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Weatherly Area High School graduation is a community-wide celebration



WEATHERLY AREA HIGH SCHOOL'S 2020 GRADUATION was different, and special. The outdoor ceremony recognized every graduate, and teachers friends, and families lined up along the road into and out of the ceremony on June 7 to honor the graduating seniors. Police, fire and ambulance vehicles led a parade out of the grounds. More next week. *JH: Ruth & Seth Isenberg*



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From the Archives

**From
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The photo on the front page showed a tour being given to the grand jury of the Carbon County Courthouse. Members from Weatherly were Fern Billman, secretary, and members Francis Kokinda, and Ruth Andrejco.

Fifty-five members of the class of 1970 received their diplomas indoors at the Schwab School, as exercises planned for Eurana Park were threatened by bad weather.

Five more from Weatherly graduated from the Carbon County High School.

Trooper Joseph Donnelly of Hazleton's State Police spoke to a joint meeting of the Weatherly Lions and Rotary clubs in the Homestead Restaurant of Hudsondale. He spoke about narcotics and the danger they pose.

Attorney Frank Holzman of Palmerton was elected to his first two-year term as chairman of the Carbon County Democratic Party.

Weatherly Area School Board will add three new teachers for next fall, due to an influx of students in the elementary school, expected to cost a total of \$20,000. Other new expenses is an increase of \$10,000 in sewer costs, \$19,000 in increased salaries, and thousands more to remove the rainwater downspouts from the sewer system.

Singer Sewing Machines opened a new store at the Church Hill Mall.

The Weatherly Babe Ruth squad lost a 10-1 contest with the Brehms team in Drums on Monday evening.

The first games of the Little League season show Wagner Electric and the Weatherly Foundry teams tied for first place with a win apiece.

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Weatherly Babe Ruth will play the league-leading CVCO team at their home field in Conyngham this Sunday. A win would put our locals in a tie for first place. Monday, the Thomas Electric team comes to Weatherly to take on the local lads.

Nearly 1,000 people turned out for the Weatherly 4-H Horse and Pony Club's first event in their newly constructed ring on the Henry property in Packer Township last week. The Henry family and the event volunteers are commended for the great event.

Garber tells the story of a North Street family whose trash cans was getting raided during the night, so they set some traps and caught—a grey fox. The trash can raiding continues, however...

The Thrash and Kreiger men, with friends, went 600 miles north into Canada for a remote camping trip, reaching their campsite after a 28 mile boat ride. They returned with stories of some good fishing—but the big ones were scarce this trip.

Weatherly Football's Faculty Manager Bill Rowett has added an 11th game to the football schedule, one against a new team to be fielded by Scranton Prep, on October 16.

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

**From
The Journal-Herald,
June 14, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

The front page photos show the 40 members of the graduating classes of the A.M. and P.M. Zion Nursery School—all with graduation caps with tassels.

The 48 members of Weatherly Area High School's class of 1990 will graduate this Friday in the Middle School Auditorium. Valedictorian is Charlene Klynowsky, and salutatorian is Maria Chippi.

Class president is Richard Gregory. Attending the commencement will be members of the class of 1940—and those present will be recognized.

Miriam and Earl Kresge celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 12.

Dennison Township will attend a joint meeting with the White Haven Municipal Authority and White Haven and East Side Boroughs to discuss possible hook-ups into the White Haven system.

White Haven Borough council hired Mark Metzo as a full time police officer, at \$7.50 an hour (\$15,600 per year), plus benefits, on a six-month probationary contract.

The editorial in this issue asks for citizens to fly your flags proudly on Flag Day, this Sunday.

Jennifer Perch was the winner of the "Thriftway Cares About Kids" essay contest, sponsored by the White Haven Thriftway.

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Editorial

Green won't mean funds for volunteer groups

by Ruth Isenberg

The transitioning of our area into yellow, and then green phases of Covid-19 recovery is welcome, but its restrictions will still mean hardship for local volunteer organizations. Most of the ways these groups raise money will be severely limited.

Even in the green phase, gatherings will be limited to no more than 250 people. That rules out gatherings like the Carbon County Fair, which has cancelled for this year. Social distancing requirements will make even smaller activities like the annual Homecoming at the L&L Fire Company, or the St. Patrick's Summer Festival, very difficult to pull off. It's hard to maintain a 6 foot separation in a small venue.

It's also unclear whether people will feel comfortable going out to group activities. And if the number of cases goes back up as restrictions are loosened, those restrictions will probably return.

This is bad news for our volunteer fire companies, ambulance corps, libraries, churches, clubs and other groups that have survived and thrived over the years by providing entertainment to local residents. Individuals can replace going out with streaming movies and eating take-outs, but volunteer groups will need to find new ways to raise money if they are to survive.

If you can, make a donation to the groups that are important to you. They need your help.

Archives...

Continued from page 2

Congratulations to graduates included a page of ads. Among these were: McLaughlin's Flooring, Pocono CATV, attorney Bernard Gray, Wheeler's Variety Store, Garber-Drasher Financial Services, White Haven Bakery, Pocono Mountain Lodge, EMCEE, Ed Petruska, Meier Towing, Caster's Floral & Gift Shop, J&E IGA, Rainbow Coffee Shop, Dr. William Ravina, Miller Plumbing & Heating, Steve's Service Station and Bobby D's.

Photos on the second section's front page featured the nearly 190 students who will graduate from Crestwood High School this Friday, and a separate photo of those from the White Haven area — 17 in all.

Windsor Jam will be the band at the East Side Inn this Saturday night.

The Mountain Laurel Resort and Conference Center placed a help wanted aimed at "retirees and empty nesters," offering work with flexible hours and the best working conditions.

Packer Twp. plans roadwork

by Seth Isenberg

Supervisors of Packer Township awarded the contract to reconstruct a deteriorating stretch of Wetzell Run Drive to lowest bidder Haines & Kibblehouse (H&K) of Skippack as part of their June meeting, held via the internet the evening of June 1. The meeting was held a day early due to the election on Tuesday with voting held in Packer's municipal building.

H&K, of Eckley and Pocono Lake, prepared the lowest bid of six that were submitted.

The contract is to pave 3,198 feet of the road.

Supervisors also approved the application for a Carbon County community development block grant which will fund culvert work and drainage improvements on Ochre Mill Road.

This past month, the township crew repaired a pipe and culvert on Roundhead Road.

In other business, the township's F-450 truck needed a replacement transmission. A rebuilt one will be installed which comes with a guarantee. New street addresses were assigned for new construction coming this summer. Mahoning Valley Ambulance was given permission to use the township's address list for their membership drive.

A letter from the Wildlands Conservancy came to the township in April, sharing news that they are working to find funding to buy 2,700 acres in Packer, Banks and Lausanne Townships of a property they call the Pennrose Swamp, to preserve the land and open it for recreation. The area is around the old Pennrose reservoirs that once were the Weatherly Borough's water supply. The property is owned by the estate of Atty. Pasco Schiavo. Supervisors sent a letter back, endorsing and supporting the effort.

In reports, it was a busy month of inquiries to the planning and zoning officer, who reports questions about variances, and for a new home, new swimming pools, and a new shed. Sewage enforcement officer Bill Brior reported two new sewage permits and related tests.

Township secretary Stephanie Stolpe guided supervisors through a quote for a new sound system — costing up to

\$2,600 — from Carbon County Music & More. It includes five table microphones, a floor mic, an amp, speakers and cables. A question was raised about wireless microphones. Supervisors approved the purchase unanimously.

As treasurer, Stolpe reported the balance in the general fund, as of May 31, was \$338,238. The State Fund for roads work has \$70,923. There's \$49,993 in the garbage fund, \$28,573 in the special fund and \$11,165 in the park fund.

Receipts in May were \$28,378 in earned income taxes, \$7,020 in local taxes and \$455 in other income. Bills totaled \$5,483, of note were \$1,504 in engineering fees from Carbon Engineering; \$1,358 to Weatherly Borough for fire protection; \$680 for solicitor Robert Yurchak's work for the township, plus \$102 for the windmill hearing; \$740 for five months of sewage enforcement work from Bill Brior; and \$574 to Barry Isett & Assoc. for codes work; \$444 for grass trimming work by George Stritz; and \$338 to Murphy Lumber for supplies.

Packer Township will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, July 8, likely via internet, but in person. Socially distanced, if possible (but still also on the web).

Class of '70 meeting set

The Crestwood High School class of 1970 meeting on June 7 was cancelled due to the park being closed. The next meeting is being scheduled for Sunday, July 19, at the Wright Township Park Pavilion from 2-3:30 p.m.



Death Roll

AGNES MAE HAMPSON

Agnes Mae Hampson, 86 years of age, of East Main Street Weatherly, passed away on Wednesday, June 3, 2020 while in the care of her family

Born Saturday, February 3, 1934 in Brooklyn, New York, she was the daughter of the late Frank Hampson and the late Louise (Meyer) Hampson. Agnes was also predeceased by husband, Raymond Milnes; son, Raymond Milnes; sister, Frances Gerena; brothers, Frank, William, and Harry Hampson.

Surviving are daughters Debora A. Milnes of Weatherly, with whom she resided, Theresa Mae Spoon and her husband, Mike of Arizona; son, Joseph R. Milnes of Weatherly; brother, Nicholas

Hampson and his wife, Cookie; sisters Margaret Martin and her husband, Joe, Florence Lamboy and her husband, Louis, June Romas and her husband, Charlie, Frances Gerena; 4 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Agnes worked as a shirt presser for many years. Agnes enjoyed crocheting, spending time with her pets, and surfing Facebook.

Agnes will be remembered for her strong will.

Private arrangements were entrusted to the Phillip J. Jeffries Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Weatherly.

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

DEBBIE A. TULAY

Debbie A. Tulay, 61 years of age, of Buck Mountain Road, Weatherly, passed away in the loving care of her family on Sunday, June 7, 2020 while a patient at Lehigh Valley Hospital- Hazleton.

Born Monday, May 18, 1959 in Hazleton, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth Billman and the late Fern (Gerhard) Billman. She was the beloved wife of Robert L. Tulay for 43 years.

Debbie was a graduate of Weatherly Area High School class of 1977. She worked as a supervisor at PPL and retired after a career of 42 years. In her spare time, Debbie enjoyed playing Bingo.

Surviving are sons, Brian R. Tulay of Charleston, SC, and Kevin M. Tulay and his wife,

Alison of Swoyersville; daughter, Amy L. Guth and her husband, Michael of Weatherly; brother, Richard Billman and his wife, Suzy of Weatherly; sister, Nelda Seibel and her husband, Ronnie of Weatherly; grandchildren, Audrey, Luke, Jeremy and Abby.

Private arrangements have been entrusted to Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Weatherly.

Memorials in Debbie's name may be made in care of:

Weatherly Area Community Library
P.O. Box 141
Weatherly, PA 18255

To share a fond memory of Debbie or offer condolences to the family, please visit www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com.

Grant Scams

Government grant scams are on the rise. Scammers lure targets through ads (newspaper, email, text messages, and even by hacking into your friends' social media accounts), claiming you're eligible for a \$25,000 grant for a \$1,200 fee. Know that government agencies do not hand out "free" money and most government grants go to institutions following lengthy applications. Never pay money to receive money. Watch out for requests to wire money for upfront fees or taxes or requests for banking information for "deposits."

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Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you've fallen victim.



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Windmill hearing resumes for Packer Township

by Seth Isenberg

After a long, long lag between hearings, the Packer Township Zoning Hearing Board will resume their sessions on the proposal to put a windmill farm atop Broad Mountain in Packer Township near Nesquehoning. At the request of Broad Mountain Power, the applicant, the hearing was moved to next Wednesday, June 17, to begin at 6 p.m. at the Packer Town-

ship municipal building on Route 93 in Hudsonale.

The session will again broadcast via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603454155> so the public can attend.

On the stand will be a rebuttal witness to the combined testimony of the opponent's witnesses.

The hearings are nearing the end of testimony and rebuttals.



Isobel Hoffman was the 2020 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360's recipient of the "Outstanding 8th Grade Girl Award" in the Weatherly Area School District.

Inspiring Thoughts

by Ann Adams

As they say, plans are meant to be broken. The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray. Plans are nice but often have to be changed or cancelled altogether. In the Bible, James puts it this way: "Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;

whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." A surprise diagnosis, an unexpected layoff, a car accident, even an invisible virus can change everything. If we learn nothing else from this pandemic, we certainly should learn that life is uncertain.

Yes, life is fragile. David, the Psalmist, says, "For God knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

and its place remembers it no more." David goes on to say, "but the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him." We are precious to God, precious enough to send His Son to pay the penalty we deserve. Our plans change; our God does not. God is still in control and His mercies are new every morning.

This Uncertain Life is

When this life is uncertain
And we know not the way,
We know God knows the answer;
We trust in Him and pray.

Cast all your care upon Him
And He will meet your need.
Don't fret when troubles come;
He'll care for you indeed!

Ann Adams

Veterans Corner

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

Honoring police service and sacrifice

The job of a police officer is to run toward danger, at the risk of his or her own life, to save and protect strangers. It once was a noble respected profession, but today's culture has come to expect that many will die senselessly. Their deaths barely make the local news.

In a twisted vision, there are those indoctrinated that it is a police officer's duty to die on duty. Now, there is even a segment of society calling to disband police and replace them with social workers, mental health specialists and guidance counselors. Somewhere in their delusions, they

believe that with no police, crime against the innocent would just cease. People need to understand that the 99.9 percent of the devoted police fill a particularly important gap in society.

If regulated policing were to cease, it would leave a void. The issue here is that if police are not there, as in barbaric and medieval times, humanity will start self-policing, and that will be the most dangerous thing to happen to the United States, and the world.

When you would call 911, what would be the response? Social workers will be there after the actual crime to help

the victim "recover," and a counselor to "talk it out," to explain how bad these atrocities are against helpless victims. Those who are stronger will prey upon the weaker, and the sick, elderly, and disabled will be the first victims.

Police are "equalizers" in every society. Segments depend on this to survive. When this balance tilts to one side, predators will become hunters and everyday people will need to form gangs for protection. Everyday people will need to be armed; gun ownership will be a necessary survival tool. As in the brutal past, families and friends will need to band

together just to go shopping.

Look to the past of eliminating policing of a society. In the 1930s, the National Socialist Party in Germany realized that they could not implement their policies as long as a legitimate police force existed. The Party took steps to remove police from the framework of the administration and judicial system of the German state. Police operations then went through the SS' chain of command, so would no longer be constrained by judicial or administrative review. Individual and mass murder became possible to ensure the survival of the German race-nation

because it was not subject to the laws of the state or international law.

Every socialist dictator had two distinct methods, one was to disarm the citizens, and second eliminate the legitimate police forces that existed that had been created by the citizens to protect them. But radical socialist doctrine does not include the protection of the nation's citizens. Its goal is to create dependent people, a class system of subjects who depends on the Government for everything, a government that wants us all on our knees before them, not standing free and proud as citizens.

Dennison Township works to update ordinances

by Seth Isenberg

Dennison Township supervisors and planning consultant Jack Varaly are working hard to update township ordinances to have rules for uses like short-term rentals, and to prevent uses like marijuana dispensaries and residential detox facilities. These uses are more recent than the ordinances, so new rules have been needed. The new rules

are being written, to include language as to where short-term rentals will be permitted/in which zones, licenses and safety regulations and the like.

By unanimous vote, supervisors agreed to start the process of adding and rewriting the ordinances, at their meeting on June 3.

Another ordinance to look into will be the one regulating how many animals would be

allowed on a property. A work session on this will be scheduled.

The spring clean-up day that was to be this month has been postponed to the last Saturday in September. The electronics recycling for town-

ship residents may be held at the same time.

The police report was submitted, showing three incidents for May: a lost hiker, an animal complaint, and a forgery incident. The May Dennison Volunteer Fire Company

report shows four calls: a structure fire, a search and rescue, a landing zone setup and one false alarm.

Expenses were \$21,179. Income was \$31,811.

More from this meeting next week.

NIMH virtual summer camp partners with Lehigh Valley manufacturers

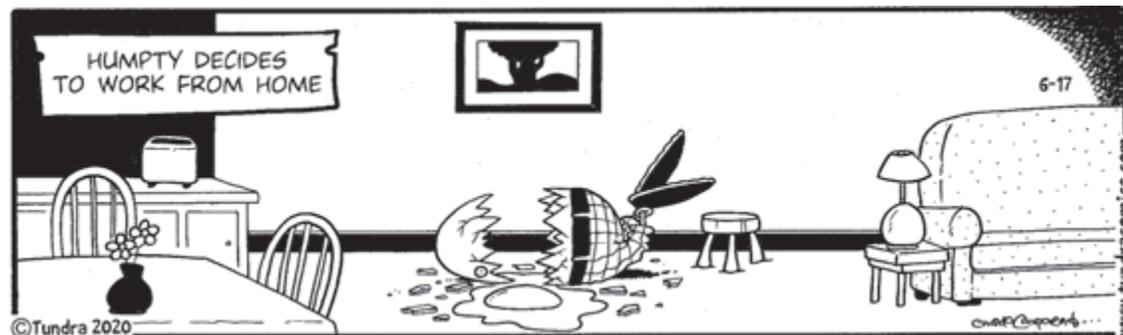
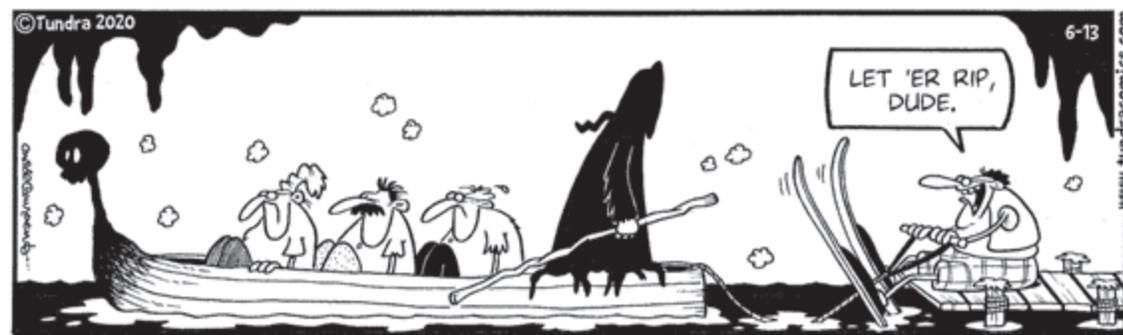
The National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH) is taking its popular summer camp online this summer, beginning July 6. The week-long programs, a collaboration with the Manufacturers Resource Center (MRC) and several Lehigh Valley companies, will include hands-on activities, one-on-one instruction, and a chance for participants to hear from young employees who have embarked on successful S.T.E.M. careers.

"It's more important than ever to harness the curiosity and imaginations of budding engineers," said Kara Mohsinger, President and CEO of the Museum. "While we formulate our plans for the future, this virtual summer camp provides a unique opportunity for children to get a behind-the-scenes look at facilities and manufacturers they otherwise may not have a chance to see." The camp has four separate sessions, each pairing campers with a member of the MRC Dream Team,

a group of manufacturing employees across several Lehigh Valley companies who are just starting on their journeys in engineering.

Campers will utilize workbooks and supplies included in registration to work on projects with an NMIH educator via video chat. Martin Guitar, Wolsen Construction, Stanley Black and Decker, Mack Trucks, B. Braun, and ProtoCAM will all take part in speaking with participants and give an inside look at their advanced manufacturing facilities. Each week-long session will feature a different project and manufacturer. Sessions are \$100 each and a limited number of scholarships are available thanks to generous grants from the Rider-Pool Foundation and UGI Utilities, Inc.

More information on each session and registration can be found at nmih.org/educate/2020-engineering-summer-camp



Two Crestwood High School heroes cited

Below is a letter that the Crestwood administration received regarding two of our high school seniors. When we said goodbye to our students on March 13th, we never thought it would be the last time our seniors would walk our hallways. Like all districts, the Crestwood staff have been working tirelessly to ensure our students are receiving a high quality educational experience. Our thoughts have been especially focused on our senior class and how they are managing this difficult time in our world.

Below is an example of what the Crestwood spirit is all about and what some of our seniors have been doing

during this time...

These two young women have displayed the courage and strength of what it takes to be a frontline hero.

Thank you Hannah and Allie!

May 6th 2020

Dear Mr. John Gorham,

As you are preparing to celebrate the 2020 graduation in a unique style, facing COVID-19 restrictions and keeping with social distancing, I wanted to share with you an experience I have had with 2 Crestwood students during this pandemic.

Over 2 million care takers fought the COVID-19 virus. Doctors and nurses rightly have drawn attention to their

heartbreaking needs during the pandemic. However, two Crestwood seniors were frontline heroes. These two young ladies worked diligently at a local Nursing Home facility during this pandemic.

Two brave young caregivers came into an environment where there was positive COVID-19. They showed up because of their love for the residents. They faced a personal danger and feared for their families. They kept their spirits up and remained focused on the residents. Unlike doctors and nurses, that already had a powerful audience through the social media, these 2 girls came to the frontline, to do a different job. They held hands, made telephone calls to families, and facemasked loved ones. They held telephone to the residents' ear, while a loved ones wish them a Happy

Birthday, Happy Mother's day, or said their Good-Byes.

Every day these young ladies gowned up fashionably in their PPE equipment: N95 respirators, gloves, goggles, disposable body suits, booty covers and shower caps. The residents were fearful of them, because they could not recognize them. One resident thought she died and these 2 girls dress in white PPE, were the angels greeting her into heaven.

Beyond making personal sacrifices, these two students cared for the virus's most vulnerable victims, the elderly. Their hearts were broken, but they continued on. The big fat warm tears they wept from exhaustion and heart break were wiped away as they moved on. They visited the residents one to one trying to cheer them up, comfort them during their loneliness and reassure them

when they got scared. These girls were the hugs the residents needed to get through each day, without their families and loved ones. On what was supposed to be their Prom night, these girls worked. They played word games with the residents, keeping their minds off the prom and residents minds challenged during the quarantine.

These 2 young girls made critical sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic providing care. They never once complained or refused. These two amazing frontline heroes are honorable 2020 Crestwood Graduates, Hannah Kresge and Allie Stover. Congratulations!

**Sincerely,
Patrice M. Bagnall**

Dean's List Roster

Cedar Crest

Kailyn Jones of Weatherly, Megan Peifer of Weatherly, Amber Puk of White Haven, and Nearnly Serrata of Weatherly.

East Stroudsburg University

William Green, a Special Ed./Elem-Middle Level from White Haven, Adam Keil, a Business Management from White Haven, Andrew Solonoski IV, a Physics from Weatherly,

Kutztown University

Morgan Lynn Mengle of Weatherly

Food Truck Fun, hosted by White Haven Borough

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Winheld is Lebanon Valley College graduate

Olivia Margaret Winheld, a 2016 Weatherly Area High School alumna, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lebanon Valley College, Annville, via a virtual graduation ceremony.

Winheld earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education. While attending LVC she was a member of the LVC Chamber Choir, Symphonic Band, Pride of the Valley Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Womens' Music Fraternity (Sigma Alpha Iota), NAFME, and Phi Alpha Epsilon the college's Honor Society for Academic Achievement & Service.

In August, Winheld will



commence her music teaching career as the Strings teacher for Goose Creek High School's Berkley Center for the Arts in Goose Creek, SC.

Olivia is the daughter of E. Jeffrey and Lisa (Jeffries) Winheld of Johns Island, SC.

She is the granddaughter of Phil and Margaret Jeffries and Joyce Winheld, all of Weatherly.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 resumes pizza sales

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly will hold an unbaked pizza sale Friday, June 26, from 4 until 6 p.m. at the post home. The cost for a regular pizza is \$10, and \$1 extra for each additional topping. The toppings

include extra cheese, 3-cheese, pepperoni, mushroom and sausage.

Deadline to order is Friday, June 19. To order, call Georgia Farrow at 570-427-4527. CDC regulations will apply when picking up your order.

The American Legion Auxiliary unit 360 is still conducting their online RADA fundraiser. To order go to www.radafundraising.com and use #3057722 to place your order or call Georgia Farrow at 570-427-4527.

Congratulations

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Next week, the *Journal-Herald* will honor the graduates of the Class of 2020. To include a personal message to honor **your graduate**—or **all the graduates**—call 570-215-0204 xt304 or email journalruth@gmail.com



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Wildlands Conservancy slates more virtual events

Appalachian Bat Count

Friday, June 12, from 8 to 9 p.m. for our live, virtual Appalachian Bat Count. The program is free, but you must register. Participants will be sent Zoom video information once registered. To register, visit www.wildlandspa.org.

Go batty with us – virtually! Pennsylvania's common bat species often use buildings as their roosts and the barn at Dorothy Rider Pool Wildlife Sanctuary is one of their favorite haunts. Monitoring locations like ours gives biologists an idea of how bat

populations are doing. Studies have shown that while little brown bat populations have dropped precipitously due to White Nose Syndrome, big brown bat populations have increased. Join us to find out why. We will have cameras set up around our barn and you

just count the number of bats you see as they fly. We will send a Zoom link once you register. Registration closes at 1 p.m. on 6/12.

Backyard Birds

Join us on Saturday, June 13, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. for our live, virtual Backyard Birds Part 1: Getting to know your backyard birds! The program is \$10 per family and only one family member needs to register. Participants will be sent Zoom video information once registered. To register, visit www.wildlandspa.org. Registration closes at 6/11 at 10 a.m.

Join us for this three-part series as we explore the world of birds that you can find in your own backyard! Part 1: We will discuss several species, how to identify them, fun facts about them, and tips on how to attract them to your yard. We will end the program

by making DIY birdfeeders together. Participants will be given a kit with all of the bird feeder supplies – kits must be picked up from our Emmaus office.

Creatures of the Night

Join us on Friday, June 19, from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m. for our live, virtual S'mores and Creatures of the Night program. The program is \$15 per family and only one family member needs to register. Participants will be sent Zoom video information once registered. To register, please visit www.wildlandspa.org. Registration closes at 12 p.m. on 6/19.

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

I was on Pocono Raceway last Thursday to take photos of the Jim Thorpe Area High School High School graduation. As press, we were parked behind the speakers' area, not far from the Victory Circle. As the program got underway, I set up to take a variety of shots of the grads as they drove down the main straight-away towards where they picked up their diplomas.

Suddenly, I spotted movement near one of the Jersey barriers, and up pops a medium size fox, over the barrier and onto the Pit Road area, angling in my direction. It next leapt the pit barrier, and was within 50 feet of me, still heading in my direction.

I moved a little bit to make sure the fox could see me, and it changed course, leaping the pit barrier again away from me, and then navigating its way around obstacles like the stage and the table of diplomas. Moving out, hopefully to someplace safe. There were oohs and aahs from the crowd as they saw the fox do its thing.

Saturday, we took Slater out for another picnic on a crisp afternoon.

Ruth and I decided for Sunday afternoon to make a drive to Montour County to see what a county in full green would look like. In our trip through Danville, we passed

by one of the protests, a gathering at the veterans monument grounds in the center of town. A young and peaceful group had gathered with signs. Police watched from about a block away, relaxed.

Sightings on this trip, via back roads, included mountain laurel in full flower, and evidence that nature has caught up to where it should be most places, after a slow start this spring.

Carbon County restaurants can now serve outside diners — and we tried a Monday night dinner lakeside at Boulder View Tavern which was great. We're looking for more restaurants opening this coming weekend.

I'm missing sports. I've discovered the Red Bull Ice Cross contests, which are four person elimination races down a steep ice covered obstacle course on skates. While it's not ice hockey, it partly fills a void. NHL ice hockey is within weeks of restarting. So's the NBA. As for baseball, the owners and players are still arguing.

NASCAR decided to hold its Pocono Raceway weekend without fans at the end of this month. I'm glad they get their races, but having all the major stock car races here for the weekend — then not being able to attend, hurts.

Also on the hurt list, special events and festivals are still cancelling. Strike the Benton Rodeo next month — though good news in that the Willow Brook Rodeo moved to September 26. Good news is that the Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe is getting ready to reopen. A show is slated for June 20 featuring comedian Vic DiBitetto, and a regular slate of entertainment will re-start in July. Come out and support the MCOH again.

Keep up with the hand washing and masks and stay healthy.

And — support our local police and local state troopers during this tough time.

Hazleton Clergy and Christian leaders call for unity and peace

We understand and join together with members of our community who are feeling pain and anger over the devastating events throughout our nation in the past two weeks. Hazleton Clergy and Christian leaders gathered together Friday morning to pray and discuss a response to the unjust death of George Floyd and the subsequent turmoil in our nation. It is right that we respond to the racial tension felt across our country with compassion and that our collective words and actions honor George Floyd's life, his family, and friends.

We want to encourage our community to remember what the Bible says about who God is. It says that God is a God of love, of hope, of unity and of peace! According to the Bible, God is able to make good out of any and every situation when we keep our eyes on him. Scripture also teaches us that fear, anxiety and violence

are not the way that God has taught us to love our neighbors and honor Him.

We are calling on the people of the Hazleton community to set an example for each other and for the children in the city who are the future leaders of Hazleton. Great progress has been made in Hazleton becoming a peaceful city of people who work together for the betterment of our city. We are proud of the partnerships among many ethnic groups in the city who join together to work at food banks, the homeless shelter, Keep America Beautiful Day, First Friday's and so much more. We are proud of the forward momentum in partnerships between churches, community groups, the Hazleton police department and others who are held to a high standard to serve the community with justice, security, and love.

Please join us in uniting together with compassion for

the events that occurred in the past week. Let us stand together in the pursuit of a blessed and prosperous city, united in love.

In unity together,

The following members of the clergy and leaders of other faith-based organizations in Hazleton and surrounding communities acknowledge the above and show their support:

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Pastor Martiza Martinez, Iglesia Centro de Esperanza

Pastor Brad Travepiece, from LCBC Hazleton

Pastor Edwin Mieses, Buenas Nuevas / Good News Church

Pastor Brook Selby, Mountainview Community Church/White Haven

Pastor Mario Cordero, Mission Life Church

Pastor Dave Clarke, Trinity Baptist Church/Weatherly

Valerie White, Pregnancy Resource Center

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Pastora Judy and Pastor Nehiloth Jaramillo, Misión

Cristiana Soplo de Vida

Susan Selby, Immanuel

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nizations who also choose to voice their support for peace and unity in the city of Hazleton. Please contact Pastor Rodney Murphy, if you would like to add your name and the name of your organization to the letter.

Krista Schneider, on behalf of the Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress

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Banks Township

David Keller to Pascasio Antonio Jiminez, Hazleton, property at 1 E. Oak St., Tresckow, \$15,000.

Mary C. Zavitsky to Jeffrey Zavitsky, 11 Lincoln Ave., Junedale, property on Main Street (Junedale/Tresckow Fire Company), \$65,000.

Anthony F. Zaloga to Christopher Walter Moro, 42 E. Maple St., Tresckow, property at 42 E. Maple St., \$135,000.

East Side Borough

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

Kidder Township

Timothy Oetzel to Frank McMonigle, 109 Kresge Lane, Lake Harmony, property at 109 Kresge Lane, \$390,000.

Elena MacCario to Triple

G Properties, LLC, Newtown, property at 5 Midland Drive, Unit 302, Lake Harmony, \$215,000.

Daran Properties, Inc., to Andrew Howard Wasserman, 18 Hazelwood Drive, P.O. Box 653, Blakeslee, property at 18 Hazelwood Drive, \$1.

Tax Claim Bureau of Carbon County to Glen R. Kleiber Jr., 25 Placid Lane, P.O. Box 1977, Albrightsville, property on Woodlands Road, Holiday Poconos, \$712.

John W. Noonan to Noonan Family Trust, Copiague, New York, property at 59 Lakeview Drive, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Margaret N. Whitacre to RMW Enterprises, LLC, Hopelawn, New Jersey, Lot 908, Section C-II, Lake Harmony Estates, \$160,000.

Lausanne Township

JSAASJ, LLC, to Buck Mountain Trading Post, LLC, Sugarloaf, property at 2628 Buck Mountain Road, \$75,000.

Packer Township

Rita Ann Deeb to James B. Grega, 2432 Wetzel Run Drive, Weatherly, 53 acres (+/-) along Packer Drive, \$90,000.

Weatherly

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, property at 159 Plane St., \$1.

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43. Brazilian indigenous people
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52. "Zip it!"
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27. Compare
29. *Antithesis to Mufasa
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56. Make a connection, two words
57. In the thick of
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Phil Jackson: NBA's coach G.O.A.T.?

by Matthew Paris

There have been many great NBA head coaches. Pat Riley, who coached the

Lakers, Knicks, and Heat, has five championship rings. Red Auerbach won nine NBA championships and eight con-

secutive titles with the Celtics. But neither coach may have been as great as Phil Jackson, who retired with eleven rings. Jackson won six titles with the Bulls and five titles with the Lakers. Along the way, he coached three of the NBA's all-time best players — Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal, and Kobe Bryant.

And if you're like me — and I'll bet some of you are — then over the years, you've had discussions with other fans about NBA G.O.A.T.s. While I've found relatively little disagree-

ment on the player's side (it's Jordan), a consensus hasn't held up in the coaching discussion. Some say Auerbach, others say Riley, and Jackson certainly gets his share of nods.

One conversation was noteworthy. A friend said he couldn't go with Jackson because he always coached teams with talented players. While true, my friend underestimates one aspect of Jackson's greatness — his ability to manage personalities. Coaches know — NBA coaches, espe-

cially — that one of the toughest jobs is handling players, including keeping them out of trouble. Player management is the X-factor. And nobody in NBA history was better than Jackson. It's one of the big reasons why Jackson won so many titles.

So in my book, Phil Jackson is the G.O.A.T.

Author and screenwriter, Matthew Paris, lives in Austin, TX, and writes about sports at The Sports Column.

Flag retirement on Flag Day

American Legion Post 781, 1500 Henry Drive in Mountain Top, will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 14 at 7 p.m.

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I miss my friend ... Baseball

by Dan Ciarcia, Jr.

No one could have ever dreamed that we would be starting the month of June without a first pitch, a crowd of hopeful fans, a batsman, a batter, a ball, a strike, a swing, a miss, a runner, or a fielder. But, not this year. Not in 2020. Baseball is M.I.A.

Baseball is as vital as the seasons it serves. In spring, as the weather waxes mild, our first thought is guided by the smell of new blossoms sweetening the air. The second thought wends toward our ball club. All things are new again, like the pattern-trimmed grass, the sharpened chalk

lines, the fresh paint, the sandcastle on the hill, and the look of awe on rookie's youthful faces.

And as mild days turn heated, the battle of the 'Boys of Summer' rage. Wins and losses mount, while stalemates never count. Fight on, we must, and never give up! Rewards flow only to those who shine. Managers send 'losers' to the showers.

Stats begin to reveal how much athletic stress these warriors can endure. Character is forged on the field and in the stands. Young boys and girls in chicklet-shaped seats observe, learning that summer

is the time to accumulate wins and provide a surplus for the fall. The journey's playoffs are yet to come.

As summer cedes to autumn, the baseball season yields to playoff time, a reset of status for the teams invigorated by victory in their respective regions. In an enlightened fashion, a couple of worthy wildcard crews are added to the fold and given new hope. Playoffs are a time for champions to rise and for childhood dreams to materialize. Still, championships do

not come easily. In the last ten years, less than half of all major league clubs have won the pennant, thereby earning the right to play in the main event—the World Series.

Still, baseball isn't really about winning. Not every team can be crowned champion. Over time, only 28 different teams in 109 seasons have won the coveted title. So we track droughts and streaks. We follow the best hitters, best fielders, and best pitchers. We track the worst of each, too. We look for im-

provement, boo laziness, and applaud heart.

Baseball has measures for all variations... of hits, being hit, and being a hit; for balls, passed balls, base on balls and going balls to the wall; for wild pitches, pitch count, pitch velocity, and wild pitchers. Percentages matter for advancing a base, stealing, streaking, striking, swinging, missing, throwing, earning a run, not earning a run, making a costly mistake, or making a positive impact on the team.

Each stat records both the amount of achievement and the distance from being the best. Every fan is allowed their judgment as to the value of each measure. After all, a hero needs only believers to be so. Fans want to root, root, root for the home team. When they don't play, it's a shame.

So, for now, we reminisce about baseball, our dear friend, when it was last by our side. We recall the newness of spring and hold our faith that the season will come again. Alas, we must admit: this year it may not.

But, still, there is always 'next year.'

Florida resident Dan Ciarcia, Jr. wrote his soulful essay for The Sports Column.

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Journal-Herald Sports

NBA lays out plan for return, playoffs

by **Steve Stallone**
Sports Editor

There will be a resumption of the NBA season after all, at least for 22 of the league's 30 teams. The NBA Players Association has revealed the key dates for the league's plan to resume the season following a three-month hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to the plan, play will begin at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando starting July 31 with a series of exhibition games. All games will be played there the rest of the season.

The top 16 teams in the current standings when play was halted in March will make the playoff field, as will the next six closest teams. A play-in tournament involving those teams will be held August 16-17, with the first round of the playoffs starting Aug. 18. The NBA Finals will begin September 30, and will end no later than October 12.

At the time the NBA suspended operations on March 11 due to COVID-19, just four teams -- Toronto, Boston, Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Lakers -- had clinched a playoff berth. They will be joined in the top-16 by Philadelphia, Miami, Indiana, Houston, Dallas, Denver, Utah, Oklahoma City, the Los Angeles Clippers, Memphis, Brooklyn and Orlando. The play-in teams would be Portland, Sacramento, New Orleans, San Antonio, Charlotte and Phoenix.

The games will be played without fans, and there will be daily testing for the coronavirus. If a player tests positive, he will be quarantined for at least seven days. Players

will be able to stay with a few immediate family members during the length of their playoff stay in Orlando.

Although Florida had some 65,000 COVID-19 cases, Orange County where Orlando is located had less than 2,400 confirmed cases.

The 2020-21 NBA season is expected to begin in December.

HIGH SCHOOL PRACTICE

-- Closer to home, we should know this week what guidelines will be in place for when and how high school sports can return amid the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, Governor Tom Wolf said he expected to release guidelines within a day or two.

"The guidelines should be out (today) or Wednesday for sports," Wolf said during his Monday press conference. "And we're dealing with two levels, the sports within intramural sports within the schools and then the PIAA, and we're working with them. So the guidelines for both should be out within the next

day or two."

The PIAA has maintained it will wait for direction from the governor's office and the state Department of Health during this time. Last week, the PIAA

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stated in a press release that schools should begin planning for the reopening.

"In anticipation of Pennsylvania Department of Education guidance being issued soon, schools need to be assessing appropriate return to play protocols for them to be able to open up their campuses," PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert Lombardi said.

PIAA member schools have been prohibited from conducting organized workouts since Wolf ordered all state schools closed beginning March 13.

On April 9, the governor extended the shutdown through the rest of the 2019-20 school year, putting an end to the basketball playoffs and swimming championships, and

wiping out the entire spring sports schedule.

The new school year begins July 1 and is the tentative date for teams to start organized workouts.

Guidelines for the return of youth sports should also be released from the Department of Health this week.

POCONO RACES ON AS SCHEDULED

-- Pocono Raceway's double-header weekend is still on as scheduled later this month, NASCAR and the race track

confirmed. The race weekend, scheduled to feature two NASCAR Cup races for the first time along with additional support races, will be held June 27-28 as scheduled.

However, as was announced earlier, following the guidance on sporting events in Pennsylvania issued by Gov. Tom Wolf, Pocono Raceway officials confirmed that the race weekend will be held without fans in attendance. The decision was made in coordination with NASCAR and state officials.

As a result, ticket account holders can either get a refund, or account credit for the face value of their 2020 tickets. No ticket account holders will lose their renewal rights for Pocono Raceway's 2021 NASCAR events. Go to poconoraceway.com for more information.

