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White Haven Mayor Fred Meier administers the oath of office to incoming council members, from left, Tim Janosco, Rose Swerdon, John Klem and Charlie Best. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*



Luzerne County Judge Joseph F. Sklarosky Jr. administers the oath of office to newly re-appointed Penn Lake Park council member Richard Campbell. *JH: Seth Isenberg*



Serving Lehigh Township as supervisors in 2016 are, from left, Jill Redash-Capossela, chairman Larry Skinner and vice-chair Wayne Wagner. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*



Serving Dennison Township as supervisors in 2016 are, from left, Bruce Thomas, chairman Sheila Weaver and vice-chair Michael Mack. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*

Looking back at 2015

by Clara R. Holder

Some of the more interesting local events reported in *The Journal-Herald* during 2015 are listed here. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is not a review of the year's major events, only of things noted in this paper, and dates listed (unless specified otherwise) are those of the publication, not of the events themselves.

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JULY 9 – After a delay of over a year a condemned building on the west side of north Main Street in White Haven was finally demolished. Over 100 years old, it had served various purposes, but was beyond saving.

JULY 16 – The resignation of Penn Lake Borough Council member Rich Geyer was accepted with regret.

White Haven Volunteer Fire Company was awarded \$26,600.00 in grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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Few changes during Weatherly council reorganization meeting

by Donnell Stump

District Magistrate Joseph Homanko was on hand to swear in Weatherly borough councilman George Miller and Mayor Thomas Connors at the start of the reorganization meeting Monday, January 4.

Following the ceremony, Mayor Connors called for a motion to appoint a vice-president of council. Weatherly's form of government provides for the mayor to serve as president of council in addition to his duties as mayor.

A motion from Harold Farrow and a second from Cecilia Gower placed Norm Richie's name into consideration. Richie has held this post in the past and retained his seat on council this year; he lost a run for the Mayor's

job in the recent election. A unanimous vote with Richie abstaining will see him continue in this role.

James Wetzel, who has been the vacancy chair or several years, will retain that job as well. The vacancy chair

provides assistance to council in naming a replacement should a council seat become vacant before someone's term of office expires.

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Editorial

Celebrating things Pennsylvania

by Seth Isenberg

Starting this Saturday, January 9, the Pennsylvania Farm Show begins its 100th year of celebrating some of the things that make Pennsylvania special. While at its heart an exposition of PA farms and farming, the event is more about our state's heartbeat. After all, we've got to eat. To that end, one of the highlights is the food court full of PA foods from appetizers to dessert.

The buildings north of the business and government center in Harrisburg are a jumble of arenas and display structures, and each year the Farm Show crams this enormous facility with critters, education booths, contests, PA-built items, PA foods, competitions, and much more. There are rows of the wares of PA-prepared foods, a corner devoted to PA wines, a section of PA schools. There are rooms of PA-grown items including Christmas trees, fruits, mushrooms, honey, and again lots more. Various buildings are devoted to critters raised by farm families to be shown by their children.

Since the early 1900s, this event has been at least a part of this building or nearby. Our local area isn't as farm-heavy, but area bakers, artists, crafters, and clothing makers are among those who compete for statewide recognition. There are even a few locals who compete from time-to-time in the PA High School Rodeo.

For 25 years, Ruth and I have attended this show—in all kinds of weather. It's a fun, full day, and a good healthy bit of exercise. For the price of parking, you can bring the whole family or just a carful and see our state in a different way, without the politics and at least with the food, with all the calories.

From the Archives

30 years ago in *The Journal-Herald*

Crestwood High School's class of 1964 celebrated their 20th anniversary with a party at Lobitz's in Hazleton. Among those on the committee were Kathy Brynock Meier, Cynthia Hallock Eckenrode, and Kathleen Stemple Stortz.

Timothy Alford was appointed Vice President of Sales for the new 170-room Galleria hotel, sports and business conference center at the Split Rock Resort that opened in December.

The White Haven Recreation Board hosts a Lapboard Party every Monday night at the Community Building.

A photo shows White Haven Community Ambulance Association president George Seguire receiving "a generous check" from White Haven Thriftway manager Chuck Usher at the site of the soon to be built new Ambulance building. Other donors include the Dotter family in memory of Raymond Dotter, the Quinn family, the Handlongs, the Seguines, the Gallaghers, the Weavers, the Reidys, and Marvin Uryc of Hazle Beer.

Mr. Usher is also in a photo presenting the Thriftway Market's giant Christmas stocking (nearly 4' tall) to Lisa Granta-no of Hickory Hills.

The Rainbow Coffee Shoppe in the Weatherly Plaza features breakfast 'til noon, and Leiby's Ice Cream.

Wagner Brothers Hardware Co. in Weatherly wished all readers a new year's greeting.

From *The Journal-Herald* January 5, 2012

Fisher's Picks & Packs store on the road to Penn Lake in Dennison Township opened for business last week.

The Country Place motel on Route 940 in Kidder Township, formerly Scotty's, is open again after remodeling.

This is the first full ski season where Peak Resorts owns the land as well as operates both Big Boulder and Jack Frost Ski Areas. Previously, Peak leased and operated both.

The Weatherly Area Community Library, located in the Bank of America building on Carbon Street in Weatherly, may need to look for a new home as BofA has put their building up for sale.

From *The Weatherly Herald* January 5, 1965

Miss Marlene Freed of RD1 Weatherly is attending the Atlantic Airline School in Hartford, CT. She spent time with relatives and family on New Year's Day, then departed (from Avoca or Philadelphia) by airplane for Hartford on Saturday.

Ann Raynock of RD2, Weatherly, a senior at Bloomsburg State College, has been selected for inclusion in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Landau's in Hazleton is "Growing, Growing" and is having a \$160,000 inventory sale to make room for their remodeling.

Lettiere's Garage on South Poplar Street in Hazleton is showing this year's new Jeep Gladiator 4-wheel drive pick-up truck.

The garbage dump (for Weatherly) will be open Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon to accommodate residents who wish to discard Christmas trees.

From *The Weatherly Herald* January 1935

Two businessmen from Athens, PA, took over active management of the Roxy Theatre in Weatherly, succeeding Benny Freed and Sam Fine, who renovated the place entirely several months ago.

The Weatherly Herald January 1915

Bell phones have been placed in the homes of C. W. Wilhelm, Elmer Beam and Ella Prugh.

A sleighing party of young ladies enjoyed a ride to Hazleton on Wednesday evening in one of Cassler's big sleighs.

"The Poor Farm hands are filling their new ice house with a fine quality of 12 inches of ice from the" pond at the poor house dam.

Reminder for Weatherly Residents

Borough residents are reminded to keep clear paths to their water and electric meters throughout the winter season to make easy access for the borough workers to read their meter.

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Certificate of Organization for a Domestic Limited Liability Company has been filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, pursuant to the provisions of the Limited Liability Company Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Act of December 7, 1994 (P.L. 703 No. 106) for the following Company:

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Drums, PA 18222

**Robert J. Gillespie, Jr.,
Esquire**
67 North Church Street
Hazleton, PA, 18201
570-454-5575

Weatherly...

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Attorney James Nanovic will remain as Solicitor.

Council agreed to hold regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month with a workshop meeting the preceeding Wednesday. Both sessions will start at 7 p.m.

Banking will continue with National Penn Bank and two signatures will be required for transactions. Among those who have signatory privilege are the president and vice-president of council; the treasurer, borough manager and borough secretary.

With no committee appointments to be made, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of council will be a workshop scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13 with the regular monthly voting meeting to be held on Monday, January 18.

Councilman Joe Cyburt was absent from the reorganization meeting which was attended by Connors, Miller, Farrow, Gower, Richie and Joe D'Andrea.

No new taxes in Weatherly; agreement reached with Packer

by Donnell Stump

Weatherly Borough Council approved a spending plan for 2016 that will not require a tax increase. Mayor Tom Connors specifically thanked borough manager Harold Pudliner for his diligence in crafting a budget that will see the borough accomplish much, but that did not require a tax increase or an increase in any of the borough offered utilities. The budget includes a costly project, repainting the water tank at well #2, which has been postponed because of concern about the cost.

No contributions are needed for the Uniform and the Non-Uniform Pension plans which remain funded.

Pudliner was authorized to begin the process of seeking a Tax Anticipation Loan. This type of financing is often done to get a municipality through the first months of a new fiscal year before tax dollars begin to be received.

Pudliner was also authorized to advertise the 2001 Dodge dumptruck chassis for sale. When asked by councilman Norm Richie if a minimum bid would be required, both Connors and Pudliner noted that council can reject any bid that is determined to be too low.

With \$848 turned over to the borough by the summer basketball league for the purchase of outdoor basketball banking boards and hoops, the borough will supply the remainder of the funds needed. They will be purchased and installed before the outdoor league resumes in 2016.

Council agreed to purchase a new floor cleaner for use at the Eurana Park Pavilion. The

cost of a new machine is just over \$4,500 while it would have cost more than \$2,000 to repair the old one. Councilman George Miller asked what will be done with the old cleaner. Pudliner said it will be advertised for sale.

A lengthy discussion preceded a vote on acceptance of the contribution offered by Packer Township for Fire Protection. The previous contribution had been \$6,800, with an additional \$965 for the insurance. Packer Township offered an additional \$2,000, an amount that falls short of what the borough had hoped to collect. According to Pudliner, that would put Packer's per capita contribution at roughly \$9 per township resident while Weatherly's share of Citizens' Fire Company expenses translates to a \$22.38 per capita cost. Weatherly Borough had requested a \$23,800 contribution from Packer Township.

Richie suggested tabling the offer. Connors asked, "Why turn this down?" suggesting taking the additional for this year and continuing to request more.

Richie alleged that we asked for help with the tanker purchase and they did not even reply. "It's been brought up for three years," he said. Connors asked if a letter had been sent requesting additional funds, Richie replied "no," to which Connors commented, "then it hasn't been brought up."

Councilman Harold Farrow agreed with Connors, saying, "Make it a one year agreement and then have an open meeting to discuss it." A 4-1 vote accepted the agreement

for 2016 only, with an open meeting with Packer Township sought later in the year to discuss. Richie voted no, with Connors and Farrow joined in accepting the offer by George Miller and Joseph D'Andrea. Cecelia Gower and Joe Cy-

burt were absent.

The regular schedule of meetings for January will include a caucus meeting on Wednesday, January 13 and the regular meeting on Monday, January 18.

Another change in magistrate

Dennison Township, Penn Lake and White Haven will see another change in District Magistrate, according to the announced step down of Ron Swank to senior status effective this week. The three local communities were added to Swank's largely Mountain Top district when former Magistrate Gerald Feissner stepped

down to senior status in May 2014 and his Freeland area district was abolished.

According to published reports Swank will continue to serve on a part-time basis with assistance from Feissner, until a new magistrate is appointed or elected. Two years remain in Swank's seventh elected term.

Police Blotter

PA State Police – Hazleton, are investigating a burglary at 277 Buck Mountain Road, Lehigh Twp., Weatherly, that happened between 2 and 8 p.m. on 12-25. Someone entered the home via the back door and removed a 65" TV, then fled in an unknown direction. PSP seeks anyone with information to call them at 570

459-3890 to aid in solving this crime.

PSP-H was called on 12-24 about a Sandy Valley, Foster Twp. 17 y/o girl who had gone for a walk about mid-day and not returned. She was last seen at the Freeland park. A search eventually located her in New York, and she returned to her parents safely.



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Death Roll

DARLENE SHOEMAKER

Darlene Frances Shoemaker, 66, formerly of White Haven, died Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at her home in Harrisburg.

A daughter of the late Albert and Phyllis Deppner Shoemaker, she was born in Wilkes-Barre, and resided in White Haven most of her life.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of White Haven, and had been employed at Split Rock Lodge, Lake Harmony, for 44 years prior to retirement.

Preceding her in death was sister Darrell Deisenroth, in 2009.

Surviving are sister and brother-in-law Deborah and David Lutz of Dauphin; a niece, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral was held Monday at Freeland, with the Rev. Mark L. Trump officiating. Burial was in Laurel Cemetery, White Haven.

Memorial donations may be made to Homeland Hospice, 2300 Vartan Way, Suite 115, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

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Pizza sale planned

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly will hold an unbaked pizza sale Friday, January 29, at the post home from 4-6 p.m.

Advance orders are appreciated, but walk-ins are always welcome. To order pizza contact Joan Drasher at 570-427-2587 or Georgia Farrow at 570-427-4527.

Also watch for information on our upcoming Persian Doughnut Sale.

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Looking back at 2015

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JULY 23 – Weatherly Area School District's Band Parents organization voted to change its name to more inclusive "Music Parents."

JULY 30 – Richard Campbell, Jr. was appointed to fill the vacancy on Penn Lake Borough Council.

AUGUST 13 – Morgan's Miracle Heart – a day of CHD awareness, along with a Flying Aces motorcycle run benefit, raised \$21,303 for a donation to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Making the check donation was benefit namesake Morgan Mengle of Weatherly.

White Haven Police Department sponsored its first ever and highly successful National Night Out at Lehigh Park.

Weatherly Area High School 2015 graduate Luke Reiner was awarded one of only two statewide Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarships.

Penny Kaminski of White Haven died August 8 at the age of 65. She had formerly been a kindergarten teacher in the Weatherly Area School system for many years.

SEPTEMBER 3 – Metro-Cast Communications held a grand opening of its new office in White Haven.

Bill Thomas of the Lake Harmony Fire Company was named Kidder Township Emergency Service Person of the Year.

Sitko's Farmhouse Restaurant in Dennison Township re-opened for business under the ownership of Sitko family members. Formerly known as Sitko's Barn, it had been under other management and then closed for a while.

SEPTEMBER 17 – The future of Kidder Township Fire

Company #1 (Lehigh Tannery) was in jeopardy, with the arrest of a former company official for allegedly stealing \$32,821.00 from the Firemen's Relief Funds, and pending action by the township Supervisors to delete the company from the 911 run card.

SEPTEMBER 24 – By a vote of 4 to 1 Kidder Township Supervisors followed through and removed the Lehigh Tannery Fire Company from the 911 run card, despite considerable opposition and fears expressed by residents of the north Kidder area.

OCTOBER 1 – Robert C. Faust, a former Lehigh Township Secretary-Treasurer, and a son of the late long-time Weatherly Herald owner Robert V. Faust, died September 25 at the age of 100.

NOVEMBER 12 – White Haven Ambulance Association dedicated a new ambulance, purchased as gift from the estate of the late John Murphy.

NOVEMBER 19 – Carbon County voters endorsed the reelection of the incumbent Commissioners, Republicans Wayne Nothstein and Tom Gerhard and Democrat William O'Gurek.

DECEMBER 3 – Penn Lake Borough Council voted to raise taxes .2 mills, in order

to establish a fund for future dam repairs.

Kidder Township Supervisors voted to raise taxes by one mill, in order to fund full time ambulance service; that increase had been approved by township voters in November. The Supervisors also voted to direct fire calls north of I-80 to Lake Harmony Fire Company, and fire calls south of I-80 to Albrightsville Fire Company – covering the area formerly served by Lehigh Tannery Fire Company.

Martin "Marty" Mrozinski of East Side Borough, softball coach at Penn State Hazleton, and highly regarded for his coaching at various area schools including Crestwood and Weatherly Area, died November 23 at the age of 60.

DECEMBER 17 – Weatherly Area School Board appointed former member Chad Obert to fill a two-year vacancy on the board that resulted when Matt vonFrisch was elected to both a two-year and a four-year term.

Rich Lipinski of White Haven was named interim softball coach for Penn State Hazleton; he had been coach Mrozinski's assistant for 12 years.

Donald Morgan, a retired 29-year employee of the Weatherly Post office, died December 13 at the age of 97.

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L&L December report

Lehigh and Lausanne Fire Company Chief Tim Rossman issued the following report:

December 4—Spill on North Lehigh Gorge Drive in Lehigh Township.

1 Call—1 Spill in Lehigh Township.

Training for month of December—The company had two members attend Hazmat Awareness Level Training at 3 hours each, 6 manhours total.

In the year 2015, they had a total of 544 manhours of certified Training Classes taken by members of the fire company.

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

SMALL POTATOES: It is human nature to make comparisons. Ours is better, ours is bigger, or ours is more important. Justifiably, personal experience weighs events to differently to each individual. An American soldier facing a determined enemy in 1918 in France, 1944 Europe or Pacific, Korea in 1953, Vietnam in 1967 or any of the Middle East wars since have all been engaged in a life and death struggle. A struggle meaning where something as simple as a shower or answering mother nature's call could get you killed.

In the good spirit of comradeship, all veterans take the opportunity to "BUST" each others chops about their

part in history., they earned that right. What angers me is when a leftist so called expert with no military experience, has the nerve to go on national TV and opines concerning their expertise on what others lived and no personal experience of their own. Standing on the shoulders of those who achieved, took the risks and fought the battles, they draw the life and death experiences of others like a sword they did not have the will or courage to carry themselves.

On a talk show, a supposed expert serving in a top US government agency summing up our war years said in comparison, the Vietnam War was "SMALL POTATOES." The same expert then claimed if

we would be nice and give terrorists (the chance to have a normal life, and work normal) jobs, they would not be terrorists.

By war's end in Vietnam, 58,220 Americans will have been killed. Looking at one day in the Vietnam war, today: January 8th, 1967 them "small potatoes" sure add up. American forces begin Operation Cedar Falls intended to drive enemy from the Iron Triangle. Engaged were 16,000 U.S. Soldiers from the 1st and 25th Infantry Divisions, 173rd Airborne Brigade and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. They would join 14,000 South Vietnamese troops. That's 30,000 troops going into a battle with an equal (or great-

er) number of enemy. So that's 60,000 people coming together to kill each other ... "Small Potatoes?"

When you're in a hostile land facing death daily, for each soldier there, size does not matter, it's a war, you live in hell. In WWII, the rules of engagement were to "WIN." We were not there to appease the enemy. Wars are won by attrition of fighting forces and their materials to wage war, along with the utter demoralizing the populace waging the war. To call Vietnam "small potatoes" is representative of a small political driven mind. A result of the new term affluenza. So rich one does not know right from wrong - a coddled person who has no idea of

the struggles of our men and women in uniform. Affluent parents who thrust their kids in a powerful position with no life experience, making decisions that threaten the lives of our troops who stand in defense of freedom. The same affluent people who never seen or smelled death except for a cosmetically enhanced funeral, sits in judgment of others who face the horror of war by day, and cry at night for what they had to do by day.

To call Vietnam, or any war our troops go in harm's way to fight "small potatoes" is a reflection of those who lead us. These people are politically correct to a point that American taxpayers' hard earned money funds nations that burn our flag and kill our citizens, while those who fought the battle wait for care in an ever expanding web of VA corruption and crime.

It would seem we have become a nation of followers of a sack of small potatoes who cannot lead, only appease.

In a final reflection, it is we the people who put them there, it is we the people who now suffer from our choices. It is also we the people who need to fix and change the career political class system that frees murdering terrorists and jails our own troops.

Legion Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly will hold their first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 18, 2016 at the post home starting at 7:00 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The partial budget Governor Wolf line item vetoed does NOT contain any mechanism to fund the state budget in toto. All it does is use the \$23 billion the governor signed off on that the state will surely collect in current taxes. The Governor did NOT get the legislation he wanted to reimburse the schools and service agencies for interest charges that they have ALREADY incurred. This was an innovative idea to help schools and service agencies cover the unfair budget stalemate charges they have already incurred. Of course, the GOP didn't even bother to put the governor's attempt at restoring some fairness to the suffering entities in their bill.

I wish you would DOCUMENT the "quite a bit more in

taxes" Governor Wolfe wants all of us to pay. Is one more penny on the dollar quite a bit more in either sales tax or income tax ? Considering the Governor was going to use this one cent in a dollar to reduce property taxes by restoring the billion dollars Gov. Corbett cut in 2011 which fell on the backs of the property taxpayers not to mention the 20,000 teachers laid off. Who is going to reimburse the parents of students who had to pay to play sports or clubs or in the band (Tamaqua as an example) because of Gov. Corbett?

Governor Wolf was elected over our late failed governor Corbett by one MILLION votes. Gov. Wolf was elected by a large majority for two main reasons - to restore funding to the schools and

to FINALLY, FINALLY tax the Marcellus Shale drillers after 9 years of tax free extraction. The FEES the drillers pay go only to areas and counties their drilling has destroyed - roads, bridges, lakes, rivers, forests, drinking water. These payments are compensation for damages and don't go into the general Fund to benefit all Pennsylvanians. If the extraction taxes all other FORTY NINE states collect from drillers were collected in PA, there would have been \$5-10 BILLION additional taxes our populace would NOT have to pay.

Do you know that many Pennsylvania businesses that make their profits here pay Delaware their phony "headquarters" and pay tax to Delaware and not PA, even if all the business profits are made

in PA ? Our corrupt legislature from both parties have allowed this farce to continue for decades. Gov. Wolf's attempts at correcting this have been ignored by the GOP-controlled legislature, of course.

Finally, your odd observation that raising taxes in PA would drive away NY and NJ people from NE PA due to high taxes is laughable. Please ask anyone who lives in NY or New Jersey about their state income, property and sales taxes compared to PA. Stopgap budgets are just a GOP attempt to have us forget about Marcellus Shale drillers' decade long free ride on PA taxpayers' backs. This stalemate is 99% due to our corrupt GOP state legislature.

David Panckeri

WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 10

V.F.W. Post 6615 & Home Association Meeting — 2:00 p.m. — Post Home

Monday, January 11

W.H. Chamber of Commerce Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Jireh's Restaurant

Tuesday, January 12

W.H. Lions Cub Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Jack's Grille
Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary Meetings — 7:30 p.m. — Fire House

Wednesday, January 13

Bingo — 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.) — St. Patrick's Parish Center

Thursday, January 14

Penn Lake Park Borough Council Work Session — 6:30 p.m., Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Community House
Foster Township Planning Commission Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Township Municipal Building

Every Thursday & Monday Except Holidays

Joy Through Movement — 10:00 a.m. — W.H. United Methodist Church

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays

Scrabble Club — 6:30 p.m. — White Haven Area Community Library

Every Friday Except Fifth Friday & Holidays

W.H. Food Pantry — 10:00 a.m. to Noon — Rear, Hickory Hall, White Haven Center

Every Friday, Monday & Wednesday Except Holidays

Free Community Lunch — Serving 11:30 a.m. to Noon — St. Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall

Every Saturday

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — St. Patrick's Parish Center

Every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Mountainview Community Church

Every Tuesday

Al-Anon Meeting — 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. — Presbyterian Church of W.H.

Every Third Tuesday Except Holidays

Book Club — 7:00 p.m. — White Haven Area Community Library

Every Wednesday Except Holidays

Stretch & More — 10:00 a.m. — St. Paul's Lutheran Church

WH Seniors meeting

The White Haven Seniors will not hold their January 7 meeting as previously scheduled. We will hold our January 21 meeting at the VFW at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome to join them.

CHS NFL Football Party Playoff correction

Crestwood Baseball Booster Club is hosting an NFL Football Playoff Party at the Dorrance Inn on January 16 from 4-6 p.m.

Admission is \$20 per person, which includes food and beverages. Come out to

watch the game and help support Crestwood Baseball.

With any questions or for further information, please feel free to email paulam-graves1@yahoo.com.

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WAHS ADOPT A VET PROGRAM: This year, for one of Bobbi Ann Kufro's High School Serving Learning Projects, the entire Weatherly Area High School was invited to participate in the Adopt a Vet program.

After contacting the VA hospital, the Family Consumer Science class adopted a local veteran for the holiday. An outpouring of donations was received from many caring students and their families, staff, and faculty members for this Vietnam era vet. This gentleman received warm clothing, cleaning supplies, a collection of old movies, and other comforts.

The class thanks everyone who participated in this successful venture. The project was a kind reminder of the importance and power of giving.

Members of the high school Family Consumer Science class pose with some of the gifts for Project Be a Hero, Help a Hero. Pictured from left are Liz Coll, Deanna Strouse, Stephanie Carter, Jasmine Montalvo, Hailey Coxe, and Lindsey Hoffman.



1/15 Steve Forbert
\$23, Show 8 p.m.

1/16 New West Guitar Group
w/Vocalist Sara Gazarek
\$18, Show 8 p.m.

1/17 Taarka
\$15, Show 6:30 p.m.

1/22 Dirty Bourbon River Show
\$18, Show 8 p.m.

1/23 KICK - the INXs Experience
\$20, Show 8 p.m.

1/24 40 Story Radio Tower -
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Nyke Van Wyke
\$10, Show 4 p.m.

1/29 Donna The Buffalo
w/City of The Sun
\$26, Show 8 p.m.

1/30 Dead On Live - Grateful
Dead Singalong Show
\$25, Show 8 p.m.

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Weatherly Area Elementary and Middle school has announced the John Hopkins qualifiers for this academic year. This is achieved by scoring advanced in both Language Arts and Math on the 2015 PSSA testing.

The following students, pictured from left, are included: Front row- Owen Broskoskie, Michael Berger, Ashley Pleban, and Luke Derr. Back row- Holly Gehman, Kelly Royer, Michayla McPeak, and MacKenzie Sherman.



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Thursday, January 7

Weatherly Rotary Club Dinner Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Weatherly Country Inn

Weatherly Flower Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Zions Lutheran Church Annex

Sunday, January 10

Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to Noon– Silver Ridge Hunting Club

Monday, January 11

Lausanne Township Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Agnes Klynowsky Residence

Weatherly Area PTA Meeting - 7:00 p.m. – W.A. Elementary/Middle School Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 12

Shepherd House Food Pantry

– 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Zions Lutheran Church Annex
Citizens' Volunteer Fire Company Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Fire House

Wednesday, January 13

Weatherly Area School Board Regular Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – W.A. Middle School

Thursday, January 14

Senior Citizens Friendship Club Meeting – 1:30 p.m. – Salem U.C.C.

Bingo Night – 7:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.) – Tweedle Park

Greater Weatherly Area Ambulance Association Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Ambulance Building

Every Thursday

State Representative Doyle Heffley Outreach Office – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Weatherly Borough Building

Senior Menu

Week of January 11:

Monday: Barley soup, Caesar salad with chicken, crackers, fruit cobbler.

Tuesday: Vegetable lasagna, Italian vegetables, crackers, fruited gelatin.

Wednesday: Pork & peppers, buttered noodles, broccoli & carrots, crackers, banana.

Thursday: Breakfast sausage, hash browns, peppers & onions, French toast, cottage cheese with fruit.

Friday: Italian wedding soup, meatball sandwich, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail.

Salem UCC services update

Salem United Church of Christ, Weatherly, will hold Sunday services at 9:30 a.m. in the downstairs social rooms of the

church to conserve heat.

Services will resume upstairs in the church on Palm Sunday.

Presbyterians to meet

The Congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian Church will not be held on January 10, but will be held on January 17 at 11 a.m. A lunch will follow. All are welcome.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 11 a.m. Music will be provided by Jeanne Korshalla.

The theme will be "Beloved Child."

Members will attend the Christmas-New Years Party at the Freeland Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. Bring a covered dish. For information call the Rev. Glen Hueholt at 570-722-8803 or 239-672-2706.

Weatherly Area PTA to meet

The Weatherly Area PTA will hold the first monthly meeting of 2016 on January 11 beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the elementary/middle school cafeteria and is open to members and non-members alike.

Planning will begin for the Spring Scholastic Book Fair to be held in March, and for PSSA snacks and breakfast.

Additional information may be found on the Weatherly Area PTA Facebook page, by calling PTA president Donnell Stump at 570-579-8801, or e-mailing wasdpta@weatherlysd.org.

If there is no school on January 11 or an early dismissal that day the meeting will be postponed to Monday, January 25 at 7 p.m.

EMI Satellite Opens at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton



Lehigh Valley Health Network officially opened a satellite of the George E. Moerkirk Emergency Medicine Institute at LVH–Hazleton on December 14.

Local emergency medical services and Lehigh Valley Health Network MedEvac providers were the first to attend a continuing education session conducted at the satellite, which is located on the first floor of the Business and Education Center at LVH–Hazleton.

When the Moerkirk EMI was founded in 1987 in Allentown, it was his primary mission that EMI would provide education to the EMS community. Each year, the EMI provides training for various certification courses for the network's health care providers.

Join Weight Watchers group

A new Weight Watchers group will be starting on January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Church on the Lehigh Gorge Road, White Haven.

A 12 week session is only \$120, and there is no registration fee. Call Louise Fino at 570-443-8182 to reserve your spot.

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It remains today as it was back in 1987. Moerkirk EMI currently offers more than 32 curriculums for healthcare providers of all licensed and certification levels. Additionally, the training institute also provides first aid and CPR training for the lay community. This addition will provide monthly continuing education programs, multiple certification classes such as Prehospital Trauma Life Support and Basic Life Support/Advanced Life Support skill review sessions, and EMS town hall meetings. CPR classes may be offered in the near future.



Brandon's Forever Home, a non-profit organization established to raise adoption and foster care awareness, received a pleasant surprise when the intensive care unit at Lehigh Valley Hospital–Hazleton collected 100 gifts for their clients and "adopted" two older children who have aged out of foster care. Pictured (from left) are Sandy Cusatis, unit clerk; Nicole Samec, RN; Krista Wilson, RN; Dave Hirko, RN; Lori Ogurkis, Brandon's Forever Home president; Katie Moore, LVH–Hazleton pharmacist and Brandon's Forever Home secretary; Amy Loyd, RN; Amanda Kalinowski, RN. Linda Moscon, RN who collaborated on the project, is missing from the photo.

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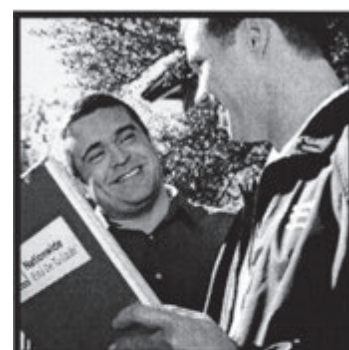
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WAHS First quarter honor roll

Weatherly Area High School Principal Stuart Tripler has released the Honor Roll for the First Marking Period.

Principal's Honor Roll: To be included on the Principal's Honor Roll, students must achieve a 95 average or better with no grade below 90.

Freshmen: Nicholas Berger, Kathleen Graham, Derek Houser, Rosemarie Kramer, Calista Kuhl, Jason Lash, Jeremy Moser, Lillian Newton, Kevin Osifat, Samantha Paisley, Alicia Penning, Mason Podgers, Nikki Polivka, Hannah Stefansky, Owen Stewart, Alexis Wilkinson, Emily Zosci.

Sophomores: Jesse Gehman, Marie Gunderman, Joel Hinkle, Julia Hinkle, Samantha Knepper, Victoria Luck-

waldt, Jessica McKee, Andrea Stank, Khadijah Zuberi.

Juniors: Marybeth Braun, Chance Brewer, Christina Caravella, Samantha DeSpirito, Morgan Gower, Richard Grenet, Hayli Heister, Jacqueline Henry, John Hinkle III, Joelene Hunsinger, Morgan Kipikasa, Evan Kunkle, Nalani Lowman, Christopher MacNeal, Louis Mastroddi, Gabrielle Obert, Autumn Shoener, Dana Weiss.

Seniors: Shelby Berger, Dillon Bizarre, Trent Dempsey, Joshua Donish, Julia Generoso, Jacquelyn Gillott, Ciana Gomez, Casey Harry, Alexis Hartz, Allyson Isom, Muskan Khatiwala, Megan McClintock, Meghan Moon, Joshua Naegele, Samantha Neikum, Michael Nemshick

IV, Ashley Nunez, Summer Peck, Frank Shor, Ericka Shuman, Andrew Solonoski, Allyson Watkins, Olivia Winheld, Aaron Zullick.

First Honors: Students must achieve a 90 average or better with no grade below 85 to be awarded First Honors.

Freshmen: Kaileigh Barnes, Elizabeth Coll, Arlene Connors, Hailey Coxe, Abigail Hernandez, Lindsey Hoffman, Brie Katona, Stephen MacNeal, Jessica Maddock, Anthony Maguschak, Anika Parsons, Megan Peifer, Kayla Summa, Jared Zarembo.

Sophomores: Jillian Bartel, Ryan Gillott, Emily Horan, Sarah Howard, Huntyn Kephart, Robert Pressler, Robert Scholler, Necarly Serrata, Deanna Stolpe, Frank

Summa.

Juniors: William Bachart, Christopher Bleiler, Haley Brown, Breena Coxe, Keith Cullen, Keith Gunderman, Madison Hartz, Molly Isom, Samantha Kane, Michael Kennelly, Samantha Leining, Gavin Newton, Zachary Peiser, Kimberly Ray, Lynea Reiner.

Seniors: Tharon Brewer, Kevin Dougherty, Luke Figas, Joseph Genetti, Ronald Gerhart, Kimberly Harrison, Morgan Mengle, Lee Nyer, Kyle Osifat, Shai'Anne Perkins, Tori Rhodes, Katlyn Sernak, Eric Shellock, Jake Stover, Cyrick Thomas.

Second Honors: Students must achieve an 85 average or better with no grade below 80 to receive Second Honors.

Freshmen: Courtney Chio-razzi, Kloe Coll, Nicole Gordon, Christopher Keller Jr.,

DeAnna Strouse.

Sophomores: Katelynn Ache, Johnathan Arthur, Gary Buck, Kimberly Carter, Traig Dempsey, Zoe Downs, Gabriella Hernandez, Alan Knepper Jr., Kaitlyn Lindemuth, Jonathan McKee, Zachary Moon, Mackenzie Walsh, Cheyenne Weston, Sierra Weston, C Steph Yurchak.

Juniors: Stephanie Carter, Dylan Cowin, Devon Dolinsky, Mark Good Jr., Lynn Gunderman, Keri Hoffman, Megan Kipikasa, Amanda Marocchini, Kaitlin Miller, Kayli Mumie, Allaycia Rodriguez.

Seniors: Dustin Dugon, Casey Grover, Chester Gunderman, Julian Jarama, Ryan Sedlack, Jacob Sirkot.

WAMS 1st quarter honor roll

The Weatherly Area Middle School recently announced the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2015-2016 school year.

Principal's Honor Roll- The criteria for students to earn Principal's Honors is to attain an average grade of 95 or better in major subjects with no grade below 90 in any subject taken.

Sixth Grade: Anna Castillo, Alexa Hoppes, Jash Khatiwala, Gianna Lowman, Timothy Maguschak, Rhianne Markovchick, Owen Podgers, Richard Ray, Jayce Shupe, Frank Willis.

Seventh Grade: Ethan Broskoskie, Alexis Colecio, Amanda Colecio, Antonio Colecio, Luke Derr, Jaiden Evangelista, Holly Gehman,

Michael Gower, Jr., Alyssa Heister, Shayla Heitzman, Madilyn Hinkle, Olivia Hirko, Ashley James, Lilli Kunkle, Tanya McCroy, Tiffany McCroy, Will Nyer, Nicole Osifat, Antonia Prete, Skyler Provizzi, Kelly Royer, Isabella Wagner, Scott Zoscini.

Eighth Grade: Rachael Caccese, Elijah Derr, Morgan Gonzalez, Mackenzie Sherman.

First Honors- The criteria for students to earn First Honors is to attain an average grade of 90-94 in major subjects with no grade below an 85 in any subject taken.

Sixth Grade: Abigail Hinkle, Kayla Jones, Mason

Jones, Jessica Moser, Mason Stewart, Brady Walters.

Seventh Grade: Austin Fox, Tai Gettig, Grace Miller, Anthony Summa.

Eighth Grade: Alexis Berger, Kayla Deppen, Girard Fewins, Alianna Hernandez, Kenneth Hinkle, Albert Kislán, Michayla McPeak, Abigail Milore, Alyssa Murphy, Ryan Schertrumpf, Justin Wyffels.

Second Honors- The criteria for students to earn Second Honors is to attain an average grade of 85-89 in major subjects with no grade below an 80 in any subject taken.

Sixth Grade: Gavin Brad-

ley, Zachary Bresnak, Jacob Collora, Nariana Cordoba, Jessica Howard, Yesenia Landeros-Gutierrez, Mariyan Lawson, George Prusak, Jr.

Seventh Grade: Makenna Bankes, Alexandra Bloom, Trusten Dempsey, Louis Fiol, Antonio Ieraci-Rivera, Emily Lencovich, Trevor Lowman, Elizabeth Marshman, Sierra McLaughlin, Kyle Michaels, Linsey Strouse, Blaize Wainwright, Eric Walsh, Yasin Zuberi.

Eighth Grade: Lauren Berger, Ashton Gerhard, Alexander Landis, Braden Markovchick, Nicholas Pleban, Jazzalyn Rodriguez.

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Marian open house

The 25th annual open house program for prospective seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents will be held on January 31 at Marian Catholic High School.

"Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." is the theme for 2016. The program begins at 1 p.m. with registration.

Tours, discussions, booth displays, and door prizes will follow.

The program concludes at 3 p.m. with a drawing for \$500 toward tuition for the 2016-17 or 2017-18 school year. You must be present to win.

Anyone needing more information, call the development office at 570-467-0641.

Readers—want your organization's activities featured in these pages? Send news tips, press releases and photos to the editor at journalruth@pa.metrocast.net, or call 570-443-9131 xt304.

Coming Events

JANUARY 10, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Silver Ridge Hunting Club, Weatherly

JANUARY 13, Wednesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven

JANUARY 16, Saturday – Weatherly Areas High School Hall of Fame Games & Dinner

JANUARY 17, Sunday – Kids Free Throw Contest, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 12105, Weatherly

JANUARY 20, Wednesday – Quarterly Meeting of American Legion Post 592, White Haven

JANUARY 22, Friday – Unbaked Pizza Sale, sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Church, Weatherly

JANUARY 31, Sunday – Bingo, sponsored by Weatherly Area High School Senior Parents

FEBRUARY 5, Friday – Clothing Giveaway, sponsored by Freeland Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 7, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, White Haven

FEBRUARY 7, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire Company

FEBRUARY 20, Saturday – Cherry Festival, sponsored by Salem United Church of Christ, Weatherly

This column is open to all organizations in the Weatherly, White Haven, Freeland, Albrightsville, Blakeslee, Conyngham/Drums, Lake Harmony & Mountain Top areas. If your organization is planning a fund-raising activity, or other special event open to the public, you may have it listed by calling 570-443-9131. There is no charge for this service.

Salem UCC Chinese Auction seeking donations

Chairwomen for Salem United Church of Christ's upcoming Chinese auction, Donna Miscavige and Mary Rose Minnick, are currently accepting donations of wrapped theme baskets, store or restaurant gift certificates/cards, or crafts or money for the auction, which will be held in conjunction with the annual Cherry Festi-

val on February 20.

The above prizes can be taken to the church office, or arrangements for pick-up or drop-off can be made by calling Miscavige at 570-427-4515 or Minnick at 570-427-8865.

Due to the work involved in putting the baskets together, creating the proxy sheets, and having enough time prior to the auction to sell the proxies, no more prizes will be accepted after the deadline of January 31.

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LCCC accepting submissions to 50th anniversary Juried Permanent Art Collection

Lehigh Carbon Community College will be accepting entries for a permanent art collection to be displayed on all campuses as part of the college's 50th anniversary celebration. All LCCC current students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members with an affiliation to LCCC are invited to participate. All media, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, mixed media, ceramics, and photography will be accepted.

A maximum of three works may be entered per artist. Entries may not exceed 72 inches in any one dimension, and 50 pounds is the

maximum weight for work. All watercolors, photographs, graphics, and pastels must be under glass or acrylic, and all 2-D work must be framed. Upon acceptance, the artwork becomes part of the LCCC permanent collection through donation by the artists.

Images of all artwork must be submitted digitally. Digital entries must be unenhanced digital JPEG, high-resolution (300 dpi) sent via email to art50@lccc.edu. Digital entries must be no larger than 1mb (megabyte) and labeled with artist name, medium, title of work and framed dimensions in the subject line of the

email. Deadline for digital entries is February 1, 2016.

A group of three jurors will be selecting the art which will be accepted in the permanent collection, and the artists will be notified by February 22. An exhibit of accepted pieces is planned for March 10-16 with the opening reception on March 10 from 4-6 p.m. in the Lisa Scheller and Wayne Woodman Community Services Center, main campus in Schnecksville.

For more information about this event, please contact Corinne Lalin at art50@lccc.edu. The form is downloadable from <http://50.lccc.edu/enter-art-contest>.

Penn State Extension offers home study course on beef, sheep, goat, and swine production

Beef, sheep, meat-goat, and swine producers looking for information on how to make their livestock enterprises more profitable can take advantage of four home-study courses offered by Penn State Extension this winter.

The courses, all of which begin February 3, will cover profit-enhancing production principles for raising beef, sheep, meat goats, and swine. Lessons are available through conventional mail delivery or through email and the Internet. The courses each have six weekly lessons; but, the beef course has seven lessons.

Lesson topics include production basics, selection principles (beef), nutrition, health, reproduction, marketing, and financial issues. Each lesson has information about the topic, and a worksheet for producers to complete and mail or email back to Penn State Extension for comments. Producers can also submit questions they would like to have answered.

"Each course is a great way for producers to learn new information without having to rearrange their schedule to accommodate a meeting," said Melanie Barkley, extension educator based in Bedford County, who is co-

ordinating the courses. "Producers can study the lessons at their leisure in their own home. The courses are designed for beginning producers and for those who wish to start a livestock operation in the future.

Worksheet questions are designed to assist producers with analyzing their current operation. Course instructors address comments to participants' individual situations to better help them improve their management skills.

According to Barkley, more than 1,900 producers from across the country have taken one or more of the courses. "Producers' comments following completion of the courses show that infor-

mation offered in the courses was very beneficial for them," she said. "Producers are able to adapt the information for use in their own operations."

For more details or to sign up for a course, go to <http://extension.psu.edu/animals/health/events> or call 814-445-8912.

To speak to one of the instructors, contact the Penn State Extension Office in Bedford County at 814-623-4800 or in Fulton County at 717-485-4111.

Cost for each course is \$50 if taken via email and the Internet, and \$85 if taken using U.S. Postal Service deliveries. Deadline for registration is January 20.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We were coming home from Saturday night's WBS Penguins win, and were finally able to see the lights on at Big Boulder Ski Area. December was really tough for all of our local ski areas, so tough that the Christmas week and all of the extra business vanished with the high temperatures. The coming of the New Year brought a return to more normal winter weather and good snowmaking temper-

atures – especially with single digit nighttime temps on Monday and Tuesday. It's cold and dry enough for the snow-making teams to get the trails covered, so now, we just need skiers.

On New Years' weekend, things were busy in and around Blakeslee, a good sign that the at least some of the skiers are back.

Last Wednesday, I drove to the office in time to help load

a vehicle. Chess, our English pointer, greeted the driver while I started to help without noticing where the dog was. I got to talking to the driver afterwards, then Ruth got a call asking if we had a new deliverer for The Journal. Our dog had taken herself for a walk one block up Main Street and invited herself in to the borough office where they gave her a Christmas cookie and checked her tag. When Ruth got there, Chess was being fussed over and not at all unhappy. Later that afternoon, when Ruth took her along (on leash) for a walk to the Post Office, she tried to pull her in to visit her new friends at the borough office on the way back.

Chess got lots of extra attention over the long weekend. On New Years Day, given that we got to bed late after a party, we took Chess for an afternoon walk along the Lehigh Gorge rail trail from Tannery towards White Haven while heavy flurries fell. It was just our very happy dog and us - she spent a lot of the time carrying a stick but not sharing (so no fetch). Saturday we took a mid-day walk at an old favorite, Tuscarora State Park near Hometown where we did a loop on trails above the lake. I picked a spot where Chess could go in for a brisk swim since it wasn't too cold. She stayed in the water for a few stick retrievals. In years past when we made this walk at this time of year with the park snow-covered and the lake frozen. On this day, people were out fishing. Sunday we took a hike on the Susquehanna Riverlands opposite the Berwick nuclear power plant, walking to the river through harvested farm

fields and under the billowing steam from the towers.

Gasoline prices continue to drop, with the best prices in our area and near Lehighton at \$2.09.9 per gallon. It should be a good year for gasoline and oil prices.

On Saturday, we listened to the Penn State football bowl game as we drove toward our hike with Chess and later, some shopping. The Nittany Lions got too far behind, and when their offense finally clicked, there wasn't enough time to fight all the way back. This meant that all the PA division 1 teams lost their bowl games. Still, they ALL got to play in one ... so here's to a decent college football year in Pennsylvania for Temple, Pittsburgh and Penn State; next year is going to be even better.

In other sports, the 76ers have begun to win now that

there's a veteran point guard to lead them - thank you to Jerry C. who got the team to add Ish Smith.

Looking ahead, this Saturday we are headed for the PA Farm Show for the day. We'll even skip a local hockey game in order to see the PA High School Rodeo, plus everything else that will be on display. Through January, our plan is to explore some of PA's great indoors in January. Our state and also New Jersey are blessed with some very good small museums. We are planning to see several of them for the first time.

The WBS Penguins go on the road these next few weeks when the Ice Show comes to Wilkes-Barre. The team is winning again – we got our goalie back from Pittsburgh, and some scoring help. Next home games after this Saturday are at the end of January.

LCCC holds SEED program information nights

If you are you a student with a disability and struggling to be successful in college, need training or services in academic skills, communication skills, socialization, or independent living, or could benefit from being connected with a peer mentor and/or the ability to work with an academic/career coach, Lehigh Carbon Community College's new SEED program is available.

The Success, Engagement, Education, Determination (SEED) program was developed through a grant received from the Pennsylvania Developmental Disability Council. LCCC will be partnering with Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living to provide comprehensive follow along

services for students with disabilities interested in either an academic or career track program. Programming will begin in July.

Information nights for people interested in the program are scheduled at main campus in Schnecksville from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: January 14 in Rothrock Library, room 120; February 2 in the Community Services Center, room 205; March 14 in the Rothrock Library, room 120.

The application deadline is April 1. If interested, complete an application at www.LCCC.edu/seed. For more information, contact Michelle Mitchell at mmitchell@lccc.edu.

Freeland Presbyterian news

Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at the Freeland Presbyterian Church, 625 Front Street. Music will be provided by Janet Hartman. The theme will be "Beloved Child."

The Christmas-New Year Party will be in the Fellowship Room at 5 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. All are welcome. For information call the Rev. Glen R. Hueholt, 570-722-8803 or 239-672-2706.

Heritage Hill high stakes bingo

Get ready for some high-stakes games of bingo. Heritage Hill Senior Community invites the public for an exciting afternoon of bingo, with chances to win big prizes on January 12 at 2 p.m.

Warm up to six games of bingo with some fabulous prizes at Heritage Hill. Winners have a chance to win prizes like a 34-inch flat screen TV, a Blu Ray player, and more.

In case of inclement weather, the snow date for this event is January 14. This event is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited. Please RSVP by calling Rachael or Toni at 570-427-4500.

For more information, call Rachael Kapes, marketing director, at 570-427-4500 or visit www.heritagehillssr.com.

WAHS Alumni meeting

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Weatherly Area High School Alumni Association will be held January 21 at

7 p.m. in the Weatherly Area Middle School LGI Room. All general members are encouraged and invited to attend.



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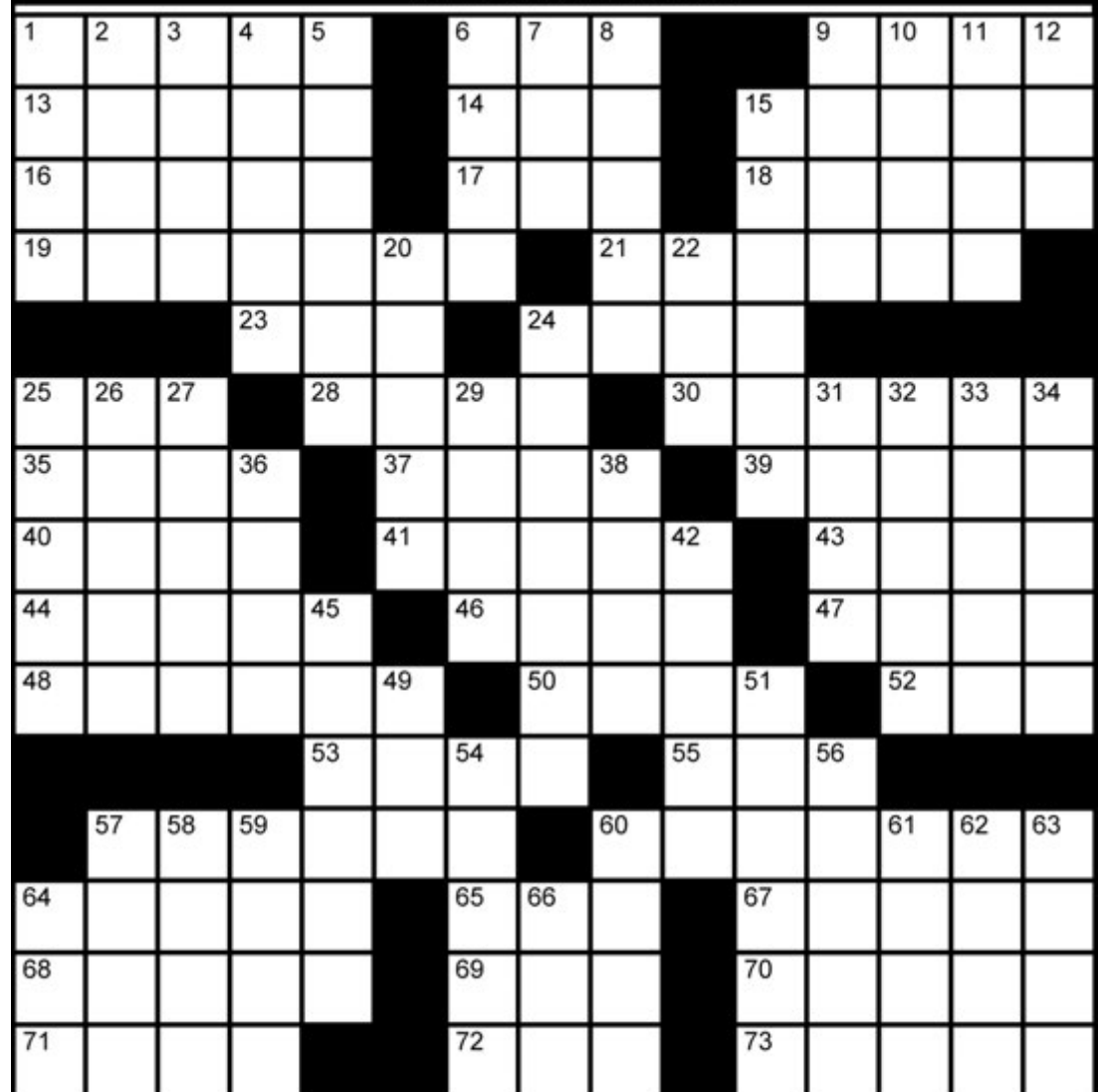
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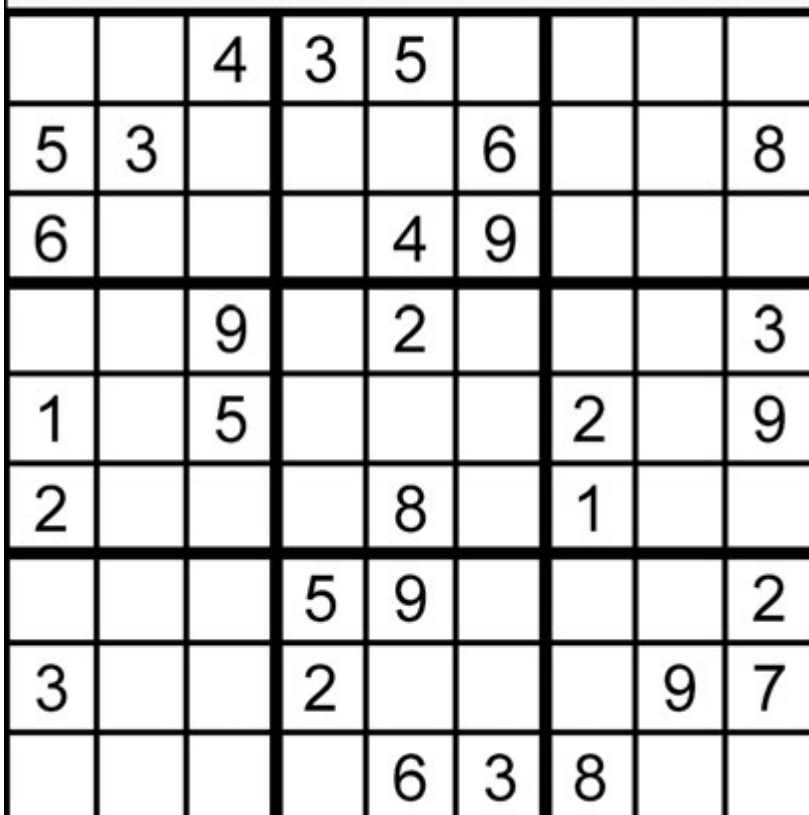
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Shenandoah Vy. Slows Lady Wreckers' run to the top

by Steve Stallone,
Sports Editor

Winning six of their first eight games in 2015, the Weatherly Area girls are putting their basketball program back on the map under second-year head coach Kevin Kringe. On Monday night, however, the young Lady Wreckers found out they have more to learn and more hurdles to clear if they want to get to the top.

Defending District 11 Class A champion Shenandoah Valley invaded the Weatherly Area Middle School gym and imposed its will on the up-and-coming Lady Wreckers, using a strong defense and a patient offense to slow down Weatherly's up-tempo attack. In the process, the Lady Devils also showed that they aren't quite ready to relinquish their spot as an elite team in the district and Schuylkill League Division III ranks.

The Lady Devils limited Weatherly to four baskets on the break, and just 11 on the night in posting a key 47-30 win that kept them perfect on the road this season. Shenandoah Valley led from wire to wire, improving to 8-4 overall (8-0 on the road) and evening their record in the league at 2-2.

The night was a humbling experience for the Lady Wreckers, who dipped to 6-3 overall and 1-3 in Division III play. All three of their losses have come at the hands of the Division III powers. "We just weren't ready for the big lights," Kringe said of his young Lady Wreckers, who have two freshmen in the starting lineup. "We're like a roller-coaster. We have highs and lows. It's the sign of a young team. We weren't ready for that big-time stage yet."

Shenandoah Valley head coach Chris Conroy had his team ready for Weatherly's fast break attack, and short-circuited the Lady Wreckers from the get-go. "We prepped for this game. We didn't want to get in a rat race with Weatherly up and down the floor. That's not really our style," Conroy said. "Coming in, watching them on film,

they like to go. We wanted to try to force our style, force our will on them."

Although both teams started slow offensively, Shenandoah Valley broke the ice on Molly Michalik's driving basket midway through the first quarter. A Marcella Creasy 3-pointer and another Michalik basket on the break finished off a 7-0 run that gave the Lady Devils a lead they would never relinquish.

Weatherly got within a point late in the opening quarter after Shelby Berger nailed the second of back-to-back perimeter shots to make it 9-8. But Carly Teachenko's fast-

advantage (18-8 in the second half), and made the most of 14 offensive rebounds with either putbacks or trips to the foul line. "We were actually not happy in the first half. We thought they were beating us to the 50-50s," Conroy said. "In the second half I thought we got a couple extras off the missed free throws. We need that."

Although the Lady Wreckers got a wing swish from Berger and a steal and fast-break score from Zoscin to start the second half, Shenandoah Valley began to force its will and dominate the paint at the other end. Michalik's

la's going to give us those steady doubles. Michalik hit some shots and got out on the break and got some easy ones for us tonight.

"It might be one of the better games we've played, because I do think Weatherly's got a nice little team," Conroy added. "This was a huge game. To steal one on the road after dropping two close ones at home, this was big. Hopefully we can build on it."

Zoscin finished with 12 points and five steals for Weatherly Area, which shot a chilly 11-of-45 from the field. Berger and freshman Megan Peifer had eight points apiece. "We got our houses cleaned tonight," Kringe said. "It's a good learning experience for us. We've got to take some things from it, learn from it."

Weatherly's difficult schedule resumed this week with a home game against Williams Valley on Thursday, followed by a trip to Jim Thorpe on Saturday.

In Monday's junior varsity game, Weatherly Area improved to 5-3 with a 44-25 victory. Lindsey Hoffman scored 12 points and Abby Hernandez added 10 for Weatherly.

SHENANDOAH VY. (47) A. Demalis 0 3-5 3, Teaschenko 2 0-2 4, Creasy 4 4-6 14, Wargo 2 0-2 4, Michalik 3 2-2 9, E. Demalis 2 0-0 4, Najera 3 2-2 9. Totals: 16 11-19 47.

WEATHERLY AREA (30) Zoscin 4 3-5 12, Hartz 0 0-0 0, Berger 4 0-0 8, Gillott 0 0-2 0, Peifer 2 4-4 8, Caravella 0 0-0 0, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Gower 1 0-0 2, Hoffman 0 0-0

0. Totals: 11 7-9 30.

Shenandoah Vy.....11 14 11 11 - 47
Weatherly Area.....8 9 6 7 - 30

Three-pointers: Creasy 2, Michalik. Zoscin.

Weatherly 74, Schuylkill Haven 56 - Emily Zoscin scored a career-high 27 points, one of four Lady Wreckers in double figures in their non-league win over visiting Schuylkill Haven last week. Weatherly jumped out to a 10-point lead (23-13) after one quarter, and pulled away in the second half to win its third straight game.

Joining Zoscin in double figures were Lexi Hartz with a season-high 16 points, Megan Peifer with 14 and Shelby Berger with 13. Schuylkill Haven had three double-digit scorers in Alyssa Gerber (18), Kyla Umbenhaur (14) and Sarah Donati (13).

The Weatherly jayvees posted a 48-34 win in the opener as Lindsey Hoffman scored 15 points.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN (56) Gerber 6 6-11 18, Donati 5 3-4 13, M. Werez 2 0-0 4, Umbenhaur 5 4-11 14, Farr 2 1-5 7, Pruden 0 0-0 0, R. Werez 0 0-0 0. Totals: 20 14-31 56.

WEATHERLY AREA (74) Zoscin 9 7-10 27, Hartz 6 3-5 16, Berger 5 3-5 13, Gillott 2 0-0 4, Peifer 5 4-9 14, Caravella 0 0-0 0, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Gower 0 0-0 0, Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Henry 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 17-29 74.

Schuylkill Haven...13 14 12 17 - 56

Weatherly Area.....23 14 17 20 - 74

Three-pointers: Farr 2, Zoscin 2, Hartz.

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break score in the closing seconds upped the SV lead to 11-8 by quarter's end.

After Creasy scored inside and again from behind the arc to make it a 16-8 game, Weatherly started stretching its legs and getting out on the break midway through the second quarter. Freshman point guard Emily Zoscin twice went end-to-end following a steal, and then stepped back to hit a 3-pointer to cap her own personal 7-4 run to get the Lady Wreckers within three (20-17) with 1:50 left in the half. They would never get closer, however. Julia Najera scored inside, and Emily Demalis converted on the break to push the SV lead to 25-17 at intermission.

"They did a great job defensively. We could never get that up-tempo rat race going," Kringe acknowledged. "We want it up-and-down, but we couldn't get it going tonight. They did a good job executing defensively, they killed us on the boards, they executed offensively. We were on our heels right from the start."

The Lady Devils did an even better job in the second half, working their passing game to perfection, finding the open player inside and converting easy baskets. Shenandoah Valley's dominance on the boards - particularly in the second half - was also key. The Lady Devils owned a 32-23 rebounding

three-pointer and two free throws, two Alaina Demalis free throws, a Najera baseline move and an Allison Wargo putback off her own missed free throw completed an 11-2 run that made it 36-23 after three quarters and put the Lady Devils in complete control. They outscored Weatherly 11-7 over the final eight minutes - including one possession that lasted nearly two minutes - to cruise home with their eighth straight road win.

"They totally out-executed us in every phase," Kringe said. "We can't simulate this in practice. Marian, Mahanoy Area, Shenandoah ... they all play good defense. We've got to run our stuff around, get to that second, third option. We couldn't get open looks. They were into us, and we couldn't get off of them. We just didn't execute offensively at all. We were forced to go to a high pick-and-roll. We couldn't get (the fast break) going, that was the frustrating part."

Creasy led the Lady Devils' balanced attack with 14 points, while Michalik and Najera contributed nine each. Wargo led SV off the boards with nine, Najera had seven and Creasy five. The Lady Devils were just under 50 percent (16-of-34) from the floor. "I thought Julia Najera was excellent off the bench ... and we got balance," Conroy said. "We know Marcel-

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Crestwood girls win WVC opener

Crestwood Girls Basketball

The Crestwood girls basketball team won its third straight game on Monday night, claiming a 58-20 victory over visiting Coughlin in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division I opener for both teams. The Lady Comets streaked to a 20-3 lead after one quarter and breezed from there to improve to 4-5 on the season.

Kate Snipas and Mad-die Ritsick paced Crestwood's balanced attack with 14 points apiece. Snipas had four 3-pointers. Abby Macko added 11 points and Julia Makowski chipped in with 10. Claire Curtis scored 11 points to lead Coughlin.

Kristen Andrews tallied a team-high 12 points as Crestwood's junior varsity team

rolled to a 50-13 win in the preliminary game.

COUGHLIN (20) Cicon 0 0-0 0, Robinson 2 2-6 6, Curtis 5 1-3 11, Phillips 0 0-0 0, Sherry 1 0-0 3, Carnell 0 0-0

Comets repeat as Casey Classic champions

Crestwood successfully defended its Casey Classic hockey championship last Wednesday at the Toyota SportsPlex in Wilkes-Barre, defeating Wyoming Area 7-3. The win was the sixth Casey Classic championship for the Comets, who are hoping to get a second straight invite to the Flyers Cup - the state tournament of high school ice hockey here in Pennsylvania.

"We're very proud of our team," Crestwood head coach Paul Eyerman said afterward. "It was a great game for Northeast Pennsylvania hockey. Wyoming Area has

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CRESTWOOD (58) Magin 1 0-0 2, Dillion 0 1-2 1, Ship-ton 0 0-0 0, Hopkins 1 1-2 3, Uhl 0 0-0 0, Snipas 5 0-0 14, Macko 5 0-0 11, Shiplett 0 0-2

0, Makowski 4 2-3 10, Muse 1 0-0 2, Murphy 0 1-2 1, Ritsick 4 6-9 14. Totals: 21 11-20 58. Coughlin.....3 4 8 5 - 20 Crestwood.....20 16 14 8 - 58 Three-pointers: Sherry. Snipas 4, Macko.

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come tremendously far. (The Warriors) could be invited to the Flyers Cup. I would hope the Flyers Cup would like to take two teams from our area this year, and maybe you saw those two teams tonight on the ice together."

Josh Edwards and Patrick Brennan each finished with two goals and senior Tanner Kahlau added four assists for Crestwood. Brendan Lee scored two goals and assisted on a third for Wyoming Area.

Wyoming Area fell behind 3-0 in the first period. Edwards got the Crestwood scoring started 24 seconds into the game, and additional goals from T.J. Kuluk and Brennan had the Comets up by three goals after one period.

Wyoming Area's David Eifert made it a 3-1 game a minute into the second period, but Crestwood reclaimed momentum with the game's next two goals - including a short-handed goal by Brennan. Edwards' second goal of the game early in the third period put the game on ice.

"We didn't want to repeat what happened when I was a sophomore and freshman," Kahlau said, referring to the Comets' second-place finishes in those years. "It was a good feeling to go out there and win it again."

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Marian students sponsor the Giving Tree

Marian High School students have been busy spreading holiday cheer to the young and old alike. For the fifteenth year in a row, the school community sponsored a "Giving Tree" to be distributed through the Catholic Social Services, Luzerne County and Birthright, Schuylkill County.

Thanks to the enormous generosity of students, parents, faculty, staff, and administration, dozens of gifts will be delivered to children and adults ranging in age from newborn to twenty years of age.

Pictured above (from left) are Kaila Cherba, Courtney McCall, Timothy Busher, and Emma Macaluso.

Marian Students honor Veterans



Members of the "Hope for All Club" at Marian Catholic High School recently held their gold activity, which benefitted Veterans in our area.

The students held their November meeting and participated in making lap blankets for the Veterans at the Wyoming Valley Veteran's Hospital in Wilkes Barre. They were delivered to the hospital on November 7.

When asked why they were doing this project, they responded that they wanted to give the Veterans a gift to thank them for their years of service to our country.

The next activity will be given to the children's ward of the Hershey Medical Center.

Members of the club are Michael Baus, Katelyn Eder, Brittany Friendly, Tyler Hutta, Hunter Nause, Vanessa Whitecavage, John Woitko, Antonia Galasso, Logan Blashock, Colleen Gallagher, Sarah Grabosky, Kelli Hughes, Nicole Jordan, Rebecca Jordan, Shawna McArdle, Nicole Salerno, Tori Dutz, Ashley Ferrufino, Christopher Fowler, Maggie Joseph, Courtney Kovatch, Grace Lorenz, Alexa Murray and Isabella Schwabe.

Free senior ski, snowboard, and telemark clinic

In collaboration with Area Agency on Aging of Luzerne and Wyoming Counties and Jack Frost Mountain senior ski group, a free senior ski/snowboard/telemark clinic will be offered on Wednesdays starting January 6 and running through the end of ski season.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. at the learning center (ski school) office. Clinic will begin at 10 a.m., and will last at least an hour. All seniors, men, and women older than 55 are welcome to attend.

A special luncheon will be served on February 3, following the clinic. Marianne Infantino, a board member of AAA and avid skier, will speak about how she started the senior ski club some 25 years ago, and representa-

tives of AAA will talk about eating healthy and staying in shape for ski season. Joe Yozviak and Bill Runner will talk a bit about ski safety and improvement.

Joe Yozviak will work with the expert skiers; Eric Uelan and Richard Mailman with advanced skiers. Suzanne Lawser and Bill Runner will work with the novice/intermediate skiers. Telemark instruction will be conducted by John Barnitz and snowboarding by Tom Rogish.

While the clinic is free, skiers must have a lift ticket and equipment. Come on out and enjoy the wonderful winter. Mid-week conditions are the best. No crowds and plenty of Pocono Powder. For additional information, call the Jack Frost Learning Center at 570 443-8425.

Everybody Walk Across PA

Join Penn State Extension once again for a virtual walk — this time enjoying Rails to Trails of Pennsylvania. There is truly something for everyone in this diverse and beautiful collection of walking and biking trails.

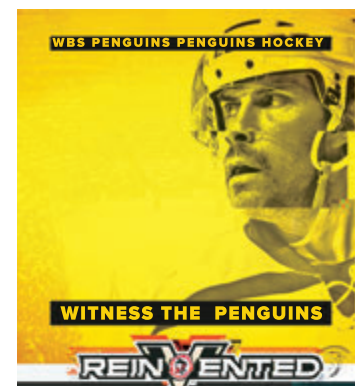
Gather your family, friends, or co-workers to form a team of up to five. To meet the goal of Everybody Walk Across PA, each person will need to walk or exercise the equivalent of ten miles per week.

Walk with your team or on your own at a time and place convenient for you. You do not have to walk on the trails. The team captain will report the mileage for their team each week, and everyone will receive weekly e-mail updates on the progress, as we virtually visit many of the trails in this network. Along the way, there will be motivation to continue to keep walking, along with strategies for increasing fruits and vegetables in your diet. All of this will keep us moving toward a healthier lifestyle.

This program is free, but registration is necessary. Deadline for registration is April 3, and the program will run April 4 through May 27. To find out more or to register for this event, visit <http://extension.psu.edu/health/events/everybody-walk-across-pa-2016> or contact Karen Bracey at kbracey@psu.edu.

We all know we should walk more, as this type of activity is shown to reduce stress and fatigue, increase mental alertness, improve cardiovascular functioning, and strengthen bones. We all know we should eat enough fruits and vegetables each day. When we combine the two, it can help to re-

duce or maintain body weight and incidence of certain chronic diseases. We know it but don't always do it! Spring is a great time to get outside and be more active, and eight weeks can help turn healthy behaviors into healthy habits. Take the first step and join in Everybody Walk Across PA.



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