We thought the Wagner team put up a good fight, but didn't have the depth in the pitching department that Bank had. It was a good three-game series.

Garber also puts in a good word about Edgar Dietrich, formerly of Weatherly, who spends a lot of his time as an usher at Connie Mack Stadium during baseball season.

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

27 boys are listed on the roster of the 1970 WAHS football

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Editorial

100 years is proof we can change

by Ruth Isenberg

This is the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution was ratified, extending the vote to all women. It took almost that long for women to obtain that right, and they were faced with stiff opposition.

Today, we take this right for granted. Four years ago, a woman was the Democrat candidate for president, and in 2020 a woman is the Democrat candidate for vice-president. For the past 20 years, women, both Republican and Democrat, have been appointed to and elected to positions of real significance.

You don't need to agree with their politics or positions to be grateful that we live in a country that can change its course. The process is long and slow. The women who won the right to vote really did suffer. They were ridiculed, ostracized, and imprisoned. They demonstrated, and eventually they won their case.

It gives this woman, who is old enough to have established a few "firsts" herself in the struggle for equality, hope that our current quests for true equality for Black citizens, gay citizens, transgender citizens, and all citizens can and will be resolved. The frustration experienced by those who are treated unequal is real. We all need to work to make things right.

Public Notices

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:

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67 North Church Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201**

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Weatherly Borough Board of Adjustment will conduct a Public Hearing, Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building to hear the following:

Request of Faith Church in regards to 202 & 204 Carbon Street, Weatherly, PA 18255 proposed to conduct church services and an after-school program

Violation:

Proposed use is not a principal use in a Commercial Zone

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

**Harold J. Pudliner Jr.
Zoning Officer
Borough of Weatherly**

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team — ranging from junior centers Richard Knepper at 225 lbs. and Wayne Gower at 200, to freshman end Richard Ehrenfried at 135, half back Peter Garber at 145, and guards Arthur Romig and Barry Whipple at 150 each.

Four teams have been formed for the Weatherly Softball (men's) League, with the first games to get underway tonight at the Little League field.

An ad for Knoebel's Groves invites you to "plan one more summer fling before school."

From *The Journal-Herald* August 30, 1990 Clara and Jay Holder, Publishers

The front page photo is Frank Kotsur's antique car, as he drove with passenger state representative Keith McCall in the White Haven New Bridge Festival parade. The photo was contributed by Martha Searfoss.

On Sunday in Eurana Park, at the Leighton Band concert, Louis Romano was honored by the Eurana Park Commission and Weatherly Rotary Club, for the joy via music that he brought to the people of the Weatherly area.

"Louie started his career 60 years ago when he joined Frank Carr and his Ten Bellhops" — an orchestra from Freeland. In 1944, he "received the baton of the Weatherly Band from Henry Hinkle," then led that organization for the next 15 years. In 1946, he was asked to form a high school band, which debuted at the first home basketball game in December. He led that band for the next 20 years.

Louie also served as an organist at Salem United Methodist Church, and at the First Presbyterian Church, both of Weatherly.

Welcome to the Reverend Dorothy and Howard Straight, who come to White Haven as the new pastors at God's Missionary Church on Bear Creek Road. The couple have pastored churches in upstate New York, western Massachusetts and western PA over the last 38 years.

The Mountain Laurel Resort opened a new Victorian-styled golf clubhouse early this month at its 18-hole championship golf course. It features wrap-around porches with old-fashioned rocking chairs. Banquet facilities can accommodate 200 people.

The resort opened McMiggin's Farm, a barnyard petting zoo. Also introduced was Laurel Leaves — a mascot in a 'bear-character costume.'

Snowmaking has been installed in front of the resort, guaranteeing snow for sledding and snowmobiling.

PennDOT has completed phase one construction on Interstate 80, pouring 11 miles of concrete, 13" thick, between Route 940 and Route 309. Next year, work will start at the Columbia County line and proceed east.

The Free Methodist Church of White Haven will offer a second service. The new service will begin at 8 a.m., with Sunday School classes to follow. The next service will begin at 10:45. The 130 year-old church is in the process of getting permits for a new building.

Editors Clara and Jay Holder's editorial encour-

aged readers to fly their American flags in support of diplomats and civilians being held hostage in the Middle East.

Crestwood football opens its season on September 1 with an exhibition game against old time rival Lakeland. The last time the two teams played was in the old Suburban Conference in the 1970s.

Inside, there's a photo of the Class of 1950 from the White Haven High School. They held their 40th anniversary reunion on August 19. Present were Jeannette Streevy Lester, teacher Carl Meier, Boyd Kenvin—class advisor, teacher Ruth Quinn, Betty Jane Murphy Mayberry, Coral Mae Jones Klem, George Ziminsky, Margie Lou Kocher Anthony, Viola Reiner Engler, Richard Barry Jr., Jean O'Donnell Reinhart, William Gallagher and Geraldine Mossbauer.

Not present were John Walton, John Ziminsky, Allen Snell, Leona Ackers and Joan Searfoss Kauffman.

Penn Lake to advertise short-term rental ordinance

by Seth Isenberg

At their August 13 meeting, in addition to voting to put borrowing to repair the dam on the ballot, Penn Lake Borough council agreed to advertise new rules to gain control over problematic behaviors at short-term rental properties. Rules on maximum occupancy, parking and a fee to help cover expenses of enforcement of \$750 per unit, per year, are to be approved. The fee was reduced from \$950, and it was agreed that if there is an excess of money over the costs of enforcement, the fee will get reduced for 2022. A system to have the cost paid for in two or three payments is being considered.

Mayor Deb Krysicki asked again for summer guests to be educated about the borough's rules. She reported that

an "abandoned property" is getting overgrown and some of that growth is blocking a clear view from the road at an intersection. In her police report, the White Haven Police listed five incidents last month in nearly 30 hours of coverage — two traffic, a neighbor dispute, an animal complaint and a harassment incident.

Council approved a request for a Dennison Township property owner to hook-in to the borough's sewer line.

Four permits were issued in June from zoning, two for new houses, and one each for an addition and an accessory structure.

Council voted to continue the declaration of emergency for another 30 days, and will continue to meet remotely.

The bladderwort have been treated, and the treatment

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Obituaries

MARVIN E. KUNKEL II

Marvin E. Kunkel, II, 56 years of age, of Quakake Road, Packer Township, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2020, at Lehigh Valley Hospital, Salisbury Township.

Born Tuesday, October 8, 1963 in Hazleton, he was the son of the late Marvin E., Sr., and Bertha (Russell) Kunkel.

Surviving are brother, Clyde R. Kunkel and his wife Nancy, and sister-in-law Roseann M. (Kunkle) Kunkel, the wife of his late brother, Jeffrey R. Kunkel of Weatherly, who banded together to provide Marvin with all the love and care he would ever need.

A graduate of Packerton

Township High School, Marvin worked at the Carbon Training Center in Beaver Meadows for over 34 years. He was a devoted member of Trinity Baptist Church of Weatherly, and attended Life Access Services of Tamaqua. Marvin liked to bowl, dance, listen to the oldies and Christian music. He was an ardent Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates fan. His last outing before taking ill was to hear a Kiss tribute band at the Sherman Theater in Stroudsburg.

Marvin will be greatly missed by his family and the greater Weatherly community.

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

A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, from the funeral home. Friends may call at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. until time of services.

Private Interment will be in Sky View Memorial Park, Tamaqua.

Memorials in his name to:

Access Services
217 Center Street
Tamaqua, PA 18252

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

FRED WELLINGTON GREY II

Fred Wellington Grey II, of White Haven, died Friday, August 21, 2020 with his loving children by his side.



Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late Catherine Nozdrovicky (Raffa) and Carl Grey. Fred was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He worked many years in transportation as an owner and a driver. Later in life, Fred earned an associate's degree and became a drug and alcohol counselor.

Fred was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 1990 Fred and another member founded the White Haven Group for AA, which still meets to this day. This past January, Fred celebrated 31 years of continuous sobriety. Fred enjoyed spending time with his family, going to church, attending sporting events.

He is preceded in death by his son, Fred W. Grey III, and his brother Edward Grey. He is survived by his children, Jessica, Frank,

John and Catherine Stravinski (Grey). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Matteo, Frankie, Maddox, Gavin, and Hunter; and his former spouse of 40 years, Deborah.

Fred was the eldest of his seven siblings to whom he was very close, and is survived by John Grey, Nancy Page, Catherine Nozdrovicky, Joseph Nozdrovicky Jr, Charles Nozdrovicky, and Michael Nozdrovicky.

A memorial service will be conducted on Saturday, August 29, at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mountain Top, with Pastor Michelle Kaufman officiating.

Arrangements are by Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc., www.LehmanFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Autism Speaks:

https://act.autism-speaks.org/site/Donation2?idb=1049717534&4141.donation=form1&DONATION_LEVEL_ID_SELECT-ED=1&df_id=4141&mfc_pref=T&idb=%5B%5BS76:idb%5D%5D

DONNA JEAN ANDRASKI

Donna Jean Andraski, beloved mother, sister, of Dean Street, Beaver Meadows, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at Hospice of the Sacred Heart in Dunmore, at the age of 87.

Born Thursday, March 16, 1933 in Beaver Meadows, she was the daughter of the late Wilbert James Samler, Sr., and Elva (Benner) Samler. She was also predeceased by her husband, Peter Andraski, on June 14, 1999.

Surviving are son, Peter J. Andraski of Beaver Meadows, her caregiver with whom she resided; daughter, Dale S. Andraski of Hummelstown; brother, Wilbert J. Samler, Jr. and his wife Carol Ann of Brooke Hill; niece, Pamela Holderman and her husband Brian; nephews, Wilbert J. Samler III, Richard James Samler and his wife Jennifer.

Donna was tenacious. She earned her GED, high school equivalence on what would have been her 50th year graduation from high school. She loved caring for her home and taking care of her family.

Private funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, West Hazleton.

Memorials in her name to: Hospice of the Sacred Heart
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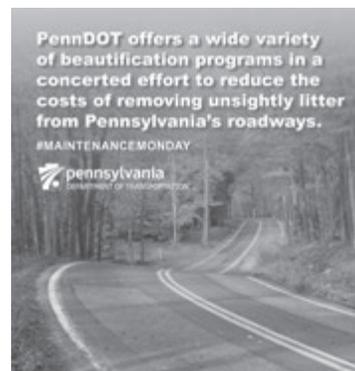
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Obituaries

MICHAEL R. APPEL

Michael R. Appel, 56, of Weatherly fell asleep in the Lord Thursday afternoon, August 20, 2020 after years of bravely battling cancer, surrounded by his family in St. Luke's Hospital, Allentown.

He was born in Philadelphia, the son of Mary Anne (Wassil) Appel of Weatherly and the late George Appel. He was a member of St. John's B.C. Church.

Mike worked in heavy construction most of his life, which he loved. He enjoyed collecting diecast models and was an avid gun enthusiast and member of the NRA. He also was a big animal lover; his miniature goat Bubblegum "Beep Bop" was his best buddy. He had a heart of gold

and gave anything to anyone, always putting others first.

He is survived, in addition to his mother, Mary Anne Appel, by his wife, the former Mary Fran Kovalick; his daughter, Ashley Paisley and her husband, Zach, Mt. Joy; his brother, Charles Appel and his wife, Kimberly, Thornhurst; a granddaughter, Arianna Paisley; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

Divine Liturgy with Office of Christian Burial was held August 24 in St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, with interment will be in St. Nicholas Cemetery, Weatherly.

Donations in Michael's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be appreciated by the family.

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East Side property takes center stage

by Ruth Isenberg

Audience members at the East Side Borough Council meeting on August 6, held socially distanced in the community park, requested updates on the disposition of leftover materials from the Bridge Street resurfacing. The materials had been placed on borough-owned property at the end of Washington Street. DEP determined that the pile of clean fill was too close to wetlands, and that it had to be moved.

Council president John Marotta said quotes were requested from six companies to do the work, but only one, Weaver Construction, responded. After discussion, they were awarded the job.

Mayor Louis Esa questioned why the material was dumped there and who had authorized it; Marotta said he had, because it could be used as fill if the lot was going to eventually house a new borough building. Esa asked if this had been discussed by council as a whole.

Discussion turned to the ultimate use of the property. Resident Frank Migneco asked if council was intending to construct a borough building there, whether the land would be rezoned from a conservation district. Council member Rudy Schoch suggested they were counting chickens before they were hatched, and that no plans were in place yet.

The discussion turned to disagreements about the history of the piece of property in question, and possible other sites for a borough building, including the old schoolhouse. In response to a comment that the owners did not wish to sell the building, discussion included comments that the



EAST SIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL MET SOCIALLY DISTANCED in the community park. Shown from left are mayor Louis Esa, council member John Cepiel, zoning officer Rich Clause, and council member Helen Jones.
JH: Ruth Isenberg

borough could use eminent domain to obtain it, that it contained asbestos, that the well was no good, and that it would cost too much to make it ADA compliant. The mayor urged, "Let's work as a community to solve it."

Resident Eric Siglin asked about approaching PennDOT regarding drainage issues on Route 940. Marotta said an inspection by PennDOT was scheduled for mid-August, to discuss among other issues the traffic along 940, and the possible traffic patterns when Interstate 80 bridge construction takes place. Siglin also had concerns about the speed with which people travel the road, especially with school starting.

The declaration of disaster emergency was extended until September 3, the date of the next meeting.

The locations of meetings going forward was discussed. Among suggestions were

IHOP and the former East Side Inn. Marotta expressed doubts that a commercial establishment would want the liability and cleaning issues, but said he would check out both locations. It was decided to do the budget early, in case meetings cannot be held. Not all council members are able to access electronic meetings. Residents were urged to use e-mail to ask questions, and the mayor and council member Liz Berger both said residents could drop off materials with them to be brought to council. The next meeting will be held in the park again on Thursday, September 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Present were council members Marotta, Schoch, Berger, Helen Jones, John Cepiel, and Helen Stockinger; Mayor Esa, solicitor James Nanovic, secretary/treasurer Carol Lenahan, zoning officer Rich Clause, six citizens and this reporter.

Street request

in Dennison

by Ruth Isenberg

Dennison Township Supervisors heard a request during their August 5 meeting from Craig and Karen Jones to vacate a portion of Seventh Street that abuts their home on Linden Street. Supervisors asked them to prepare a petition; the couple would be responsible for any legal and advertising costs involved.

Secretary Stevie Stortz was authorized to check with EMS coordinator Chris Zweibel about any costs incurred for the township for COVID-19 response. Grant funds may be available to cover them.

Zoning officer Jack Varaly told supervisors advertising is in place for the hearing for zoning amendments and the short-term rental ordinance, scheduled for September 2. He also reported on the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on the Shellock garage, which was approved, and issuing a permit for Josh Detwiler for a pole barn.

Jim Yackiel reported on road work, including weed cutting around the township, and grading the shoulder of the Ice Lake Road.

Bill Bauersfeld reported five calls for the Dennison Township Fire Company for the month, and 15.5 hours training. The fire company block shoot is scheduled for October 4.

Supervisor Sheila Weaver reported on plans for the electronics recycling program. Luzerne County will pay half the cost of advertising, so since the event is for township residents only, a flyer will be sent out. The township recycling bin is now being picked up twice a week, at no additional cost.

THEME: 1980s LYRICS

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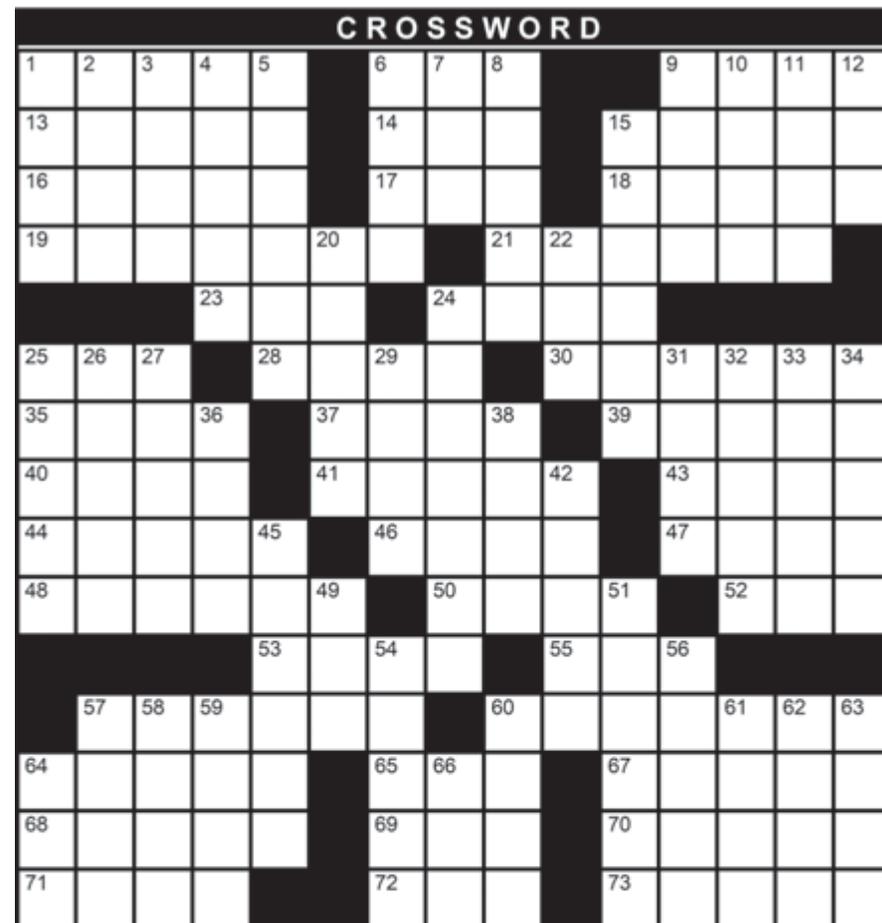
- Lascaux and Mammoth, e.g.
- At the stern
- Eyeball rudely
- Inuit boat
- And not
- Sing like Sinatra
- Manicurist's file
- Old-fashioned "before"
- "If you _____, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"
- "Steve walks warily down the street with the brim pulled way _____"
- "She's just a girl who claims I am _____"
- "Play it, _____," from "Casablanca"
- Boris Godunov, e.g.
- "All right stop collaborate and listen, _____ is back..."
- Between Phi and Kappa
- Restriction limiting use of lights during air raid
- J.D. Power awards competitors
- "Oh, back on the chain _____"
- Ann Patchett's novel "Bel _____"
- Slightly
- Algorithmic language
- French "place"
- Kind of potato masher
- Brickowski's brick
- Cleopatra's necklace
- Canine's coat
- Sol or fa
- National Institutes of Health
- "_____ Christmas, I gave you my heart"
- Trinitrotoluene

- "You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar when I _____"
- "I wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who _____"
- Lithograph, for short
- Holstein sound
- Radio sign
- Killed, like dragon
- Commotion
- Yiddish shrew
- Sleep in rough accommodations
- Gourmet mushroom
- Cancel an edit, pl.

DOWN

- Whispered from a prompting booth
- Shells and such
- "Meeting you with a _____ to a kill"
- Brings home the bacon
- First U.S. space station
- Again
- "Hello, is it me you're looking _____?"
- Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
- Black and white cookie
- One from Goa
- "And I'm never gonna make it like you do, making _____ out of nothing at all"
- Compass reading
- One of religious orders
- Last letter of Greek alphabet
- Experienced
- Sine over cosine
- "I long to see the sunlight in your hair and tell you time and time again how much _____"

- Northwoods dwelling?
- The Goldbergs sibling
- "Cuase I'm your _____ cool one, and I'm built to please"
- Scotch ingredient
- Kitchen tear-jerker
- Wombs
- "Ooh, what's the matter with the crowd I'm seeing? Don't you know that they're out of _____?"
- Petals holder
- "Wake me up before you _____"
- It creates instant millionaires
- Count on, two words
- One from Laos
- Emissaries
- Poison ivy or Poison oak
- Religious doctrine
- Venus de _____
- Greek Hs
- Not that
- Pilot's stunt
- Not loony
- Catcher's gear
- Geological time periods
- Psychedelic acronym
- Lyric poem





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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

After a week with a rental car, our newer Subaru is back, all repaired from the damage done by hitting a bear. I'm now driving with an extra scan, looking for deer and now, for bear.

This week, sightings included a bald eagle overflight as we drove the renewed car back from the body shop on Thursday morning. It was flying away from the Lehigh River with something in its talons. On a late-night trip home later in the week, just before 10 p.m., we sighted a coyote, that was crossing the Lehigh Gorge Drive just past the VFW Post on Lehigh Gorge Drive.

One of our meetings this week was

outside in the pavilion at the Austin T. Blakeslee Park south of Blakeslee. I'm reaching my fill of Zoom and other online meetings. Sadly, even as I was outside, I had to cover a second meeting happening at the same time so I spent my time huddled over a cell phone, listening to a Zoom meeting.

I covered an in-person meeting this past Thursday. Ruth came with, but kept working. The meeting went long, so we ended up dining out on the porch at Shenanigans just after sunset. We enjoyed the stars, and the night noises including the critters in the trees calling to one another.

I was able to visit my uncle Slater

on Saturday. He is now in a long-term rehabilitation hospital. Sadly, he's fading.

Our big day to be out this week was Sunday, with a trip to Knoebels Amusement Resort to hear a live outdoor performance by the 70s Flashback band. We last saw them perform at the Mauch Chunk Opera House, and prior to that at 2019's Musikfest. We arrived early into their 2 p.m. set — which was a fine, fun jog through some 70s hits. It was nice to be out, socially distanced, to hear live music. After the first show, we took advantage of a couple of our favorite rides, keeping as socially distanced as we could. Then after a snack, we enjoyed the band's 5 p.m. set, which was outstanding.

Ruth let me finish the day with a ride on the bumper cars — so much fun. It seems, however, that the ride ate my cellphone. Staff at the park found it on Monday, and it's on the way back home.

The park is not 100% open. A bunch of rides weren't operating, and some of the stores and booths weren't open. We also encountered long closures of rides that were open, which staff used for sanitizing. Our next visit there will be during this fall's Hallo-Fun weekends in October. The park is open daily until Labor Day, then switches to weekend-only operations though do check their website. New this year will be an opening from late November through New Year's for a lighting extravaganza. Details on this soon.

For some variety, I continue reading, now enjoying a sci-fi tale, and a Gamache mystery, while also starting a Guido Brunetti mystery. I skip from book to book. I'm following the Flyers, who defeated the Montreal Canadiens and now are trying to keep up with a very good Islanders team.

My Philly team preference only reaches so far. I am a lifelong Boston Celtics fan, who as I write this were in the process of sending the 76ers home for the rest of the summer. The sweep also ended coach Brett Brown's tenure

with the Sixers, and since I liked him, I'm hoping he will land a job with another team with young players to develop.

It looks like NASCAR's new experiment in having two cup races on the same weekend at the same track is taking hold. Dover just hosted two races and it's great that Denny Hamlin won his first race ever at Dover. The second race the next day went to Kevin Harvick.

It's been hot and dry, which seems to have brought out great nests of webworm caterpillars. These are the white 'hairy' caterpillars with the black trim. After the fierce rain that blew through on Monday, I was surprised that most of the nests stayed in the trees.

I am hopeful that the thunderstorms, and then whatever this weekend's hurricane brings, puts enough rain down to quell the forest fire danger around here.

Locals are sighting Spotted Lanternflies around. If you see any, kill them and report your sighting to *extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly* or call 1-888-4-BADFLY (1-888-422-3359).

Looking ahead, we have sort of an open weekend coming. Our plans are dependent on what weather blows through this Saturday.

Coming Events

SEPTEMBER 12, Saturday — Blood Drive, 8 a.m.–1 p.m., Pine Point Plaza, Albrightsville, *www.GiveaPint.org*, sponsor code 8622

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

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WH Chamber to meet this Friday at WHACL

The Greater White Haven Chamber of Commerce will meet at the White Haven Community Library on Friday, August 28, socially distanced in the Murphy Room which will enable us to socially distance.

President Linda Miller issued a thank you to all that funded the Chamber's food certificate program. She has ordered a banner to be displayed on the sign post on the corner of Berwick and Main Streets.

Items to be discussed at the meeting include items already under consideration before the advent of COVID-19:

- Annual Gala, now scheduled for Spring 2021 at the Mountain Laurel Golf Club
- Summer Band by the Lake

with Library and Penn Lake Borough.

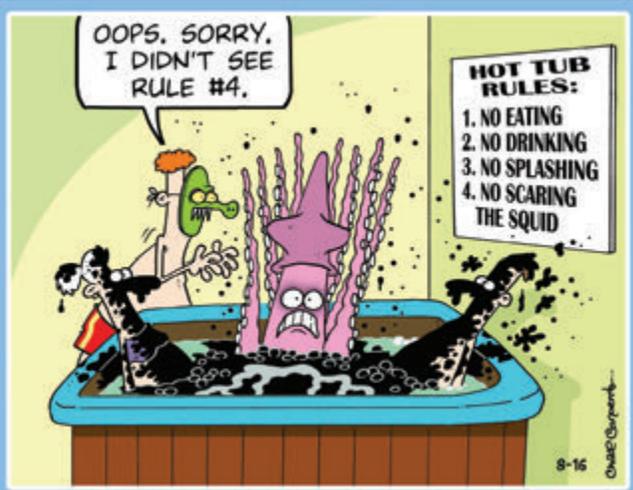
- Railroad - Recreation
- Northeast Counseling update
- Medical Facility in White Haven
- Scholarship procedures
- Legislative Luncheons

New agenda items include a discussion about the library, raised by Erv Carter, and a fall event proposed by Suesan Therriault.

Miller said that she has been in contact with several members regarding ideas through which the Chamber can continue to help during this pandemic. If anyone has any suggestions or questions prior to the meeting they are asked to e-mail her at laurakristopher@gmail.com.



Centenary United Methodist Church delivered backpack supplies for students in Weatherly Area School District to begin the school year. The congregation welcomes this mission project each school year to assist the children in the community. Delivering supplies are, from left, Centenary Pastor Danial Meader, Dr. Cathy Nelson (Director of Special Programs), Dara Moucheron (School Psychologist) and Centenary member Lynea Reiner.



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Morgan Gonzalez awarded Van Horn Memorial Scholarship

Weatherly Area graduate Morgan Gonzalez and Marian grad Mackayla Aucker are the recipients of the 2020 Brian Van Horn Memorial Scholarships. Each of the graduates will be provided a \$4,000 scholarship to attend the col-

lege of their choice.

Morgan graduated earlier this summer from Weatherly Area High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Kindness Club, the Scholastic

Scrimmage team, and Student Government. She also served as president of the Weatherly Area High School Band, and secretary of the Interact Club. She is the daughter of Edwin Gonzalez, and Amber and Miguel Leon. She current-

ly works at Wawa in Kidder Township.

Morgan will attend Temple University with an undecided major.

Aucker graduated from Marian High School earlier this summer. Additional biographical information was not provided.

The scholarship that honors the late Brian Van Horn has provided a combined total of \$124,000 over the past 32 years to graduating seniors from Weatherly Area and Marian high schools who went on to attend college. Brian attended both schools, and was also accepted to Bloomsburg University. Through the Van Horn Memorial Scholarship Fund, more than \$4,000 in additional scholarship money has been given to aid incoming



Morgan Gonzalez

freshmen at Bloomsburg University.

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Introducing Onvo: Scranton-based Liberty rebrands with playful new name and identity

Liberty Travel Plazas, a hospitality company based in Scranton, proudly unveils a new name and brand identity; the company will be known as Onvo, effective immediately.

The new identity for Onvo includes a new name and logo, a fully redesigned website, tryonvo.com, a refreshed loyalty program, and an updated store design. One of the key elements of the new branding is the company's new mascot: a bird, also named Onvo. The mascot Onvo is representative of the company's commitment to providing guests with a friendly, memorable experience, every time.

Chief Business Development Officer and Founder, Andy Aulakh, said of the rebrand: "While our old identity served



us well over the past 30+ years, it was time for us to update our brand to something that reflected our dedication to delivering experiences that leave our guests happy and fulfilled. I truly believe we've done that with Onvo."

Remodeling of key stores will begin later this Fall and all stores are expected to be remodeled by the end of Summer 2021. All locations will remain open throughout the remodeling process.

Founded in 1988 in Tunkhannock by Sonny Singh and Andy Aulakh, Onvo has grown into a network of over

50 businesses, including 32 travel plazas and gas stations, 23 quick-service and full-service restaurants, and 5 hotels located throughout Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania, with the company recently branching into neighboring upstate New York. Onvo is behind various developments in the area, including a 110 room Residence Inn hotel project currently under construction near the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, as well as travel plazas in Blakeslee, White Haven, and Mt. Cobb, among other locations. Onvo employs over 1,000 team members through-out the NEPA region in various roles related to hospitality, customer service, and petroleum distribution.

WASB...

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cial programs, Dr. Catherine Nelson, did not take long. Coleen Genovese was selected from three candidates to fill the position, and will start work in Weatherly once she is released from her current position. She was on the Zoom meeting, and was introduced, saying she was "honored" to be chosen, and is looking forward to working with everyone. The position pays \$85,000, pro-rated to when she starts.

Twenty-three sets of policy revisions were approved. New handbooks, and a revised school calendar were also approved, that calendar hoping to see in-person teaching return on November 9. Superintendent Teresa Young noted that with the shortened school

days once in-person teaching resumes, "I'm not going to be calling delays..."

Plans relating to sports were tabled, with a special meeting likely when the PIAA gives a ruling about fall sports.

A memorandum of agreement between the Weatherly Educational Association and the School District regarding professional development split the board, earning yes votes from Matt vonFrisch, Shay McGee, William Knepper and Chad Obert, and no votes from Tom Connors, Brian O'Donnell, and April Walters. Girard Fewins was absent, and Gerard Grega was not on the call to vote.

In other business, the construction work is finishing up. There are punch list items to be finished to close the books on the work. The WASB also approved a change, adding a larger door in the Elementary/Middle School building, at a

cost of \$13,600.

A two-year agreement to retain the law firm of Christopher Slusser for the school district was unanimously approved.

It was agreed to send all delinquent lunch accounts, with a balance of over \$30, to a collection agency.

A special meeting was called for August 26 for general purposes, including discussion about fall athletics.

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and markings, ready to go on patrol. Cost is \$44,824 with CoStars pricing, financed through Mauch Chunk Trust.

The police department is enforcing a "zero tolerance" policy about noise /disturbing the peace after 8 p.m. Of the 255 calls for service in July, 10% were for fireworks complaints and 10% more for disturbing the peace, followed by animal complaints – mainly about bears bothering campers late at night at Hickory Run State Park. Supervisors

again offered praise to the department for the good work they are doing.

Residents were also thanked for calling 911 about fireworks incidents (please continue to do so).

The police department was authorized to continue with the extra weekend patrols, on overtime, through the rest of the summer.

Roadwork on Kirk Street at the Post Office has started, with milling to be done this week. The big paving project for 2020, on Kresge Lane and upper Moseywood Road, was confirmed for a start after Labor Day.

Penn Lake...

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'deemed effective.'

Water quality tests are coming in good at the beaches. A better system to post the results is needed.

The Canada goose resident population is down to three.

The work on pothole patching and roads paving by Schiffer Bituminous was

deemed very good. The company did "some extra stuff" which was much appreciated.

Also about roads, new 25 mph speed limit signs are posted on Hollenback Road. Speed enforcement is supposed to start. Mayor Krysicki has asked for extra police time on speed control.

It's possible a special meeting will be needed if there is news on the grants that are expected to come in for the park. The next regular meeting, to be online, will be September 10.

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Weatherly Area golf preview

Wrecker golfers take aim at division title

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

With the high school golf season officially on, the Weatherly Area High School golfers took to the course Monday to mark the first official day of practice. Monday was hardly the Wreckers' first time out, however. They've been hard at work most of the summer fine-tuning their games on their own. "The summer was pretty active for all of the golfers," fifth-year head coach Brian Kaminski said. "Most played on a regular basis, with many of the kids playing with the USGLL in Hazleton."

With a host of experienced golfers returning to the mix, Kaminski said the Wreckers are poised to make a run for a division championship. "To be honest, our team goal is a (Schuylkill League) Division 2 title," he said. "Our team has a lot of experience coming back."

Although district qualifier Ashton Gerhard has graduated, the Wreckers bring back

another district qualifier in senior Ben Ramirez. A year ago, Ramirez shot a 93 at the district qualifier at Olde Homestead in New Tripoli, and joined Gerhard at the district championships. It was the first time the Wreckers had a pair of golfers advance to districts in Kaminski's four seasons at the helm. "Ben will be our number 1 going into the season, and will be one of the better golfers in Division 2."

Jake Solonoski, Ethan Broskoskie and Antonio Colecio round out a four-member senior class for the Wreckers. "Our seniors come in with a lot of varsity experience and are driving for the first division title for the Wrecker golf team in quite a while," noted Kaminski, whose team went 5-6 overall (4-6 league) a year ago.

Sophomores Jack Nemshick, Madisyn vonFrisch and Owen Broskoskie are back for a second varsity season, and freshman Tyler Hinkle also joins the Wrecker team this fall.

Kaminski said the team is practicing approved guidelines in returning to golf during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Right now we are doing what we need to in order to stay safe," he said. "Everyone is masked when needed and we are practicing 2020 golf etiquette with pins in and

social distance a must."

Kaminski, who will be assisted again by Mike Nemshick, is looking forward to the season, which begins for the Wreckers this Thursday at home (Mountain Laurel Golf Club) against Pine Grove. "Individually, we want to see continued improvement

with each of the golfers, and continue to enjoy the game and keep getting better every time they are on the course," he said.

2020 SCHEDULE (Subject to change)
August 27—Pine Grove; 28—at Nativity (Schuylkill County CC); 31—Marian
September 3—Mahanoy Area; 4—at Schuylkill Haven (Schuylkill County CC); 8—at Pine Grove (Blue Mountain View); 10—Nativity; 14—at Marian (Mountain Valley); 16—at Mahanoy Area (Mountain Valley); 24—Schuylkill Haven.

In Response to COVID-19:

ICS launches Saturday Literacy Clinic

Immanuel Christian School is launching the Dunamis Literacy Clinic beginning October 3, for children in 3rd through 10th grades. This strategic effort is being launched to meet the increasing literacy needs in the broader Hazleton community, especially during this time of uncertainty in education. It will be led by Immanuel Christian School's new Academic Coach, Tiffany Joyner.

Joyner also serves as a family coach with the Agora Charter School in the Greater Philadelphia area. She has been an English Language Educator for both youth and adults, implementing ESL curriculums for select organizations. Joyner is currently a



Tiffany Joyner

doctoral student in literacy through Hofstra University and has her Master's in Education from Baptist Bible College, her BA in English from Michigan State University and her TOESL Certification from Oxford Seminars.

The literacy clinic has after school and Saturday morning sessions available, which include two hours of instruction, along with a 45-minute online group session. The goal is to help every student reach their academic potential through ongoing group work, assessments, and independent literacy projects. The program

includes bi-weekly drills and assessments, monthly progress reports, weekly homework assignments, and a healthy snack. The clinic will be offered Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m. and again from 12-2 p.m.

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College football, then and now

(Part 1: The Catholic Conundrum)

by Frank Fear

Five years ago almost to the day, I wrote an article about college football...a different kind of article, I'd say. It wasn't about a topic that you'd expect to read in conjunction with college football. It was something personal. I wondered why so many schools that I had followed as a youth no longer played the game.

Before beginning research to answer the question, I chatted with several friends to see if any of them shared my experience. One friend recalled the demise of the University of Vermont's football program (1974). As we talked, we remembered two other major New England schools that had also dropped the sport — Boston University (1997) and Northeastern (2009).

So with curiosity piqued, I launched into research, wondering just how many schools had dropped the game over the years. I soon learned that it wasn't a school here and there. It was a long list.

Among other things, I found that Catholic colleges and universities figured prominently on the departure list. The Catholic exodus from college football began before and during World War II.

Here is a partial list with last year playing football: DePaul University (1938), Providence College (1941), Gonzaga University (1941), and Creighton University (1942). You'll recognize names because those schools have prominent basketball programs.

After World War II, many other Catholic schools followed suit — almost always citing cost

as the primary factor (partial list, last year playing football): St. Louis University (1949), St. Bonaventure (1951), Marquette University (1960), Xavier University (OH) (1973), Seton Hall University (1981), St. John's University (NY) (2002), and St. Mary's (CA) University (2003).

Today, the list of big-time Catholic college football ends with Notre Dame and Boston College. But there has been a rebound of sorts, too. A number of Catholic schools have either resurrected programs or started new programs — not in major college football, mind you, but at lower competitive levels.

That re-start approach worked for some schools and not for others. Canisius College (NY) and St. Mary's (CA) are examples of 'we tried.' Canisius dropped football again in 2002 and St. Mary's exited in 2003. My alma mater, St. John Fisher College, is an example of a Catholic school that launched a football program (1999). The Cardinals play Division 3 football as a member of The Empire 8 Conference, have won multiple conference titles, and have participated in D3 national championship postseason play. Football at Fisher is aided by the fact that the school

serves as the pre-season home of the NFL's Buffalo Bills.

All of this reminds me of why I wanted to research-write about the topic in the first place. Most of today's fans probably don't realize just how good Catholic college football was "back in the day." For example, Duquesne finished in major football's Top Ten in 1941 and — for a time, mostly in the 1930s — the Dukes had one of the top winning percentages in the nation. St. Mary's (CA) played marquee games against the likes of Notre Dame, California, UCLA, and Southern Cal. The Gaels finished #5 in the country in 1931 and played in multiple bowls, including winning the 1939 Cotton Bowl vs. Texas Tech. Marquette played a national schedule, which included Michigan State, Kansas State, Wisconsin, and Arizona, among others.

Nostalgia aside, my research revealed that the trend to end college football wasn't 'just a Catholic thing.' But it was mainly (although not exclusively) a private college thing. The beginning of that story begins over 80 years ago on the campus of a major college football team — a member of the most formidable confer-

ence at the time. I'm talking about the University of Chicago and The Big Ten.

Chicago was (and still is) one of the top institutions of higher learning in the world. Lesser known is that the Maroons used to be a college football juggernaut. Chicago played in a large, on-campus stadium, had football players with national name recognition (e.g., Jay Berwanger won the first Heisman Trophy), and won two national championships and seven Big Ten championships.

The University of Chicago left The Big Ten in 1939, citing irreconcilable academic issues with football. Chicago's then-president, Robert Maynard Hutchins, felt that football's commercial nature interfered with the fundamental purpose of a university. He ordered the program shut down, and demolished UC's on-campus stadium. (Chicago has since returned to the game, 1969, playing at the Division 3 level.)

Many other private schools followed Chicago's lead. The partial list, with their last year playing football, includes New York University (1952), University of Denver (1960), Pepperdine University (1961), George Washington University (1966), Bradley University (1970), University of Tampa (1974), University of the Pacific (1995), University of Evansville (1997), and Hofstra University (2009). That list also includes many liberal arts colleges, including Clarkson University (1952), St. Michael's College (1953), Haverford College (1971), and Swarthmore College (2000 — they started playing intercollegiate football in 1878).

(Next: Surprise! There are more colleges playing football today than at any time in history)

Frank Fear is the managing editor of The Sports Column, and a sport historian.

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PIAA says fall sports season can move forward

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association is moving ahead with the fall sports season. Last Friday, the PIAA's Board of Directors voted 25-5 in favor of a start-up of practice for those schools who are participating. Practice statewide officially began on Monday.

The PIAA had its season on hold for two weeks following Governor Tom Wolf's strong recommendation that there be no youth or school sports until January 1 in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19. Earlier in the week, state Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine said the governor's office would not turn the recommendation into a mandate if the PIAA chose to move forward with the fall sports season.

PIAA executive director Robert Lombardi applauded the decision, and also urged all to exercise caution as fall sports teams move forward with their plans to compete. "During this pause we had our board members go back to their member schools and gather information on who felt they could play and who felt they couldn't," Lombardi explained. "The board voted that they think, because they have been for the last eight weeks while practicing and following their safety protocols, that we can get this started. We are going to make every safe attempt to try."

Lombardi said the PIAA will keep a close eye on things, and that the decision to sponsor fall sports ultimately remains up to the individual school districts. "We are going to monitor and if things pop up and we have a situation where

we have to shut down, we will," he said. "We are going to do our best to get started and follow a step-by-step approach."

"We are happy for student-athletes, who are students first, because they lost the spring, and that they can have a fall sports season as long as we do it in a safe manner and they follow the health and safety plans. We are cautiously optimistic about getting this done."

Some schools in the state have already decided to pull the plug on their fall sports seasons, feeling things are not safe enough to return at this time. Others have opted for a compressed and/or localized schedule. Still others, like MMI Prep in Freeland, have decided to move forward only with "low-risk" sports. The Preppers will compete in golf and cross country, but will not have soccer, volleyball and

tennis seasons -- sports that have been deemed "moderate-risk" or "high-risk" sports by the PIAA due to the nature of contact with fellow athletes.

MMI Head of School Justin Kleinheider explained that, "One of our primary goals once we reopen will be to stay open. Unfortunately, it has become apparent that moving forward with some of our fall sports could jeopardize our ability to keep the school open for in-person learning."

The Philadelphia Public League and Philadelphia Catholic League have closed down their entire fall schedules. So have other schools around the state. In District 2, Valley View, Hanover Area, Wyoming Valley West, Carbondale and Abington Heights are among schools that have either halted play due to positive coronavirus tests, or have suspended play until their school boards determine their

course of action.

Lombardi said he's hopeful that schools which decide to not compete in the fall could possibly move those sports to the springtime, if things improve. "I think that was important to the board, to give those athletes, when and where we can, an opportunity," he said.

At this point, as per the governor, spectators will not be allowed at sporting events this fall, although the PIAA is hoping at least parents of athletes can be in attendance. Currently, an outdoor venue can have no more than 250 in attendance -- athletes and staff included -- and an indoor venue can have just 25, all maintaining social distancing. "We continue to advocate to have spectators there, especially at least mom and dad, and we have asked for some consideration," Lombardi said.

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What should happen when a player breaks one of baseball's 'unwritten rules'?

by **Liam Miller**

Here's what happened a week ago Monday night. In the 8th inning of a game between the Padres and Rangers, the Padres' Fernando Tatis Jr. swung at a 3-0 pitch

with his team up big against the Rangers. You're not supposed to do that - so the unwritten rule says - because you know what the pitcher is going to do, he's going to throw a fastball right down the middle of the plate.

But Tatis Jr. didn't sit. He swung ... and hit a Grand Slam homer. His league-leading four-bagger put the Padres up 14-3.

Was Tatis being a poor sportsperson? Lots of people think he is. I think differently. The game needs to be played straight-up. Play hard. Play to win. Play to get the other

guy out. The problem, though, is that in doing what he did, Tatis Jr. invited another one of baseball's 'unwritten rules' to go into effect, that is, throw a beanball. And that's the stuff of which brawls are made.

After the game, Tatis Jr. apologized for hitting that homer as his first-year manager, Jayce Tingler, threw some shade. "We had a little bit of a comfortable lead," Tingler said in his postgame interview. "We weren't trying to run up the score." (wink, wink)

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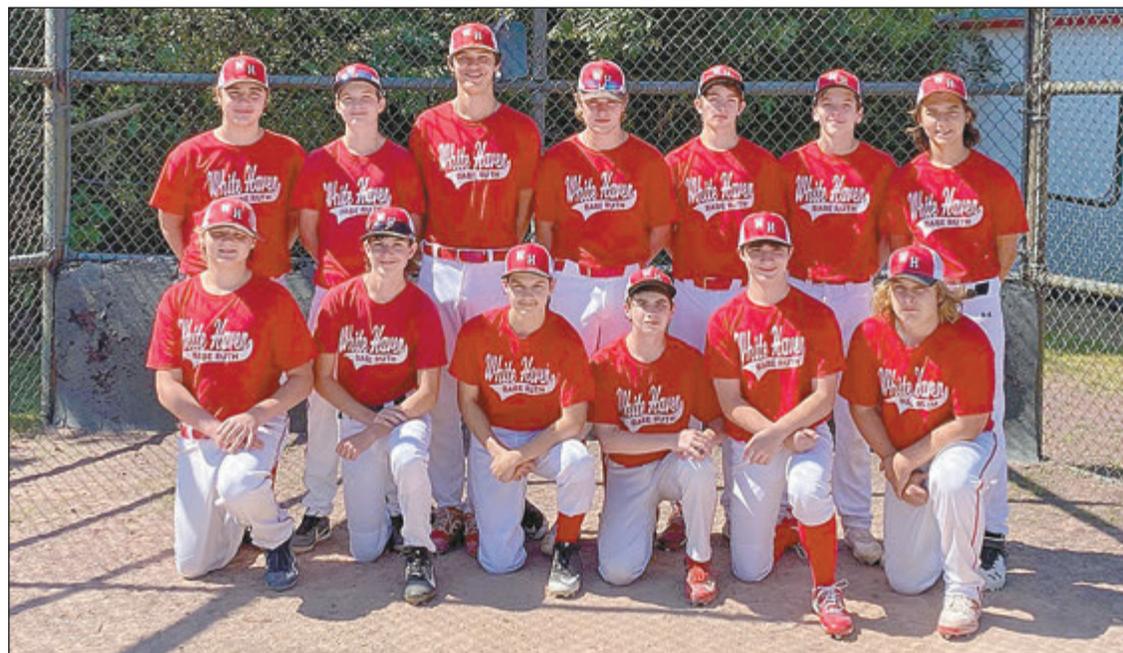
The Valley Jr. Babe Ruth baseball championship game Sunday at Lehigh Park in White Haven had plenty of pitching and defense. Butler Legion's Josh Halcisak and White Haven's Ben Keil both turned in pitching gems, but it was James Reimold's bat that proved to be the difference. Reimold's two-run double in the top of the fourth inning gave #2-seed Butler Legion the lead, and they went on to post a 2-1 victory to claim the league title.

Derek Antolick and Halcisak both singled in the top of the fourth inning, and Reimold ripped a double down the line

to plate both to put Butler Legion on the board. Halcisak, who had two singles in the game, struck out 13 batters for the complete-game victory.

Keil was also masterful on the mound, finishing with 10 strikeouts for top-seeded White Haven. Ty McDermott tripled and scored on a groundout to account for White Haven's lone run. Hayden Greenberg added a double.

White Haven reached the championship game by beating #4 seed Freeland Blue on Saturday, while Butler Legion defeated #3 Drums Blue in the other semifinal game.



The White Haven Junior Babe Ruth team earned the top seed, and reached the Valley Babe Ruth League championship game before falling to Butler Legion 2-1 in Sunday's title game.

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