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Full house turns out for Toby sewer session



by Seth Isenberg

Aqua Pennsylvania is in talks to buy the Blakeslee sewer system from Tobyhanna Township. This was announced as part of the township's meeting seeking public comments about extending the sewer line further east along Route 940, along Robyn Lane and into Forest Glen. That meeting, held January 27, attracted over 75 residents and business owners, filling the meeting room. Many citizens were opposed to the costs that would come from extending the line, connecting each property to the line, and then paying quarterly for service.

Supervisor Ann Lamberton stressed that the meeting was "fact finding," not to make a decision to move ahead. Tobyhanna Township's engineer, Bob McHale, explained that the eastward extension of the system was included in the "ultimate service area" when the original system was proposed in the 1990s.

Representatives of Aqua Pennsylvania noted that the extension is not necessary for their company, which already operates the township's wastewater system, to move ahead to buy the system. Aqua's team readily answered questions about the proposed extension. Rates would stay the same

for customers on the old system, about \$200 a quarter for an EDU.

It was pointed out that there is no mandate to install the new line.

Speakers were nearly all opposed to the idea, citing costs, and that most people's on-lot systems are working fine. Businessman and property owner Lance Mirkin of Pocono Lake said he was willing to hook his properties to the system, suggesting a line that served just the businesses along Route 940. Three other business owners nearby said they were opposed to the line, and the costs they would bear.

Aqua PA's Charlie Penrose noted that a low pressure line such as this, with grinder pumps, needs a fixed number of customers along the line to have the sewage flow properly to the collection pump (in Camelot Forest), which is on the gravity system. When asked if a gravity system would be possible in this stretch, McHale explained that a new set of permits would be needed.

There was also talk that the capacity of the Blakeslee plant would be best used to develop the Blakeslee area.

With opinions running highly towards "opposed," township supervisor John Holohan echoed the idea that the plant's best use would be to encourage

economic development in the Blakeslee area. Remarking on the meeting, and Aqua's proposal to buy the system, he added that "We [the township] don't belong in the sewer business... We now lose money on it..."

As the meeting closed, with Lam-

berton again reminding everyone that the township supervisors are listening, Holohan asked people to fill out the questionnaire the township sent around, and be in contact so supervisors have full information on what the citizens want.



Liam Battista took part in the January 30 annual Tobyhanna Ice Harvest with other members of Boy Scout Troop 98. Visit pocononewspapers.com for more photos of the event.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

Coolbaugh sends a message on 911 signage

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Considering winter's freeze a pause to collect facts before fees, Coolbaugh's Code Enforcement Officer Tomas Keane provided 911 Re-addressing progress at the January 19 supervisors' meeting, with sights set on inspections as the grounds thaws. Faced with a large portion left of the township's more than 16,240 properties to visit and just over 3,100 signs that meet ordinance requirements, warmer weather means residents need to put signs together before the codeman cometh.



Whew...compliance cleared this Arrowhead property with 911 signage in place right with requirements.
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Developments throughout the area have shown impressive increases in compliance during 2015's fourth quarter including A Pocono Country Place jumping from 17% to 57% compliant, and Pocono Farms from 34% to 53%. Keane considers help in communicat-

Dean's List Roster

Caroline Herman from Pocono Pines has been named to the University of Delaware's Dean's List for the 2015 fall semester.

Jasmin Leath of Blakeslee was named to the Millersville University of Pennsylvania's Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester.



Coolbaugh Supervisors for 2016 (from left) Alma Ruiz-Smith, Lynn Kelly, Bill Weimer, Juan Adams and Anthony Lamantia.
JP: Hofbauer Strategies

ing compliance by community associations a plus.

Strongly suggesting a visit to the township website www.coolbaughtwp.org for code details, he also invited residents uncertain about where to get sign materials to contact his office. His visits to some large area merchants have uncovered inaccurate compliance details being delivered.

As disappointed residents dip back into dollars for proper signage, and in some cases to pay court citations, he sends a reminder that readdressing is for the benefit and safety of everyone.

"The ability for all emergency responders to reach a call as quickly as possible is so important," Pocono Mountain Regional EMS's Denise Doremus later explained, adding, "We're already seeing a difference installing the right sign at the right height makes and strongly suggest everyone gets their sign in place."

Getting rid of a grapple truck and radial stacker bought with recycling grants proved easier said than done. Supervisors reviewed regulations that would allow another municipality to acquire the rarely used equipment. Oak Grove in Middle Smithfield Township is interested.

Tiffany Sahadeo of Tobyhanna was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the fall 2015 semester. This status is granted to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses.

ly urged considering asking Middle Smithfield Township for no reimbursement, reminding supervisors of intention to apply for another recycling grant of \$250,000 for a leaf truck.

"[We would] get a better feather in our cap," she suggested.

Supervisors approved bill payments totaling \$258,978.52 with fund payments of: General Fund, \$251,989.87; Sewer Fund, \$6,988.65

Supervisors Kelly, Bill Weimer, Juan Adams, Alma Ruiz-Smith and Anthony Lamantia were present for the meeting along with administrative assistant Erin Masker and an audience of approximately 20.

Reimbursement of approximately \$11,000 for the equipment was originally discussed. Supervisor Lynn Kel-

Tobyhanna Township takes NIDA into new year

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Created in 2013 Tobyhanna Township Neighborhood Improvement District Authority's responsibility is to oversee the infrastructure evolution involved in development as seen with Kalahari Pocono Resort. On January 4, the committee reviewed 2016 position appointments during its reorganization meeting.

Anne Lamberton remains chair with

Michelle Bisbing vice-chair. John Holahan's role is secretary and Heidi Pickard treasurer. Serving the Authority is Patrick Armstrong of the firm Grim, Biehm & Thatcher as solicitor with Weseloh Carney & Company as accounting firm. Landmark Community Bank is the designated financial institution.

TTNIDA's board members present included Lamberton, Bisbing, Holahan, Pickard and John Kerrick.



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Pocono Mt. Library receives state aid - brings back Story Hour & ILL

Pocono Mountain Public Library is relieved to finally have the disbursement of State Aid for 2016. This is such great news after weeks of reductions. PMPL thanks all the patrons who were so patient, understanding, and supportive during this time. The Library recognizes all of the donors, both large and small, who contributed during the winter matching drive to make our total drive worth \$10,757, which was much needed.

As of February 8, PMPL will be in full swing with children's story hours, a new Saturday kid's program, interlibrary loan services, and revised hours to serve patrons each week Monday through Saturday.

The new library hours are as follows: Mondays- Noon until 8 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Wednesdays 12-8 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., Fridays 12-4 p.m., and Saturdays 12-4 p.m.

PMPL is excited to bring back the Children's Story Hours with Miss Sue. Patrons made a lot of comments about more story hours through the week, and missing the evening and Saturday programs. The following is the new schedule for Children's Story Hours through the week: Mondays 1:30 p.m. & 6 p.m., Tuesdays 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays 1:30 p.m. & 6 p.m., Thursdays

10:30 a.m., and Friday at 1:30 p.m. Homeschoolers are always welcome. Story hours and crafts at the library are a great way to get young kids engaged in a group, learn how to read and listen, and get used to making crafts with little fingers.

PMPL is also bringing a new program to the library on Saturdays. It is a Craft Challenge program for kids about 7 years and up with either Miss Sue or Miss Sarah. The Saturday Craft Challenge is at 1:30 p.m., and registration is required. The very first Craft Challenge is on February 13 for Valentine's Day.

The Young Adult/TAB meetings with Miss Mary Ann from EMPL will also resume on February 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Don't forget to look for ebooks (both audio and reading) and emagazines on the links on the webpage, www.poconomountpl.org, via oneclick and zinio. We are striving to add more e-content to our library every year. Just ask if you have any questions about using our ebooks and emagazines.

In March, the Library resumes its regular adult programs with Saturday Morning Book Club, Computer Classes with Manny, and new arts & crafts programs.

MCTA Pocono Pony buses come to the library on Tues-

days and Thursdays - bring a friend and get out of the house. The Library is on the purple route and the schedule can be viewed at <http://www.gomcta.com/routes.php#purple>.

PMPL is seeking submissions from our many talented local artists for exhibitions in our beautiful Mountain Gallery. Please contact the library and ask for the Director if you have high quality framed art work so we can review your submissions and get you on the schedule later in the year. The Library is also seeking new volunteers to help with shelving and straightening.

PMPL is funded by local tax support from Coolbaugh Township and Mount Pocono Borough. The Library has over 55,000 books, DVDs, music CDs, books on CD, VHS, magazines, newspapers, comics, and other materials. PMPL has free 100 mbps wi-fi for our patrons, and 22 public computer stations with high speed internet and printing. The Library provides essential fax and copy services, as well as tax forms. PMPL also has a large and modern meeting room that can accommodate professionals and clubs. Please contact the library for more information. We are always searching for new ways to serve you.

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Notice is hereby given that the contents of a storage unit belonging to Robert Luc, Pocono Lake, PA 18347, located behind Matirko Hardware, Route 940 Pocono Lake, will be sold at www.storagetreasures.com in order to satisfy the lien for unpaid rent. The Auction closing date will be February 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following is a list of scheduled meetings for the Pocono Mountain Public Library Board of Trustees for 2016. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Library in the conference room on the second floor. The public is invited to attend.

The Library is located in the Coolbaugh Township Municipal Center at 5500 Municipal Drive Tobyhanna, PA 18466.

For more information call (570) 894-8860, or visit www.poconomountpl.org.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
 Wednesday, March 2, 2016
 Wednesday, April 6, 2016
 Wednesday, May 4, 2016
 Wednesday, June 1, 2016
 Wednesday, July 6, 2016
 Wednesday, August 3, 2016
 Wednesday, September 7, 2016
 Wednesday, October 5, 2016
 Wednesday, November 2, 2016
 Wednesday, December 7, 2016
 Wednesday, January 4, 2017

Pocono Mountain School District sticks to preliminary budget deadline

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Faced with an election year time crunch, Pocono Mountain School Board plunged into obliging state demands for preliminary budget numbers, providing data during the January 6 meeting. A January 27 due date had Business Manager Joe Colozza

compiling calculations on the \$216 million plus budget.

Zero tax increase, despite a \$27.3 million pension contribution, up more than \$4.5 million from last year and nearly \$23 million seven years ago, proved pivotal in projections. Anticipation of half reimbursement from state subsidies

continues to ease the sting of the expense.

"We want to give money back to the taxpayers," said Rusty Johnson noting the absence of Finance Committee member director Ricky Smith for the evening's presentation, whom he noted will likely look fur-

ther into prospects for a reduction.

176th District Pennsylvania State Representative Jack Rader took to the podium discussing state level reform as the pension predicament continues to increase noting, "Property tax reform is a compromise," adding, "We don't

want to impact those in the pension system already."

Annabella Lastowski stated, "It has to be known teachers and support personnel have always paid their fair share to the pension system," directing attention to past governors for the state underfunding situation at hand.

Area Funerals

Thomas Tighe

Thomas Tighe, former Democrat state representative for the western Pocono Plateau, died Monday, February 1, 2016. He was 70.

Tighe served 12 consecutive terms in the 118th Legislative District before retiring in 2006.

Tighe was a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam. He chaired the House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee and was a key player in developing the Military Family Relief Assistance Program.

Tighe was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Dianne, last year.

Bonnie Jean Pavlasky

Bonnie Jean Pavlasky, 43, a resident of Long Pond for the past nine years, died Saturday, January 30, 2016 at the VNA Hospice House in East Stroudsburg. She was the wife of Robert J. Pavlasky, with whom she shared 16 years of marriage.

Born in Lansdale, she was the daughter of Wayne and Carol (Stephany) Campbell of Long Pond.

Bonnie grew up in Lansdale and Coopersburg. She was a Penn State graduate and worked as a marketing manager for Walgreens for many years.

She is also survived by her children, Stephanie and Joseph Pavlasky; brother, Mark Campbell of Brooklyn; her mother and father-in-law, Barbara and Robert Sr. Pavlasky of Lady Lake, Florida; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

There will be a visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, February 5, at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Pastor Kenneth Cathcart will conduct a memorial service at 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to, the Salgi Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation, P.O. Box 1912 East Greenwich, RI 02818.

Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home crematory.

Jason R. Switzer

Jason R. Switzer, 36, of Blakeslee died Friday January 29, 2016 in Geisinger Community Medical Center Scranton. Born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, he was the son of Robert Switzer of Philadelphia and Elise (Wall) Switzer of Blakeslee.

He was employed as a professional DJ/musician and carpenter all of his life. He was of the Catholic faith.

He is also survived by a daughter, Alexa Switzer of Blakeslee, stepdaughter Desirae Hoover, and brother Jesse P. Switzer of Stroudsburg.

A celebration of Jason's life will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 11 a.m. from the Joseph J. Pula Funeral Home in Stroudsburg. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home.



Rev. Myron Steele

The Rev. Myron (Mike) E. Steele, 83, of White Haven died Saturday, January 21, 2016 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township.

A son of the late Myron and Evaline Simoson Steele, he was born in Larksville, and earned a Master of Divinity Degree from Palmer Theological Seminary. Prior to retirement he was pastor of the Lattimer United Methodist Church for many years, and was currently serving as interim pastor of The Presbyterian Church of White Haven.

He was a 60-year Mason and member of Irem Shrine Temple.

Preceding him in death was son Brad Jones.

Surviving are his wife, the former Kay Wharen; son and daughter-in-law Philip and Scarlet Jones of San Francisco, Cal; daughter and son-in-law Michal and Paul Markwith of Kingston; three grandchildren; sister L. Myrl Young of Dallas; a nephew and a niece.

A memorial service was held January 30 at the Blakeslee United Methodist Church, Blakeslee, with the Rev. Joseph Healey officiating. Burial was private, at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were by the Lehman Family Funeral Service of White Haven.

Edna M. Caulfield

Edna M. Caulfield, 98, of Mount Pocono, died Monday, January 18, 2016 at her home. She was the wife of the late Lester Caulfield.

Born in Astoria, New York, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Margaret (Campbell) Schweiker.

Edna was an active member of

the former St. Bernadette's Parish in Canadensis, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and as part of the Rosary Society. She was also a former member of the Tri County Ladies Bowling League.

She is survived by her daughter, Nancy Snyder and her husband Michael of Mount Pocono, two granddaughters, and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, March 10 at 9:30 am at the Villa of Our Lady in Mount Pocono. Burial will follow at Laurelwood Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

Private cremation has been entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Craig J. Bills

Craig J. Bills, 56, of Pocono Summit, died on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at his home. He was the husband of Joanne (Schweitzer) Bills.

Born in Allentown, he was the son of the late Robert and Joyce (Bortz) Bills.

He owned and operated the former Trolley Stop Restaurant in Skip-pack along with a string of other eateries in and around the Philadelphia area.

He is also survived by his children, Zachary and Joshua Bills, both of Kennett Square, and Kayla Bills of Pocono Summit; sisters Denise George and her husband Tom of

Allentown, Karen Downey and her husband Bob of Marlton, and New Jersey; a brother: Scott Bills and his wife Stephanie of Halifax; and several nieces and nephews.

A blessing service was held January 22 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in honor of Craig may be made to the New Hope Foundation by logging onto www.newhopefoundation.org or to the American Foundation for Addiction Research by logging onto www.addictionresearch.com.

Private cremation is entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Lenten Buffets to begin at St. Maximilian Kolbe

The annual Lenten Buffets at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines are scheduled to begin on February 12 from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Each year the church holds three buffets during the Lenten season, with proceeds going to their Social Concerns Committee.

The committee is actively involved in programs benefiting both their parish and the surrounding community – some of which include Family Promise of Monroe County, Bridges Out of Poverty, Shepherd's Maternity House, Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos, Women's Resources of Monroe County, the Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council's

Food Pantry, and several free community dinners each year.

Create your own meatless meal by first choosing from a variety of pastas, including whole wheat and gluten free, then top your choice with one of a variety of homemade sauces. The buffet also includes fish, stuffed shells, macaroni and cheese, soup, an extensive salad bar, bread, a beverage, and a visit to St. Max's famous dessert table. Each Friday buffet will also include a few "specials" to tempt your taste buds. All menu items are available while supplies last.

Enjoy a delicious array of food at low prices – \$10 for Adults, \$9 for

Senior Citizens (65+), \$4 for children 5-12, and children under 5 eat free. You do not need a reservation, and take-outs are available.

All meals will be held downstairs in Our Lady of the Lake Hall, which is handicap accessible. Buffets are also planned for February 26 and March 11. In the event of snow, a dinner will be postponed until March 18.

St. Maximilian Kolbe is located at 5112 Pocono Crest Rd., Pocono Pines, near the intersection of Routes 940 and 423. For additional information, please call 570-646-6424, or visit the parish website at www.stmaxkolbepoconos.org.

Mission of Mercy at St. Maximilian Kolbe

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines will host a Lenten "Mission of Mercy" on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the second week of Lent. Fr. Michael Quinlan, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace, has been designated by Pope Francis as one of 80 Missionaries of Mercy from the United States. Fr. Mike will preside at these three events, which will all begin at 7 p.m.

On February 17, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated; several other priests will also be available for confessions. February 18 will be an evening of Eucharistic

Adoration. The Mission concludes on February 19 with Mass. All are welcome. For directions or more information, please call 570-646-6424.

The Missionaries of Mercy - priests who come from various parts of the world and were proposed by their own bishops to carry out this special service - will receive the mandate from the Holy Father to be preachers of mercy and confessors of full mercy. Appointed exclusively by the Holy Father, these priests will personally receive from him the faculty to forgive sins reserved to the Holy See, and will be the sign of closeness and God's pardon for all.

In the Pope's Words: "During Lent of this Holy Year, I intend to send out Missionaries of Mercy. They will be a sign of the Church's maternal solicitude for the People of God, enabling them to enter the profound richness of this mystery so fundamental to the faith. There will be priests to whom I will grant the authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See, so that the breadth of their mandate as confessors will be even clearer. They will be, above all, living signs of the Father's readiness to welcome those in search of His pardon."

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

Church seeking proficient accompanist

Pocono Lake United Methodist Church is seeking a proficient accompanist to lead blended worship for their 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship service, and other special and seasonal worship events.

The ideal candidate will be able to play both traditional hymns and con-

temporary church music, and help develop and lead a praise team during worship services.

Persons interested are asked to contact the church office between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at 570-646-2650, or by email at plumc01@epix.net.

Pocono Lake United Methodist Church is located on Route 940, approximately four miles east of its intersection with Route 115 at Blakeslee.

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Here's to Your Heart!

Valentine's Day is February 14, a day to show friends, family, and significant others your love. The entire month has been designated American Heart Month to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease, the number one killer in the United States. Eating right, exercising, and controlling blood pressure are some of the many ways to make your heart healthier.

One study showed that mortality from heart disease was reduced by 5% for each additional serving of fruit or vegetables consumed per day. Walking, yard and garden work, and other moderate exercise can reduce heart disease risk by 10%, and up to 20% for vigorous exercise.

The Garden of Giving provides fresh organic produce to Monroe County neighbors in need, and has plenty of op-

portunities for exercise in the warmer months. Volunteering has also been shown to lower blood pressure and be good for mental health.

They are always in need of volunteers to help in the office and Garden and serve on their board, as well as donations of skills, supplies, and funding to purchase what is needed for the Garden and chickens.

The Garden of Giving is an excellent opportunity for youth and scouting groups to learn about gardening, science, health, nutrition, and many other valuable life skills and lessons on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis.

For more information, please call 570-402-1282 or email gardenofgiving@gmail.com.

Congregation B'Nai Harim participates in Shabbat across America and Canada Program

On the night of March 4, members of the Pocono's Jewish community will gather at Congregation B'Nai Harim in an unparalleled display of Jewish revitalization and Jewish unity. Conceived and organized by NJOP (National Jewish Outreach Program) in 1997, Shabbat Across America and Canada represents a united effort by the entire Jewish community to renew interest in the fourth of the Ten Commandments – observing a weekly day of rest (Shabbat in Hebrew).

Congregation B'Nai Harim will be one of approximately 700 synagogues across the continent that will simultaneously open its doors to

practicing and non-practicing Jews alike, so they may join together to experience and rejoice in a traditional Shabbat service and festive meal. Over 974,830 people have participated in Shabbat Across American and Canada in the past.

Led by Rabbi Peg Kershenbaum, attendees will experience an interactive Friday night Explanatory Service and a traditional Shabbat dinner with all the rituals explained. The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Congregation B'Nai Harim, located at the intersection of Rt. 940, Pocono Crest Road and Sullivan Trail in Pocono Pines.

Rabbi Peg Kershenbaum encourages all who are interested in sharing in Jewish traditions and the beauty of Shabbat to join them on March 4. Come together to eat, drink, relax, dance, enjoy, debate, and celebrate at the 20th annual Shabbat Across America.

Reservations are required by February 26, so the "chefs" can accommodate you. The cost is \$7 per adult, and children under 12 can attend for free. Please call the message center at 570-646-0100, or email http://bnaiharim-poconos.org/contact_us.html for more information.

Early Childhood Developmental Screening Program

Did you know that a child's brain is 90% developed by the age of 5? Taking the correct steps to ensure that your child is growing and developing normally is easy with Pocono Alliance's Early

Childhood Developmental Screenings. Currently in Monroe County, there are over 8,500 children under the age of 5 who are eligible for these screenings. To date, Pocono Alliance has

performed over 8,000 vision, hearing, and developmental screenings.

Their Children's Care Coordinator is trained to conduct over-the-phone and in-person screenings and identify any potential factors that may be interfering with a child's growth and learning. After the screenings are conducted, recommendations and referrals will be made based on your child's specific needs.

"Through our vision, hearing, and developmental screenings that we've been conducting since 2004, we have been able to help many young children in Monroe County, and I believe that these Early Childhood De-

velopmental Screenings will continue to positively impact the children in the county," said Pocono Alliance Executive Director Michael Tukeva.

The screening program, which has already begun, will utilize the PoconoInfo Helpline to conduct the over-the-phone interviews. For more information on the Early Childhood Developmental Screenings, call Pocono Alliance at 570-517-3953, email at poconoalliance@monroecountypa.gov, or visit PoconoAlliance.org.

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2/6 Eric Mintel Quartet Does TV
\$15, \$20 DOS, Show 8 p.m.

2/12 Tusk - Fleetwood Mac & 13 Tribute
\$26, Show 8 p.m.

2/20 Popa Chubby
\$23, Show 8 p.m.

2/26 Ten - The Tribute to Pearl Jam
\$18, Show 8 p.m.

2/27 The Cream of Clapton - An All-Cream Musical Tribute
\$23, Show 8 p.m.

3/4 Jorma Kaukonen
\$32, Show 8 p.m.

3/5 Kashmir - Led Zeppelin Tribute
\$23, Show 8 p.m.

3/11 Jane Lee Hooker
\$18, Show 8 p.m.
Check our website

Dog adoption day this Sunday

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

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

of dogs available for adoption and adoption applications, please visit www.SafeHavenPa.org. Contact Safe Haven at SafeHaven@epix.net and join Safe Haven Pa on Facebook.

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Sunday, February 7

7:30 a.m. to Noon

*Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Pancakes, Home Fries,
Creamed Chipped Beef, Beverages*



Hughes Cancer Center recognized as center of excellence

Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center has recently been recognized as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence in the National Quality Measures for Breast Centers Program™ (NQMBC™). This distinguished honor represents a commitment by this breast center to provide the highest level of quality breast health care to patients in their community.

"At Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center, we actively push the boundaries of quality cancer care to exceed the expectations of our patients. With an expert oncology team, we are committed to offering accessible, unmatched cancer care to the region backed by the extensive resources of The National Consortium of Breast Centers," said Dr. Michael

Marte, Medical Director of Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center.

Measuring and comparing quality performance is essential in assessing patient care and allocating resources where improvement is desired. In today's dynamic health care industry, breast centers are faced with providing quality care while simultaneously keeping costs under control. A center's staff must not only be familiar with existing standards of care, but must also be aware of new advances in technology.

Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center actively ensures they provide the best possible quality care to breast patients in their community. The National Consortium of Breast Centers is proud to recognize Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances

Hughes Cancer Center as a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence.

"As a Certified Quality Breast Center of Excellence, we exercise the highest-quality of care from state-of-the-art technology in our imaging centers to our community breast health initiatives to ensure that we are always prepared to provide excellent care for all of our Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center patients," said Lutchana Beckford, RN, BSN, Breast Health Nurse Navigator at Pocono Medical Center's Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center.

The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers were developed by referencing the Health Care Advisory Board's Clinical Quality Dash Board for breast centers published in the fall of 2004. The National Quality Measures for Breast Centers reflect more than 11 years of work, which has culminated in the adoption of more than 33 National Quality Indicators™.

The National Consortium

of Breast Centers promote excellence in breast health care for the general public through a network of diverse professionals dedicated to the active exchange of ideas and resources. It serves as an informational resource, and provides support services to those rendering care to people with breast diseases through educational programs, newsletters, a national directory, and patient forums. NCBC also encourages professionals to concentrate and specialize in activities related to breast disease, and encourages the development of programs and centers that address breast disease and promote breast health. It facilitates collaborative research opportunities on issues of breast health; and developed a set of core measures to define, improve, and sustain quality standards in breast health care programs and for quality performance in all types of breast health care facilities.

The Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center at

Pocono Medical Center offers a variety of treatments and alternatives, including state-of-the-art radiation therapy equipment and medical and radiation oncology.

To learn more about the NQMBC Program, please visit www.breastcare.org. For more information about Pocono Medical center, visit website at poconohealthsystem.org, or visit facebook.com/poconomedicalcenter.

Enjoy the Philadelphia Flower Show

The West End Park and Open Space Commission is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show on March 7. "Explore America" celebrates 100 years of the National Park service.

Lunch is on your own at the Convention Center or at any of the nearby local eateries including the popular Reading Terminal Market.

Bus departs at 7 a.m. from Chestnuthill Park, 221 Rt. 715 Brodheadsville, and returns at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. For more information, call 570-992-9733.

Bird Feeder craft event

The West End Park and Open Space Commission is offering a free craft event, Pine Cone Bird Feeders, at the Chestnuthill Township Park, 221 Route 715-Brodheadsville on February 20 from 10 a.m. - noon.

You'll get everything you need to make bird feeders to take home and watch the birds enjoy a "fast food" snack.

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

Effort Landmark Reopens



The Effort Garage, a fixture in Effort since the 1920s, has reopened under new ownership. The new owners, Fred and Mario Costa, and Fred's son, Fred Jr. have cleaned the old garage out and are now open for business. The business is located at the intersection of Route 115 and the Gilbert Road in Effort.

The long-time Effort business has been closed for several years, but it now has a new coat of paint and the brothers hope that they will be able to continue the tradition.

Art opening at EE Center

Monroe County Conservation District's Environmental Education Center Art Opening, Jim & Denise Thomson - "Wildlife of the Water Gap and Beyond", will take place on February 6.

Jim and his wife Denise live in close proximity to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and spend a great deal of time searching for and photographing the wildlife that lives in this beautiful region. They have also

traveled to the western U.S. and Canada in search of the magnificent animals that call these areas home.

Enjoy a photo exhibit, which will give you a glimpse of these creatures that come from near and far, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the opening reception.

For more information, or to hear about other programs, please call the E. E. Center at 570-629-3061 or visit www.mcconservation.org.

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Maple Sugaring Programs

Each year, the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center conducts tours of its Maple Sugaring site in Marshalls Creek in February and March for schools, scouts, homeschoolers, and other interested groups.

This is a great opportunity to learn about maple sugaring, which has been going on in our area for hundreds of years. This two-hour tour include stops at stations providing information on the history of maple sugaring (which dates back to the Native Americans), the evaporating process that we use today, and provides the groups with the opportunity to tap a maple tree whose sap will be used in the 2015 maple syrup production.

Also shown are methods of collecting maple sap, and finally, the cooking process that produces the sweet maple syrup. Dates this year for organized groups (including students, scouts and any organization) have been set for

February 29 through March 11. Cost is \$3 per participant, and scheduling is done on a first-come, first-serve basis.

A special day in the Sugarbush for Scouts will be sponsored on March 12. Programs can be scheduled between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and are open to any level of scouts and their families. The day will feature a tour of the Sugarbush, including stops to learn about Native American and early pioneer methods of making maple syrup, the evaporator process, and methods of identifying and tapping a maple tree.

After the tour, everyone will get a chance to taste some of our syrup on freshly made pancakes. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for scouts and children under 12. Pre-registration is required for your group to reserve a spot by March 2. Additional information may be obtained by calling 570-629-3061, or by visiting www.mcconservation.org.

Carbon Builders announces Split Rock as new expo location

Gain valuable exposure for your business at the Carbon County Home Business and Outdoor Expo at a new location. The Expo will help you put your brand in front of your exact target market- the thousands of potential customers who live, work, and vacation in Carbon County, and who look forward to attending this exciting event every year.

The Carbon County Home Business and Outdoor Expo will be held on April 23-24 in the spacious convention center at Split Rock Lodge in Lake Harmony. Split Rock's new owners and management have eliminated the entrance toll and have freshened up the facility, making it a premier destination for locals and visitors alike.

This year's Expo is actually a "show within a show," bringing vendors, businesses, home builders and remodelers together with Dr. Lori's Antiques Appraisal Show. Dr. Lori stars as the antiques

appraiser on the Discovery channel's hit reality TV show, "Auction Kings" and appears on the FOX Business Network's "Strange Inheritance." She has been featured on NBC's "The Tonight Show" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." She will be featured in two shows daily.

Expo attendees can watch Dr. Lori's Show for free. Attendees who wish to have items appraised may purchase an appraisal for \$25. Dr. Lori will provide tips on how to sell your unwanted stuff for top dollar. Learn the secrets of auctions and how to negotiate to find bargains and why you should not host a yard sale.

Exhibit spaces are available for local businesses to showcase their products or services. Remember, Expo exhibitors are also business owners who shop for products and services from other vendors. The exhibit hall has

a wide range of spaces sizes available. For information on exhibiting, contact the Carbon Builders Association at 610-379-1099.

This is your opportunity to put a name on your face for your potential customer. Being at the right place at the right time will help you build new business relationships.

The Carbon County Business and Outdoor Expo is the most anticipated networking event of the year. If you are a small business owner, entrepreneur, start up or just eager to start a small business, this is an annual event you cannot miss.

"A savvy small business owner is one who invests wisely." Invest in a booth at the Carbon County Home Business and Outdoor Expo, and you'll be investing in the future of your business. For more information call 610-379-1099 or visit carboncountyexpo.com.

50th Anniversary Gala for Services for Families and Children

Pocono Services for Families and Children invites the community to attend its 50th Anniversary Gala on March 31 at Terraview at Strouds-moor Country Inn. This event will celebrate five decades of

Head Start in Monroe County.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a delicious dinner, and dancing around 9 p.m. Dignitaries/guest speakers will include Blair Hyatt, executive director of the Pennsylvania Head Start Association, and Pennsylvania State Senator Mario Scavella. In addition, special awards and honors will be

presented.

A silent auction will be part of the event, with items including jewelry, baseball tickets, resort stays, and gift certificates. The celebration will also highlight achievements, artwork, and memories from the beginnings of Head Start in Monroe County 50 years ago to the present day.

PSFC's mission is to provide resources for the evolving

needs of community children and families, in support of efforts to achieve their goals. The nonprofit agency serves more than 300 children and continues to expand services and implement new programs.

Besides Head Start and high quality early childhood education, its programs include emergency assistance, youth mentoring, and diverse training opportunities for parents. PSFC has centers/classrooms in the East Stroudsburg Area and Pocono Mountain school dis-

tricts, as well as Coolbaugh Township and East Stroudsburg Borough.

Dinner donation is \$50 per person, and reservations should be made by March 18. To RSVP, please contact Chris Grape-Garvey, PSFC's community resources coordinator, at 570-421-2711 ext. 238 or email cgrapegarvey@psfc.org.

PSFC is accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. For more information, visit www.psfc.org or call 570-421-2711.

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Clymer Library announces programs for Feb.

The Clymer Library, 115 Firehouse Road, Pocono Pines, announced its many exciting programs and events for February and March. For more information on any of these programs, contact the library at 570-646-0826, or stop by the circulation desk.

Kids' Programs Clymer Presents AWE Early Literacy Program

The Clymer Library is pleased to announce the addition of the AWE Early Literacy Station to its Children's area. The Early Literacy Station features learning activities in Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Art, Music, Writing, Computer Skills, and more. Come and see a brief presentation to learn all about the Early Literacy Station, and participate in an interactive tutorial to gain an understanding of how it works.

Children ages two to eight are welcome to attend with parental supervision. The presentations will take place on February 4 at 11:30 a.m. and February 6 at 12:30 p.m.

Children's Story Hour and Lap Sit

The library's popular *Story Hour* (for children ages three to five) will be held on February 8, 22, and 29 at 10:30 a.m. *Lap Sit* (for kids ages two and under) will be held on February 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Sleepy Time Story Hour

Sleepy Time Story Hour, the Clymer Library's new program for young children, takes place the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and kids can come dressed in their pajamas to hear stories before bedtime. There is no advance sign-up, but parental supervision is required. For more information, contact the library or email Children's Technician Kristi Belcher at kbelcher@clymerlibrary.org.

Snowman Saturday

Do you love snowmen? If you answered "yes," then come to the library on February 6 at 11 a.m., when they will read snowman stories and make snowman crafts that will last all year. Sign-up and parental supervision are required. This event is for kids ages three and up.

Clymer Library's Junior Book Club Continues

The Clymer Library's Junior Book Club will meet on February 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss the book *Swindle* by Gordon Korman. The Book Club members choose a new book to read each month, and then meet to discuss their thoughts about the book. It's your chance to be a critic. For more information or to reserve a

copy of the book, contact Children's Technician Miss Kristi at kbelcher@clymerlibrary.org. All book requests need to be made in advance because the Clymer borrows copies from other libraries.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Clymer

The Clymer Library will hold a Valentine's Day party for kids ages three and up on February 13 at 12 p.m. Celebrate Valentine's Day with the Clymer by listening to stories, making crafts, and eating snacks. Sign-up and parental supervision are required.

Join the Clymer's Teen Advisory Board

The Clymer Library's Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is looking for new members to come on board. The next meeting will take place on February 16 at 6:30 p.m. TAB meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the library, and is open to students in grades seven through twelve who want to take an active role in their library.

TAB members plan library programs and events for teens, help select books and other library materials, and discuss books, movies, and more. The meetings are informal and fun, and snacks are provided. No registration is necessary—just show up—as new members are always welcome. To sign up for the e-mail reminder list, contact tomteenlib@gmail.com and include your name, grade, and phone number.

Play Family Games at the Clymer

Join the Clymer for some family fun on February 20 at 12 p.m. The library will have games for all members of the family ages five and up to play together, or feel free to bring your own to share with others. The Clymer will also have the Wii video game console for you to use as well. Sign-up and parental supervision are required.

Adult and General Programs Stress Relief Coloring Program Continues at the Clymer

The Clymer Library's free stress relief coloring program for adults continues by popular demand. Patrons ages 18 and up are invited to stop by any time all month long to color on their own. The library will supply the coloring pages and colored pencils, or feel free to bring your own.

Then, join them on February 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. for a relaxing group coloring session, complete with complimentary cookies, beverages, and soothing music. Again, the library

will provide the supplies. 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 February 25 only. If you're interested, call the library at 570-646-0826, or stop by the circulation desk.

Join the Brown Bag Book Club

The library's *Brown Bag Book Club* will meet on February 24 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McClain. The Book Club usually meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at the library, and is always looking for new members. For more information on the book club, contact Melissa Lopez at the library at 570-646-0826. The club members hope you'll seriously consider joining them.

For Sale by Owner Presentation at the Clymer

On February 27 at 2 p.m. at the Clymer, realtor Michael Hewitt presents *For Sale by Owner*, a tutorial on the do's and don'ts of selling your own home. During the presentation, Michael will answer questions and present ideas for attendees interested in learning how to sell their own homes. Sign-up is required for this event, so stop by the circulation desk or call the library.

Enter the Clymer Library's Valentine Basket Raffle

Beginning in February, the Clymer will hold a Valentine Raffle to give adults the chance to win a basket of romance novels with a side of chocolate. The Clymer staff will give a raffle ticket to any adult patron who takes out five books for a chance to win the basket. The raffle takes place through February 13 with the winning ticket selected at 1 p.m. Enter today, and good luck.

Tax Forms Available at the Library

Tax forms are available now for patrons of the Clymer Library for the upcoming tax season. Get yours today, and remember, the deadline for filing your IRS tax return is Monday, April 18.

Leave a Legacy at the Clymer Library

With spring just around the corner, the Clymer Library Custom Paver Sponsor Program is now taking orders for sidewalk pavers. The Paver Program gives library supporters the unique opportunity to permanently engrave their names, symbols, or logos into a sidewalk paver for installation in the entranceway of the library. Pavers can also be engraved in remembrance or in honor of a loved one. The program gives do-

nors the opportunity to show their support for the library for many years to come.

All donations from the paver program directly benefit the library, which serves the residents of Tobyhanna and Tunkhannock Townships.

To order a paver or to make a donation, visit www.polarengraving.com/clymerpavers; stop at the library's circulation desk; or call the library at 570-646-0826. All donations are tax deductible.

Popovich Comedy Pet Theater comes to Kirby Center

International Circus Star and more than 30 shelter rescued pets will visit the Kirby Center on April 5.

Magic City Productions and Cross-Rhodes Entertainment will welcome Popovich Comedy Pet Theater to the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre on April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The world famous Popovich Comedy Pet Theater is a family-oriented blend of unique physical comedy, juggling, and balancing skills of internationally acclaimed award winner Gregory Popovich, and the extraordinary talents of his more than 30 pets: house cats, dogs, parrots, geese, and doves. All of the animals have been rescued from the animal shelters across the country.

"I have actually nicknamed my show 'A Second Chance,' because that is what my cats and dogs have been given, a second chance at life," said Popovich, founder of The Comedy Pet Theater and author of "You Can Train Your Cat."

Popovich supports animal rescue shelter across the country and will be donating a percentage of the ticket sales to The Humane Society

of America to raise the awareness of rescuing homeless pets. More than 30 rescued pets will be performing on stage as actors in this smash hit. "The main idea of my show and of this tour is to raise awareness in our society about homeless pets," Popovich added.

Throughout the live performance, audiences will witness the Dog Classroom, the Amazing Housecats, and the Animal Train. Other acts will include appearances from ferrets, white rats, trained doves, and more.

When asked how he trains dogs and cats for the show, Popovich explained, "Each animal has a special quirky thing they naturally like to do. I figure out what this trick or talent is, and then I just encourage them to do it in my show. When my pets are performing, they are showing off their favorite tricks!"

Tickets go on sale February 5 at 10:00 a.m. and will be available through the Kirby Center box office, online at www.kirbycenter.org, and charge by phone at 570-826-1100. Ticket costs are as follows- \$12.50, \$22.50 and \$27.50, plus fees.

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Friday, February 5—Blood drive, sponsored by Blakeslee Rotary Club, 1-6 p.m., Blakeslee Community Center, 1-800-733-2767, recross-blood.org

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

Saturday, February 6—Art exhibit reception for Jim and Denise Thomson, 11 a.m., Monroe County Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Saturday, February 6—Farmer's Appreciation Banquet, sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension and Monroe County Conservation District, Polk Township Fire Hall in Kresgeville, order tickets by January 23, 570-629-3060

Sunday, February 7—The Great Debaters, Words and Film Sunday Matinee, 2 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library, 570-421-0800x317, www.monroepl.org

Thursday, February 11—Daddy? Daughter Gala, sponsored by Friends of HJP Park and Open Space Commission, 5 p.m., Trout Lake Retreats, advance registration required, 570-629-0966

Friday, February 12—Lenten Buffet, 4:30 – 7 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 5112 Pocono Crest Rd., Pocono Pines, PA. 18350, 570-646-6424, www.stmaxkolbe-poconos.org. Snow date: Friday, March 18.

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

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

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

Sunday, February 14—Parish Breakfast, sponsored by Holy Name Society, Our Lady of

Victory Church, Tannersville, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 570-629-4572

Sunday, February 14—Love is a Many-Splendored Thing program, sponsored by the Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs, 2:30 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library

Friday, February 19—Bingo, sponsored by West End Park and Open Space Commission, 5:30 p.m., Chestnuthill Township Park, 570-992-9733, bkozen@ptd.net

Saturday, February 20—Pine Cone Bird Feeder craft event, 10 a.m.-noon, Chestnuthill Township Park

Friday, February 26—Lenten Buffet, 4:30 – 7 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 5112 Pocono Crest Rd., Pocono Pines, PA. 18350, 570-646-6424, www.stmaxkolbe-poconos.org. Snow date: Friday, March 18.

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Saturday, March 12—Blakeslee United Methodist Church Choir's Lenten Cantata "A Journey To Hope," 7 p.m., Julie Kerrick Geiser directing, Blakeslee United Methodist Church, Route 115, Blakeslee, 570-646-7727

Sunday, March 13—Blakeslee United Methodist Church Choir's Lenten Cantata "A Journey To Hope," 10:30 a.m., Julie Kerrick Geiser directing, Blakeslee United Methodist Church, Route 115, Blakeslee, 570-646-7727

Saturday, March 31—50th Anniversary Gala for Pocono

Services for Families and Children, 5:30 p.m., Terraview at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, 570-421-2711x238

Saturday, April 23—Earth Day Celebration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Northampton Community College Monroe Campus, 570-629-3061, www.mcearthday.org

org

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

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

Maple Tree Tapping Day

Everyone is invited to join the Monroe County Conservation District E.E. Center on February 9 at 10 a.m. as they tap maple trees in the Meesing Sugarbush outside of Marshall's Creek. This day is set aside for preparation of the 2016 Maple Sugaring Season. You will have a chance to tap trees, run the tube collection lines, set up the evaporator, and more.

You are welcome to spend one hour or the entire day in the Sugarbush. There is no charge for the day. You'll need to dress in warm layers and wear boots for trudging through the Sugarbush. The event is weather permitting, and pre-registration is suggested so you can be updated on conditions. Warm beverages will be provided.

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. The program is held on the Delaware State Forest's Meesing Outdoor Site Sugarbush on Creek Road approximately 5.5 miles north of Marshalls Creek.

Directions: From I-80 take the Marshalls Creek Exit (exit #309) onto Rt. 209 North toward Marshalls Creek. Upon approaching the roundabout follow signs for Business Route 209 and Marshalls Creek. At the next traffic light after the roundabout, turn right and immediately get in the left turning lane. At this light turn left, and immediately after crossing the bridge take left fork onto Marshalls Creek Road. Proceed approximately 5.5 miles and look for signs on right-hand side of the road.

Inclement weather date is February 10.

For more information on other programs, visit mcconservation.org.

Daddy Daughter Galaxy Princess Gala

The Friends of HJP Park and Open Space Commission would like to announce the 3rd annual Daddy/Daughter Gala fundraiser. This event will be held at Trout Lake Retreats (also known as International Sports Training Camp). All proceeds will benefit the HJP Regional Park.

This is a formal event- jacket and tie preferred. Advance registration is required.

Piano and vocal student concert

The Music Study Club of the Stroudsburgs is presenting piano and vocal students of Brenda Rundle on February 14 at 2:30 p.m. at the Eastern Monroe Public Library, located at

1002 PA-611 in Stroudsburg.

All are welcome to enjoy the "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing" program, and the refreshments that will follow.

Bingo night set

The West End Park and Open Space Commission will host a bingo night at the Chestnuthill Township Park on February 19 at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo night will include a 50/50 guaranteed payout, \$15 for 8 boards, specials, pull tabs, door prizes, and refreshments.

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Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

Nice warm days for winter have been melting our snow cover steadily. In the areas where big snows fell, what will soon remain are the giant snow piles left from plowing. By the time this column reaches you, winter normal will have returned. There's more snow in the forecast, so plenty of winter left.

In this month of Valentine's and Presidents' days, there's a lot to be said for it being short. Due to this being a leap year, winter keeps its hold on us one day longer. The early winter darkness, however,

is letting go of its grip. It gets dark almost an hour later than in mid-December. Ruth and I like this, but it's not enough. I'm finding myself counting the days until the return of Daylight Savings just before Saint Patrick's Day next month.

Ruth and I walked our dog Chess a couple of afternoons around 5 p.m. as the sun was setting. These sunsets have been beautiful. That beauty was enhanced in that there was no storm threat in those clouds. On one of our other walks, we were on an abandoned rail-

road bed south of White Haven that leads into a State Gameland. We were the only people who had trod this path since the big snow, so we left our footprints while seeing wild animal tracks of various sorts as we came upon them. Walking along, we experienced pockets of warm, and then in a few feet, pockets of cold. This was actually fun, being able to stand at the edge of one zone and reach into the other. Neither of us are scientific enough to be able to explain this, but we finished our trek having enjoyed some good exercise and this experience.

Other sightings include a beautiful look at a hawk — about 15" tall with beige feathers from chest to the underside of its tail. She had perched on the telephone wires overlooking a field and the road, giving us a great view as we drove past.

We got our hockey fix with two WBS Penguins home games. Lately our home team has been losing, but they played good hockey in losing. There will be hockey in Wilkes-Barre these next couple of weekends — we'll be there.

This past Sunday we went to the snow-postponed performance of the *40-Story Radio Tower* show at the Mauch Chunk Opera House. The troupe performed funny radio skits, there was great music, and a short radio story — all around very entertaining. There were plenty of seats for more audience.

Monday night, we tuned in via internet to coverage of the Iowa caucuses. It will be our turn in two and a half months. I was leaning towards Martin O'Malley — oh well on that. There'll be some more weeding out on the Republican side after New Hampshire and South Carolina. Then, we'll see who MIGHT be left for us to vote for when it's Pennsylvania's turn.

About the Super Bowl, my Charlotte, North Carolina-based brother is happy we're cheering for his team. While not exactly cheering, since my Patriots lost, I'd like them to win. I'm already looking forward to next year, though. The big sports event on my calendar is February 8, when the UConn Lady Huskies take on the South Carolina's Lady Gamecocks in Columbia, SC. This will be way, way better than the presidential primary there. UConn has another record-setting undefeated streak going of over 50 games and is ranked #1 this year with a 20-0 record. The Lady Gamecocks are also undefeated this year at 21 and 0, are #2 in rankings.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONROE NOTICE OF A GENERAL PRIMARY TO BE HELD: TUESDAY, April 26, 2016 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM TO 8:00PM (Prevailing Time)

THE VOTERS OF MONROE COUNTY
Pursuant to the requirements of Section 906 of the Pennsylvania Election Code approved in 1937, notice is hereby given setting forth the names of all public offices for which nominations are to be made, and the names of all party offices for which candidates are to be nominated at the General Primary to be held on:

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BALLOT QUESTION # 1 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1 AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years, instead of the current requirement that they be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70? Yes or No

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

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

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

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

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

BALLOT QUESTION # 2 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 2 ABOLITION OF THE PHILADELPHIA TRAFFIC COURT

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

Yes or No?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

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

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

Legislation enacted in 2013 transferred the functions performed by the Traffic Court to the Philadelphia Municipal Court. As a result, violations of the Vehicle Code previously adjudicated by the Traffic Court are presently being adjudicated by the Municipal Court.

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cated by the Philadelphia Municipal Court. The proposed amendment would officially abolish the Traffic Court by removing all references to the Traffic Court and its judges from the Pennsylvania Constitution.

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

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

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONROE	
CANDIDATE'S PROCLAMATION REPORT	Election : General Primary Election Date : 4/26/2016
Statewide Referendum	COUNTY WIDE
President of the United States (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)	COUNTY WIDE
US Senator (6 Year Term) (Vote for One)	COUNTY WIDE
Attorney General (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)	COUNTY WIDE
Auditor General (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)	COUNTY WIDE
State Treasurer (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)	COUNTY WIDE
Representative in Congress 10th District (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)	Barnett One Barnett Two East Stroudsburg First Ward East Stroudsburg Second Ward East Stroudsburg Third Ward East Stroudsburg Fourth Ward East Stroudsburg Fifth Ward East Stroudsburg Sixth Ward Jackson Mount Pocono Paradise Pocono One Pocono Two Pocono Three Pocono Four Price Stroud Two Stroud Three Stroud Four Stroudsburg First Ward Stroudsburg Second Ward Stroudsburg Third Ward Stroudsburg Fourth Ward Stroudsburg Fifth Ward
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9. Eurasian duck
13. Very small particles
14. Politician
15. Locker room infection?
16. Actor ____ Fiennes
17. Like King George, 1760-1820
18. Salk's conquest
19. *Ed of "Thinking Out Loud" fame
21. "Straight Outta Compton," e.g.
23. L.A. landing spot
24. Under the weather
25. Madonna's iconic stagewear
28. Catcher's catcher
30. Approvals
35. Chaps
37. United ____ Emirates
39. Time being
40. Miners' passage
41. *2016 Grammy nominations leader
43. Popular pickling spice
44. Fertilizer ingredient
46. Mexican money
47. *Multiple winner Levine of Maroon 5
48. Fate
50. Former Speaker of the House
52. Pilot's estimate
53. Back talk
55. "____ he drove out of sight..."
57. *What kind of Funk?
60. * ____ Shakes
64. Willow tree
65. Flow alternative
67. Bottom-ranking employee
68. Continually annoy
69. Unagi
70. Absurd
71. Ayatollah's home
72. Marbled bread
73. Formerly Hannah Montana

DOWN

1. *Ric Ocasek's The ____ were nominated but lost
2. Park City State
3. Actor's part
4. Motivate
5. Hindu retreat
6. *What Skrillex and Diplo do
7. Ornamental pond-dweller
8. Legal excuse
9. * ____! In the Name of Love," nominated in 1966
10. French Sudan after 1960
11. *Michael Jackson's "Thriller" was on this label

12. *The ____, a band that never won a Grammy
15. *Best ____ Word Album category
20. Relating to axis
22. Frigid
24. Reproductive organs of a flower
25. *Swift's space?
26. Forearm bones
27. Plural of #40 Across
29. *Fetty Wap's "____ Queen"
31. Scotch partner
32. Like a snicker
33. Audience's approval
34. MLK march site
36. Kind of cell
38. Corner of a diamond
42. Wheel on a spur
45. Vacation location
49. Fancy marble used as a shooter
51. *No Doubt's "____ Kingdom" album, nominated in '97
54. Expression of contempt
56. Black wood
57. ____-friendly
58. Site of Leaning Tower
59. **Smells Like ____ Spirit," Grammy loser in 1993
60. Having the means
61. Way, way off
62. List of dishes
63. Mars, to the Greeks
64. ____-Wan
66. Turkish title of respect

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Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Pocono Mountain Regional Police made a stop of a car for an expired inspection sticker on Echo Lake Rd. in Coolbaugh Twp. at 4:50 p.m. on 11-14. The 49 y/o driver falsely identified herself, then signed another person's name on the traffic ticket. Her correct identification was learned (she's a local, from Pocono Farms East), and charges are now filed against her for making false reports to police, forgery and identity theft – plus the traffic ticket for the expired sticker and driving with a suspended license.

On 1-22, PMRPD responded to a Route 390, Cresco, Barrett Twp. apartment regarding a domestic assault. On arrival, police met the 27 y/o victim, who related her 30 y/o boyfriend, Travis, was responsible. Police located Travis in the second floor bedroom and he refused to come out. Police went in, and Travis grabbed his son to prevent police from arresting him. Of-

ficers talked Travis into releasing the boy and coming with without incident. Charges will be simple assault from the domestic, then reckless endangering, obstructing police, and resisting arrest. Travis was arraigned before District Judge Phillip Riley and sent to the Monroe County jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.

PA State Police – Lehighton responded to a Cabin Lane, Ross Twp. home on 1-26 about an assault there of a 33 y/o woman between 5 and 7 a.m. that day. Kajuan S. Woods, 28, of Brooklyn, NY, was arrested for aggravated assault. His victim was taken to Pocono Medical Center for treatment of injuries. Woods was taken before the District Magistrate JoLana Krawitz. She set bail and sent Woods to the Monroe County jail where he will be held while the investigation continues.

PSP-Fern Ridge are investigating an animal cruelty report of a customer of the Tractor Supply in Brodheadsville. Police interviewed the man, and an investigation is active. **Stealin'**

PSP-L is investigating a burglary at the Parryville Fire Co. the afternoon of 1-13.

Two men, ages 18 and 32, shoplifted items from the Rite Aid store in Brodheadsville about 5:30 p.m. on 1-19. They fled without paying. PSP-L made a routine traffic stop

for a vehicle code violation at 5:45 p.m. and found the shoplifters were passengers in this car. PSP will charge the men with retail theft.

A black Ford 250 truck with a snow plow was stolen from the parking lot of Mama Maria's on Route 611 in Coolbaugh Twp. at 9:30 p.m. on 1-20. Suspects were driving a custom Ford van, white, with two large rear windows, running boards and custom wheels. If you have information, or have seen the van or the stolen truck, contact PMRPD at 570 895-2400.

Someone stole cash from an unlocked car in the 100 block of Sterling Road in Polk Twp. overnight 1-21 to 22, PSP-L.

A 24 y/o Tamaqua-area man was seen stealing two pairs of ski goggles from the Blue Mtn. retail store, 1 p.m. 1-24.

A home in the 2400 block of Point Phillips Rd. in Kunkletown, Eldred Twp., was entered via a bedroom window between 12:45 and 2:45 p.m. on 1-28. Jewelry and a JC Higgins .22 black revolver were taken, PSP-L. There was another burglary in on 57 Drive in nearby Towamensing Twp. that morning, with jewelry and cash taken.

The Pocono Plateau is NOT HIGH Enough for some

Just after 6 p.m. on 1-27, PMRPD was called to a crash on Long Pond Road just north

of Sullivan Trail where a 43 y/o Long Pond local had crashed her car. Police found her impaired, and arrested her on DUI charges. She was taken to the Monroe County DUI center for processing, and then was sent to the county jail to await arraignment, with DUI charges pending the result of her Blood Alcohol test.

PMRPD responded to a domestic-related assault at a home in the 500 block of Henry's Crossing Rd., in Cresco at 11:14 p.m. on 1-28. The victim told police her 46 y/o boyfriend woke her about 6:30 p.m., tied her up, then punched and choked her while threatening that he was going to kill her. She was able to get free and fled the home about 11 p.m. Police arrived and found Richard P. Currie passed out from drinking. They woke him up to arrest him, and he became combative, kicking an officer before being Tasered, then finally subdued. He was taken to the county jail, and will face aggravated assault and

terroristic threat charges, plus charges on assaulting the officer and resisting arrest.

PSP-L had a busy couple of weeks, making 11 DUI arrests throughout their coverage area.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

A 19 y/o Effort driver pulled her Ford F-150 out from Ashtolat Road in Effort right into the path of a bigger pickup truck (a Dodge Ram 2500) on Route 115 at 10:17 a.m. on 1-18. The Ford was wrecked. She was unhurt, and left the scene in a tow truck with a ticket from PSP-F.

PSP-L came out to a crash where a deer took out a '10 Toyota Corolla at 5:47 p.m. on 1-20. The 22 y/o driver of the car, a Kunkletown man, was not hurt. His car was towed.

The big snowstorm last week contributed to a fist-full of crashes, most fender-benders.

Watch for ice when temperatures are cold. There's still plenty of winter left.

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CRIS studies seat-belt safety

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Seat-belt safety secured the attention of Clear Run Intermediate School students as North Central Highway Safety Network and Pocono Mountain Regional Police presented precautionary dos and don'ts January 29. Starting with third and fourth graders then fifth and sixth grades later, the morning presentation not only detailed the importance of wearing seatbelts, it also emphasized appropriate behavior both in and out of vehicles, especially school buses.

From SAFE—Seatbelts Are For Everyone—reminders, to avoiding distractions



Tracy Fox talks SAFE—Seatbelts Are For Everyone.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

around drivers by curbing chaos, and bus bars that serve as barriers to protect, the group enjoyed sharing pointers through photos and videos.

None were more poignant than NCHSN Community Traffic Safety Program Coordinator Tracy Fox revealing one 2007 crash was her own. The former State Trooper emphasized that accident responders including police, fire company and EMS personnel often witness and in this instance experience the fact that "seatbelts save lives." She also reminded, "Everybody is there to help you," to ease the fear of unfamiliar faces after accidents.

Teacher Richard Eller observed, "It got more real for the kids" as the room's playful tone turned subtly serious.

Encouraging audience input, cartoon images illustrated how **not** to behave, with the youngsters agreeing to encourage family and friends to remember road rules.

School Resource and Pocono Mountain Regional Police Officer Dan Smelas offered incentives for at home buckle up boosting. Proving the power Pride Tickets possess, squeals of joy followed the sight of the brightly colored rewards.

Principal Karen Doughton considered the presentation a nice reminder the kids will share with siblings and parents, applauding SRO Smelas and Fox for bringing it to the school.



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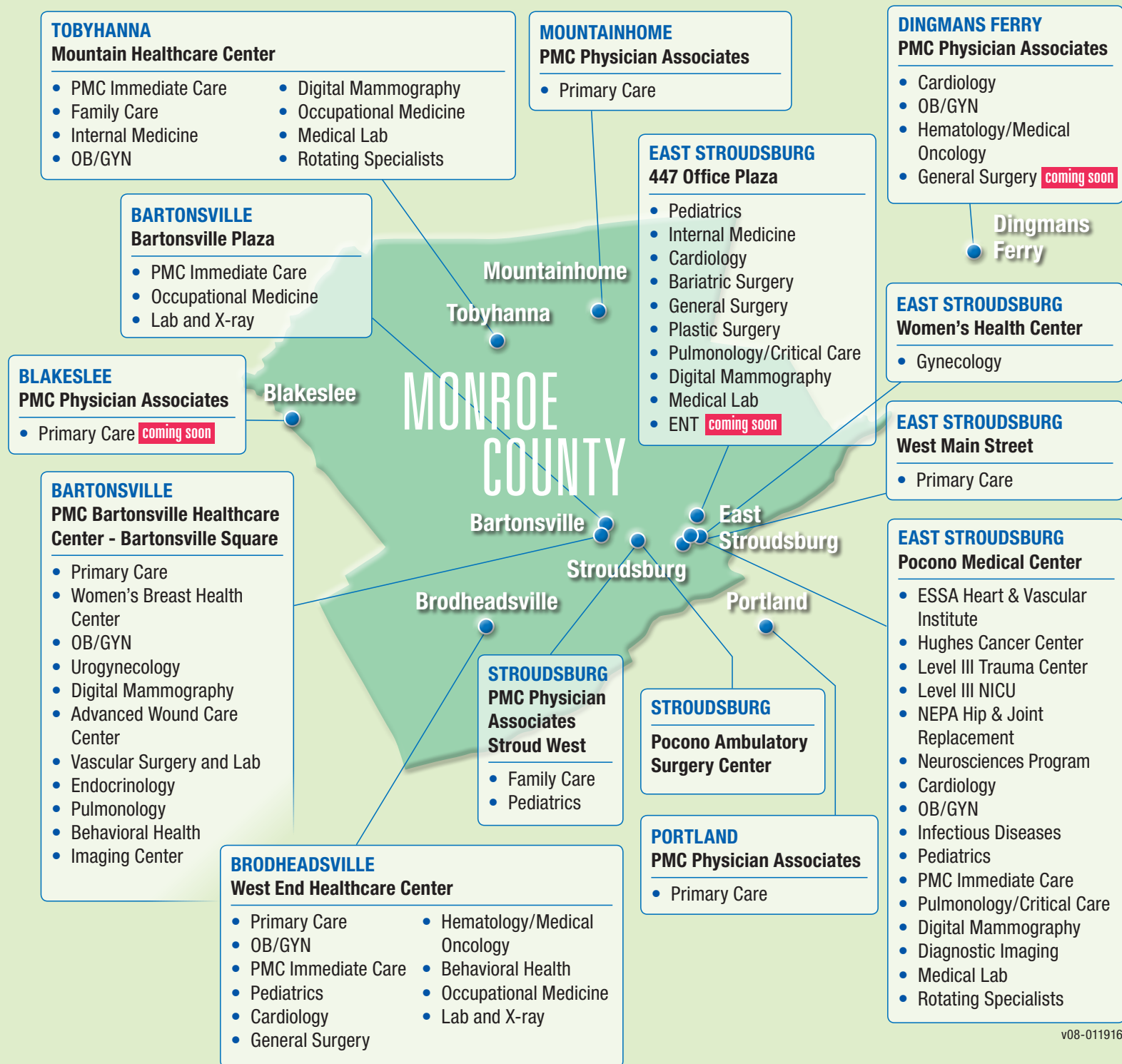
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