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VALLEY WITH A HEART DONATED over \$3,000 in toys to nine police departments in Luzerne County, including the White Haven Police Department to use as they feel they will be helpful. Valley With a Heart was founded in 2001, holding a motorcycle ride as a benefit to help the family of a child with cancer. Over the years since, they have helped many other families, funneling the funds through the Luzerne Foundation. This year they expanded their efforts to support local police departments. Shown from left are Mark Gronkowski, Gary Galazin, White Haven Police Chief Tom Szoke, Rick Temarantz (president), Fred Polisky, Cheryl Lupher (secretary), White Haven Police Officer Joanne Jinx, and Tom Matthews. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*

Looking back at 2015

by Clara R. Holder

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

JANUARY 8 – Republican State Representative Doyle Heffley was sworn in to a third term representing Carbon County. Democratic State Representative Gerald Mullery was also sworn in.

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ONE MORE LOOK AT CHRISTMAS: Santa visited Weatherly Legion Post 360 Auxilliary, and Nevin, Alex, and Adam enjoyed meeting him. *JH: Stephanie Grega*

No tax increase in Lehigh Township

by Ruth Isenberg

Lehigh Township's 2015 budget does not include a tax increase. The budget was adopted as advertised during the December 7 township supervisors' meeting. Supervisor Jill Redash-Capossela said she disagreed with reducing the road maintenance line item to 0, and not including anything for storm water management, but agreed with the overall numbers. Supervisor chair Larry Skinner noted that some of the money had to be shifted to deal with stream

crossing at Pump House Road. All three supervisors voted in favor the budget, and the tax resolution.

The garbage fee resolution was also adopted. Garbage bills will be out by January 15. The due date will be February 29. Going forward, the bills will be out by the first day of the quarter, and due 45 days after that.

Exploring energy supplier price quotes came up with lower rate from Pennsylvania Gas & Electric. Their quote was for a fixed rate, including

the outdoor rate. Supervisors decided to switch to the plan with a cost of .08970/kwh for 18 months, if there are no penalties or transfer fees for switching.

Supervisors exonerated Carbon Search & Settlement from garbage fees. The former owners of the property in question are deceased.

The annual reorganization meeting will take place at 1 p.m. on Monday, January 4,

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Editorial

A New Year's Wish

by Seth Isenberg

Here we are at the beginning of a new year. Again, Pennsylvanians have been waiting to see whether the holiday season might bring about a Christmas miracle in the form of a compromise by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf to fund the poor and the needy, and those who help and educate them. We may have just gotten one with his line-item okay of money for schools, prisons and medical assistance that he approved this past Tuesday.

It seems beyond belief that our newly-elected governor waited this long to take a partial win. He has pushed his opponents into accepting his position that the state needs higher taxes. That is a big win already, but the average taxpayer is not happy about this. To make things worse, the delay in funding schools and public services was only making the electorate madder.

Having this fight is important. The future of Pennsylvania is at stake. But taking hostages is unacceptable. Taking smaller steps toward Wolf's goals needs to be embraced, because we were going to have entire school districts unable to operate within weeks. Holding up these districts did not make political friends. Now, with the governor's signature, the schools can keep going while the political battle rages.

At the end of the year and start of the next, many of us start looking at our taxes. Gov. Wolf wants us all to pay quite a bit more. I fear that too big of a jump could stop the Poconos and the rest of Northeast PA from growing because it could make potential new neighbors moving from New York and New Jersey think twice about moving to a high tax state.

So, thank you for a little breathing room Mr. Governor. And to the Governor, Senators and Representatives, may you be wise enough to make 2016 a year of prosperity for us all.

Are you a letter-writer or receiver? The second week in January is National Letter Writing Week. We'd like to know about the most interesting letter you've ever received. E-mail journalnews@pa.metrocast.net if you'd be willing to share your story with our readers.

From the Archives

30 years ago in

The Journal-Herald

When Gerald and Judy Gallagher and family returned from shopping on Saturday morning, December 22, they got a pre-Christmas surprise. A pickup truck had crashed into their foundation of their Towanda Street house. White Haven Police Chief Thomas Searfoss and officer Benjamin Gelezinsky were on the scene interviewing the driver, a White Haven man, who could not explain how the truck had the accident.

Questions arose about whether the Christmas decorations strung over White Haven streets are serviceable for another year. A meeting was called for January 9 at the White Haven Community Building to determine what new decorations could be bought, and decide on a way to fundraise to do so.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 374 published a cookbook with recipes from families throughout the White Haven area, along with a history of White Haven and some of the organizations in the area. The cookbooks sell for \$4 and can be bought at Millie's Variety Store on Main Street in White Haven, or from troop leaders Nancy Pilecki and Linda Kistler.

Troop members who participated are Lori Fisher, Maria Higgins, Patty Kauker, Jenny Kistler, Joyce Kistler, Sherry McCluskey and Gabe Pilecki. Thanks go to First Eastern Bank for use of the picture featured on the front cover, as well as Josephine Aselin, Betty Hensley and Clara and Jay Holder of *The Journal-Herald* for assistance with the historical research.

At the December meeting, employees of the White Haven Municipal Authority were approved for a 3% raise. Engineer Ron Sturgeon will check on the property line of the Authority's property in East Side Boro that is subject to condemnation by the PA General Services Administration as part of Lehigh Gorge State Park.

Miller Plumbing and Heating of White Haven offered a oil heating efficiency survey to compare with a new Beckett flame retention burner, which can save you fuel.

From *The Journal-Herald*
Dec. 29, 2011

Jolene Busher spoke at the Weatherly Area Middle School about her book Patchtown (Life in Eckley Miners Village).

Students from the Weatherly Area High School delivered piñatas to students in the kindergarten, first and second grades.

American Legion Post 360 of Weatherly was awarded State Legion honors for their community service, blood drive programs, and for their new Post Home.

From *The Weatherly Herald*: 50 years ago

Citizens Fire Company president Jack Decker and secretary Peter Drolles, Jr.

called a meeting for January 10 to discuss the future of the Company. The Company is short on responders, and need to have at least 18 men on the rolls. If more fire fighters do not come forward, Weatherly Borough may be forced to go with paid fire fighters, and increase taxes to fund them.

Weatherly native Wilson Barto has been assigned to cover the New Jersey State House for the *Trenton Evening Times*.

Casale & Clementi Cheese Factory opened on North Locust Street in Hazleton, offering all types of Italian cheese made fresh daily, with free delivery on Saturdays.

And on the back page, an ad for an old style greeting of the new year with "faith and friendship to all the people of this fine community" was offered by the Weatherly Garage.

80 Years Ago in
The Herald

Snow fell early morning last Thursday, giving this region a white Christmas.

100 Years Ago in
The Herald

Icy weather has made business for blacksmiths very brisk, and Messrs. Lewis Hamm and Guy Koehler have been kept on the jump.



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Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a Lump Sum price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

All bidding documents are available at no cost at www.ebidexchange.com/pennbid

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held for this project on Wednesday January 6, 2016 at 3:30 P.M.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The following wage rate requirements are applicable to this contract: None

Bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, religion, color, handicap, national origin, age or sex.

Boosters to meet Tuesday

The Weatherly Wrecker Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 6 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. The meeting is open to parents and guardians of all Wrecker athletes from seventh through twelfth grade as well as to community members interested in supporting the athletes and the sports programs of the district. Call Corey Gerhart at 570-751-9070 with questions.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Administration were issued in the **Estate of John A. Gutosky a/k/a John Gutosky**, to Estate No. 15-9370 late of 230 First Street, Weatherly, Carbon County, Pennsylvania who passed away on September 28, 2015 to **Leslie Diane Gutosky**, 230 First Street, Weatherly, PA 18255. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Susan Sheer, of 15 Hillside Road, PO Box 851, Conyngham, PA 18219 and Carol Martin, of 3693 Hancock Lane, Doylestown, PA 18902, as Co-Executrix in the Estate of Mary Ellen Hutton, late of PO Box 214, Conyngham, Luzerne County, PA 18219, who died on November 3, 2015. All persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands are requested to present the same, without delay, to the Co-Executrixes above named, or to:

**Albert F. Maier, Jr., Esq.
820 Main Street
Freeland, PA 18224**

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White Haven council wraps up 2015

by Ruth Isenberg

White Haven Fire Chief Dean Raudenbush reported 388 hours of service for November during the December 21 council meeting. In addition to a fire in Freeland, the company escorted Santa Claus to home visits, and held their monthly hoagie fundraiser. Next hoagie sale is slated for Super Bowl Sunday.

New radios have been received from the Carbon County Comm Center. Public Works supervisor Dave Dorneman said that the parking lot at Linesville Park would be kept clear for emergency helicopter landings.

The 450 truck has new tires, and new headlights have been installed on the 650 plow truck.

Police committee chair Tim Janosco said that police academies are mandating ride-along programs for applicants. White Haven would like to participate. Interns are not allowed on hot calls, and they would be covered under the borough's insurance.

Chief Tom Szoke is developing a policy.

The committee is looking at another candidate for a part-time officer.

The department will be taking part in an active shooter drill at Crestwood High School at the end of the year.

Finance chair Charlie Best reported that the borough has about \$33,000 in the general fund, plus \$15,358 for winter

maintenance. It was decided to open a savings account for those funds, to go toward repairs to the 2001 truck, or possible replacement. Dorneman said a smaller truck would be adequate for the borough.

Prints have been received for phase 2 of work at the municipal building. Work will also be needed at the fire house, particularly to the windows.

All funds raised will be used to pay for the All Night Party to be held for the graduating seniors following commencement in June.

Volunteers are needed to work at the bingo and the food stand that day. The group is also looking for donations of food. Please call Isom at 570-582-7196 to let her know if you are able to help.

The next meeting of the senior parents group will be held on Sunday, January 10 at 2 p.m. at the Weatherly Borough Building. Parents and guardians of WAHS seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Plans will be finalized for the bingo.

Penn Lake Council okays dam tax hike

by Seth Isenberg

At Penn Lake Park Borough council's last meeting of 2015, key business included passing a budget for 2016, and selecting a garbage hauler. Council member Jill Rosenstock announced that the borough will be getting \$13,749 in a reimbursement from PEMA for expenses from emergencies in 2014. She then tried to convince council to not raise taxes because this money is coming. Sadly, there was also a notice from PennDOT that an audit of Penn Lake's Liquid

Fuels Fund found that the borough needed to reimburse the fund \$6,500 due to the work on Terrace Drive not meeting PennDOT's approval.

In voting, council was unanimous in moving \$6,500 from the General Fund into Liquid Fuels. Council split 3-1, Rosenstock opposed, on approving the 2016 budget with the tax increase. Member Rob Johnson was absent.

Voting was also 3-1, Rosenstock preferring the second bidder for one year, to accept a three-year contract with

Water receipts were \$14,332.07 for November.

Bills of \$13,710 were approved.

Council president John Klem noted that this was the last meeting for council member Melanie Ross; he thanked her for her service and said it was a pleasure working with her. Next meeting will be the reorganization on Monday, January 4, at 5:30 p.m.

County Waste of Orwigsburg (successor to Kreitzer Sanitation), for \$121,800 (\$18,000 less than the second bidder). A discussion about problems with County Waste's pickups followed (missing homes, late pickup, leaving trash behind, not emptying cans, rude staff ...). Secretary Margo Beckerman noted that there are "people issues."

Council then voted to lower the 2016 trash fee from \$180 to \$175 – unanimously.

More on this meeting in *The Journal-Herald* next week.

Death Roll

WILLIAM MAROSEVITCH



William V. Marosevitch of White Haven, formerly of Ashley, died Saturday, December 26, 2015 in Celtic Hospice of Geisinger South, Wilkes-Barre.

A son of the late William and Mary Weron Marosevitch, he was born in Newark, N.J. and was a 1970 graduate of Hanover Area High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1974 to 1980.

He earned a CDP associates degree and was

a self-employed computer technician. He was a member of St. Patrick's R.C. Church of White Haven, a life member of the Marine Corps League and past North East Pa. Division Vice Commandant, and a founding member of Detachment 1039 of White Haven, an AmVets life member, a member of the Ashley American Legion and the Plymouth Council of Knights of Columbus.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Bolesta; daughter Melissa Jaslar of Wilkes-Barre, son-in-law David Jaslar of Shavertown, two grandchildren; brothers Richard Marosevitch of Plymouth Township, Peter Marosevitch of Hanover Township.

The funeral was held Wednesday from the Lehman Family Funeral Service of White Haven, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Patrick's R.C. Church.

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Looking back at 2015

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to a third term, but with the addition to his district of the communities of White Haven, Freeland and Foster Township.

JANUARY 15 – The Haven restaurant (originally Sitko's Barn restaurant) on Route 437 in Dennison Township closed down, while McDonald's in Kidder Township at the Turnpike celebrated a grand opening under new ownership.

JANUARY 22 – Many volunteers participated in moving books from the Weatherly Area Community Library on Carbon Street in Weatherly to its new home on Brenkman Drive in Packer Township.

Aston Hotels & Resorts announced the appointment of S. Lee Bowden as managing director of Split Rock Resort & Golf Club and The Mountain Laurel Resort in Kidder Township.

FEBRUARY – ALL MONTH – Bitterly cold and icy everywhere, a totally forgettable winter!

FEBRUARY 26 – White Haven Police Department received a Community Hero Award from Wives Behind the Badge, a national organization of spouses of police officers.

MARCH 12 – Weatherly Borough Council decided to raise the pay for lifeguards at Eurana Park in an effort to attract more applicants and keep the pool open and fully staffed.

APRIL 2 – Weatherly resident Doris Sturtevant died March 29 at the age of 100. In the 1970s she and her late husband, Robert Sturtevant, were the last administrators of the former Carbon County Home in Laurytown and opened its successor, Weatherwood.

APRIL 23 – Former White Haven Borough Council member Willard Lamson died April 21 at the age of 89.

APRIL 30 – Weatherly resident Mary V. "Ginger" Stallone died April 22 at the age of 81. She and her late husband, Joseph Stallone, had owned and operated the former Stallone's Tavern in Weatherly and Stallone's Country Inn (now Weatherly Country Inn) in Lehigh Township.

MAY 28 – White Haven Center Lions Club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a dinner and program at St. Pat-

rick's Parish Center in White Haven.

Clark Keiper, self-employed general contractor, owner of Keiper's Discount Tires and a former member of East Side Borough Council and Weatherly Area School Board, died May 23 at the age of 79.

JUNE 4 – Weatherly Flower Club celebrated its 78th (!) anniversary with a dinner at the Weatherly Country Inn.

JUNE 11 – Weatherly Area Community Library received two major financial donations: \$10,000 in memory of the late Carol Heater from her husband Maurice "Benny" and children, and a \$40,000 Community Development Block Grant.

Packer Township Supervisor Grover Gerhard died June 8 at the age of 71.

JUNE 18 – Patricia Boyle Heaman of Dennison Township died June 8. A former head of the English Department at Wilkes University, she was one of the founders and active workers for the White Haven Area Community Library.

JUNE 25 – Eileen Hoffman Sency, who with her husband operated K.M. Sency Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning of Packer Township, died June 22 at the age of 66.

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Lego Robotics Camp planned

Mountain Top Family Church will hold a one-day Lego Robotics Camp on January 23 from 9 a.m. to noon for students in third to sixth grades.

This camp is limited to 18 students. There is a \$10 registration fee and a registration form must be filled out. To receive a form, call 570-474-0900.

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

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

A Little Spanking Goes a Long Way: By New Years Day 1945, the Battle of the Bulge and the war in Europe by all accounts seemed to be won. The Germans' initial attack included 200,000 men, 340 tanks and 280 other tracked vehicles. German losses were

125,000 men killed, missing or wounded. For the Americans, 89,000 were casualties, including up 19,000 killed. In the Pacific, the Battle of Okinawa and the Battle of Luzon stood out as the other largest and bloodiest battles fought by the United States in World War II.

Confident of success, New Years Eve was a time to celebrate and many American, British and French forces did just that. Intelligence reports, coded radio traffic and even German POWs and defectors warned the Allied high command of a coming battle on New Years Day, Old Adolf was up to something and the holiday mood of the top echelon was not taking it seriously. In the allied camps and bases, the troops were celebrating the new year into the wee morning hours of January 1st, 1945. Emboldened by successes in the Ardennes since December 15th, Allied Commanders ignored the warnings and deviated from maintaining a High Alert.

Operation Bodenplatte would be the last large-scale strategic offensive mounted by the Luftwaffe during the war. On 1 January 1945 at 6:00 a.m., over 1000 Luftwaffe planes from all remaining fighter and bomber wings rose into the skies in Allied controlled Europe. This operation would attempt to destroy Allied air forces to allow German army forces to continue their offensive in Ardennes. Thousands of American, British and French soldiers were awakened by machine guns from the screaming Stukas, BF-109 fighters and ME-262 fighter jets attacking and strafing their breakfast tables. The German attack achieved total surprise.

The operation was initially planned for 16 December 1944 in support of the Battle of the Bulge and would have made a difference then. But it was delayed due to bad weather until New Years Day.

In spite of the careful planning, the Germans had big

problems of their own. To keep the secrecy for the operation, German ground and sea forces had not been informed. This resulted in 1/3 of the aircraft being shot down from German friendly fire (346 in less than an hour). Although Germans achieved some surprise and tactical success, the operation was a failure.

A great number of Allied aircraft were destroyed on the ground. Allied aircrew casualties were quite small since most of the losses were empty planes on the ground. By 7:00 a.m., American losses totaled 305 aircraft destroyed and 190 damaged planes, and another 70 airborne fighters were shot down. Out of 1,035 German aircraft, the Luftwaffe lost more than 700 planes, with 143 pilots killed and missing, 70 captured and 21 wounded. Many of the German formation leaders lost were experienced, irreplaceable veterans. General Adolf Galland said, "We sacrificed our last substance, all is lost."

Only the P-51 Mustangs of the 352nd Fighter Group's 'Bluenosers' responded successfully as their hard nosed commanding officer ordered no drinking on New Years Eve and morning training at dawn. As they took off for training, they met hordes of German attacking aircraft thus they rightly earned a place in history for their accidental lightning response to the surprise attack on their airfield at Asch, Belgium. An American Sergeant's candied response to the press was censored but revealed at war's end: "What a way to wake up with a hangover, G-- d--m Jerry's machine guns scrambling our eggs."

The last major battles that followed were at the bridges

on the borders of Germany. The same American Sergeant would again make the news in March 1945 when he walked up to a German boy shooting at him. The rifle was too large for the boy to balance for an aimed shot. Instead of killing him, he took the rifle from the 11 year old German boy soldier and threw it over a wall. He then spanked the boy over his knee and sent him home to survive the war. The same boy died of natural causes in 1983, a week after visiting with this man in Stuttgart who spanked him instead of killing him. They remained friends from war's end until their deaths. On this New Years Eve, may happiness and success bless us all.

Lehigh...

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with regular meeting to follow.

A new rate schedule will be provided by the Sewage Enforcement Officer. The state no longer reimburses the township for 50% of the fees, so the property owner will have to pay the entire amount.

Roadmaster/supervisor Wayne Wagner spoke with Greg Haas of Carbon Engineering, to obtain a cost estimate on using two plastic pipes rather than corrugated metal for the Pump House Road project. He also spoke with Christ Storm of the Conservation District about funding for dirt and gravel roads with low volume. The District prefers a single pipe. A survey will be done to see if funding can be obtained for the next construction season.

The truck was out for inspection, and needed brake work. K.M. Sency repaired the furnace.

Just a Pinch

Sharing Hometown Recipes, Cooking Tips and Coupons

By Janet Tharpe



Healthy, Flavorful and Comforting Beef Barley Soup

"This makes a lot and freezes well!"



The aroma of Deb Lund's Mom's Beef Barley Soup while simmering is nearly irresistible. Your family won't be able to wait until it's finished to dig in. Served with a salad and crusty bread, you have a healthy meal for a chilly night. Everyone will love this hearty soup.

See step-by-step photos of Deb's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at:

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- Janet



Deb Lund
Naperville, IL
(pop. 141,853)

Mom's Beef Barley Soup

What You Need

2 tbsp oil
4 ribs of celery, sliced
1 large onion, diced
1/2 c green pepper, finely diced
5 large carrots, sliced into medallions
1-2 lb stew meat cut up 1/2 in cubes
1/2+ c sherry, beef broth, water or dry red wine for deglazing
6 c beef broth
6 c water
1 tsp seasoned salt
2 bay leaves
1 c pearl barley
1/2 tsp black pepper
1 can beans (pinto or great northern whites), drained and rinsed
Any veggies you may want to add

Directions

• Add 1 tbsp of oil to a large Dutch oven and brown beef in batches.

Be sure to dry your beef off with paper towels before browning or the beef won't brown appropriately. Once browned, remove meat from pot.

- Deglaze the pot with a bit of broth, water, sherry or dry red wine and save the drippings. Sherry makes a nice rich flavor.
- Into the same pot, now deglazed, add 1 tbsp of oil.
- Sauté onions, green pepper and celery until soft. Add carrots and continue sautéing for 3-5 minutes.
- Add the meat back in and sauté another 3-5 minutes. Add water and broth.
- Add the bay leaf, seasoned salt and pepper.
- Bring to boil, turn down and gently simmer covered for about 1 hour.
- Add pearl barley. Cover pan and simmer until soft about 1 hour. Check salt. You may need to add more depending on what broth used.
- Add beans. Add any other veggies like peas, or green beans (if desired). Continue cooking for another 1/2 hour or so.

Submitted by: Deb Lund, Naperville, IL (pop. 141,853)

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WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve
Pot Luck Party – 8:00 p.m. to
? – V.F.W. Post 6615

Friday, January 1, 2016

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 3

Breakfast sponsored by Marine
Corps League Det. 1039 –
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – St.
Patrick's Parish Center

Monday, January 4

White Haven Borough Coun-
cil Swearing-In – 5:30 p.m.
& Reorganization Meeting -
6:30 p.m. – Municipal Build-
ing

Penn Lake Park Borough
Council Reorganization
– 6:00 p.m. – Community
House

Foster Township Supervisors
Reorganization Meeting –
6:00 p.m. & Regular Meeting
– 6:30 p.m. – Township Mu-
nicipal Building

Dennison Township Supervi-
sors Reorganization & Reg-
ular Meeting – 6:30 p.m. –
Township Municipal Building

Kidder Township Volunteer Fire
Company #1 Ladies Auxiliary
Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Lehigh
Tannery Fire House

East Side Borough Council
Reorganization & Regular
Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Bor-
ough Building

Kidder Township Supervisors
Reorganization – 7:00 p.m. –
Township Municipal Building

W.H. Recreation Board Meet-
ing – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal
Building

Tuesday, January 5

Foster Township Auditors Re-
organization Meeting – 6:00
p.m. – Township Municipal
Building

Dennison Township Auditors
Reorganization Meeting –
7:00 p.m. – Township Munic-

ipal Building

W.H. Volunteer Fire Company
Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – Fire
Company Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 6

K. of C. Council 10616 Meet-
ing – 7:00 p.m. – St. Patrick's
Parish Center

Thursday, January 7

W.H. Area Senior Citizens
Meeting – 1:00 p.m. – V.F.W.
Post 6615

Every Thursday & Monday Except Holidays

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

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays

Scrabble Club – 6:30 p.m.–
White Haven Area Commu-
nity Library

Every Friday Except Fifth Fri- day & Holidays

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

Every Friday, Monday & Wednesday Except Holi- days

Free Community Lunch – Serv-
ing 11:30 a.m. to Noon – St.
Paul's Lutheran Parish Hall

Every Saturday

Alcoholics Anonymous Meet-
ing - 7:00 p.m. – St. Patrick's
Parish Center

Every Sunday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Third Tuesday Except Holidays

Book Club – 7:00 p.m.– White
Haven Area Community Li-
brary

Every Wednesday Except Holidays

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

CHS Future Business Leaders Regional conference winners



Students are pictured from left to right. Front row- Haley Jasnoski, Jelena Goldstein, Suraj Dalsania, Michael Paranich, Austin Wood, Rachel McFarland, Abigail Zaleppa, Thomas Roberts. 2nd row- Nicholas Andrews, Kyle Gegaris, Caden Rozkitski, Kyle Lisicki, Abbey Murphy, Amanda Petroski, Bailey Bowman, Richard Supkowski. 3rd row- Jay Patel, Curtis Tokach, Connor Keenan, Eric Witner, Cassandra Holbrook, Jillian Lehman, Paige Zaleppa, Austin Banks. Back row- Kishan Patel, Justin Newton, Noah Kita, Noah Jackson, Matthew Zwiebel, John Hawley, Austin Dunsmir, Stefan Krupski. Rachel Pickett is missing from the photo.

The Crestwood High School Future Business Leaders of America attended the Regional Leadership Conference at the Woodlands Inn and Resort on December 17. Fifty one Crestwood students competed in various business events against high school students from eleven other local schools.

Thirty three Crestwood students were place winners, and 20 of those students will be advancing to the next level of competition at the State Leadership Conference at Hershey in April. The chapter is advised by Christy Laubach and Darren Testa.

The following students were place winners:

Accounting I

1st Place- Caden Rozitski (ad-
vancing to States)

2nd Place-Richard Supkowski
(advancing to States)

3rd Place-Eric Witner (ad-

vancing to States)

Accounting II

1st Place-Abbey Murphy (ad-
vancing to States)

2nd Place-Cassandra Hol-
brook (advancing to States)

3rd Place-Stefan Krupski (ad-
vancing to States)

Banking and Financial Sys- tems

1st Place-Suraj Dalsania, Mi-
chael Paranich, Austin Wood
(advancing to States)

Business Communication

3rd Place-Jelena Goldstein
(advancing to States)

Business Law

2nd Place-Bailey Bowman
(advancing to States)

5th Place- Rachel Pickett (ad-
vancing to States)

Computer Applications

3rd Place-Jillian Lehman (ad-
vancing to States)

4th Place-Amanda Petroski

5th Place- Thomas Roberts

Computer Problem Solving

5th Place-Austin Banks (ad-
vancing to States)

Entrepreneurship

4th Place-Connor Keenan,
Jay Patel, Kishan Patel

Hospitality Management

3rd Place- Abbey Zaleppa and
Paige Zaleppa

Job Interview

1st Place-Kyle Lisicki (advanc-
ing to States)

Marketing

5th Place- Nick Andrews, Kyle
Gegaris, Curtis Tokach

Public Speaking

1st Place-Rachel McFarland
(advancing to States)

Publication Design

4th Place-Haley Jasnoski and
Noah Jackson

5th Place-Justin Newton

Sports and Entertainment Management

2nd Place-Austin Dunsmir,
John Hawley, Noah Kita (ad-
vancing to States)

Spreadsheet Applications

1st Place-Matthew Zwiebel
(advancing to States)



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1/15 Steve Forbert
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1/22 Taarka
\$15, Show 6:30 p.m.

1/23 Dirty Bourbon River Show
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WEATHERLY THIS WEEK

Thursday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1, 2016

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 3

Silver Ridge Hunting Club Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Club House

Monday, January 4

American Legion Post 360 Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Post Home

Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization & Regular Meeting – 1:00 p.m. – Township Municipal

Packer Township Board of Supervisors Reorganization & Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Weatherly Borough Council Reorganization Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Municipal Building

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

Tuesday, January 5

Packer Township Auditors Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Weatherly Lions Club Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Borough Building

L & L Fire Company Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Fire House, Laurytown

Wednesday, January 6

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

Thursday, January 7

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

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

Every Thursday

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

Senior Menu

Week of January 4:

Monday: Roast pork, boiled potatoes, cabbage & apples, roll, ambrosia.

Tuesday: Chicken Marsala, red potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches.

Wednesday: Fish in tomatoes, au gratin potatoes, roll, cookie.

Thursday: Vegetable soup, Swiss steak, buttered noodles, peas & onions, fruit salad.

Friday: Open face roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, ice cream.

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WAMS National Geography Bee

The National Geography Bee was held at Weatherly Middle School on December 18. Students in grades 7 and 8 competed for the honor of being named School Champion. This year, 7th Grade student Alyssa Heister was the School Championship. Tia Gettig won 2nd Place in a very close final round. Both Alyssa and Tia only missed four questions in the entire competition.

Isabella Wagner and Kenneth Hinkle battled for 3rd and 4th place until Isabella pulled ahead by one question, and remained in 3rd place. Kenneth Hinkle finished the Bee in 4th place.

Top ten finalists, in addition to the students above, were Makenna Bankes, Lilli Kunkle, Joshua Andreuzzi, Rachel Caccese, Jarrod Gillott, and Justin Wyffels.



From left are Isabella Wagner, Tia Gettig, Alyssa Heister, Kenneth Hinkle, and Middle School Principal Mrs. Slavick. Middle School Principal Mrs. Slavick and Weatherly Area Middle School Geography Bee Champion Alyssa Heister.

WAHS Scholastic Scrimmage and Teacher Meet

The annual Scholastic Scrimmage Alumni/Teacher Meet will be held on January 7 at 2:30 p.m. in room 2105 at Weatherly Area High School.

Refreshments will be enjoyed after the meet.

Teacher Katie Leach said she hopes to see all former Scholastic Scrimmage Club members attend.

Local graduate of Millersville U.

The following area residents are among the 475 students who will graduate from Millersville University of Pennsylvania during the December 2015 undergraduate commencement.

Alicia Panzarella of Weatherly will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Education in Physics.

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WAHS Athletic Hall of Fame dinner

The Weatherly Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame committee is organizing a buffet dinner to celebrate the 2015-16 Hall of Fame induction game. The dinner will be held on January 16 in the middle school cafeteria.

The cost of the tickets will be \$14 per person for adults and \$7 for children 6 to 12 years old, which will include admission to the game.

The day will begin with the varsity girls' basketball team playing host to Columbia-Montour Votek at 1 p.m. Dinner will be served at 4:45 p.m. and the boys

junior varsity game will begin at 6 p.m. The varsity boys basketball team will also play host to CMVT.

This year's inductees will be introduced at the banquet at 4:30 p.m. and during intermission between the junior varsity and varsity boys games in the evening.

Committee members, present and past Hall of Fame inductees, and Wrecker basketball fans are invited to attend.

Reservations must be made by January 14 by contacting the high school at 570-427-8521 or by contacting athletic director Scott Zoscini at 570-582-3750.

Knights of Columbus free throw contest

Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council 12105 of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Weatherly, will hold its annual free-throw contest for boys and girls on January 17 at 11 a.m. at Eurana Park pavilion, Weatherly.

The event is open to boys and girls between 10 and 14 years old. The event is the preliminary contest for the district, region, and state 2016 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

Applications can be obtained at the following locations: In Weatherly- Weatherly Area High School, Weatherly Area Elementary/Middle School, T.J.'s One Stop, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and the Eurana Park Pavilion. In Beaver Meadows, applications can be obtained at J&N Exxon, 120 E. Broad Street.

All contestants must have proof of age (birth certificate) and provide it the day of the competition. For more information, call Al Donadi at 570-427-4664.

WAMS September Students of the Month



Weatherly Area Middle School recently recognized its Students of the Month for September. Front row from left are 6th Grade student Rhianne Markovchick, 7th Grade student Ashley James, and 8th Grade student Amanda DeLeon. Pictured with the students is Middle School Principal Sandra Slavick.

Photo by Matthew Buck

Sandra Slavick, Weatherly Area Middle School Principal, has announced the names of the students who were nominated and selected as Weatherly Area Middle School "Students of the Month" for September. The award is based on academic achievement, attendance, extra-curricular involvement, and service to school and community.

Rhianne Markovchick, daughter of Brian and Rachael Markovchick, Weatherly, is the sixth grade Student of the Month. She is in Art Club and Gym Club. Rhianne is a member of Northeast Gymnastics, Hazleton Street Hockey Team, and the Weatherly Library. She is a member of St. Peter & Paul's Church in Hazleton.

Ashley James, daughter of John and Michelle James, Weatherly, is the seventh grade Student of the Month. She is a member of the middle school chorus, Jr. High Girls Basketball Team, Jr. High Softball Team, and is homeroom representative for student council. She plays basketball for Freeland YMCA, Weatherly Youth Basketball League and is on a 13U Softball Team. She participates in Walkathons and fundraisers and enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping, and cooking. Ashley is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, where she is an alter server.

Amanda De Leon, daughter of Jessica Sanabria, Weatherly, is the eighth grade Student of the Month. She is a member of the middle school chorus and 8th grade decorating committee.



HOURL OF CODE: Two hundred and ninety-six students from Weatherly Area School District participated in the "Hour of Code," a worldwide initiative to introduce students to computer coding. On the Hour of Code website, hourofcode.com, students chose one of three challenges to learn how to code.

Some students chose the Minecraft challenge to take Steve or Alex on an adventure though a Minecraft world. Other students learned to program droids and created their own Star Wars game. Or, they joined Anna and Elsa from the Disney movie "Frozen" and learned how to skate in intricate patterns on the ice.



WAES Students in the Spotlight

Weatherly Area Elementary School recently recognized their Students in the Spotlight for September. First row from left are Mary Portell, Rebecca Caldwell, Jackson DiGennaro, Carmen Aurisano, Angelia Ieraci, Vaughn Nun, Kayla Kennelly, Alyssa Ahner.

Second row- Jacob Tom, Abigail Weston, McKinze McNab, Kiley Holman, Abigail Best, Erin Prete, Chase Veasie.

Third row- Abigail Sparich, Tyler Stahley, Mason Claypoole, Samantha Hibbler, Kelly Michaels, Andrew Keller, Michael Berger, Jayden Eubanks, Karoline Hirko

Fourth row- Principal Sandra Slavick. Missing from the photo are John Puzetti and Tyler Fosburg.

Photo by Michayla McPeak

Catholic School scholarship program

The Allentown Diocese will again award Catholic High School scholarships to students who wish to attend one of the six Catholic high schools within the diocese for the 2016-17 school year.

The Catholic High School Scholarship program will award a one-year partial scholarship of \$1,000 to the recipient's high school.

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Women's Program and Ski for the Cure schedule

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Don't miss the two day Women's Seminar for skiers and boarders at Jack Frost. Dates are January 23 and 24. The program is taught by women instructors who are committed to provide a positive learning environment, coupled with support and camaraderie. Whether your goal is to conquer the mountain, overcome your fears, or



just have fun, this weekend is perfect for you.

The fee is \$195 (\$165 for season pass holders) and includes a two day lift pass, two days of instruction, video and analysis, continental breakfast and lunch each day, and a wine and cheese party Saturday after skiing. Advance registration is necessary. For

further information or application contact Bernie Oldroyd, JFBB Women's Program Director 570 443-8425 X 2671, jfskiskool@jfb.com, or visit jfb.com/events.

Come out on February 27 to support the ninth Annual "Ski for the Cure" breast cancer awareness day at Jack Frost. The event benefits the local chapter of Susan G. Komen, for the Cure, NEPA affiliate. To date, they have raised and donated over \$182,000 to Komen to support the great programs they have in our own area of PA.

Activities for the event includes a raffle with fabulous

prizes, tricky tray, pledge Ski-A-Thon, Pink Ribbon Honor plaque sales, and Pink Olympic timed race gates. The main event is the Dedication Run at 11:15 a.m., where participants gather for a brief remembrance of those lost to breast cancer, honor those in treatment (and survivors) and introduce the Pink Ribbon plaques that are carried down the trail during the Dedication Run.

Bagpipers play as they gather and ski down the Lehigh Trail behind the Ski for the Cure Banner with Ski

Patrol and traditional bell ringers lining the trail. Come join them for a fun day and support this great cause. To donate on line or for further information go to jfb.com/events or call 570 443-8425 X 2671 jfskiskool@jfb.com.

For more information, or to be added to the email list for these and other programs, please contact Bernie Oldroyd, JFBB Women's Program Director, 570 443-8425 X 2671, jfskiskool@jfb.com.

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Crestwood Baseball Booster Club is hosting an NFL Football Playoff Party at the Dorrance Inn on Saturday, January 16, from 4-6 p.m. Admission is \$20 per person, which includes food and beverages. Please join us to watch the game and help support Crestwood Baseball. For questions or further information, email paulamgraves@yahoo.com. Shown at a recent planning meeting are front row Taylor Thomas, Viveca Graves and Paula Graves (Activities Chair); back row Andrea Caladie (Vice-President), Lori Rozitski (President), Dawn Darden (Treasurer) and Head Coach Tony Caladie. Missing from photo is Donna Caladie (Secretary).

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Crestwood High School 1st quarter honor roll

9th Grade

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10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Shane

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11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Alyssa Allen, Lance M. Blass, Sereina Brenhofer, Gregory Chang, Anna D. Clark, Alyssa Cuono, Suraj A. Dalsania, Noah J. Dean, Marlee Dillon, Joshua J. Edwards, Maria Ellis, Natalie A. Everett, Samantha Forgatch, Alexa L. Gaetano, James R. Graves, Alexa M. Hady, Madeline T. Heller, Cara A. Henahan, Elizabeth A. Hines, Schyler Kelsch, Sarah A. Klush, Michael Kozelsky, Noah A. Kulp, Cataldo W. LaMarca, Abigail Martino, Jordan A. Olenginski, Alexandra E. Olszyk, Amelia Prezpop, Madison A. Quijano, Lauren E. Rowski, Gwyneth M. Shermanski, Jennifer L. Soto, Rachel M. Speck, Nicole L. Teberio, Erik M. Thomas, Emily F. Traficante, Taylor Wells.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We had a laugh on Christmas day as we headed to White Haven after a walk with Chess at Hickory Run State Park. As we drove Route 534, we came upon a male deer grazing along the roadside. It was young, with a pair of tall spike antlers, over a foot in length. With its wet, dark muzzle, it looked a bit like a small reindeer in the dark.

Our hockey fan ways had us

watching the WBS Penguins vs. Hershey match on the Internet on Saturday night. It's a good thing, as we had considered driving to the Giant Center to watch in person, because the Pens lost big, getting shut out 5-0. We also kept tabs of the Eagles for a while that night – the 'Skins put the team out of its misery.

On Sunday night, we did watch a game at Mohegan

Sun Arena, this time the Pens lost 3-0 though. Our locals have been sending their goal-scorers up to the big Penguins so there's not much left right now. Plus there's a new coach – the old one was promoted to the big Pens too. Plus we have a goalie injured. So, we are hoping when the WBS Pens play again on New Year's eve (early game), they'll have some of these problems worked out.

We saw the TV story on Jack Frost being open with one narrow path of snow on one trail. That was better than the story about Elk Mtn. where all the story showed was a series of small patches of snow on one trail.

Cold weather after the rain-storm that soaked our area on Monday brought some freezing rain, and a coating over everything on Tuesday morning. Colder nights are forecast for the weekend and the next two weeks. Accuweather is predicting our area's first snowstorm on January 21 (though long range fore-

casts can change quickly). At least with the consistent cold nights, there will be skiing in the Poconos and elsewhere with machine made snow.

With all the holiday food we have eaten over the holidays, Ruth and I are trying to get out and walk more. We took Chess along for short hikes into Hickory Run State Park on Saturday and a gamelands trail on a Sunday. Chess was able to find water with each trip, wading in and even swimming a little.

Monday night was a chance to follow the UConn Lady Huskies as they were challenged by a good team from UMaryland. The Terps took their game to the Huskies, coming up short by 10 at the end. I continue to see better basketball from the ladies in college games at this, the highest level. The men show off too much.

Speaking of which, the Sixers won their second of the year on the road – both things kind of amazing. A new team member, a 5-year veteran point guard, sparked the change. While the 76ers lost their next game, it was by just 4 points. Maybe this will stop the embarrassing play and reward fans with a team to cheer

for.

Temple Football lost their bowl game this week. With the team's recent success, college trustees started talking about building a new football stadium on campus for about \$100 million – which is ridiculous. The team wants to stop playing at Lincoln Financial Field (they say it costs too much, but then roll out the price for a new un-needed facility as if it's a bargain). Worse yet, the location is in a heavily populated neighborhood. Thankfully, the new mayor for Philadelphia is not on board for this. Better that Temple, a taxpayer subsidized university, build classrooms.

Gas prices are great. We found \$2.13.9 in Wilkes-Barre on our Penguins trip.

We also tanked up on oil ahead of the coming cold snap at \$1.55 a gallon.

With the Carolina Panthers no longer undefeated, there's little excitement for this week's pro football games except for a few games that determine wild card spots. I wonder if the Patriots will rest players this week – and bravo to the Jets for beating them. Good luck to the Steelers – who deserve to play but will have to earn their chance.

Coming Events

DECEMBER 31, Thursday – New Year's Eve Pot Luck Party, sponsored by V.F.W. Post 6615, White Haven

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JANUARY 3, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, White Haven

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Steamtown offers entrance fee-free days

The National Park Service turns 100 years old in 2016 and wants everyone to celebrate. All national parks, including Steamtown National Historic Site, will waive entrance fees on 16 special days in 2016.

The 16 entrance fee-free days in 2016 will be the following: January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; April 16-24 – National Park Week;

August 25-28 – National Park Service Birthday Weekend; September 24 – National Public Lands Day; November 11 – Veterans Day.

Steamtown looks forward to celebrating the centennial of the National Park Service and Steamtown National Historic Site's 30th anniversary in 2016. The park staff is planning a number of events and programs to help commemorate these milestone anniversaries. Come out and show their support of Steamtown whether on a fee free day, at one of planned events, or any other time throughout the

year," said Superintendent Debbie Conway.

Usually, Steamtown NHS has an entrance fee of \$7 per person; children 16 and under, with adults, are admitted free. The entrance fee waiver does not cover train rides or excursions, but includes the park visitor center and museum complex, which features a History, Roundhouse and Technology museums, plus a state-of-the-art digital Theater, which presents the park's 18-minute movie, "Steel and Steam." The entrance fee-free days also include all staff and/or volunteer led walking tours.

Last year, Steamtown National Historic Site had more than 84,257 visitors. Those visitors spent \$4,377,400 in our local communities, which helped to support 72 jobs. General park information is available by phoning 570-340-5200 during regular business hours, or by visiting the Park website anytime at www.nps.gov/stea.



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16. Junk yard stuff
17. Make mistakes
18. *Gothic novel "The Asylum" by _____ Mitchell
19. Archimedes' exclamation
21. **Just Like Heaven" creator
23. Bathroom label
24. Swank
25. Sis' sibling
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30. Put down
35. Plural of lira
37. Whoopi Goldberg's opinion, e.g.
39. Artillery burst
40. Between ports
41. Type of poetic stanza
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44. Burns to charcoal
46. State of Israel
47. *SS Gothic, ocean liner owned by White _____ Line
48. Ransom precursor
50. Made in Vegas
52. Compass point between E and NE
53. Deadly sin?
55. Debt acknowledgement

57. *Stoker novel
61. *Goth, literally
64. Finger or toe
65. Boiling blood
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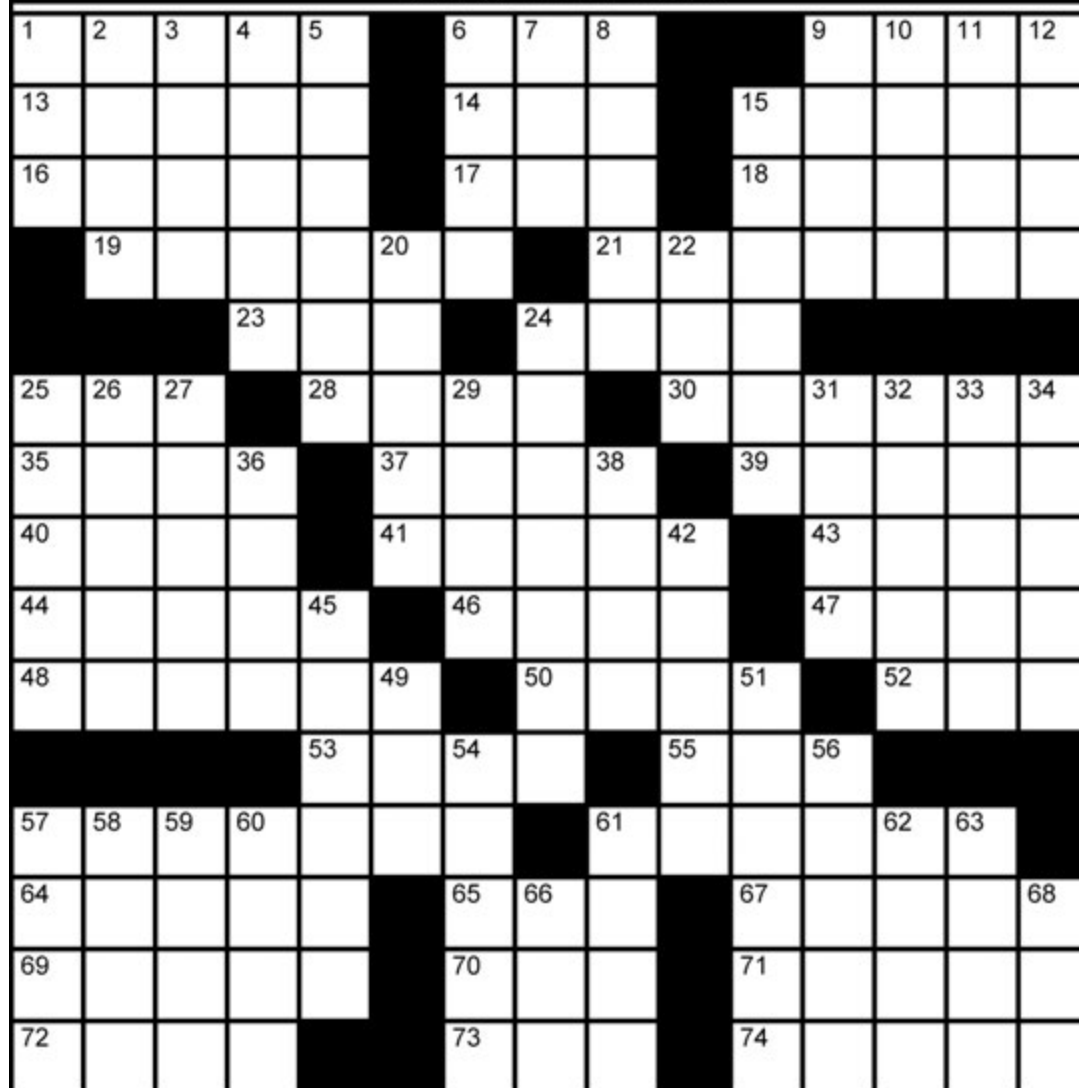
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3. Beige
4. It carries good luck?
5. Conical dwellings

6. Type of bargain
7. Poetic "always"
8. Fat Albert's problem
9. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
10. Biblical twin
11. Getting warm
12. Needed for craps
15. Brother's daughters
20. Between 10 and
- Queen
22. Concealed oneself
24. Breed of sheep
25. *Prominent Gothic color
26. Hindu sage
27. Mountain nymph
29. Seven of these are considered deadly
31. Traps, as in mouths
32. Fill with optimism

33. Like Bird flu
34. *_____ Dame
36. Garner wages
38. **"American Gothic" painter
42. Mumbai country
45. "Yes, Sir!" gesture
49. Afghan monetary unit
51. Beethoven's "Moonlight _____"
54. *First Gothic church, Basilica of _____ Denis
56. Dairy gland
57. Famous military landing
58. Capital of Latvia
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Lady Comets ring up two non-league victories

The Crestwood girls basketball team snapped a five-game slide with two victories in recent days, defeating Wyoming Area 72-57 and Pleasant Valley 53-48. The Crestwood boys also got a win prior to Christmas break, edging Nanticoke 40-39. Meanwhile, the Comet wrestlers lost a 45-28 verdict to Pittston Area.

Crestwood 72, Wyoming Area 57 - Maddie Ritsick erupted for a game-high 27 points, 11 coming in a big third quarter, as Crestwood's girls pulled away to the 15-point home win last week. Abby Macko added nine points and Julia Makowski had seven for the Lady Comets, who trailed by three (12-9) after one quarter before outscoring the Warriors 46-24 in the middle quarters. Sarah Holweg paced Wyoming Area with 14 points. Katie Wolfgang and Nicole Wright each had 10.

WYOMING AREA (57) Kelly 2 0-0 5, Remplewicz 1 0-0 2, Solano 0 1-2 1, Holweg 4 5-6 14, Edwards 3 2-3 9, Sorick 0 0-0 0, Wolfgang 1 8-12 10, Orzel 3 0-1 6, Skok 0 0-0 0, Wright 3 4-6 10. Totals 17 20-31 57.

CRESTWOOD (72) Magin 0 0-0 0, Dillon 3 0-0 6, Shipton 3 0-0 6, Hopkins 2 0-0 4, Cuono 0 0-0 0, Uhl 1 0-0 2, Snipas 2 0-0 5, Macko 3 1-2 9, Shiplett 2 2-2 6, Termini 0 0-0 0, Andrews 0 0-0 0, Makowski 2 3-4 7, Muse 0 0-0 0, Ritsick 9 7-9 27. Totals: 24 19-23 72.

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Crestwood.....9 21 25 17 - 72
Three-pointers: Kelly, Holweg, Edwards. Snipas, Macko 2, Ritsick 2.

Crestwood 53, Pleasant Valley 48 - Ritsick again was the offensive star, pouring 12 of her game-high 28 points in a 19-10 fourth-quarter run that propelled the Lady Comets past non-league foe Pleasant Valley on Monday. Kate Snipas and Sarah Hopkins contributed 11 and nine points, respectively, for Crestwood, which trailed by seven (24-17) at halftime before its second-half rally. The win moved the Lady Comets to 3-5 on the season. Renee Milos topped Pleasant Valley with 15 points, and Masani Francis added 12.

Alyssa Cuono scored 16 points and Andrea Shipton had 10 to lead the Crestwood jayvees to a 42-29 win.

PLEASANT VALLEY (48) Borger 0 3-3 3, Sullivan 2 3-6 7, Miller 0 0-0 0, Jones 0 0-0 0, Francis 3 6-7 12, Russell 2 2-2 6, Salmon 2 1-2 5, Milos 7 1-2 15. Totals 16 16-22 48.

CRESTWOOD (53) Dillon 0 0-0 0, Hopkins 3 0-0 9, Snipas 4 2-3 11, Macko 1 1-2 3, Shiplett 0 0-0 0, Makowski 0 2-4 2, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Ritsick 7 13-17 28. Totals 15 18-26 53.

Pleasant Vy.....12 12 14 10 - 48
Crestwood.....9 8 17 19 - 53
Three-pointers: Hopkins 3, Snipas, Ritsick.

to lead the Comets, who improved to 4-3.

Scott Stout and Cody Piestrak paced the Trojans (5-1) with nine and eight points, respectively.

The Comets will open Wyoming Valley Conference play at Coughlin on Jan. 5.

NANTICOKE (39) Lukowski 0 0-0 0, Stout 2 5-6 9, Piestrak 3 0-0 8, B. Pionkowski 3 0-0 7, Butczynski 2 0-0 6, Sersen 2 0-0 5, Norton 0 0-0 0, Casey 2 0-2 4. Totals: 14 5-8 39.

Pittston Area 45, Crestwood 28 - Comet wrestlers won six of the 11 contested bouts, but Pittston Area used three forfeits and four pins from Chris Starinsky (138 pounds), Jason Deboard (160), Hunter Booth (170) and Nikko Cincogouarni (195) to earn the WVC mat victory. Brandon Rinehimer (126), Shane O'Rourke (220) and Tyler Nuss (285) each won by fall for Crestwood.

Results 120: Ryan Lombardo (PA) won by forfeit; 126: Brandon Rinehimer (C) pin Preston Olecki, :45; 132: Ron Grevera (C) major dec. Tony Demark, 12-2; 138: Chris Starinsky (PA) pin Conor Rogan, :52; 145: Justin Lukashewski (C) dec. John Martinez, 10-5; 152: Josh McGilvary (PA) dec. Liam Stone, 6-3; 160: Jason Deboard (PA) pin Matthew Jasnoski, 1:38; 170: Hunter Booth (PA) pin Michael Jarmilowski, 1:30; 182: Ryan Black (C) dec. Allen Thomas, 9-5; 195: Nikko Cincogouarni (PA) pin Paul Ashton, 5:11; 220: Shane O'Rourke (C) pin Nathan Lombardo, 1:07; 285: Tyler Nuss (C) pin Gino Coffay, 3:08; 106: Brandon Lopez (PA) won by forfeit; 113: Avonni Tooley (PA) won by forfeit.

Crestwood Sports Roundup

Crestwood 40, Nanticoke 39 - Prior to the Christmas break, Crestwood's boys held off a late second-half rally to hand Nanticoke its first loss of the season. The Comets salted it away on the free throw line, making six in the fourth-quarter. Robbie Hopkins, Jason Klusewitz and Tim McCue each knocked down three-pointers to fuel a second-quarter run that pushed the Comets' lead to 22-17 at intermission. Klusewitz finished with 12 points

CRESTWOOD (40) Hopkins 1 4-4 7, K. Gegaris 1 0-1 2, Blass 0 1-2 1, J. Klusewitz 5 0-0 12, K. Klusewitz 0 0-0 0, Richards 1 0-0 2, McCue 1 0-0 3, Foreman 3 1-2 7, Malkemes 1 4-7 6. Totals: 12 10-16 40.

Nanticoke7 10 5 17 - 39
Crestwood.....6 16 7 11 - 40

Three-pointers: Piestrak 2, B. Pionkowski, Butczynski 2, Sersen. Hopkins, J. Klusewitz 2, McCue.

Little Wreckers cruise to twinbill sweep

Jr. High Basketball Roundup

The Weatherly Area junior high boys continued their winning ways on the hardwood during the past week, posting sweeps over North Schuylkill and MMI. The eighth grade Wreckers slipped past host North Schuylkill 40-37 behind Scott Zoscin's game-high 23 points and Antonio Colecio's nine markers.

Anthony Markoski topped the Spartans with 18 points and Jack Flynn tallied 14. In the seventh grade game, the Little Wreckers notched a 40-31 win as Ryan Schertrumpf scored 14 points and Mason Gerhart hit for 11. Antonio DeAngelo scored a game-high 20 for North Schuylkill.

Weatherly took down MMI 38-33 in eighth grade action

on Monday as Ryan Schertrumpf scored a team-high 19 points and Zoscin added nine points. Philip Byriel rimmed 29 points in a losing cause

for MMI.

Weatherly's seventh grade team cruised to a 42-11 win in the opener as Zoscin scored 16 and Luke Derr eight. Ryan Verbonitz had nine points to lead the Preppers.

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Lady Wreckers cruise past Sunbury Christian

The Weatherly Area girls and boys basketball teams put together a split prior to their Christmas break last week. The Lady Wreckers eased past Sunbury Christian 50-34, while the Weatherly Area boys were edged by neighboring rival MMI by a 31-29 score.

son-high 13 points, Shelby Berger tallied 12, and the two combined for all five of the Lady Wreckers' three-point field goals. In addition, freshmen Emily Zoscin (10) and Megan Peifer (8) also made solid offensive contributions. The Lady Wreckers improved to 5-2 with the win.

scored 10 points and Abbey Hernandez followed with eight.

SUNBURY CHRISTIAN (34) Atwood 1 1-2 3, Spangler 1 0-0 3, B. Gingrich 5 0-0 12, F. Gingrich 4 4-5 12, Schroth 1 2-3 4, Spotts 0 0-0 0, Novack 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 7-10 34.

WEATHERLY AREA (50) Zoscin 3 4-6 10, Hoffman 2 0-0 4, Caravella 5 0-0 13, Gower 0 1-2 1, Berger 5 0-0 12, Hartz 1 0-0 2, Gillott 0 0-2 0, Peifer 3 2-4 8, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Obert 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 7-14 50.

Sunbury Christ.....4 5 11 14 - 34
Weatherly Area.....15 17 2 16 - 50

Three-pointers: Spangler, B. Gingrich 2, Caravella 3, Berger 2.

MMI 31, Weatherly Area 29 - The visiting Preppers needed an 8-2 fourth-quarter run to rally past the Weatherly Area boys last week in a non-league showdown at Weatherly. Ed Herbener went 5-for-7 at the line in the fourth quarter, and John Stish was 3-for-4 to help the Preppers seal the victory. All eight MMI points in the fourth quarter came at the free throw line. Herbener finished with 12 points, Stish had seven and Jay Solgama added six for the Preppers, who evened their record at 3-3.

Jared Zarembo topped the Wreckers (1-6) with 12 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Zach Moon pitched in

with 11 points, while Jake Stover contributed eight rebounds.

MMI won the junior varisty game 33-24 behind George Palermo's 12 points. Steph Yurchak led the Weatherly jayvees with 11 points.

The Wreckers are off until January 5, when they visit Shenandoah Valley.

MMI (31) Herbener 2 8-11 12, Solgama 2 2-2 6, N. Young 1 0-2 2, Marchetti 1 0-0 2, Badamo 1 0-0 2, Stish 1 5-6 7, Drusda 0 0-0 0, Z. Young 0 0-0 0, Palermo 0 0-0 0, Williams 0 0-0 0, Alday 0 0-0 0. Totals: 8 15-21 31.

WEATHERLY AREA (29) Stover 1 0-0 2, Bizarre 2 0-0 4, Moon 4 2-4 11, Buck 0 0-1 0, Zarembo 5 0-0 12, Arthur 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 2-5 29.

MMI.....5 8 10 8 - 31

Weatherly Area.....5 13 9 2 - 29

Three-pointers: Zarembo 2, Moon.

Weatherly Basketball Roundup

Weatherly Area 50, Sunbury Christian 34 - The Lady Wreckers' balance proved too much for Sunbury Christian in this non-league contest played at Weatherly. Tina Caravella popped in a sea-

Sunbury Christian's sister act of Becky and Faith Gingrich each scored 12 points to lead their team.

The Weatherly jayvees rolled to a 46-13 victory in the opener as Lindsey Hoffman

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2015 was a year for celebration and sorrow

There were times for celebration, and times for sorrow as we look back on the sports stories that shaped the local community during the past 12 months.

Several teams from Crestwood High School earned District 2 championship banners and carried their programs into the state tournament, and a number of Weatherly Area High School athletes put together outstanding individual performances in 2015.

It was also a year marked with tragedy, as Indy Car driver Justin Wilson lost his life in an accident at Pocono Raceway. Closer to home, White Haven's own Marty Mrozinski, who coached many local softball and baseball teams, also passed away suddenly in 2015, leaving a huge void as well.

As we flip the calendar to 2016 this week, let's take one more look back at the events and performances that were most memorable in 2015. The year started on the basketball floor, wrestling mat, the swimming pool and the ice as area athletes were wrapping up the 2014-15 winter season with a great deal of success.

The Crestwood boys basketball team needed a 63-53 overtime victory over arch-rival Hazleton Area to force a tie for the Wyoming Valley Conference Division I title, then beat the Cougars again nine days later in a special playoff, 52-38, to pocket the division championship for a second straight season. The Comets' Cole Wasco was named WVC Division I Most Valuable Player, and Mark Atherton was the division's Coach of the Year.

The Crestwood girls, and namely Maddie Ritsick, were making headlines during the winter as well. The



junior forward scored a single-season school record 559 points, averaged an area-best 24.3 points per game, and scored her milestone 1,000th point before tearing up her knee in a playoff win over Lake-Lehman. Ritsick earned co-Player of the Year honors in the WVC, and was named to the all-state team for a second straight year. She recently returned to the basketball court fully recovered and leading her team again, and is currently closing in on Diane Mad's all-time scoring record at Crestwood. The Lady Comets also had a change in coaches, as Pat Brogan resigned after two success-

ful seasons and was replaced by Ed Stepanski.

Crestwood wrestler Dan Ritz also made plenty of headlines, garnering a District 2 championship and a Northeast Regional runner-up medal



at 138 pounds en route to the state championships, where he finished eighth to end his stellar scholastic wrestling career on the medal stand in Hershey. "It was great just getting here. To get a medal is just icing on the cake, really," Ritz said afterward.

On the ice, the Crestwood ice hockey team captured its second straight Penguins Cup with a 7-0 shutout of Back Mountain for the Northeast Pennsylvania Scholastic Hockey League championship. Drew Bobynskyj had a four-point night, Stefan Krupski and Michael Thamert scored two goals apiece and Gavin Lewis posted 17 saves in goal for the Comets in their title game victory.

Crestwood, which won its sixth title since the league was formed in 1999, advanced to the Flyers Cup for the first time, a tournament that produces the state champion each year. Once there, the 19th- and last-seeded Comets proved their worth. The Comets opened the tournament by cruising past 14th seed Penncrest, 7-0. Two nights later, they stunned fourth-seeded Hershey 7-5 to advance to the quarterfinal round. Crestwood eventually fell to Garnet Valley in the quarterfinal round, but not before making school history in the process.

Meanwhile, two Weatherly Area swimmers earned top-10 finishes at the District 11 Championships even though the Wreckers do not field a swim team. Competing as independent swimmers, the Wreckers' Jacob Sirkot placed eighth in the 100 breaststroke (and 11th in the 200 individual medley) at the district meet, and teammate Keith Cullen was 10th in the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke events.

In the spring, the Crestwood boys lacrosse team - led by Bobynskyj and Jay Popson - earned its first-ever District 2 championship, beating league powerhouse Delaware Valley 6-5 in the semifinals and long-time nemesis Dallas 14-9 in the Back Mountain in the title game. But after downing Dallas 14-9 in May, the Comets lacrosse team was finally able to call itself a district champion.

"It feels great," Bobynskyj said. "After all the years of not being the best team in the conference and finally making it here to the top, there's nothing better."

The summer months were marred with tragedy at Pocono Raceway, where Verizon IndyCar Series driver Justin Wilson died from a head injury suffered in the August race. The 37-year-old Wilson was hit in the head by a piece of debris that had broken off Sage Karam's car when Karam crashed into the outside wall in turn 1 on lap 180 of the 200-lap race. Wilson's car went out of control to the left and struck a wall on the inside of the track. He was flown to Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, where remained in a coma before dying the following day. Wilson's death was the fifth fatality of a professional driver in the history of the track, according to Pocono Raceway.

Earlier in the summer, NASCAR racing legend Jeff Gordon - one of the all-time great racers at Pocono - made his last start at the 2.5-mile tri-oval. Gordon retired at the end of the season.

Also last summer, Adam Keselicka drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning as Weatherly outlasted Butler Legion 9-8 to capture the Valley Junior Babe Ruth 13-15 baseball championship for the second time in three seasons.

The fall sports season was indeed a memorable one for Crestwood teams. Crestwood's golf team used great balance to capture its third straight Wyoming Valley Conference Class AAA championship, edging perennial contender Coughlin 352-355 at Fox Hill Country Club. Coughlin's Ryan Keyes dominated the field with a round of 76 for medalist honors, but it was Crestwood's balance that clinched the title as John Hawley placed second overall with a round of 83, followed by teammates John McGroarty (87), Shane Angle (90) and Tyler Papura (92).

The Comets' boys soccer team was busy making history of its own, capturing the District 2 championship with a 1-0, double-overtime win over Coughlin in a match played at Lake-Lehman. Zach Metzger's game-winning goal - booted in after it bounced off teammate Jason Klusewitz's back - set off a wild celebration for the Comets, who received another standout performance in goal from Lance Lysiak. "Honestly, best feeling ever," stated Metzger, who said he never had a game-ending goal before that night.

Meanwhile, the Crestwood field hockey team was making its usual run to gold in the fall. The Comets - led by their senior class - captured their fourth straight WVC and District 2 Class 2A championships, and reached the state semifinals before bowing out 3-2 against Twin Valley. Two of those seniors, Hannah Ackers and Elizabeth Dessoye, were named National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-Americans following the season.

In Weatherly, it was Jared Hinkle

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who was making a name for himself. The senior had never before competed in cross country, but burst onto the scene and rewrote the Weatherly course record en route to a third-place finish in the District 11 Class A Championships and a berth in the state meet.

Classmate Jake Stover, meanwhile, led the Wrecker boys soccer team to a successful season and earned himself a spot on the Pottsville Republican's all-star team after scoring a team-leading 25 goals and notching four assists.

A number of Crestwood graduates enjoyed outstanding field hockey seasons in college this fall, none more than the foursome of Anna Dessoye, Jess Newak, Alexa Moran and Danielle DeSpirito. Dessoye led Maryland to the Big Ten championship and was named All-Big Ten first team, while Newak was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference first team after leading Wake Forest to the ACC final. DeSpirito helped Ursinus to the NCAA Division III national semifinals, and Moran led West Chester to the NCAA Division II national semifinals.

And 18-year-old Crestwood graduate Marcus Joseph became the first Comet to sign a national letter of intent to play at the Division I level in ice hockey. He committed to Sacred Heart University for the 2017-18 season.

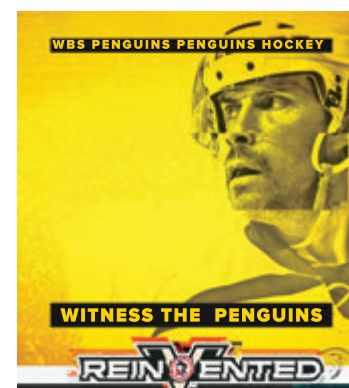
As 2015 was winding down, tragedy hit the local community when Marty Mrozinski died suddenly. Mrozinski was preparing for his 13th season as Penn State Hazleton's softball coach after a number of coaching stints at Weatherly, Crestwood, MMI and Bishop Hafey in softball, girls basketball and baseball. But Mrozinski, whose 236 wins is a school record at Penn State Hazleton, was remembered as much for his kind heart as he was for his coaching success. "He was more of a mentor in life, not just softball," former Lady Lions softball player Alyssa Rodzewich said. "He was always there for you, whether it was to talk about boys, about classes, about professors or anything," added Erin Dougherty, another of Mrozinski's softball players at Penn State Hazleton and a Weatherly Area graduate. "He was a father figure to all of us."

White Haven native Rich Lipinski, Mrozinski's right-hand man at Penn State Hazleton and also at Bishop Hafey, was hired as interim coach for the Lady Lions for 2016. For all his coaching accomplishments and accolades, Lipinski said Mrozinski



never wanted the credit. "The most important thing to Marty was it was always about the girls," Lipinski said. "He would always say the girls win games and coaches lose them. That was Marty." "His legacy is huge at that school," added Dougherty. "It's going to be hard for them to play this season (but) Marty wouldn't want us to be sad. He would want his legacy to continue."

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