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## Mount Pocono recognizes Casino Theater owners

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Calling Casino Theater “A jewel of the Poconos,” Mount Pocono Mayor Fred Courtright proclaimed owners Karen and Don Struckle 2015’s Dan McDavitt Service Award recipients at the January 4 meeting.

“[They are] really embedded in the community,” he stated.

and abstract” contributions the pair has made throughout the years, from employing upwards of 20 residents and focusing young workers on their future with a scholarship program, to embracing Mount Pocono Association community involvement alongside neighboring businesses.

Newly elected Mount Pocono borough council pres-



Mayor Fred Courtright (from left) swears in this year’s Francis O’Boyle, Keith Transue, Claudette Williams and Jeff Woehrle along with borough tax collector JoAnn Misuraca-Ficco.

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Mayor Fred Courtright presents Casino Theater owners Karen and Don Struckle with 2015’s Dan McDavitt Service Award January 4. JP: Hofbauer Strategies

“Donald and I are very honored to be chosen as the recipients of the 2015 Dan McDavitt Service Award. It is easy to give back to a community that has so many wonderful people who have supported not only us but our whole family for over 40 years,” Karen Struckle said.

Courtright cited “tangible

ident Karl Davis made his first order of business to urge council to use borough emails.

“We have an internet system,” he stated with Francis O’Boyle responding, “I look at it but I don’t look at it every day,” suggesting phone calls continue to ensure timely notification on matters.

“This is the age that we’re in

now,” said Davis, encouraging all council set aside time in the coming week to adjust.

Council approved the bill packet totaling \$962,195.77. O’Boyle asked about payment of \$1,600 to Metz Inc. noted as “repairs to boiler.” Lori Noonan explained chills revealed a 27 year old gauge was in need of replacement.

Present were Davis, O’Boyle, Keith Transue, Jeff Woehrle, John Finnerty, Claudette Williams, and Donna Casole. Solicitor James Fareri, Mayor Courtright, Secretary Lori Noonan and approximately 10 attendees.

Mount Pocono’s next meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, February 1 at Municipal Offices located on Route 611 in the borough.

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# Society seeks stick's story



Betty J. Williams (left) joins Beth & Carl Reindl inspecting stick strokes for name familiarity. *JP: Hofbauer Strategies*

other dates. Layton's research led to an excerpt from a *New York Tribune* social column announcing a 1904 event. While intriguing, it appeared misleading without solid dated proof.

So what significance does "Friday, August 26, 1904" handwritten along the wood's edge have? Theories include a fish measuring stick, as many signatures indicate youth and adults who may have gathered for a summer stay, the group agreed

The 1904 Henryville House register may hold the key though recovery is unlikely as the structure no longer stands. Hopeful that the sign-in may be within someone else's archives, Layton vowed all is not lost—for now.

Members of the Paradise Historical Society since moving to Cresco four years ago, Beth and Carl Reindl

reminiced with Betty J. Williams after the meeting. Admitting their interest in learning about the area, they agreed on the thrill of the search.

This and other intriguing stories continue to stir the 160-member society with historic dates forever memorialized yet uncertainty on whys resonate. Archives are located in Barrett-Paradise Friendly Library.

Paradise Historical Society president Jane Niering closed the afternoon meeting with an invitation to reunite at Paradise Township Municipal Building at 2 p.m. February 7 for Show & Tell Sunday, the group's incentive for all to clean out and seek out an interesting attic (or garage) artifact and share its story.

Visit [ParadiseHistorical.org](http://ParadiseHistorical.org) or call 570-839-5702 for details, as all are welcome to attend.

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Inscribed with Henryville House signatures over a century ago, an elusive wood whittling has become a shim in the minds of Paradise Historical Society as curiosity mounts over what-of's and ifs surrounding this mysteriously marked piece dubbed the "Memory Stick." As the group's January 10 meeting commenced, John Layton shared evidence gathered since discovering the item across state lines at Don and

Lucy Zyry's home in Freehold, New Jersey.

Retracing its journey from a yard sale rescue to where attic dust grew, he first thanked Lucy for reaching out to the society. He detailed his own perplexing path around the House established in 1858.

Noteworthy visitors including Grover Cleveland and the son of Theodore Roosevelt stayed at the popular destination for fishing and recreation on

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# Sewer extension along Route 940 under study

by Seth Isenberg

Tobyhanna Township has scheduled a meeting to seek public comments about extending the Route 940 sewer line east to reach Forest

Glen and end at Spur Road, near Summit Motors. The extension reaches about 200 homes and businesses on Route 940, in Forest Glen, and along Robyn Lane.

Cost to build this is estimated between \$2.4 and \$3.5 million, primarily paid for by the system's users.

Representatives of Aqua Pennsylvania are talking with the township about buying the whole Blakeslee-based sewer system once this expansion is underway and 200 Equivalent Dwelling Units are committed to. Businesses like the restaurants and motel along the new line are usually several EDUs.

If they proceed, Aqua PA would subsidize the sewer connection fee estimated at \$12,500, less an Aqua PA subsidy of about \$4,000. Property owners would also need to build a pipe out to the sewer line connection at their own cost, though Aqua is also

proposing to help by offering low interest loans for this.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 27, at

the township municipal building in Pocono Pines. Representatives of the Township and Aqua PA will be there.

## Women's Club offers welcome

The next business meeting of the GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club is Monday, January 25. Guests are always welcome to attend any monthly business meeting to learn about the club.

GFWC Pocono Mountain Women's Club is part of a non-profit International women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. All women over the age of 18 years of age are welcome and encouraged to join.

Meetings are September through June on the fourth Monday of the month at the Tobyhanna Elementary Center cafeteria in Pocono Pines at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit [facebook.com/PoconoMtWomensClub](http://facebook.com/PoconoMtWomensClub) or follow on Twitter @gfwcpmwc for more information, or call club President Ginny Day at 570-620-6858.

The club will be hosting a Tricky Tray Fashion Fundraiser in May.

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*regarding proposed sewer service extension*  
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**Tobyhanna Township Municipal Building, Pocono Pines**

**Topic: Sewage Facilities Planning and the potential for extending sewer service to residences and businesses along the Route 940 corridor east of Blakeslee to the Spur Road (SR 4005). Included are properties along Robyn Lane and within the Forest Glen.**

## Area Funerals

### Everlina Jones

Everlina Jones, 89, of Tobyhanna, died Monday evening, January 4, 2016, at Spring Village at Pocono in East Stroudsburg. She was the wife of James Jones, with whom she shared 66 years of marriage.

Born on April 4, 1926 in Wadesboro, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late James K. and Mary (Gatewood) Lomax. She lived in Monroe County since 1954, after moving from Baltimore, Maryland.

She worked for the former National Drug Company in Swiftwater for 17 years.

Everlina was a very active member of the Tobyhanna United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Weldon Andre Jones and his wife Debbie Feldman Jones of Baltimore, Maryland and Brian Wendell Jones and his wife Linda Hubbard of Tobyhanna; three sisters, Edna Grace Allison of Cape May, New Jersey, Ada M. Lomax of New Haven, Connecticut, and Barbara Brooks of Fayetteville, North Carolina; two grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by four brothers, Bland, Herbert, James and Reginald Lomax.

A funeral service was held January 9, at Tobyhanna United Methodist Church, Main Street, Tobyhanna, the Rev. Jessica Lynn Ross will

officiating. Entombment followed at Mountainview Mausoleum at Prospect Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

The family requests that memorial remembrances be made to Tobyhanna United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 65, Tobyhanna, PA 18466.

### Jose Isabel Morales

Jose Isabel Morales, 50, of Tobyhanna died January 2, 2016 at his home. He was the husband of Maria Francesca Garcia Martinez. He was born in Pachuca, Hectalgo, Mexico on July 2, 1965. Jose worked as mason in the Tobyhanna area for the past 14 years.

Jose is survived by a son Carlos Morales of Tobyhanna and other siblings in Mexico.

A Catholic prayer service was held January 7, 2016 in Stroudsburg with Msgr. John Bergamo officiating. Burial will be in Mexico.

### Margaret R. Zoscin

Margaret R. Zoscin, 74, of Blakeslee, died December 30, 2015 at Lehigh Valley Hazleton Hospital.

She was born in Hazleton, daughter of the late Joseph H. and Bertha Blanche (Skernolis) Enama. She was a member of the Church of St. Patrick, White Haven. Prior to retiring she was employed at Publix and last at Megargel's Golf Course.

She is preceded in death by her daughter Kris Zoscin McIntire, and brothers Joseph and Lawrence Enama. She is survived by her husband David Zoscin, daughter Cynthia Zoscin-Jackson and her husband Gregory, Wilmington, Delaware, son Duane Zoscin and his wife Vicki, Hatfield; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial

was held January 9 at the Church of St. Patrick, White Haven. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

### Bonni P. Rubinstein

Bonni P. Rubinstein, 49, of Pocono Summit died December 30, 2015 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown.

Born in Los Angeles, California she was the daughter of the late John Orndorff and Donna McDowell of California, and her adopted parents, the late Sidney Rubinstein and Juli Soloman of Colorado.

Bonni was a resident of Pocono Summit for the past 17 year and prior to that she resided in Yonkers, New York. She was of the Jewish faith.

She is survived by her companion Michael Forhee; two daughters, Avree C. Rubinstein and Hannah Rubinstein, and a son Dylan Rubinstein all of Pocono Summit; and two brothers, Steven and Barry Rubinstein. Bonni was preceded in death by a son, Justin P. Rubinstein.

Graveside services and burial took place January 3 in the Laurelwood Cemetery with Rabbi Yehuda Salkob officiating.

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erages, will be served.

This is a handicapped accessible event. Children are always welcome.

Call 570-629-1136 for more information.

## McMichaels Ash Wednesday service

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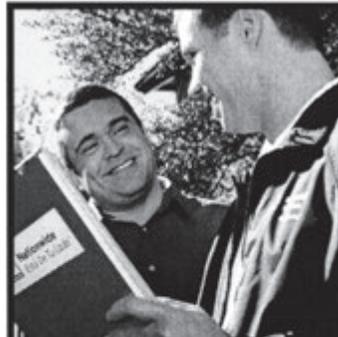
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With United Way of Monroe County's campaign ending February 29, there is still time to contribute to this year's campaign. It is also time to decide how they will invest the funds raised through the campaign into community service efforts across the county.

The annual "Citizens' Review" is a unique feature of United Way of Monroe County. Volunteers come from all over our area and have diverse backgrounds, but share a common goal of improving the lives of Monroe County residents, across four program areas: Helping Children Succeed, Meeting Basic Needs, Promoting Self-Sufficiency, and Engaging Youth. In addition, a volunteer finance panel will review all financial documentation submitted by partner agencies as part of their requests for program funding. United Way is

looking for volunteers to support these processes. This is the community's chance to make important decisions about how United Way of Monroe County should invest in community service efforts in the county.

For the finance panel, they are specifically looking for those with a strong financial background with availability in February. For the program panels, the process will kick off with a breakfast orientation for volunteers on March 2 from 9-11 a.m. at East Stroudsburg University's Center for Innovation, and run through early April. The total time commitment can range from 20 to 30 hours, with each panel setting up its own meeting schedule.

Over 50 volunteers throughout the community are needed for this critical, annual decision-making process. Volunteers who attend

the kickoff will receive their panel information and meet fellow volunteers and representatives from United Way's partner agencies. Throughout the process, volunteers will review aspects of the non-profit programs seeking funding and will make recommendations about grant requests. The process includes site visits to agencies and a review of outcomes/results in improving people's lives across the county.

For more information about the United Way of Monroe County or to invest in and support their community service efforts, visit [www.unitedwaymonroe.org](http://www.unitedwaymonroe.org) or call 570-629-5657 and ask for Monica Cravotta, campaign and fund distribution director or e-mail [monica@unitedwaymonroe.org](mailto:monica@unitedwaymonroe.org). Deadlines to register are January 29 for the finance panel and February 12 for the fund distribution panels.

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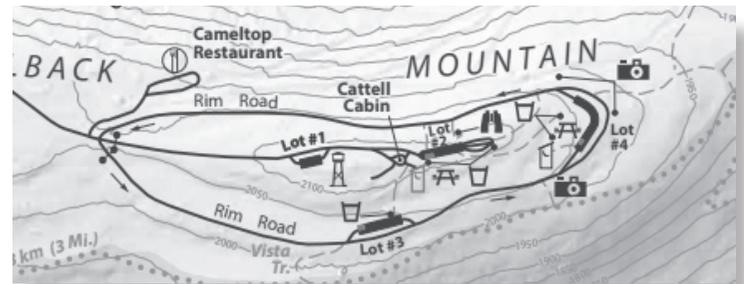
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Join the Pocono Mountain Wings N' Paws team on May 1 at 10 a.m. for the 2016 MS Walk at Big Pocono State Park at Camelback in Tannersville. The walk will take place in a loop at the top of the park, and parking will be available near the start of the walk.

You or someone you know is probably affected by this potentially debilitating disease. Walk, collect donations, or donate for the team via their website.

Visit this direct link to the team's page to donate <http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/POCONOMOUNTAIN-WINGSNPAWS>.

## Adopt dogs from Boomer's Angels

Visit Tractor Supply, Route 209, Brodheadsville on January 24 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. to meet some of the beautiful loving dogs that Boomer's Angels have for adoption.

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## Safe Haven Pet Rescue adoption day

Safe Haven Pet Rescue will hold a dog adoption day from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on February 7 at Ace Hardware, Rt. 209, Brodheadsville (next to Dunkleberger's).

For more information about Safe Haven, and to find a list

of dogs available for adoption and adoption applications, please visit [www.SafeHavenPa.org](http://www.SafeHavenPa.org), contact Safe Haven at [SafeHaven@epix.net](mailto:SafeHaven@epix.net), or join Safe Haven Pa on Facebook.

## West End Republican Club to meet

The West End Republican Club meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Cherry's Family Restaurant, located on Route 209 South, Kresgeville, Polk Township. Republican minded citizens are encouraged to join us to socialize, listen, discuss, and learn.

This month's meeting will be on January 26 at 7 p.m. For those wishing to eat prior to the meeting, arrive by 6 p.m. For additional information and directions, visit the club's website at <http://www.westendgop.com/> or call 443-326-5100.

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## King's fall Dean's list

Dr. Joseph Evan, vice president for academic affairs at King's College, recently an-

nounced that Matthew Mantilla of Blakeslee qualified for the fall 2015 dean's list.

## Lebanon Valley College Dean's List

Lebanon Valley College has announced its Dean's List recipients for the fall 2015 semester. Dean's list students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Jordan Caprioli of Tobyhanna made the list. Caprioli, a graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School, is pursuing a bachelor of science in business administration at The Valley.

## PA House Scholarships now available

High school seniors can now apply for a Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship to help cover the costs of higher education, announced State Representative Jack Rader (R-Monroe).

Each year, two students preparing for post-secondary education are awarded four-year scholarships through the program. It is open to graduating high school seniors who are PA residents with plans to attend a PA college, university, or career school as a full-

time student.

Students must have attained a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in high school in order to be eligible for the scholarship. A student's commitment to community, leadership qualities, extracurricular activities, and financial need are also taken into consideration.

To apply, interested students should visit *RepRader.com* and click on "House Scholarship Information." Application deadline is March 1.

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Monroe County who is planning on attending college and majoring in an environmental field.

The recipient will be presented the \$500 scholarship at the annual dinner on April 8. To receive an application or for more information, please contact 570-629-3061

Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Deadline for applications is March 11. For information on other programs, visit [mcon-servation.org](http://mcon-servation.org).

## Kutztown University announces fall Dean's List

More than 1,650 students have been named to the Fall 2015 Dean's List at Kutztown University. To be eligible for Dean's List, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 credits

and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60.

The following students from the local area have been named to the list:

Patricia Ann Lattanzio of Pocono Lake; Brogan Thomas McShea of Pocono Pines; Valanie Gabrielle Mejia of Tobyhanna; James Henry Miles of Tobyhanna; and Steven J Walsh of Pocono Lake.

## NCC Dean's List

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Northampton Community College. The honor is reserved for students who have completed a minimum of 6 credits and achieved at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in the fall 2015 semester. The list includes:

Blakeslee: Ashley Alexandre, Danielle Batista, Jenna Burt, Cheryl Campbell, Noel Campbell, Megan D'Adamo, Shelli DeVito, Daryl Kibler, Shannon Maragh, Brandy Martinez, Daniel McDonald, Shenae McNeil, Jaylin Molina, Prabhjot Sharma, Jenipher Tavarez, Raquel Ubaldo, Corey Van Fleet

Long Pond: Luis Arenas, Anastasia Atkinson, Stephanie Brewer, Lisa Carriere, Brenda Ciena, Jason Horvath,

Christian Horvath, Megan Kozlik, Andria Mathison, Shauna Redmond, Jerel Sims, Priscila Tapia, Luxmi Vadhvana, Julia VanPelt

Mount Pocono: Marlin Baez Santana, Berenice Castro, Christopher Certonio, Jacqueline Cooper, Chase Courtright, Robert Maule, Haylee Murtha, Austin Nye, Linda Occhiuzzo, Eddie Ortiz, Sydney Price, Winteer Sanchos-Joseph, Leanna Sjurson, Andrew Spence, John Spetalas, Tifanie Tavish, Emily Urso, Monica Wnek

Pocono Lake: Jasmine Acevedo, Jill Argot, Cara Bachor, George Marhelko

Pocono Pines: Justin Archibald, Seth Eisenberg, Ryan Fagan, Amy Young

Pocono Summit: Joya Blackmon, Rashaun Inman, Phillip Jones, Eric King, Cira Palmera, Joseph Scicute-

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# Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center announces two major shows

On January 23 at 7:30 p.m., the Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center will host a unique entertainment event called "Adam and Eve...Eve has Her Way." This show will combine acting, music, and hypnosis.

Hypnotist Tim Miller, who has appeared monthly at the theater, will bring the next evolution in stage hypnosis to life. Miller claims this is the first play hypnosis show ever. The hypnotist has been getting a growing regional and

national following, including successful appearance in New York at Ripley's Times Square. Tickets are \$15.

On February 28 at 1 p.m., Cabaret for a Cause comes to Pocono Cinema. Three of Broadway's youngest stars

will appear in a musical cabaret salute to Broadway. Scheduled to appear are Gaby Bradbury (Annie), Sawyer Nunes (Finding Neverland and Matilda) and Sophia Gennusa (Doctor Zhivago and Matilda). As a special feature, local performers may audition for a spot in the show's final number by going to <http://www.cabaretfora-cause.us>.

Cabaret for a Cause was created in 2010. It is a tri-annual event that brings together young professionals from Broadway, film, and

television for an evening of dance and vocal performance. The goal of Cabaret for a Cause is to provide a positive environment where young people can work together and use their talents to raise funds and awareness for those less fortunate. Tickets are \$15. Senior and student tickets cost \$10.

Pocono Cinema and Cultural Center, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that operates the former Pocono Community Theater at 88 South Courtland Street, East Stroudsburg.

## February PoconoArts Classes

The Pocono Arts Council will offer the following classes during the month of February. Classes, unless noted otherwise, are held at the PoconoArts Cultural Center, 18 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg. To register, call PoconoArts at 570-476-4460 or register online at [www.poconoarts.org](http://www.poconoarts.org).

### Ongoing Adult Classes

#### Oil Painting

Instructor John McAllister  
February 4, 11, 18, 25

This ongoing workshop focuses on the individual, helping them to develop their own personal style and technique working with the oil medium. Learn how to develop your painting by understanding drawing and composition, light and shadow, color, preparation of materials, and the application of paint. Working at your own pace, you pick the subject while the instructor guides you through the painting process.

Tuition: Member \$75, Non-Member \$85, Senior Member \$65, Non-Member \$75.

Materials List.

#### Intermediate Watercolor

Instructor Joan Raushi  
Sundays 1-4 p.m.

January Classes 17, 24, 31  
February Classes 7, 14, 21,

28

This class will cover composition, how to avoid "making mud", rules of portraiture, using a photograph and various textures, along with other varied techniques.

Tuition: Member \$100, Non-Member \$110, Senior Member \$90, Non-Member \$100.

Materials List.

#### Blues Guitar

Instructor Spencer Reed  
February 9 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This workshop will provide a practical, hands-on approach to jamming. Attendees perform together in a casual, friendly setting. No stage audience, peer pressure or smoky club. Perfect for young people as well as adults who want to jam.

Tuition: Member \$20, Non-Member \$30, Senior Member \$15, Non-Member \$25.

Figure Drawing with Professional Costumed Model

Instructor Ted Michalowski

This energetic workshop will focus on direct drawing from the theatrically costumed and fashionably dressed model. Participants will draw through a range of exciting approaches, learning to draw more freely, confidently, and courageously. This workshop is for teens and adults at all skill levels.

Tuition: Member \$40, Non-Member \$50, Senior Member \$30, Non-Member \$40.

Materials List.

#### "Artist A Day Series"

Instructor Susan Field  
February 6 1-3 p.m.

Children in grades 3-6 can paint a poster using icons like the artist Peter Max. Medium is neon poster paint.

Tuition: \$30, with all supplies provided.

PoconoArts classes fill on a first come, first serve basis. Placement in a course is secured when payment in full is received. If PoconoArts must cancel a class due to low enrollment, students will be notified prior to the scheduled start date of the class and full refunds will be issued.

Tuition refunds will be honored if received ten days prior to the beginning of a class/workshop. PoconoArts will not refund or reduce any class fees for missed classes or late enrollment. The Pocono Arts Council is a local arts service organization serving Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties.

## Viewing of "The Great Debaters" film

Words and Film Sunday Matinee at EMPL presents a viewing of "The Great Debaters" film on February 7 at 2 p.m.

Denzel Washington and Forest Whitaker star in this drama based on the true story of Wiley College professor Melvin B. Tolson.

In 1935, Tolson inspired students to form the school's

first debate team, which went on to challenge Harvard in the national championship.

Admission is free. Please note this film is rated PG-13.

The Eastern Monroe Public Library is located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg. For further information on the event please call 570-421-0800x317 or visit [www.monroepl.org](http://www.monroepl.org).

## Pocono Garden Club luncheon

The Pocono Garden Club will hold the annual social luncheon on February 9 at 12 p.m. at the Monroe County Conservation District located on Running Valley Road, Bartonsville. Members are

asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share and their own table setting.

Club members and guests are encouraged to participate in the Monthly design titled "Freedom Flows". The design will be a waterfall made by using fresh or artificial flowers in red, white, and blue colors. No flags permitted.

The Horticulture entry is a stem of a live branch or evergreen not to exceed 16". Specimen to be in a clear container.

Please bring in your entries 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

The Pocono Garden Club will begin with the annual budget report, along with the distribution of the 2016 club directory.

Everyone interested in gardening is welcome. For more information contact club president Linda Bender at [nonie0506@yahoo.com](mailto:nonie0506@yahoo.com).

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# Celebrate Black History Month with an Ancestral Drumming Society performance

Eastern Monroe Public Library's popular BookHouse series continues on February 5 with Baba Keino and The African-American Ancestral Drumming Society.

Celebrate Black History Month at the Eastern Monroe Public Library, where Baba Keino and The African American Ancestral Drumming Society will perform live. The event will include live music and a discussion on the history of black culture and musical instruments. The music of the Baba Keino weaves sounds from around the world, including genres such as world music, jazz, spiritual, and African-influenced beats. For those interested, please feel free to bring your drum and participate in the drumming circle.

The African American Ancestral Drumming Society is a group of men and women who come together to preserve the African Folklore that has been established in all the Americas. As a society, they go into all communities using the drum to heal, teach, and perpetuate the African



and African American traditions. They also preside over all rites of passage, funerals, wedding ceremonies, naming ceremonies, spiritual healings and cleanings, and using the drum as a means of communicating to the Almighty God and the Ancestors.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Refreshments will be available for a small charge.

Please plan to arrive prior to the scheduled starting time.

All Bookhouse programs take place in the Edinger Community Room of the Hughes Building, Eastern Monroe Public Library, located at 1002 North 9th Street, Stroudsburg.

For more BookHouse information, please call Linae Cintron at 570-421-0800 x312 or visit [www.monroep.l.org/bookhouse.html](http://www.monroep.l.org/bookhouse.html).

## Easy winter walk in West End

You won't find heart-stopping views, lung-crushing climbs, or even rare plants at West End Regional Park. But, there is a deeply peaceful pleasure to be had during a walk in these woods. On January 23 at 10 a.m., you'll get your chance.

Carol Hillestad of Brodhead Watershed Association will lead a hike to showcase the winter wonders at this Brodheadsville Park. The hike is part of the Get Outdoors Pocono series.

In 3.3 miles of well-maintained and marked trails, you'll see mixed-hardwood forests, a bird-inhabited meadow and a former tree nursery. Try Fleetwood Trail, named in memory of esteemed Chestnuthill Township Supervisor Dave Fleetwood, which is also wheelchair accessible.

Follow the farthest-ranging trail to be treated to a view of black cows grazing on the next hill. Benches allow hikers to take a break and absorb the latent nature.

Minutes from the hurry and scurry of Brodheadsville and Route 209, this park is a sanctuary where traffic sounds are muted and time slows. It's a walk in the woods that will leave you refreshed, recharged, and grateful. Meet at the trailhead at 578 Evergreen Hollow Road, Brodheadsville.

To register, call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727 or email [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) with "West End hike" in subject line. Visit [brodheadwatershed.org/go-poconos](http://brodheadwatershed.org/go-poconos) for details and maps on this and other trails in the series.

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## Whose Track is That?

Join Environmental Education Coordinator Roger Spotts on January 30 from 10 a.m. - noon for a study of animal tracks and the stories they can tell. Participants will discuss Track ID and then explore the trails at Kettle Creek trying to solve the mysteries of the tracks on the trails.

Please dress to be outside on snow-covered trails. Cost

is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for children under 12. EE Center members for free.

To pre-register for the program, please call the E. E. Center at 570-629-3061, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and most Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information on other programs, visit [mcon-servation.org](http://mcon-servation.org).

## Meatloaf dinner planned

Blakeslee Community Center will hold its first every Meatloaf Dinner at the Center, corner of Routes 940 and 115, on Saturday, February 13, from 4-7 p.m.

On the menu will be meatloaf with gravy, mashed pota-

toes, vegetable, salad, dessert, and coffee, tea, water or soda.

Tickets are a donation of \$12, and can be ordered by calling 570-646-5206. Takeouts are available. Seating is limited, so don't delay.



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\$26, Show 8 p.m.

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

**2/6 Eric Mintel Quartet Does TV**  
\$18, Show 8 p.m.

**2/12 Tusk - Fleetwood Mac Tribute**  
\$26, Show 8 p.m.

**2/13 Tusk - Fleetwood Mac Tribute**  
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# Calendar of Events

Listings in the Calendar are free. E-mail to [journalnews@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:journalnews@pa.metrocast.net). To provide prices and additional details, consider placing a display ad. Prices start at \$10 for charitable organization. Call 570-443-9131 xt302.

**Saturday, January 23**—Bird banding program, 10 a.m., Monroe County Environmental Education Center at Kettle Creek, 570-629-3061, [mconconservation.org](http://mconconservation.org)

**Saturday, January 23**—Hike at West End Regional Park, 10 a.m., Brodheadsville, 570-839-1120, [brodheadwatershed.org](http://brodheadwatershed.org)

**Sunday, January 31**—A Taste of Poland International Dinner, 12-5 p.m., sponsored by High School Youth Group of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

**Friday, February 5**—Baba Keino and The African-American Ancestral Drumming Society, 7 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library BookHouse series, 570-421-0800x312, [www.monroepl.org/bookhouse.html](http://www.monroepl.org/bookhouse.html)

**Saturday, February 6**—Farmer's Appreciation Banquet, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and Monroe County Conservation District, Polk Township Fire Hall in Kres-

geville, order tickets by January 23, 570-629-3060

**Sunday, February 7**—The Great Debaters, Words and Film Sunday Matinee, 2 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library, 570-421-0800x317, [www.monroepl.org](http://www.monroepl.org)

**Saturday, February 13**—Meatloaf Dinner, 4-6 p.m., sponsored by Blakeslee Community Center, 570-646-5206

**Sunday, February 14**—Polar Bear Plunge, 1 p.m., Henning's Pond, Albrightsville, reserve by Feb. 7, 570-977-9165

**Sunday, February 14**—All-you-can-eat breakfast, donation only, 8-10:30 a.m., sponsored by McMichaels United Methodist Church, 570-629-1136

**Saturday, March 31**—50th Anniversary Gala for Pocono Services for Families and Children, 5:30 p.m., Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 570-421-2711x238

**Sunday, May 1**—MS Walk, 10 a.m., Big Pocono State Park

**Wednesday, June 22**—Golf Tournament, sponsored by Blakeslee Rotary Club, Mountain Laurel Golf Course, 570-646-7337

# Eagle Watch Trips

Join Monroe County Conservation District Environmental Educator Brian Hardiman on January 22, 29, February 5, and 12 for a trip to the upper Delaware River in search of our national symbol, the Bald Eagle. Once a rare sight, many wintering and resident eagles now in-

habit this region, and the probability for sightings is high.

Meet at the EE Center at 8:30 a.m. and return 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$28 for non-members, and \$22 for EE Center members. This fee includes bus transportation. Participants should pack a

# Conservation Cooperator of the Year and Local Farmers at annual banquet

The Penn State Cooperative Extension and the Monroe County Conservation District have once again partnered to sponsor a Farmer's Appreciation Banquet for Monroe County area farm families. The event is planned for February 6 at the Polk Township Fire Hall in Kresgeville.

A family style meal will be served by the Polk Township Ladies Auxiliary. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$9 for children ages 5-12, and children under 5 are free. The banquet will provide door prizes, giveaways, games, and live entertainment. The Monroe County Conservation District will also recognize the conservation cooperator of the year, an award that has been recognized for over three decades.

While the type and size of farming operations have changed over the years, agriculture is still an important part of the Monroe County economy. Many families have actively farmed the soils of

this county for 100 years. At the same time, young families have returned to the farm to raise crops of corn and soybeans as well as raise cattle, sheep, goats, and poultry. Many have joined in the growing of fruits and vegetables to meet the ever expanding demand for farm fresh and locally grown produce.

# Feeder Fidelity program

Join Monroe County Conservation District Environmental Educator Darryl Speicher on January 23 for a morning of banding birds at the feeders of Kettle Creek. This two hour program begins at 10 a.m. Cost

lunch and binoculars, and dress weather accordingly. Stops will be made for coffee and snacks. Advance registration is required and limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week in advance.

To register, call 570-629-3061. For information on other programs visit [mconconservation.org](http://mconconservation.org).

Tickets for this year's event must be purchased by January 23, and are available at the Monroe County Conservation District at 8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg PA 18360 during regular business hours Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by calling the office at 570-629-3060.

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We had our first measurable snow covering the entire Journal area. This doesn't count the plow-able snow that was only in the Mount Pocono area early last week. Our full coverage got between an inch and three inches, enough to shovel and in some cases plow on Tuesday. During the divisional

football playoffs on Sunday, our area got maybe another quarter inch, enough to pretty up the woods. By Saturday, it looks like we'll be digging out from under our first snowstorm of the '15-'16 winter if the predictions come true. This will finally get our ski areas open.

Ruth and I had been in-

doors last Sunday, and got a chance to be out just as the snows began. We made the most of the pretty weather by walking into the site of the old CCC Camp at Hickory Run State Park. This walk meant starting in the middle of the Shades of Death trail, then walking over the CCC dam up toward the edge of the main campground. The site is now a wide field, and there are places you can see the old pathways and even a foun-

tion. Our English pointer, Chess, had a chance to stroll in the stream. The CCC lake had a thin layer of ice upon it, enhanced by the thin layer of snow. We decided for the sake of all of us that we'd put Chess on leash so she didn't decide to stroll out onto ice that wouldn't support her weight. We enjoyed the hike — and the extended daylight of a crisp January day.

Saturday evening, we stopped at the Crossings outlet mall to get boots for Ruth and other clothes. For a Saturday night on a holiday weekend, shoppers were few. The Bass store showed that it had seen heavy traffic earlier. While in Tannersville, we took advantage of earned points to buy gasoline at under \$2 a gallon. At local stations, gas prices are lower nearly every day. We sighted the new Tesla charging station at the Crossings — no gas needed for them.

As we made our way around the Poconos last weekend, we listened as the Patriots beat the Chiefs. So this week, it's off to Denver to beat the Broncos. I had hoped that the Steelers would win though. Congrats to Carolina and Arizona on their wins. Congrats also to the L.A. Rams, who are going back to where they

belong.

It looks like some of the key changes to the 76ers — a trade, and more coaching, are working. The team actually blew out an opponent this past week for their 5th win.

UConn's Lady Huskies just keep rolling along. It's encouraging to see some new names in the box scores with double-digit games. These new scorers will be needed when the going gets tougher. The away game versus South Carolina is coming up in early February.

The WBS Penguins have split some road games. They'll be back home on Jan. 27 and 30 — we'll be there.

The last two debates were held prior to the first states to vote or caucus for candidates for president. Bernie Sanders, who is 74, is very sharp, and he held up well versus the 6 years younger Hillary Clinton. There are several sharp candidates on the Republican side, too. None of them on either side has earned my loyalty yet. The reality — we need smarts and a stable personality for our leader. That person needs to see the threats to our country's security clearly now — and I'm not sure that any of them do.

Drive safely with the weekend snows, and stay warm.

## Pocono Raceway's George Ewald earns NASCAR excellence award

Pocono Raceway Vice President and Superintendent George Ewald was honored by NASCAR Monday when he collected the Excellence in Track Services Award for career contributions in the area of track services.

NASCAR Vice Chairman Mike Helton and Executive Vice president Steve O'Donnell presented the award to Ewald during the 2016 NASCAR Summit. "George has been an extremely valuable part of Pocono Raceway for more than 45 years," said Pocono Raceway CEO & president Brandon Igdalsky. "He is so deserving of this award and this recognition from NASCAR. No matter what needs to be done to make Pocono better and safer, George will find a way to get it done. We have known for

years what a tremendous asset he is and it's great to see others acknowledging his accomplishments." Ewald, who is in his 46th year of working at Pocono Raceway, has been the Superintendent of the 2.5-mile speedway since the mid-1970s. He started working at Pocono Raceway in the maintenance department in 1970 before quickly being promoted to Track Superintendent in 1975 and Vice President in 1977 by the late Dr. Joseph "Doc" Mattioli. "I am flattered and humbled to say the least," said Ewald. "My goal is to make Pocono Raceway the safest track possible and to ensure drivers and fans have a great experience. I am grateful for the recognition from NASCAR and glad I could share this award with the entire

staff at Pocono Raceway." Pocono Raceway will host seven national motorsports events during the 2016 racing season, including a NASCAR XFINITY Series race for the first time on June 4. The Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) race is set for June 5, the Pennsylvania 400 NSCS race on July 31, and the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race on August 21.

The Pocono Mountains 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck race is scheduled for July 30 and two ARCA Series Presented by Menards races with a 200-mile event on June 3 and the ModSpace 150 on July 29 offered as well. Tickets for all races are now on sale at [poconoraceway.com](http://poconoraceway.com) or by calling 1-800-RACEWAY.

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The following are true and correct copies of joint resolutions of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposing two amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Consistent with the procedures prescribed by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the General Assembly first proposed the amendments during the 2013 session and approved them for a second time during the 2015 session of the legislature. As required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and statutory law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has caused the proposed amendments to be published here.

Pursuant to law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth will submit the proposed amendments to the electors of Pennsylvania in the form of two ballot questions at the General Primary to be held on April 26, 2016. If a ballot question is approved by a majority of electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Those parts of the joint resolutions that appear in **bold print** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words

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Following the proposed amendments is the text of the questions that will be placed on the ballot. Below each question is a "Plain English Statement" prepared by the Office of Attorney General, and published as required by law, indicating the purpose, limitations and effects of the ballot question upon the people of this Commonwealth.

Anyone who needs help reading this advertisement or who needs the text of the proposed amendments in an alternative format may call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-5280, ra-BCEL@pa.gov.

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

**JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-1**

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

§ 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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(b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of **[70] 75** years. Former and retired justices, judges and justices of the peace shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by law, no salary, retirement benefit or other compensation, present or deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or justice of the peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI, is suspended, removed or barred from holding judicial office for conviction of a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which prejudices the proper administration of justice or brings the judicial office into disrepute.

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Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after

the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE**

**Ballot Question**

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years, instead of the current requirement that they be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70?

**Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General**

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to require that justices, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that justices, judges and justices of the peace be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years. Justices of the peace are currently referred to as magisterial district judges.

If the ballot question were to be approved, justices, judges and magisterial district judges would be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years rather than the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years.

This amendment to the mandatory retirement age would be applicable to all judges and justices in the Commonwealth, including the justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, judges of the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, county courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal courts in the City of Philadelphia, and magisterial district judges.

The ballot question is limited in that it would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution related to the qualification, election, tenure, or compensation of the justices, judges or magisterial district judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to allow all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to remain in office until the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years. This would permit all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to serve an additional five years beyond the current required retirement age.

**JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-2**

Proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, eliminating the Traffic Court of Philadelphia.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with Article XI:

(1) That section 1 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 1. Unified judicial system.

The judicial power of the Commonwealth shall be vested in a unified judicial system consisting of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court, courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal [**and traffic**] courts in the City of Philadelphia, such other courts as may be provided by law and justices of the peace. All courts and justices of the peace and their jurisdiction shall be in this unified judicial system.

(2) That the heading and subsection (c) of section 6 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 6. Community courts; Philadelphia Municipal Court [**and Traffic Court**].

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(c) In the City of Philadelphia there shall be a municipal court [**and a traffic court**]. The number of judges and the jurisdiction [**of each**] shall be as provided by law. [**These courts**] **This court** shall exist so long as a community court has not been established or in the event one has been discontinued under this section.

(3) That subsection (d) of section 10 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 10. Judicial administration.

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(d) The Chief Justice and president judges of all courts with seven or less judges shall be the justice or judge longest in continuous service on their respective courts; and in the event of his resignation from this position the justice or judge next longest in continuous service shall be the Chief Justice or president judge. The president judges of all other courts shall be selected for five-year terms by the members of their respective courts[, **except that the president judge of the traffic court in the City of Philadelphia shall be appointed by the Governor**]. A Chief Justice or president judge may resign such position and remain a member of the court. In the event of a tie vote for office of president judge in a court which elects its president judge, the Supreme Court shall appoint as president judge one of the judges receiving the highest number of votes.

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(4) That subsection (b) of section 12 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 12. Qualifications of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

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(b) [**Judges of the traffic court in the City of Philadelphia and justices**] **Justices** of the peace shall be members of the bar of the Supreme Court or shall complete a course of training and instruction in the duties of their respective offices and pass an examination prior to assuming office. Such courses and examinations shall be as provided by law.

(5) That subsection (a) of section 15 of Article V be amended to read:

§ 15. Tenure of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

(a) The regular term of office of justices and judges shall be ten years and the regular term of office for judges of the municipal court [**and traffic court**] in the City of Philadelphia and of justices of the peace shall be six years. The tenure of any justice or judge shall not be affected by

changes in judicial districts or by reduction in the number of judges.

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Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these proposed constitutional amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed constitutional amendments under section 1 of this resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as a single ballot question at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are passed by the General Assembly.

**PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 ABOLITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT**

**Ballot Question**

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to abolish the Philadelphia Traffic Court?

**Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General**

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to abolish the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia as part of the unified judicial system. If the ballot question were to be approved, the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia would be abolished by removing all references to the Traffic Court and the judges of the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Legislation enacted in 2013 transferred the functions performed by the Traffic Court to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. As a result, violations of the Vehicle Code previously adjudicated by the Traffic Court are presently being adjudicated by the Philadelphia Municipal Court. The proposed amendment would officially abolish the Traffic Court by removing all references to the Traffic Court and its judges from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

This ballot question is limited to whether the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia should be abolished. The ballot question would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution beyond the removal of all references to the Traffic Court and its judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to abolish the Traffic Court in the City of Philadelphia. As discussed above, legislation enacted in 2013 transferred the functions of the Traffic Court to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. This amendment would officially abolish the Traffic Court by removing all references to the Traffic Court and its judges from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

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15. James Blunt's "\_\_\_ Beautiful"
16. Actor Owen
17. Credit card rate
18. Bone-chilling
19. To begin with
21. \*NFL Commissioner
23. Doh, re, mi, fa, \_\_\_, la, ti, doh
24. Beacon light
25. Actors' group
28. First name in jeans
30. Russian grand-master
35. Heidi's shoe
37. Bulgarian money
39. Actress Watts
40. Indian music
41. 100 centimes
43. \*Teams have an offensive and defensive one for the game
44. Frenchman's love
46. Charlie "Bird" Parker's sax
47. Pop group "N \_\_\_"
48. \*Like Super Bowl
50. Virginia Institute of Marine Science
52. Epitome of easiness
53. Margarita fruit
55. Throw one under it?
57. \*Expensive big game purchase

61. \*Three-time Super Bowl MVP
65. Some are bright
66. Chain letters
68. Defier
69. Mr. Ed's remark
70. Young newt
71. Do like phoenix
72. Sunbathes
73. High or low card
74. "The Second Coming" poet

### DOWN

1. Black and white "killer"
2. Fox coat, e.g.
3. "Clueless" catch phrase
4. \*Played this year at \_\_\_ Stadium
5. End of "cholesterol"
6. Asia's "\_\_\_ of the Moment"
7. Rascal
8. Rid of impurities
9. Like most U.S. campuses
10. A siren's song, e.g.
11. Seed cover
12. Banana skin
15. Beefeater
20. Elf perch
22. Acorn producer
24. Mollusks with two shells hinged together
25. Scrawny one
26. Remember this battle
27. "Taras Bulba" author
29. Wang or Bradley
31. \*Walter Payton does it in "The Super Bowl Shuffle"
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33. Yemeni neighbor
34. \*Given name of man the trophy is named after
36. Cheap trinket
38. Not in favor
42. Fast food option
45. Dog stand staple
49. Jodie Foster's '08 movie "\_\_\_'s Island"
51. \*Game day
54. Mythological princess of Colchis
56. Fixed look
57. Not a word?
58. One of #65 Across
59. Bit attachment
60. Links to a posted photo
61. First one on a ship
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63. Hitler's Eagle's \_\_\_
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# Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Pocono Mountain Regional Police investigated an incident on 9-25-15 where a driver overtook a vehicle on Route 196 at Route 611 at the Five Points traffic signal in Mt. Pocono. The man got out of his car, approached, and showed the victim a 9 mm handgun, which he pointed toward the victim. After the threat, the man got into his car and fled. The victim called police. On 1-1 of this year, a 24 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. man was arrested after a traffic stop by Pocono Twp. Police on a warrant. The man had a 9 mm pistol in his possession at the time of the arrest. He was taken to the Monroe County jail. He is charged with making terroristic threats, having a gun without a license, and endangering.

On 1-4, PMRPD assisted Pocono Mountain Fire Co. volunteers with a smoke investigation at 14 Stonegate Dr. in Mt. Pocono. Police found the home's occupant to be drunk, but cleared the incident. Police were called back to the home at 10:15 p.m. for a domestic incident, with the same man fighting with an uncle, who was also drunk. The older man was uncooperative, not allowing ambulance staff to evaluate if he was injured. The older man was assisted back to bed. At 9:32 a.m. on 1-5,

PMRPD were called back due to the older man being dead. Family members told police the fight the night before was violent, with the younger man punching and kneeing the older. At this time, police arrested the younger man, Kerdeen Lawrence, 25, on charges of aggravated assault. The Monroe County Coroner's Office is working to determine the cause and manner of death for Andre Lawrence, 46. Bail for Kerdeen was set at \$500,000.

A 44 y/o High Road, Cresco, Barrett Twp. man is arrested for the rape of a child on 1-6 for an incident there in late December. The man is the 5 y/o girl's stepfather. The 44 y/o man is in the county jail in lieu of bail set by the on-duty Magistrate at \$150,000 on multiple charges, PMRPD.

At 11:17 p.m. on 1-16, PMRPD was called to a Sheridan Dr., Coolbaugh Twp. home due to a domestic incident. Police arrived and located the victim, who said her 50 y/o husband had assaulted her, broken numerous items in the house, and threatened to kill her. Police saw the injuries on the victim, and the broken items in the house. He was arrested and taken to the county jail on simple assault and harassment charges.

PMRPD is investigating a drive-by shooting into a Possum Court home in APCP, Coolbaugh Twp. at 3 a.m. on 1-18. Police arrived and found evidence of the crime, and damage to a home. Interviews on the scene reveal that a car left the cul-de-sac about 3 a.m. as the shooting occurred. PMRPD is seeking more information — call them at 570 895-2400 if you can help.

PA State Police — Fern Ridge, responded to the

Country Place Motel in Kidder Twp. at 1:07 p.m. due to a disorderly male. Police arrived to meet the victim, and the accused who had gotten angry because he was asked to leave. The accused instead followed the victim around and pushed him — asking what he was "gonna to do about it." Police arrested 24 y/o Jonathan Haughley of New York on simple assault charges. A pat down at the Carbon County jail found a Xanax bar, which added drug charges. When Haughley's information was run through the NCIC, he was also found to have a felony warrant out for his arrest in New Jersey for receiving stolen property.

PSP-Lehigh is looking into the spray-painting of a door at a New Smith Dr., Kunkletown home during the day on 1-13.

PSP-F is investigating an animal cruelty report at the Tractor Supply in Brodheads-ville at 2 p.m. on 1-16 of a male patron.

### Stealin'

After an investigation by the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigations, PA Attorney General Kathleen Kane's office charged four staff of Tobyhanna State Park in connection with an alleged criminal conspiracy in which automotive reports were forged to make it appear that state vehicles were being used more frequently than they actually were. According to criminal complaints, during a five-month period in 2014 the defendants conspired to forge monthly automotive reports that were kept for the park's vehicles, inflate the frequency of use and fuel usage so that none of the vehicles would be reassigned.

The investigation revealed there were multiple days when DCNR employees were recorded as having been the driver of a vehicle on a day when the employee was on a scheduled day off. Additionally, refueling marked on multiple reports indicated that certain vehicles were being filled beyond their actual fuel capacity, the criminal complaints state. Investigators were told that gallons of fuel and vehicle mileage information had been erased or altered on reports. Multiple interviews conducted through the course of the investigation also revealed evidence that information written on monthly automotive reports was forged during the alleged conspiracy. A park manager, a maintenance supervisor and two maintenance repairmen, are charged

PSP-F is investigating the burglary of two locked sheds at a Petrarch Trail, Towamensing Trails, Penn Forest Twp. vacation home between 1-10 and 16. Tools were stolen.

PSP-L is investigating the theft of a laptop computer as part of a break-in to an Anchorage Rd., Saylorsburg home between 2 and 4 p.m. on 1-18.

PSP-L is looking for a man who tried to rob the Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank in Penn

Forest Twp. about 10:20 a.m. on 1-16. He wore a navy blue hooded jacket, blue jeans, and black gloves, and was carrying an umbrella. The bank's metal detector system locked the inner doors and he couldn't get inside. He then fled the bank into the nearby woods. Anyone with information is asked to call PSP-L Trooper Flynn at 610 681-1850.

### The Pocono Plateau is NOT High Enough for some

Six adults and a 16 y/o boy were arrested when PMRPD raided a home at 159 Echo Lake Rd. in Coolbaugh Twp. on 1-15 and broke up a drug dealing operation. Police seized bulk quantities of heroin, cocaine, and marijuana, plus these same drugs packaged for street sale in various sizes. The drugs were throughout the house. Seven loaded guns were found hidden in chairs, under a sink, and in the lawnmower in the garage, plus ammo, a stun gun, gun magazines and more. There were all sorts of drug packing materials and tools. There was \$14,500 in cash, and \$5,100 in Jamaican money. Add to this a find of \$1,760 in counterfeit US money. Police estimate they seized 250 grams of crack and powder cocaine, 150 bags of heroin. **Please turn to page 15**

## Answers

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# Police Beat...

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and many pounds of pot. The street value of all of this is estimated to be over \$64,000.

Three of those arrested were run through the NCIC and found to be felons, prohibited from possessing firearms. The adults were taken to the Monroe County jail. The

teenager was put into juvenile detention. There was a 4 y/o child at the home taken into protective custody by county Children and Youth.

The PMRPD investigation was ongoing – with numerous complaints regarding the home.

One resident of the home, Andrew Turner, 28, was not present when the raid took place. Police have posted an arrest warrant for him. Turner, his brother Michael, and his mother Patricia Thomas, are charged with drug dealing, criminal conspiracy, forgery, possession of stolen guns, having guns when prohibited by law, and more. Three others are charged with drug dealing, criminal conspiracy, endan-

gering the welfare of children, and more. Everyone was to be arraigned before on-duty District Judge Kristina Anzini of Stroudsburg.

Just after noon on 1-15, PSP-Lehighton was called to a crash off Meixsell Valley Rd. west of Old Route 115 in Ross Twp. where a driver rolled his vehicle over. Police found the 54 y/o Effort area man drunk. He was taken to the county DUI center for a blood draw, with DUI charges pending the results.

PSP-L arrested a 40 y/o Jim Thorpe area man who was found to be DUI after a traffic stop on Route 209 in Franklin Twp. just after midnight on 1-17. He also had drugs in his possession. DUI charges are pending blood test results.

### Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

With winter weather now here, and cold nights causing ice on some roadways, there were a handful of crashes caused by drivers going too fast for conditions, fortunately with no injuries.

PSP-F is seeking a blue Ford E-series van that hit an-

other vehicle while turning into off Route 209 Village Edge Drive in Brodheadsville just after 5 p.m. on 1-7. The crash caused minor injuries, but the van's driver drove off. PSP seeks any witnesses and information – call them at 570 646-2271.

PSP-L located the driver in a hit and run rear-ender crash on Route 209 near Greenhill Road in Polk Twp. just before 11 a.m. on 1-10. The driver of a Toyota Tacoma, later identified as a 58 y/o Gilbert man, hit the rear of a Mazda CX-5 as it was stopped for a red light. No one was hurt in the Mazda.

At 12:31 p.m. on 1-9, PSP-L was called to crash on Middle Creek Rd. in Polk Twp. where a 42 y/o Kunkletown driver lost control of her '15 Santa Fe and sideswiped a utility pole, then crashed it into a tree. She had minor injuries, and was given a warning about driving too fast for conditions.

PSP-L also reports a Kunkletown driver drove her '14 Ford Focus into the side of a turning Chevy Silverado on Mountain View Dr. just before 7 p.m. on 1-18. The Silverado's driver was turning into a driveway. The 19 y/o Focus driver was ticketed for following too closely.

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