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Mount Pocono Borough Council bids farewell to John Finnerty (standing 3rd from left) shown with (standing from left) Donna Console, Francis O'Boyle, Lori Newnan, Claudette Williams, and Keith Transue, and (seated from left) Mayor Fred Courtright, Jeff Woehrle, Karl Davis and Atty. James Fareri.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

Lamberton to lead Tobyhanna Township

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Tobyhanna Township kicked off its first meeting of the New Year with a reorganization January 4. Positions pivoted as Anne Lamberton was named president by a vote of 4-1 with John Holahan opposed. Holahan asked about resolution of conflicts related to Kalahari, as well as to Pappillon and Moyer.

"There's a difference between deliberation and discussion," assured Lamberton.

Attorney Patrick Armstrong explained situations involving

the need for a member to recue themselves.

Holahan said, "If you don't think there's going to be an issue" with Lamberton responding, "I personally do not."

Holahan's nomination as vice president did not pass with Lamberton, John Kerrick and Don Moyer opposed. Moyer was then elected to the position.

Lamberton will join Moyer and township representative Dave Moyer on the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission.



There were few changes resulting from Tunkhannock Township's reorganization meeting on January 4. Shown from left are supervisors vice-chair George Ewald, chair Fran DePiano, and Joseph Warriner. PMRPD's shooting range will go to Planning 1-13. Some vacancies remain for township boards; read a full report in the next issue.

JP: Seth Isenberg

Change in leadership for Mount Pocono

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Reorganization brought changes for Mount Pocono as the borough bid farewell to 30-year councilman and longest term council president John Finnerty after he tendered his resignation at the close of January 4's re-organization meeting. The 15 year reign ended following a vote of 5-2 that placed Karl Davis at the helm

as president, with Finnerty and Francis O'Boyle opposed. Jeff Woehrle was unanimously named vice-president.

Council agreed to re-evaluate standing committee appointments at the January 19 work session, with Claudette Williams noting the importance of comprehending roles and responsibilities.

Kalahari pursuing punch list funds

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"We're still sitting here with

no answer and no estimate," explained Tobyhanna Township engineer Bob McHale as supervisors deliberated over Kalahari's request to release funds at the December 14 meeting. With a street seepage situation along Kalahari Boulevard still soaking, supervisors held firm to finding answers before relinquishing punch list monies.

"Until Pennoni provides a report [we have] no real answer and no real solution," McHale added asking, "Have they been authorized to investigate this thoroughly?"

Supervisor Heidi Pickard reasoned, "It's our problem if the road fails."

Responding, "They [Pennoni Associates] have been charged with finding what a solution is," Kalahari's Harry

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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 temperatures – especially with single digit nighttime temps on Monday and Tuesday. It's cold and dry enough for the snowmaking 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 at 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 Lehigh 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.

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Scavello, American Legion to offer Veterans Assistance Day

Senator Mario Scavello and the American Legion will be holding a Veterans Assistance Day on January 12 at the senator's Tannersville district office. This service is offered on the second Tuesday of each month.

The district office is located at 2989 Route 611, Suite 103

Tannersville.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., a service officer with the American Legion Pennsylvania Department will be on site to assist veterans with issues including: compensation and pension claims, education benefits, enrollment in the VA health care system, burial and

survivor benefits, state benefits, and obtaining military personnel and medical records.

Veterans do not need to be a member of the American Legion to receive these services. Please contact the Tannersville office to schedule an appointment at 570-620-4326.

Tobyhanna...

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Forbes added, "It's not a matter of paying for it."

Explaining a "trial and error" approach isn't the way to go, he reported the firm is "still trying to figure it out."

Release of other funds for the resort including \$20,515.23 for Letter of Credit Reduction Category Improve-

ments and \$535,425 Sewer Draw were approved.

Supervisors approved the conditional use of a Monroe County Transit Authority bus shelter for Kalahari employees following a hearing for public input. Restricted to only Kalahari advertisements and MCTA bus schedule, the 8' long x 5' deep temporary structure will be set in the rear of the building.

MCTA Executive Director Rich Schlameuss explained

the unit will be bolted to the ground with the ability to move in the future. A solar panel will provide energy for evening lighting.

Supervisors approved the municipality's bill pack of \$827,416.76 along with payment to Papillon and Moyer of \$62,422.85 with Anne Lamberton noting she is an employee and John Kerrick stating a business relationship.

Free Community Dinner at St. Maximilian Kolbe

The Social Concerns Committee of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines, invites friends and neighbors to another Community Dinner on Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m. The meal is offered free of charge to all members of the community. Feast on roast pork, mashed potatoes and

gravy, a vegetable, salad, bread, dessert and beverage.

Shake off those winter doldrums in a warm, friendly atmosphere while you enjoy some lively conversation. Seating is limited and reservations are required.

To reserve your place at the dinner table, call 570-

646-7253. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 20. St. Maximilian Kolbe is located at 5112 Pocono Crest Road, near the traffic signal, in Pocono Pines. The served meal will be held downstairs in Our Lady of the Lake Hall. The hall is handicap accessible.

Rader reacts to Gov. Wolf's line-item veto

Rep. Jack Rader issued the following statement after Gov. Tom Wolf used the line-item veto on nearly \$7 billion of the state budget sent to him by the Legislature last week. The governor's actions on Tuesday did allow for the release of critical emergency funding to schools and human service agencies.

"It is time for the governor to stop with the political games. His use of the line-item veto

was simply political posturing. Gov. Wolf had agreed to two-thirds of the line items in the budget we sent him. Yet, he vetoed key funding for agriculture, health services and education. This maneuver was the governor's way of biding his time while he tries to force massive broad-based tax increases on Pennsylvanians.

"Taxes are already too high in Monroe County and working families and seniors can-

not afford the fiscal irresponsibility of Gov. Wolf. We need substantive property tax relief, not higher taxes. The budget sent to the governor last week and the one passed by the House on June 30, did not include broad-based tax increases. I remain focused on bringing this impasse to an end in a responsible and reasonable manner that respects our hard-working taxpayers."

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Borough of Mount Pocono, Monroe County, Pennsylvania will accept sealed bids for a parcel of real property owned by the Borough located in the Borough of Mount Pocono.

Signed sealed bids will be received until February 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. The bids should be addressed to Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary, Borough of Mount Pocono, 1361 Pocono Boulevard, Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania 18344. All bids must be accompanied by a bank cashier's check made payable to the "Borough of Mount Pocono" in the amount of ten (10%) of the bid. In the event that the bid is accepted by the Borough of Mount Pocono, this amount will be non-refundable.

All bids will be opened at the Public Meeting of Borough Council scheduled for February 1, 2016, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The Borough of Mount Pocono reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason in the sole discretion of the Borough of Mount Pocono. In the event that a bid is not accepted, the down payment will be refunded promptly.

All bids must be on Agreement of Sale forms that may be obtained from the Borough Secretary or the Borough of Mount Pocono during regular business hours at the Borough offices or by telephone, 570.839.8436, or by e-mail directed to the Borough Secretary, Lori Noonan, lori@mountpocono-pa.gov. All bid forms must be signed by the purchaser.

The property to be sold by sale bid is described as follows:

Property situate at 20 Fork Street, Borough of Mount Pocono bearing tax parcel number 10/8/5/11 consisting approximately of 0.18 acres. This is an improved property. The property is more particularly described as parcel #3 in a certain deed dated December 27, 2007, and recorded on January 24, 2008 in the Office for the Recording of Deeds of Monroe County at Record Book Volume 2325, Page 8740.

The property may be inspected at the prospective bidders own risk. Please contact the Borough Secretary during regular business hours with respect to inspection of this property.

The property is sold in an "As Is, Where Is Condition, With All Faults". Seller makes no representations whatsoever as to the property.

All successful bidders must close on the purchase within thirty (30) days of the opening of bids. All questions pertaining to this Notice should be directed to the Borough Secretary at the above address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pocono Mountain Regional EMS Board of Directors will hold its Re-organization Meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Tobyhanna Township Building at 105 Government Center Way, Pocono Pines, PA 18350.

Area Funerals

Jane Patrick Eiman

On the morning of December 26, 2015, Jane Patrick Eiman died at the home of her daughter, Jeannette, in Pocono Pines. She was 89 years old, and was in her favorite place – the kitchen – at the time of her death.

Jane was born on May 21, 1926 in Dover, Ohio, to James Estep and Esther Shaweker Patrick. She was their eldest child and only daughter, and sister to James S. Patrick.

Jane led an ordinary extraordinary life. After graduating from Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio in 1947 with a degree in Food Science, she joined the first group of students to travel to Holland with the Netherlands Office for Foreign Student Relations, to work on potato farms as part of a post-war relief and reconciliation initiative.

Upon her return to the US in 1948, she pursued a career in Nutrition at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston and at Germantown Hospital in Philadelphia. She later joined Campbell's Soup Company in Camden, NJ where she developed recipes and products in the Creative Foods Department. She retired from Campbell's first in 1958, and after rejoining the company in 1983, finally in 1991. She also created and ran VIPYC, a yacht chartering company in the Caribbean with her husband, Bill, for many years.

Jane met and married William Janvier Eiman, from Bala Cynwyd in 1958. Together they renovated their home in Society Hill, traveled extensively by sailboat in the Caribbean, and raised a daughter, Jeannette Eiman Boulind, of London, UK. Bill died on November 26, 1998.

Jane was an active contributor to her community, volunteering as a docent at the Samuel Powel House and as a literacy mentor at the EM Stanton School/Bainbridge House for many years. She loved her extended family, including nieces and nephews.

In addition to spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, Henry and Lucie Boulind, and son-on-law, Oliver Boulind, her great joy was cuddling and walking her dog, Mabel. She will be missed all.

Bolock Funeral Home, Cresco, was in charge of arrangements.

Scott C. Fuller

Scott C. "Zach" Fuller, 54, of Pocono Pines, died on Thursday, December 24, 2015 at his home.

Born in Scranton, he was the son of the late James Fuller, Sr. and Patricia (Weirich) Reed.

Scott was a graduate of Pocono Mountain High School and continued his education at Bloomsburg University. He coached youth baseball with his brother Jim for a number of years. He was an advocate of Autism Awareness Charities and a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He is survived by a son, Bradley T. Fuller; brothers: Jim Fuller and his wife, Andrea, Tom Reed, Tim Reed and his wife, Irene. Scott's former wife and close friend, Cathy Sayre Fuller and her parents, Bob and Bev Sayre; nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be announced on social media in the near future. Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Lonnie F. Van Sant

Lonnie F. Van Sant, 59, of Pocono Pines, passed away Thursday, December 24, 2015, at home. She was the wife of John D. "Dave" Van Sant, with whom she shared 31 years of marriage.

Born on August 25, 1956, in Morristown, New Jersey, she was a daughter of Stanley and Judith (Rubin) Shustinn.

Lonnie was well known and liked at the Lakeside House Restaurant before devoting her life to her daughters, and in time, her grandchildren.

Lonnie is also survived by daughters, Rachel and Andrea Van Sant; stepdaughters, Coleen and Christine; six grandchildren; brother, Henry; and sisters, Janel and Beth.

Services and a celebration

of life were held December 30, at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

Ralph Lopez

Ralph Lopez, Sr., 86, of Pocono Summit, died Friday morning, December 25, 2015, at Whitestone Care Center in Stroud Township. He was the husband of Josephine (Santos) Lopez.

Born on June 8, 1929 in Manhattan, New York, he was the son of the late Louis and Alexandria Lopez.

He served in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Also surviving are a son, Ralph Lopez, Jr. and his fiancée, Cookie Sanchez of Pocono Summit; a daughter, Elaine Connors of Red Bluff, California; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and a sister, Eileen Gilbert of New York, New York.

A funeral service was held December 29 in Stroudsburg. Entombment followed at Mountainview Mausoleum at Prospect Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

Dominique James Childress

Dominique James "Nick" Childress, age 29, died suddenly at his home in Long Pond on December 14, 2015.

Born in Wahiawa, Hawaii on May 14, 1986 he was the son of Aaron Childress of Hughesville, Maryland and the late Constance (Daigle) Childress.

He is survived by stepmother, Jodi Childress of Hughesville, Maryland; brother, Jacob Morin; sister, Pavasiya Nugent; stepbrother, John Miller; and stepsisters: Melissa, Katelyn and Lauren Miller; several nephews and a niece; grandmother, Doris Campbell and her husband, Maynard. He was preceded in death by his mother, several aunts, uncles and his two cousins.

He was a 2004 Honor Society graduate of Pemberton High School. He graduated

number 10 in his class. He proceeded to Penn State University main campus where he received a Bachelors Degree in Logistics.

He was employed as a manager at Verizon Wireless.

A memorial service was held January 2, at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley

Road, Cresco.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made in his name to the Polycystic Kidney Foundation (PKD) by visiting <https://www.pkdcure.org/> donate or the American Heart Association, PO Box 163549 Columbus, OH 43216-3549.

Three Kings Celebration

The annual celebration of the Three Kings will take place in St. Luke's Parish Hall at Main Street in Stroudsburg on January 9 from 3-5:30 p.m. The tradition of gift giving for children on the Epiphany is more popular in Latin America and parts of Europe than the Santa Claus celebration on Christmas Eve.

The Federation of Latinos for Education about the Cultures of Hispanic-America, better known as FLECHA, is a local organization that promotes the integration of cultures in the Poconos, and sponsors this event to enrich the diversity of our community.

The program reenacts the Christmas Story as dramatized in word, song, and dance by the children of the Religious Education program for the Spanish-speaking at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Mt. Pocono. Led by Mrs. Marcia Muñoz, the young performers provide a lively and child-friendly presentation of Jesus' birth. The highlight of the event is the arrival of the Three Kings dressed in regalia, who distribute a gift to each of the children under 12. Refreshments follow for all.

This year provides a learning moment by showing that to be wise or regal, one does not have to be a man. As explained by Patsy Ortiz, who will don the special costume this year, FLECHA believes that "Magi,"

the word in the Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12), can be translated as three "Wise Persons." "The beauty of the faith," she says, "allows us to preserve the past, but adapt it to modern understanding."



The event is ecumenical and open to all faiths and traditions, in addition to those from Spain and Latin America. Donation of toys for the event is sponsored by Christina Luna, Chairperson of FLECHA, and host of the weekly radio show, Tu Voz Con Christina on Pocono 96.7 FM.

Boxes for gifts are found at Cocina Dominicana on 5th Street in Stroud Township; Glamor Me Salon near St. Luke's in Stroudsburg; Blue Ocean Fish Store on 9th Street and Pocono Vendors on West Main Street. A box will also be available on the day of the event for last minute donations.

For more information, consult the FLECHA website: www.flechanepa.org or leave a message request at 570-291-7333.

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Sanofi Pasteur “adopts” families who have little to call their own

Sanofi Pasteur, the vaccines division of Sanofi, announced that its employees continued the company's 21 year tradition of collecting and hand-delivering gifts, non-perishable food items, and supermarket gift cards to the families of Monroe County Head Start at Pocono Services for Families and Children. The items were donated through the company's “Adopt-A-Family” drive, which will benefit a record 42 families this year, many who are homeless.

Sanofi Pasteur's steadfast commitment to this drive has consistently brightened the holidays of low-income families in Monroe County throughout the last two decades. This year, the company's generous donations were perhaps even more critical, as community trends of increased homelessness deeply impacted Monroe County's own Head Start families.

In the Monroe County Head Start classrooms alone, currently there are 33 homeless families- 15% of total enrollment, compared to almost half that amount just last year- 17 families in 2014. All 33 families are being helped through the drive. PSFC defines homelessness as “not having a place of your own.” Many families in this category, for instance, all live in one room of a home owned by a friend or family member, and

they often move frequently from location to location.

“In the last year, PSFC has seen the rate of homelessness grow tremendously,” said Jackie Lapping, family & health services manager, PSFC. “Given this year's especially difficult economy and increased cost of living and food, we and our Monroe County Head Start families could not be more grateful for the generosity of organizations like Sanofi Pasteur.”

“This feels like a miracle!” said one of the homeless parents of Monroe County Head Start children. “I may not have my own place to decorate, or my own table to put a meal on this December, but my children will still feel the magic of the season thanks to Sanofi Pasteur's heartfelt employees.”

The commitment Sanofi Pasteur employees have shown toward the “Adopt-a-Family” drive marks only one of the many ways the company has given back to Head Start this year. Last month, employees delivered 219 pairs of winter boots, plus clothes and food, to Monroe County Head Start families as part of the company's Thanksgiving holiday drive.

Sanofi Pasteur also provided support toward the purchase of furniture and supplies for two new Pre-K classrooms in East Stroudsburg. In addition, the com-



pany worked with PSFC to create a scholarship for graduates of the Monroe County Head Start program who are

entering or are currently enrolled in college.

For more information, please visit www.sanofipas-

www.sanofipas-teur.com or www.sanofipas-teur.us.

PMC commenced planning process to become Level II Trauma Center

Pocono Medical Center (PMC) is pleased to announce that they have commenced the planning process to become a Level II Trauma Center. In their eight years as a Level III Trauma Center, the only such facility in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, most patients receive their care at their facility with the exception of head trauma patients who are transferred to their trauma partner, Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN).

With a Level II Trauma Center, they will be adding neurosurgeons and surgical specialty services to the Trauma Team, which will enable most of the head trauma patients to receive their care close to home.

PMC became a Level III accredited Trauma Center in November 2008. As the only Level III Trauma Center in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, PMC provides life-saving care around the clock to over 1,200 patients

each year.

The Trauma Team is made up of many dedicated professionals throughout the Medical Center, as well as the EMS partners who provide critical pre-hospital care 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The team is led by our Medical Director, Dr. David Scaff, and Manager, Larissa McNeill.

The center looks forward to introducing this new service to the residents and visitors they serve in the Pocono region.

Church Women of United Monroe County to meet

Church Women United of Monroe County invites everyone to their business meeting on January 29 at 1:30 p.m., at the Hughes Library, Rt. 611 and Chipperfield Drive,

Stroudsburg.

The meeting will not be held if schools are canceled. For more information, call 570-629-0649.

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The ARTSPACE Gallery schedules 2016 exhibitions

For its first exhibit of the New Year, the ARTSPACE Gallery will attempt to break-up the winter doldrums with an exhibit of Floral & Botanical Art – “June in January.” Drop Off is January 4 from 1-7 p.m. An artists’ reception is schedule for January 9 from 1-3 p.m. A prospectus is

available on the ARTSPACE page of the PoconoArts website, www.poconoarts.org.

On exhibit during January will be the work of Dee Huxster in the studio gallery. Dee is preparing to move south in the spring and is selling work at half price. There will be many pieces from which to

pick - including oils, watercolors, and pastels.

Thanks to ARTSPACE Curator, Claire Marcus, a 2016 schedule of exhibitions has be set. Please look over the list below and plan on joining them for the various themed exhibition. Specific details will follow closer to the shows. Most of all, get painting now so you are ready to submit

your work.

January - June in January, Exhibit of Floral and Botanical Artwork; February - Abstraction Exhibition; March - Annual Student Juried Exhibition; April - The Earth Speaks II: A Juried Exhibition on the Environmental Crisis; May - Annual PoconoArts Members’ Exhibition; June - Watercolor Exhibition; July

- The Animal Kingdom Exhibition; August - Photography Exhibition; September - Local Landmarks Exhibition; October - Art Educators Group Exhibition; November - Look to the Sky Exhibition; December - Annual Holiday Store.

For further information on the ARTSPACE Gallery or the Pocono Arts Council, please call 570-476-4460 or visit www.poconoarts.org.

Pennsylvania Farm Show trip

Pennsylvania is proud to host the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the nation, with nearly 6,000 animals, 10,000 competitive exhibits, and 300 commercial exhibits. Join the EE Center for a trip on January 12 in a 13 passenger wheelchair-accessible bus to the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

We’ll leave from the EE Center at 8:30 a.m. and return at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$32 for non-members, \$26 for EE Center members. Pre-reg-

istration and payment is required and limited. Refunds will be given only if notification is made at least one week in advance. Inclement weather date is January 14.

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, we offer visit our website at mconconservation.org.

“Who Lives Here” program

Join Environmental Educator Karen N. Boyle on January 9, for a program on animal homes. In winter, we are tucked inside our cozy houses protected from the elements. You might be surprised at what animals depend on to protect them. Come learn about and look for animal shelters at Kettle Creek from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for non-members, \$3 for children

under 12, and free for EE Center members.

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Clymer Library off-site book drops up and running

The Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, announced that refurbishment to the library’s off-site book drops is finished, and the drops are up and running again at the Blake-slee and Long Pond Post Offices. Patrons may drop off their borrowed books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs at the drop boxes on or before the day the items are due and they will not be charged a fine.

The library’s staff would like to thank patrons for their patience and understanding during the refurbishment period. And, the staff and board of trustees of the Clymer Library would like to express their gratitude to Cartesio’s Precision Collision of Pocono Pines for donating their time and resources to sand, paint, and refinish the book drops, free of charge to the library. Lettering was provided by C&S Signs of Mount Pocono.

The Clymer Library currently has more than 14 thousand registered patrons in Tobyhanna and Tunkhannock Townships.

Along with offering thousands of books, movies, audio-books, magazines, audio CD’s, as well as computer

and internet access, each month the library offers many programs for patrons of all ages, like this month’s Star Wars Saturday for both children and adults, and the new

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For more information on the Clymer Library, visit our website at www.clymerlibrary.org or call 570-646-0826.



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Exciting Teen Mystery Programs at the libraries

Live Clue

An evening of intrigue and mystery for teens in grades 7-12. Solve a murder case based on the board game Clue. Roll the dice, move to the crime scenes, and challenge your opponents. Everyone is suspect, even you. Fun, snacks, and prizes for all. Space is limited and registration is required.

The program will take place on January 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Barrett Paradise Friendly Library, Cresco (in place of TAB meeting). Call 570-595-7171 to register.

Live Clue will also be held on January 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. at Clymer Library, Pocono Pines (in place of TAB meeting). Call 570-646-0826 to register.

Death Gets a Red Card

This is an interactive mystery program for teens in grades 7-12. Who would want to harm the star of the high school soccer team? Was it an accident or murder? Teens are invited to investigate the crime scene, examine the evidence, and search for clues in order to solve the mystery. Sleuths will be rewarded

with fun, snacks, and prizes. Space is limited and registration is required.

The program will take place on January 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hughes Library in Stroudsburg. Call 570-421-0800 x305 to register.

For info about these and other teen library programs, go to www.monroepl.org and click "Teens."



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Tobyhanna Millpond Ice Harvest

The annual Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest will be held on January 30. There is no ice on the millpond yet due to the warm weather. They will not have 14" of ice in late December like they did in 1945 (see below), but if they have a cold January, there is still a chance for a good harvest. There is no alternate date this year. We will cut ice if it is thick enough, otherwise we will demonstrate the historic tools and equipment.

You can call the Tobyhanna Millpond Ice Harvest Hotline 570-894-8205 for updates as the ice harvest approaches. They will also be sending out periodic e-mail updates on ice conditions. Below is some ice harvest history from a newspaper article dated December 27, 1945:

Ice Harvest Begins in Pocono Mountains

Annual ice harvest has

started in the Pocono Mountains. Several companies engaged in the task expect to place more than 100,000 tons of ice in storage within the next month.

The harvest was started by the West End Ice Company of Gouldsboro last Saturday. Others started harvesting Monday and today.

Low temperatures in recent weeks were responsible for the ice reaching the desired depth of 14 inches much earlier than usual. Ice companies anticipate a heavy demand during the new year. Workers are being sought.

Last year companies used German war prisoners to augment regular personnel.

Take the daring Polar Plunge

The Board of Directors of the Pocono Polar Bear Plunge Society has announced the 15th Annual Pocono Polar Bear Plunge will be held on February 14 at 1 p.m. at Henning's Pond in Albrightsville.

Interested plungers must pre-register at Robert Christians Restaurant in Pocono Lake, or by contacting Bob Kasper at email address mt.life@ymail.com, or by phone at 570-977-9165 no later than February 7.

This is a fun and festive event featuring those courageous dare devils who take the dive, a large bon-fire, music, warm snacks, and drinks. Tail gating to the Plunge has become quite popular. More importantly, this is a charitable event benefiting a local person, family, or charity in need.

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13. Big Dipper shape
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15. Succeed
16. Helped
17. Waikiki garb
18. *Like characters played by Lon Chaney
19. *Marx brother
21. *Famously played title role in "Cleopatra"
23. *1950s teen idol, ____ Hunter
24. Not that
25. Thrilla in Manila boxer
28. Friendly jab on Facebook
30. Set aside as inferior
35. Marijuana user's hookah
37. Stole material
39. Cowboy sport
40. Christmas season
41. Boston hockey player
43. Petri dish filler
44. Holiday activity?
46. Caffeine tree
47. Egg holder
48. *1979 Sean Connery and Natalie Wood clunker
50. Newton, e.g.
52. "____ no evil,..."
53. Spew profanities
55. Roman road

57. *Scarlett O'Hara or Blanche DuBois
60. *Katharine or Audrey
64. Asian chew
65. Springsteen's "Born in the ____"
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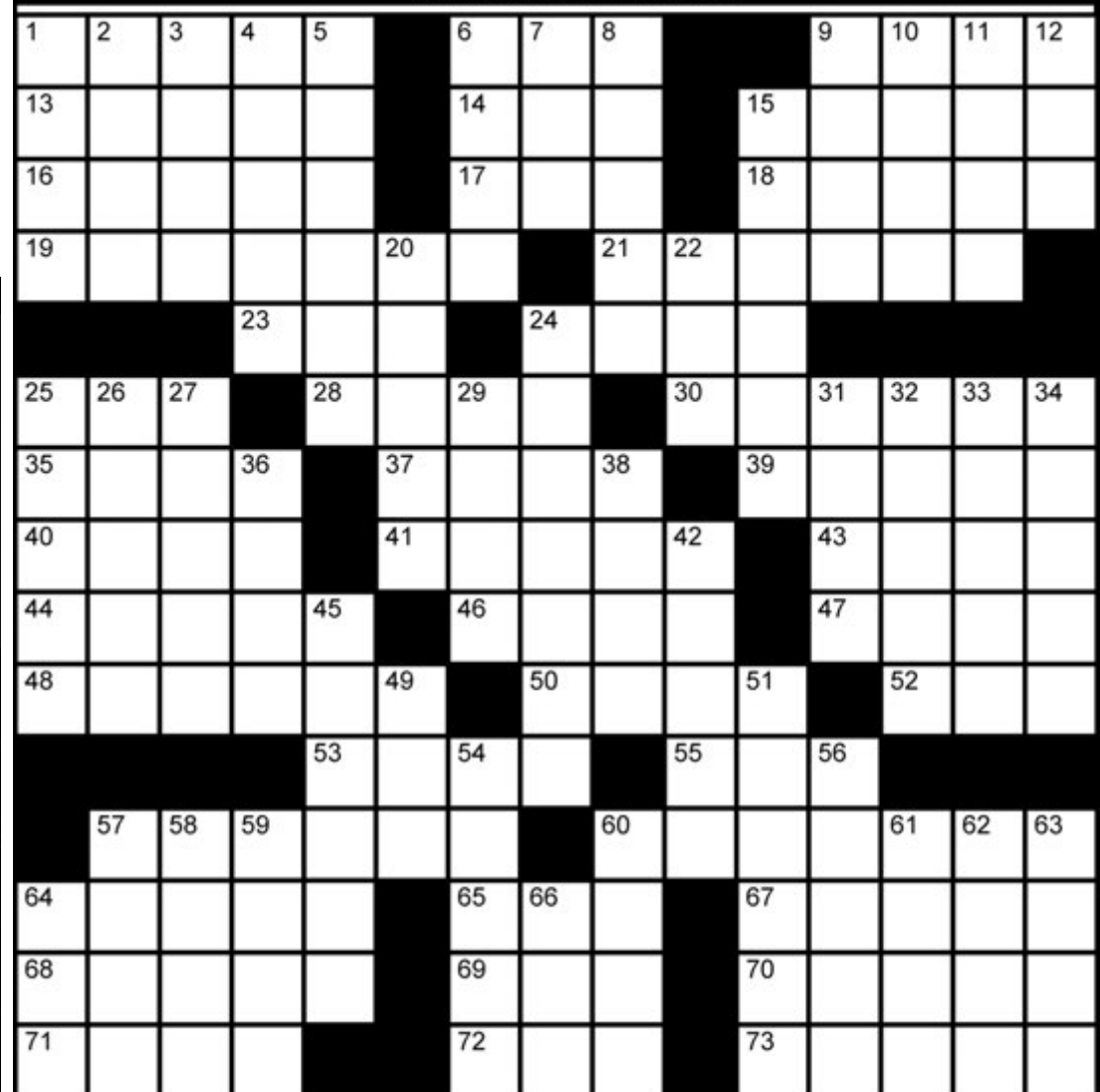
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8. Country singer ____ Hill
9. Season to be jolly
10. 1970s hairdo
11. *Laurel and Hardy or Abbott and Costello
12. Old-fashioned "before"
15. Old Faithful
20. Edward Teller's creation
22. Lung necessity
24. Lacking substance
25. Deep cavity
26. Jeweler's glass
27. Coastal feature
29. **Spartacus" star
31. **Mommie Dearest"
32. Ruler sides, e.g.
33. This and desist

34. Type of dessert
36. **An American in Paris"
38. Potter's oven
42. Lacking guile
45. Easily handled
49. Poe's "The Murders in the ____ Morgue"
51. Left gratuity
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56. Bullying, e.g.
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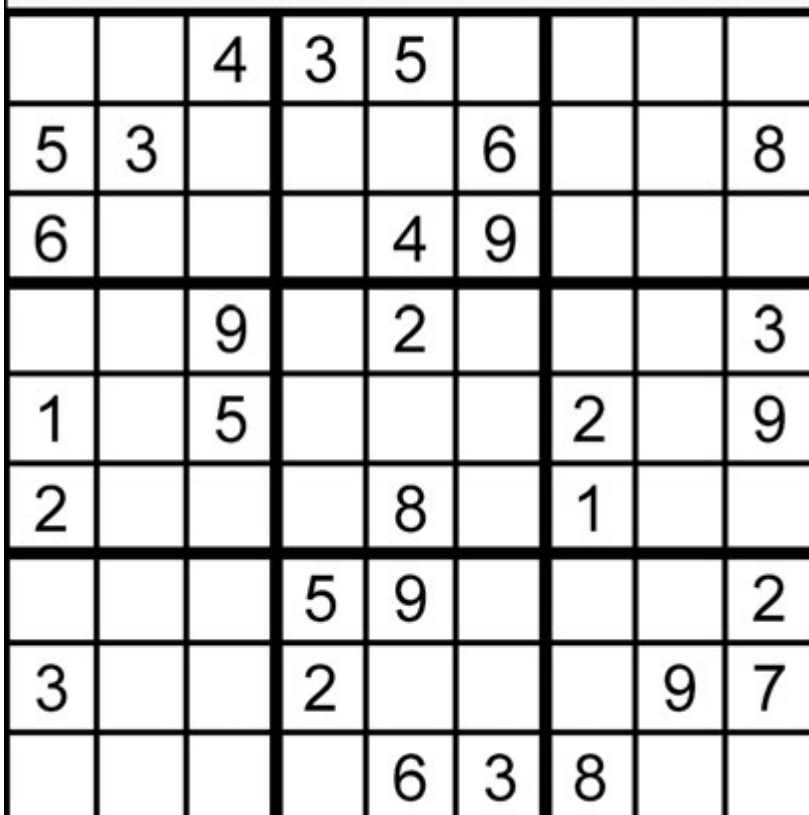
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On 12-21, Pocono Mountain Regional Police's School Resource Officer at Pocono Mountain West Junior High School (in Pocono Summit) was contacted by a parent about a cell phone stolen from her teenager while in school on October 9. The parent shared with police the details of the phone bill that arrived after the theft. The same number was called multiple times. Using this information, PMRPD investigators located the girl who had taken the phone during a class, then kept it for almost two months. The phone was recovered and returned to its owner. A juvenile allegation form was completed and forwarded to the Monroe County Juvenile Probation Department requesting misdemeanor theft/stolen property charges on the girl.

There are reports of two sliding glass doors damaged at a home on Towamensing Trail (in that development), Albrightsville, Penn Forest Twp. overnight 12-23 to 24.

Answers

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Nothing appears to have been stolen, PA State Police – Fern Ridge. Another smashed sliding glass door on a Burnshaw Lane, Towamensing Trails vacation home was discovered on 12-26. Again, nothing seems to have been taken. A home in the 1400 block on Route 715 in Jackson Twp. had its sliding screen door damaged between 1 and 2 p.m. on 12-25.

A 53 y/o Katu Trail, Indian Mtn. Lakes homeowner reports that his Taurus .357 #66 revolver was stolen from his home on 12-22, PSP-F.

PMRPD was called to the Dollar General in Mt. Pocono about shoplifting at 10:15 a.m. on 12-17. A man stole a pack of underwear. A search of the area did not locate a suspect, so police reviewed surveillance video and with the help of the store manager, identified the suspect. He is to be charged with retail theft.

The Pocono Plateau is NOT HIGH Enough for some

Just before 1 a.m. on 12-22, PMRPD officers on patrol tried to stop a vehicle that they saw run a STOP sign on Green Road in Coolbaugh Twp. Its driver failed to stop for the cruiser with its lights activated, instead turning into Pocono Farms and then abandoning the vehicle to flee on foot. PMRPD organized a search. They located the driver near a shed behind a home. The 19 y/o East

Stroudsburg man was determined to be drunk. He was arrested for fleeing & eluding, DUI, and underage drinking, and will face a preliminary hearing before District Judge Tony Fluegel.

At 1:10 a.m. on 12-24, PMRPD was called to investigate a loud party at a 2100 block Wild Laurel Dr., Emerald Lakes, Tunkhannock Twp. home with a report of gunshots fired. Police arrived and saw over 100 people in the home and outside. Police searched and found no weapons. They did find that the host was 18 years old—and he also tried to hide some marijuana from officers. He was arrested for pot possession, underage drinking and disorderly conduct. Charges are filed with District Judge Richard Claypool's office.

A 48 y/o Long Pond man's Kia was stopped because he missed stopping at the STOP sign on Sullivan Trail at Long Pond Rd. at 2:15 a.m. on 12-25. When PMRPD officers approached, they could smell a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from the car. A

consented-to search found some pot and several items of drug paraphernalia. The man is charged with possession, and the STOP sign violation, plus disorderly conduct.

As part of an ongoing narcotics investigation, PMRPD served a search warrant on 6522 Runnymede Lane in APCP, Coolbaugh Twp. just before 1 p.m. on 12-31 as one of the suspects was leaving the home. Kevin "Nine" Williams, 29, had a brick of heroin (50 bags) in his possession. Police learned he was heading out to make a deliver to a customer elsewhere in the township, who was identified. The search of the house found heroin and drug trafficking items, a .357 revolver and ammo. It was determined that Williams and his 24 y/o girlfriend Jessica Walutes had been dealing "considerable quantities" of heroin from the home for at least six months. Both were arrested and taken to the Monroe County jail on drug dealing and possession charges, crim-

inal conspiracy and having a stolen gun. Bail was set at \$50,000 each, and a hearing set before D.J. Fluegel.

The Rest

A 47 y/o Lehighton man got into an argument about missing money with a 24 y/o woman who was a passenger in his car as he was driving her towards Brodheadsville on Route 209 between 3 and 3:30 p.m. on 12-9. During the argument, he slammed on the brakes in an attempt to hit her head off the dashboard. When this didn't work, he took his pistol from the center console and pointed it at her. The man is charged with aggravated assault, PSP.

PMRPD's School Resource Officer at Pocono Mountain West High School in Pocono Summit arrested a female student for disorderly conduct after she threatened a student and used obscene language while outside the administration office in the main hallway at 12:45 p.m. on 12-11. She

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Police Beat...

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did not stop when asked by administrators or the Officer. She was eventually calmed, and sent home—and will be

charged with misdemeanor persistent disorderly conduct.

PSP-F was involved in the search for a 15 y/o Saylorsburg boy who left his White Pine Dr. home at 9:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve. He was found safe at 3 p.m. Christmas day in the area of his home, and was returned there.

PMRPD was sent to a two-vehicle crash on Route 940 at Long Pond Rd. in Pocono Summit. A pickup truck had hit the side of a sedan that was turning onto Long Pond Rd. at 5:11 p.m. on 12-25. The crash trapped 18 y/o Alejandro Santos of Tobyhanna in the car—and he was seriously hurt. Fire Co. responders extricated Santos and PMR EMS transported to PMC's Trauma Unit. Santos died from his injuries on the way there at 6:51 p.m. The car's driver, Santos' fiancée, was hurt and also taken to PMC. She has bruises and a sprained left shoulder. Santos was an honors senior at Pocono Mountain East High School, a volunteer firefighter with Jackson Twp., and hoped to join the Marines after graduating. PMRPD is investigating the crash.

Clymer Library January programs

The Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, announced programs and events for January. For more information call 570-646-0826 or stop by the circulation desk.

Kids' Programs Children's Story Hour and Lap Sit

Story Hour for children ages 3 to 5 will be held on January 11 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. Lap Sit for kids 2 and under will be held January 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Star Wars: A New Hope

Parents, remember watching Star Wars for the first time? Bring your children to the library on January 9 at 11 a.m. This movie is rated PG. The library will provide the popcorn; just bring a drink. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. For kids ages 6 and up.

Junior Book Club

If you are in grades four through six, become part of Clymer's first Junior Book Club. The next meeting is January 12 at 6 p.m. The club will discuss the book *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. For more information or to reserve a copy of the book, contact Children's Technician Miss Kristi at kbelcher@clymerlibrary.org.

Appreciate a Dragon Day

Appreciate a Dragon Day was created by author Donita K. Paul in 2004 to celebrate the release of her book, *DragonSpell* (DragonKeeper Chronicles). Come to celebrate dragons through

books and crafts on January 16 at 12 p.m. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. For ages 5 and up.

Teen Advisory Board

The Clymer Library's Teen Advisory Board is looking for new members to come on board. The next meeting will be January 19 at 6:30 p.m., open to students in grades seven through twelve who want to take an active role in their library. To sign up for the e-mail reminder list, send an e-mail tomcteenlib@gmail.com and include your name, grade, and phone number.

Wii Just Dance Party

Do you love to dance? Would you enjoy a friendly competition to show off your moves? If you answered yes, then join the library on January 23 at 1 p.m. for the Wii Dance Party. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. Ages 5 and up.

Kids' Jewelry Making

Experiencing the winter blues? Pass the time by making some cute jewelry to wear or share with a friend on January 30 at 12 p.m. They will provide all materials; you just may need to bake some pieces at home. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. For ages eight and up.

Adult and General Programs Stress Relief Coloring

Last month, the Clymer introduced a free stress relief coloring program for adults that will continue into 2016. Patrons ages 18 and up are invited to stop by any time to color on their own. The library will supply the coloring pages and colored pencils. Join them on January 28 from 2-3 p.m. for a relaxing group coloring session, complete with complimentary cookies and soothing music. The library will provide the supplies, but feel free to bring a beverage. When you're done, be sure to leave your finished work of art to be displayed at the library. Sign-up is required for the session on January 28 only, so if you're interested call the library at 570-646-0826, or stop by the circulation desk.

Brown Bag Book Club

The library's *Brown Bag Book Club* will meet January 27 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. For more information, contact Melissa Lopez at 570-646-0826.

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