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Red & White Lady Comets host Pink Out

by Stephanie Grega
The Crestwood Lady Comets

ets held their second annual Pink Out on February 1 at

their home game versus Hazleton. The Pink Out honors

survivors of any type of cancer, as well as those who have

lost their battle to cancer, or are still fighting it.



The Lady Comets sold pink t-shirts that were worn by many people throughout the bleachers of the basketball court. Funds raised from the sale were donated to Candy's Place in Forty Fort, which helps local cancer survivors and their families.

The Pink Out ceremony began between the JV and Varsity games, when each player walked out arm-in-arm with a survivor or fighter. The Lady Comets formed two rows in the middle of the court, adorned with pink t-shirts and holding pink balloons, for survivors to walk through.

"To honor those who have survived, are fighting, or have lost someone to cancer is a great thing. Everyone knows someone who survived or who has had cancer. Doing this event is an honor for us," said CHS girls' basketball head coach Ed Stepanski.

ROWS OF COMETS: The Lady Comets formed two rows for survivors to walk through. To see more Pink Out photos, visit our Facebook page or go to pocononewspapers.com.

JH: Stephanie Grega

Another Weatherly landmark building gets new life



Congratulations to Michael Hadzick on the sale of the former Erdman's Dairy building on Carbon Street in downtown Weatherly. The building housed Hadzick's Heritage Marble and Tile business showroom and office. He beautifully restored the historic building and used it for several years. It has since been vacant.

Hadzick has now turned over the keys to Ed Melber, pharmacist and proprietor of the Weatherly Pharmacy.

Melber is very happy to be the new owner such a beautiful property, and happy to preserve this piece of local history. He plans to be a good steward of the property.

This will be the new home

of the Weatherly Area Community Pharmacy.

Correction:

Last week's front page photo of Warner's Central Garage had a mistake. The buildings continue to be owned by the Warner family.



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From the Archives



A reader sent us this hundred year old postcard, showing the White Haven 1915-1916 girls basketball champs of Luzerne and Carbon Counties. The credit on the photo is Steward's Studio, Freeland, PA. If you can identify any of those shown, we'd love to hear from you. We'd also be happy to share other reader's pictures of our area from years past.

Editorial

Back to the budget

by Ruth Isenberg

Pennsylvania has a 2015 budget with a lot of holes in it. Hearings are now being held to restore some of the funding the governor eliminated in line item vetoes—things as minor as prizes won at the Farm Show, and as major as hospital burn centers. The \$7 billion in spending the governor struck have to be restored through supplemental appropriation legislation, and that means hearings and wasted time.

Few legislators of either party want to vote against money for child advocacy programs, or agricultural research, so the governor knew full well his actions were symbolic, not substantive.

Based on Governor Wolf's budget message on Tuesday, Pennsylvanians should get ready for another contentious budget season. The governor has made it clear he wants new tax revenues. He has proposed an increase in the personal income tax, an expansion of the sales tax to categories previously not taxed, like cable TV, and a new tax on fire, property and casualty insurance. Worse yet, he expects taxpayers to cough up the increased income tax revenues, approximately a 10% increase, retroactively. If the budget he proposes passes by June 30, he expects income tax payments at the higher rate going back to January 1. That's half a year of increased taxes that won't have been withheld, meaning double withholding during the second half of the year.

Pension reform has apparently gone by the wayside. Apparently it's easier to extract taxes from working people than it is to make the tough choice to limit pensions in the future.

There is plenty of time between now and June 30 for legislators and the governor to come up with compromises. Unfortunately, the 2015 experience doesn't offer much hope for such a reasonable course in 2016.

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.

31 years ago in *The Journal-Herald*

Thomas and Maria Yackiel of RD1, White Haven, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

James Luhman was appointed to Weatherly Borough Council to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Joseph Stallone.

Carbon County Treasurer Gilbert Gerhard announced that he will seek re-election. Gerhard was appointed to the position in May of 1984, succeeding treasurer Dean DeLong who was elected to County Commissioner that year.

Wagner Bros. Hardware in Weatherly had a Midwinter Madness sale on Eveready alkaline batteries, two AA or AAA batteries for \$1.80.

The front page photo showed the Hemlock Street Playground in White Haven covered in snow.

From *The Weatherly Herald* February 11, 1965

John Wargula was reelected president of the Community Chest for 1965.

McGrail Furniture Store in Leighton was advertising new Danish modern chairs for only \$8.88, featuring wipe clean leather grain vinyl upholstery in three colors, tan, turquoise and tangerine.

From *The Journal-Herald* February 1, 2012

Rural postal route carrier Robert Trout retired after 21 years of service to his Packer Township customers.

Next week, the Branden's Heart organization holds its first big fundraiser with a dinner and three bands at the Saint Patrick's parish center in White Haven.

A contract was signed to rehabilitate the Engine House in White Haven to become the new home of the White Haven Area Community Library.

From *The Weatherly Herald* February 1935

On the morning of the newspaper's printing, various people around Weatherly reported temperatures that night were from 14 to 21 degrees below zero.

The Weatherly High School basketball team defeated one from Fairview Township High School 65 to 11.

Please turn to page 3

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary in the Estate of John Lesho, late of the Borough of Freeland, Pennsylvania (died November 19, 2015), have been granted to Leeann O. Wagner, Executrix. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payments and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

George R. Hludzik, Esquire
67 West Butler Drive

Drums, Pennsylvania, 18222

2/25

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Kimberly A. Miller, Executrix in the Estate of John T. Skuba, late of Wright Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who died on January 9, 2016. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands to present the same without delay to Kimberly A. Miller, Executrix, c/o Stephen B. Killian, Esquire, 575 Pierce Street, Suite, 303, Kingston, Pennsylvania, 18704.

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INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Penn Forest Township Office, 2010 State Road, Route 903, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, until 3:00 P.M., prevailing time on March 7, 2016, for the second phase of the recreational park, which includes the construction of sporting fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and additional walking trails.

Sealed bids will be opened at the Penn Forest Township's office at the above mentioned address and referred to the Board of Supervisors for final award/approval. Bidders and other interested parties may attend the bid opening, which will be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 7, 2016, at the monthly meeting.

Contract documents and drawings may be inspected and obtained at the office of the Engineer, Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., 100 West Broad Street, Suite 200, Hazleton, PA 18201, Phone: 570-455-2999 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Primary bidders may secure electronic contract documents at no cost or printed documents for \$25.00 per set, non-refundable, beginning at noon on February 9, 2016. The check for the bidding documents should be made payable to Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. The documents may be sent via FedEx, upon request, with a supplied FedEx account number or receipt of a separate,

non-refundable check, in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., for shipping fees.

Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cash, or a bid bond with a corporate surety authorized to do business in Pennsylvania in accordance with the project specifications in the amount of ten percent of the total bid amount. All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes, plainly marked on the outside "Recreation Park Phase 2" and mailed or delivered to the Penn Forest Township Office before the hour and date above specified.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on February 18, 2016, at 2:00 P.M. prevailing time at the Project Site. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. Questions may be submitted, in writing, via fax (570-454-9979) or by email to Mr. Timothy Sisock (tsisock@barryisett.com) at the engineer's office on or before February 29, 2016.

Penn Forest Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or portions or to waive any informalities in bidding and to withhold award for a period of sixty days.

On Behalf of Penn Forest Township:

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Hazleton, PA 18201

WAHSAA board meeting notes

The Weatherly Area High School Alumni Association Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 21 in the Weatherly Area Middle School LGI Room. There were 10 members in attendance. President Todd Gimbi called the meeting to order. Those in attendance each received a Valentine pencil and notepad.

A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Janet (Ferguson) Smith, Norman Rohde, Lorraine (Pompella) Lindbuchler, Stella (Zarzeka) Kraynak and Robert C. Faust. The minutes from the October meeting were read by Yvonne Felker and approved. The treasurer's report given by Sue Ann Gerhard was also reviewed and approved.

The finance committee met with speakers Eric Mattie from ING and Thomas Seigendall from Edward Jones. After the meeting the committee opted to invest \$40,000 with ING, \$33,000 of that amount was money received from Judith Ann Gerhard Mennuti's estate.

There are currently 618 paid members.

Bette Rambaran, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee prepared a report stating: letters were mailed to Weatherly Area High School seniors informing them of scholarship availability, students spring semester payments have been mailed, she is in correspondence with the high school guidance counselor to arrange events in May, she has submitted a request to have scholarship information included with morning announcements at the high school, and submitted a press release for scholarships to the *Standard Speaker* for publication.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding an emeritus status to the Association. Emeritus was defined and after discussion it was moved and all were in favor not to pursue an emeritus status in the Association at this time.

Next year the WAHSAA will celebrate its 25th anniversary. A committee is being organized to make plans for the 25th anniversary. Thank you notes were received from Barbara Sipler, Title I Coordinator at the Weatherly Area Elementary School, for the donation toward Read Across America activities in the school and Trent Dempsey for sponsoring the September Senior of the Month program. After adjourning, those present enjoyed refreshments provided by Betty Henry. The next Board of Directors meeting will be in the Weatherly Middle School LGI Room on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

Archives...

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Fire Chief Fred Miller has given agent L. C. Nuss an order for the latest Ford Touring Car. It will be equipped with an electric starter, and electric lights.



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Legion Auxiliary meets Monday

The Weatherly American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016

at the post home starting at 7:00. All members are urged to attend.

Sweetheart Dance slated at Heritage Hill

Heritage Hill Senior Community invites seniors to a Sweetheart Dance at the community on Thursday, February 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Those attending can dance the night away with their loved one to entertainment provided

by Tony Angelo and enjoy Valentine's Day treats and meet the Heritage Hill king and queen of hearts.

The event is free and open to seniors, however, seating is limited. RSVP by calling Rachael or Toni at 570-427-4500.

Death Roll

STEPHEN DAWSON

Stephen J. Dawson, 54, of Weatherly died unexpectedly Wednesday, February 3, 2016 in Lehigh Valley Hospital-Hazleton.

A son of Peter and Ilse Brunswick Dawson, he was born February 13, 1961 in Canberra, Australia.

He had been employed as an information systems technician for Lehigh Valley Hospital System at its Hazleton facility for 16 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Nancy Zink; son and daughter-in-law David and Kim

Slezak of Jamison, daughter and son-in-law Gina and Jeffrey Hoppes of Weatherly; three grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law Kate and John Garkut, and Jacquie and Michael Palmer of Australia.

A memorial service was held Wednesday at the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home, Weatherly. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Weatherly.

Memorial donations may be made to Tamaqua/Carbon American Cancer Society, 101 West Frack Street, Frackville, PA 17931.

Weatherly agrees to fire service compromise with Packer for 2016

by Donnell Stump

Weatherly Borough Council in January took formal action to accept a one-year agreement to continue fire protection and other emergency services to Packer Township residents and properties.

Citizens' Fire Company, an all-volunteer organization, is the provider of these services. Over the past several years, the fire company and borough officials have noticed an increasing number of calls to the rural area. With costs continuing to climb, the borough asked Packer officials to

share a larger portion of the financial burden.

While Packer Township supervisors agreed to increase the amount they paid by \$2,000, this did not come close to what Weatherly felt was needed. Approximately \$7,500 had been the annual payment for many years. The one-year agreement will provide services to Packer Township with additional discussion to find a more equitable solution.

The vote to accept the \$9,765 from Packer Township passed on a 4-2 vote with Harold Farrow, Joe D'Andrea, George Miller and Tom Connors voting to accept the agreement and Cecelia Gower and Norm Richie voting against. Councilman Joe Cyburt was absent.

Mauch Chunk Bank and Trust Company will provide a tax anticipation loan to provide funds as the borough waits for tax dollars to be received, at a .95% interest rate. In a unanimous vote, borough council approved the resolution needed to allow them to borrow the funds.

Borough manager Harold Pudliner reminded residents that people walking dogs need to be responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Several complaints have been received and Pudliner noted that it is covered by ordinance. Violations could result in heavy fines for the dog walkers.

Mayor Connors suggested that police could be proactive and casually ask anyone walking a dog, "do you have a bag?" Connors feels that if a pet owner is being responsible, they really can't be walking a dog anywhere other than their own property with-

out carrying a bag to use to clean up after the animal. Further he suggested that warnings could be given for the next month or so, after which any person walking their dog without carrying a bag to clean up after the dog could be charged with littering.

Antonio Colecio, a Boy Scout with Troop 790, attended the meeting as part of the requirement to earn his Communications patch. Colecio told the council, "I'm concerned about drug use and abuse in the borough. What's being done and can the borough's young people help?"

Police Chief Brian Markovchick addressed to topic, saying "Public awareness that help is available and encouragement to report stuff that the public sees will help the officers. In addition, you can refer people to help and offer your own support to guide them in the right direction."

Another Boy Scout, Robert Keller, also attended asking council if he could do a project with the foot bridge to fulfill the requirements for his Eagle Scout rank. Since the foot bridge is privately owned, the borough could not give him permission for that project but encouraged him to talk with Pudliner to find an alternate project that would benefit the community. Both scouts were thanked for their community involvement.

Connors asked council to agree to waive the \$50 fee for use of the Eurana Park pavilion for an overnight event when a Weatherly Scout Troop is the group using the space. Council gave unanimous agreement.

The next meeting is Monday, February 15 at 7 p.m.

Cherry Festival features chicken & waffle dinner and Chinese auction

Cherry Festival The annual Cherry Festival chicken and waffle dinner will be held Saturday, February 20 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the social rooms of Salem United Church of Christ, First and Fell Streets, Weatherly. The menu includes: chicken, waffles, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans,

dessert and beverage. Takeouts will be available. Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children 4 to 12 years old, and free for children 3 and under. Tickets are available from consistory members or by calling the church at 570-427-4265 or Cindy Gerhart at 570-427-4197. Please consider helping at the dinner and/or making a dessert. Anyone who is willing please call Cindy.

The annual Chinese auction will also be held in conjunction with the Cherry Festival on February 20. Chairpersons for Salem United Church of Christ's upcoming Chinese auction, Donna Miscavige

and Mary Rose Minnick, are presently distributing proxy sheets.

For those who cannot attend, proxy sheets are available at the Weatherly Pharmacy, Citizens Fire Company or by calling Donna or Mary Rose. The deadline for returning the proxy sheets is Wednesday, February 17.

Festival meeting set

The Weatherly Festival committee will meet today, Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. in the borough building conference room.



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Take a look at historical letters from U.S. Presidents

by Stephanie Grega

In honor of Presidents' Day, Weatherly Area High School history teacher Shane Moran shared two of his historical documents to be enjoyed by *Journal-Herald* readers.

Moran likes to incorporate excerpts from letters into his teaching, and feels it lets students get a taste of the human and personal touch of time periods. "Letters—personal or public—serve as a great primary source for people who are interested in a specific event or worldwide event," said Moran.

The most near and dear of documents in his collection is a handwritten embossed letter sent to him from Mrs. Julie Nixon Eisenhower four and a half years ago. She is Richard Nixon's daughter and wife of David Eisenhow-

er, grandson of Dwight Eisenhower.

A friend of Shane's wrote to the Eisenhowers for his birthday, and hoped that a card would come his way by late November. One day while he was in college in

December 30, 1958

Dear Shane,
Belated happy birthday wishes from the Eisenhowers. Your teacher, Mr. Stanek told us that you love history and admire David's grandfather. "He" was indeed a great American. It is exciting to think that you and others who share history, still are inspired by his life. David and I wish you many more happy days. Happy 2011!
Julie Nixon Eisenhower

late December, he received a small envelope with nice handwriting for the address.

"As I opened the envelope, I realized who it was from. I was astonished that I, a college student, was receiving a handwritten birthday wish from a President's daughter

and well known author in her own right."

"Your friend told us how much you admire David's grandfather," Nixon-Eisenhower went on to say, and she concluded it with a Christmas wish from the both of them.

"I truly was ecstatic that I, a fan of all thing Dwight Eisenhower, was sent a birthday/Christmas card from his family," shared Moran.

The second document is a letter from then-Senator John F. Kennedy, who was elected to the Senate in 1953, and took a seat that was filled by a man from a well-established New England family—Henry Cabot Lodge Jr. The letter in Moran's collection is from the U.S. Senate circa 1959, and is addressed to a fellow local Democrat who won re-election in the November election.

"In this letter, Senator Kennedy sends his congratulations to the fellow Democrat on his campaign, and thanks

him for his well wishes on his own. He also thanks the local politician for his "advice" in the upcoming Presidential campaign," he continued.

Although the letter is not personalized like the birthday card from the Eisenhowers, it still holds some sentimental memories of

the history teacher's childhood. His grandparents loved John F. Kennedy, and thought he was a breath of fresh air for the new decade. "I grew up walking past his portrait and a bust of Abraham Lincoln. I truly felt like I

knew him the way my grandparents talked about him. When I found the letter in an antique store in Allentown, I was excited to also see that it was signed on the bottom of by Senator Kennedy—a simple 'Jack' dashed upon the bottom next to his name.

In more recent time, I have incorporated that letter with that very portrait that once hung in my grandparents' hallway," he said.

"Writing letters adds to that personal touch that we, as Americans who are attached to our digital devices, seem to need once in a while. I know I still enjoy getting handwritten cards from my grandparents, and looking back, I always save the letters to cherish my memories of them," concluded Moran.

JOHN F. KENNEDY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 26, 1958

Dear Joe:

Please accept my congratulations for your victory on November 4th. My trip through the state gave to me a clear indication of the unity and zeal being applied by party members everywhere. Our success must be attributed in large measure to the work of people such as yourself. I shall return to Washington grateful for your support in the past and hopeful that together we can continue to work for the greater good of our nation.

With kindest regards,
John F. Kennedy

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

IT'S ONLY 20 CENTS, IT WON'T HURT

A little off my normal story line this week, but it does have to do with national security and our rights and freedoms of "We the people."

It bothers me a lot about how things are done by those we elect. The Obama Administration had nothing to do with the lower fuel prices we are very happy with this year. With the voters and taxpayers happy, they think nothing like taking advantage of a good thing. While everyone was focused on the Super bowl or asleep, the White House said President Barack Obama announced it will propose a \$10-a-barrel tax on oil to pay for clean transportation projects.

The tax would be paid by oil companies, gradually phased in over five years. The measure, however, isn't expected to go far as the Republican controlled Congress is already gearing up for battle to stop it.

If it were to be enacted, it wouldn't be the oil companies that feel the most pain. Pennsylvania and other states last year added taxes nearly 10 cents per gallon at the pump - against the wishes of citizens and small businesses.

"This proposal would trickle down and be a \$10 per barrel tax on motorists, homeowners and businesses, adding 20 to 25 cents per gallon on refined fuels," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst at

GasBuddy.com. "To me it's clear: Another hidden tax on the people and business interests of our nation. Refined fuels includes gasoline, diesel, home heating oil, aviation fuels and petroleum products used in medicine, plastics and manufacturing

With the Democratic left in full support of the tax saying with the low fuel costs now, it won't really hurt anyone, they are wrong. Today's \$2.00 per gallon is next year's \$4.00 per gallon. It would be a high tax on the small business and independent trucks that drive thousands of miles a week, and the farmers whose tractors run for nearly 24 hours a day during harvest time. It would impact on users of bus-

es, trains and planes, and add to food costs.

When you look at the cost to users of heating oil and kerosene - it would especially hurt those on a fixed budget. Add to this higher electricity costs.

At a time when most Americans are on tight budgets from lost wages, rising medical care and toughening it

out, the Government wants to heap yet another burden on the shoulders of the American taxpayer.

Gas prices could be back to \$4.00 a gallon by next year if the speculators get greedy again on Wall Street again.

This will touch every part of everyone's life. What kind of Government strives to hurt a nation already hurting?

Spaghetti supper set

L&L Rural Volunteer Fire Company will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, February 21 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The menu will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, roll and a beverage.

Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years old. The meal will be available to eat in or take out.

For tickets, call Dana at 570-578-6784 or Keith at 570-956-9154.

WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Thursday, February 11
Countdown to Spring:
5 Weeks & 3 Days

Penn Lake Park Borough Council Work Session – 6:30 p.m.,
Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Community House

Foster Township Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
– Township Municipal Building

Friday, February 12
Lincoln's Birthday

Sunday, February 14
St. Valentine's Day
V.F.W. Post 6615 & Home Association Meeting – 2:00 p.m. – Post Home

Monday, February 15
Presidents' Day

Dennison Township Planning Commission Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Tuesday, February 16
W.H. Borough Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Building

Wednesday, February 17
Spaghetti Dinner – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615
W.H. Volunteer Ambulance Association Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Ambulance Building
AOH Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615

Thursday, February 18
Crestwood School Board Work Session & Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Crestwood High School
Kidder Township Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Township Municipal Building

Thursday & Monday Except Holidays

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

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays

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

Every Friday Except Fifth Friday & Holidays

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

Every Friday, Monday & Wednesday Except Holidays

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

Every Saturday

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

Every Sunday

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

Every Tuesday

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

Every Third Tuesday Except Holidays

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

Every Wednesday Except Holidays

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

Ayla Cooper wins MMI National Geographic Bee

Ayla Cooper, an eighth grade student at MMI Preparatory School, won MMI's competition in the first round of the 28th annual National Geographic Bee, and will advance for a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship.

Cooper, the daughter of Lea Cooper of White Haven and Jason Cooper of Avoca, will take a qualifying test for the state competition. Up to 100 of the top scorers on the test in each state will then be eligible to compete in their state competition on April 1.

MMI eighth grader Benjamin Putnam, the son of Benjamin and Andrea Putnam of Sugarloaf, finished second in the school's competition.

Thousands of schools around the United States and in the five U.S. territories are participating in the 2016 Na-

tional Geographic Bee. The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for state winners to participate in the national championship rounds on May 22-25. The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the society, a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and a National Geographic Expeditions trip to a national park in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

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For more information about MMI Preparatory School, visit www.mmiprep.org or call 570-636-1108.

Crestwood Community Education registration

Crestwood Area Community Education is hosting an in person registration on February 17 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Crestwood High School

cafeteria.

Register early for classes such as pottery, massage therapy, watercolors, crocheting, and many more.



Ayla Cooper, center, captured first place in MMI's competition as part of the 28th annual National Geographic Bee. Also pictured are adviser Grete DeAngelo, and second-place finisher Benjamin Putnam.

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– Salem U.C.C.

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

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

Friday, February 12

Lincoln's Birthday
Scrabble Club – 10:00 a.m.
– Zions Lutheran Church
Annex

Sunday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day
Breakfast – 7:00 a.m. to

Noon– Silver Ridge Hunt-
ing Club

Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day
Weatherly Borough Council
Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Mu-
nicipal Building

Thursday, February 18

Weatherly Rotary Club Din-
ner Meeting – 6:30 p.m. –
Mountain Laurel Country
Club

Tweedle Park & Playground
Association Meeting –
7:00 p.m. – Park

Weatherly Lions Club Meet-
ing – 7:00 p.m. – Borough
Building

Every Thursday

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. –
Weatherly Borough Build-
ing

Mary Kluskiewicz celebrates 97th birthday

Mary Kluskiewicz, a resi-
dent of Heritage Hill Senior
Community of Weatherly,
recently celebrated her 97th
birthday.

Born in Junedale on Febru-
ary 5, 1919, Mary was mar-
ried to Stanley Kluskiewicz
in August of 1943, and was
married for 43 years until his
death in 1986.

She has three children- Jo-
seph Kluskiewicz, McAdoo,
James Kluskiewicz, Naza-
reth, and Stanley Kluskiewicz
of Kintnersville. She also has



7 grandchildren and 2 great-
grandchildren.

Mary was employed at vari-
ous garment factories prior to
retirement.

She is a member of All
Saints Catholic Church in
McAdoo.

Over the years, Mary has
enjoyed traveling, going to
casino's, playing bingo, and
doing word puzzles.

She will always be remem-
bered for her remarkable tal-
ent in sewing and crocheting.

Lebanon Valley College congratulates admitted students

Lebanon Valley College is
pleased to announce that the

following local students have
been accepted for admis-

sion at The Valley. This list
includes students who were
admitted as of January 13. All
students on the list are soon
to be graduates of Weatherly
Area High School.

Jacquelyn Gillott of Weath-
erly plans to study Physical
Therapy at The Valley.

Jake Stover of Weath-
erly plans to study Criminal
Justice at The Valley.

Olivia Winheld of Weath-
erly plans to study Music Ed-
ucation at The Valley.

West Chester University Dean's List announced

Jessica Polchin, a fresh-
man at West Chester Univer-
sity, was named to the Dean's
List for the Fall 2015 semes-
ter. Jessica is the daughter

of Diane and James Polchin
of Weatherly. She was the
Salutatorian of the Weatherly
Area High School Class of
2015.

Kutztown U. announces Degrees

Kutztown University has
conferred degrees on more
than 540 students during the
summer and fall terms.

Among them is Nicole Ma-
rie Bachart of Weatherly,
Bachelor of Science - Psy-
chology/Clinical Counseling

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Specials week of February 12

Appetizer—Land & Sea Portabella Mushroom stuffed w/crab
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Entrées

Duck a l'orange pan seared duck breast topped w/blood orange
glaze, served with haricot vert \$18.⁹⁵

Salmon en croute filet of salmon w/asparagus in puffed pastry,
topped with cherry buerre blanc \$18.⁹⁵

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key, sweet potatoes, Brus-
sels sprouts, roll, apricots &
peaches.

Thursday: Chili, mixed veg-
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Friday: Crispy baked fish,
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LCCC Hosts FAFSA completion nights for financial aid

Lehigh Carbon Community College has scheduled its FAFSA Completion Nights at several campus locations. Current and future applicants for fall 2016 enrollment at LCCC are encouraged to attend a free work session with LCCC Financial Aid staff members, who will guide applicants through the FAFSA form completion and submission process.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and is a critical component for students applying for financial aid. Nearly all finan-

Westminster Dean's List

Westminster College students earned Dean's List recognition for the 2015 fall semester. From White Haven: Darian Durkin, a first year political science major, is a daughter of Marcy Schnieder and a graduate of Crestwood High School.

LCCC offering info on Disney co-op program

Lehigh Carbon Community College will offer a cooperative work experience for students at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, or Disneyland, California, during the fall 2016 semester.

The co-op program allows students to earn six college credits as they spend one semester working, learning, and living at Disney World or Disneyland. Since the program began in September 1989, more than 600 LCCC students have participated.

Informational meetings will be held on February 1 and February 9 at 2 p.m. in the Academic Resource Center (ARC) Room 108, main campus in Schnecksville.

Interested students may apply for the program online at <http://disneycollegeprogram.com>. For additional information about LCCC's Disney Co-op program, please contact Walter Sweedo at 610-799-1050, ext. 3048 or at wsweedo@lccc.edu.

cial aid programs at LCCC require the FAFSA to be completed before financial assistance eligibility can be determined.

Each session runs about an hour. Students and parents can find more informa-

tion and see the list of required documents online at <http://www.lccc.edu/students/current/financial-aid/fafsa-web-assistance>.

Dates for the completion nights, which will all take place from 5:30-7 p.m., are

as follows: LCCC Main Campus, Schnecksville: March 22 in Technology Center 211; April 26 in Technology Center 201. LCCC Allentown Campus (Donley): March 23 in Room 209; April 25 in Room 209. LCCC Tamaqua Cam-

pus (Morgan Center): March 24 in MC 109; April 28 in MC 109.

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Indigo Girls to perform at Kirby Center

The Grammy award winning Indigo Girls will perform at the F.M. Kirby Center on March 20 at 7:30 p.m. Amy Ray and Emily Saliers are Indigo Girls. Rolling Stone describes them as the “Ideal duet partners... Their voices soar and swoop as one, alternately raucous and soothing. When they sing together, they radiate a sense of shared purpose that adds muscle to their lanky, deeply felt, folk-tinged pop songs.” Together they write, arrange, record, and perform music, which over the course of twenty five years, has become a vital part of the lives of their legion of devoted fans around the world, informing and rewarding them day to day.

With 16 original studio albums, three live records, various Greatest Hits com-



pilations, a Rarities and a Christmas record to their credit, the iconic duo continues to challenge itself creatively, over and over again, adding to a body of work that contains such contemporary classic songs as Galileo, Shame on You, Closer To Fine, Kid Fears, Love of Our Lives, Making Promises, Get out the Map, Moment of Forgiveness, Least Complicated, and Go.

After one Grammy, seven Grammy nominations and awards, gold and platinum certifications, and decades of touring in clubs, arenas, and everything in between, Indigo Girls remain active and relevant—always viewing their music as a fresh opportunity for exploration and discovery.

Amy and Emily first met as fifth and sixth-graders in Decatur, Georgia and began singing together during high school. Originally billed as Saliers & Ray, the pair adopted the name Indigo Girls during their undergraduate days at Atlanta’s Emory University.

The Indigos were attending classes by day and performing as an acoustic duo in local clubs by night when they made their first stab at recording in 1985 with the single Crazy Game / Everybody’s Waiting (for Someone To Come Home) which they issued on their own label, followed by an EP and in 1987, their first full length LP, Strange Fire, produced by John Keane.

In 1988, the big-time beckoned Indigo Girls. Signed to Epic Records and EMI Music, they recorded Indigo Girls with producer Scott Litt at Ocean Way Studios in L.A. With Amy and Emily on vocals and acoustic guitars, the album featured contributions from REM, Hothouse Flowers, and Luka Bloom.

The record was released in 1989, and the Indigo Girls began crisscrossing the country on tour, headlining or supporting the likes of REM, Neil Young, and the Violent Femmes.

Decades into their career, the Indigo Girls still amaze conventional pundits with their ability to grow and thrive no matter what the state of the music industry is at any given point. The duo’s constant touring, as well as staunch dedication to a number of social and environmental causes, has earned them a fervidly devoted following over their thirty-five years

performing together.

The Indigo Girls released their sixteenth studio album, One Lost Day, on June 2, 2015. Vast in its reach, but unified by the traveler’s sense of wonder, gratitude, and empathy, the album moves like a centrifuge, pulling the listener close to linger in the small moment, then casting out onto sonic currents.

This is music of the past, present, and future — a boundlessness earned and not bestowed. One Lost Day has a feeling of music composed across time, not just in time. These songs are rooted in tradition and inventive, too-nourished in dark soils, leafing and luminous.

Tickets are on sale now, 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 \$39, \$49, and \$59, plus fees.

All ages music series in downtown Scranton

The Scranton Fringe Festival, a performing arts multi-venue/multi-day event, is set to return from September 29 to October 2. However, as it continues to expand its year round programming, it is thrilled to announce an all ages music series the first Saturday of each month at the AFA Gallery in downtown Scranton (starting March 5).

“It is incredibly exciting to have this be apart of our 2016 programming” said Fringe Festival co-founder and Executive Director Conor

O’Brien. He noted the importance of providing an accessible platform for musicians to perform in front of audiences of all ages. “It is vital not just for the artists, but for the cultural community of the greater Scranton area to have a wide variety of entertainment to engage with.”

The music series is open for local, state, and national touring acts to submit to, which they may do by contacting festival leadership at ScrantonFringe@gmail.com.

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Coming Events

FEBRUARY 13, Saturday – Meatloaf Dinner, sponsored by Blakeslee Community Center

FEBRUARY 14, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Silver Ridge Hunting Club, Weatherly (second Sunday every month)

FEBRUARY 17, Wednesday – Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by V.F.W. Post 6615, White Haven

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

FEBRUARY 21, Sunday – Spaghetti Dinner, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

FEBRUARY 28, Sunday – Bingo, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

MARCH 2, Wednesday – Pierogie Sale, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church (Also Wednesdays March 9 & 16)

MARCH 4, Friday – Clothing Giveaway, sponsored by Freeland Presbyterian Church (first Friday of every month)

MARCH 5, Saturday – Voter Registration Drive, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

MARCH 6, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039 at St. Patrick's Parish Center, White Haven (first Sunday of every month)

MARCH 6, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire Company (first Sunday of every month)

MARCH 9, Wednesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven (second Wednesday every month)

MARCH 12, Saturday – Chicken & Waffle Dinner,

sponsored by Laurel Lodge 467, F.&A.M., White Haven

MARCH 18, Friday – Candy Easter Egg Sale, sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Church, Weatherly

MARCH 18, Friday – Ham Raffle, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

MARCH 19, Saturday – Children's Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club & Community Chest

APRIL 1, Friday – Awards Dinner, sponsored by White Haven Chamber of Commerce

APRIL 19, Tuesday – Spaghetti Supper, sponsored by White Haven Lions Club

APRIL 26, Tuesday – Election Day Dinner, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church

APRIL 30, Saturday – Hops & Grapes Event, sponsored by White Haven Area Community Library

MAY 1, Sunday – Spring Shoot, sponsored by Dennison Township Fire Company at L.O.W.L.P.A. Grounds

MAY 27, Friday – Golf Tournament, sponsored by White Haven VFW Auxiliary at Mountain Laurel Golf Course

AUGUST 1, Monday – Golf Tournament, sponsored by White Haven Lions Club

AUGUST 26 & 27, Friday & Saturday – Weatherly Festival

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

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Amateur radio operators come from all walks of life, from all ages, men and women, students and retirees, factory workers and doctors, and everywhere in between. They all have one

thing in common: ham radio.

They can tinker, experiment, and build things. They can help with communications at parades and other community events. These radio operators send health and welfare messages in times of disaster; and sometimes are the only communications available. They can compete in radio contests, or have casual conversations with other hams worldwide. All you need to do this is a license and a radio.

Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club will offer a series of nine Tuesday evening free

classes from 7-9 p.m., beginning March 8 at the Northampton County Gracedale Complex, Nazareth. Anyone interested in earning their entry-level FCC amateur radio license should attend. A separate series of classes held to upgrade the General License will take place on the same dates.

For more information, or to register for the free classes, please phone 610-432-8286 or email ke3aw@ARRL.NET.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

After a beautiful weekend where we were teased by warming hints of the coming spring, we've hunkered down again with winter. The mostly below freezing nights have become below freezing days. Our only comfort is it's going to be a short run of really cold before winter average temperatures return.

This coming cold-cold weekend is a combination of St. Valentines Day, Presidents weekend, and Ruth and my anniversary. On our plans are more ice hockey to cheer, plus a small celebration for us. One of my thoughts as this anniversary approached was to take Ruth to the Blakeslee Inn for fine meal. We've celebrated our anniversary there a number of times over our many years. It was a shock to hear of the fire last Wednesday.

Our first report of the fire was from our newspaper team who were out distributing the Journal of the Pocono Plateau. Route 940 was closed, and when our people got to Blakeslee by going around, they saw the line of fire trucks and the big plume of smoke. Sadly, the fire consumed the restaurant like diners before the Inn's wonderful entrees or desserts.

The entire restaurant and motel office area is burnt down, leaving only the two wings of motel units standing relatively unscathed. Here's hoping that the Blakeslee Inn restaurant returns, and our sympathy to the staff and owners.

We were excited to sight a male bald eagle dining on prey in a field north of White Haven this Sunday. We think we startled it with our slow passage, and we watched as he flew up into a nearby tree. How majestic this was to see. He is a reminder that area is blessed with at least two mated pairs of these fine birds. (We knew it was a he because of his smallish size but with the spectacular white crown and white tail underfeathers.) A sad sideline—some idiot shot and killed a juvenile eagle near to Beltzville in Towamensing Township, Carbon County last week. The Game Commission is investigating.

Our other sighting was evidence of a bear not hibernating. Chess, Ruth and I went for a hike on part of the Nescopeck Trail in Nescopeck State Park. All along our path, we could see recently shredded tree branches and trunks, evidence of a hungry bear.

Here's hoping the bear found enough food, especially with the pending cold snap. On our return as we approached where we parked, Chess took a brief dip into the icy waters below the dam outlet. She didn't like how cold the waters were.

We were at friends for a Super Bowl party, and the game was OK. The commercials were so-so. And the best part was the company. Better luck next year, Carolina. The Broncos found a way to beat the

Patriots, then found a way to beat the Panthers. Best of luck next year to the Patriots.

NASCAR starts at Daytona this weekend. Spring training for baseball starts in a couple of weeks. In three weeks, basketball's March Madness begins - 'Bye to football but hello to even better.

New Hampshire is voting while it snows as I completed this column. I watched the video of the first voting at 12:01 a.m. - 4 voted for Bernie on the Dem's side, and 3 for Kasich and 2 for Trump on the Republican side in Dixville Notch. My folks took us to the grand hotel there, The Bal-sams, when we were young.

I remember the huge hotel - a big wood and stone castle of a building. We were there once in the summer, and also came in the winter to ski. In my research for this column, I see the same beautiful place alongside a lake in a pristine valley - isolated. I also found that the resort has teamed with geniuses of the ski industry on a proposal to build the biggest ski area in the eastern U.S. on the privately owned lands adjacent to the existing ski area. Good luck to them - it could be wonderful and give a much-needed economic boost to northern New Hampshire.

MetroCast hosts "Giving Back" 5K event to support homeless Vets

MetroCast Communications, the video, internet and phone provider located in Berwick, will host its fifth "MetroCast Giving Back 5K Run/Walk" on April 9. The event will start at 9 a.m. at Summerhill Volunteer Fire Company, 422 Summerhill Road, Berwick.

Funds raised from the event are directed to local organizations that assist residents in need in the region. This year, the event is focusing on local Veterans enrolled in the Homeless Veterans Program through the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital.

"The entire MetroCast team looks forward to bringing this event to the community each year. We are so fortunate to have so many volunteers that give of their time to plan and help on the day of the event, and are grateful for the members of this community who participate in the 5K," said MetroCast General Manager Tom Carey.

Like last year, proceeds from the event will again support area Veterans. "This year

the proceeds will go to the homeless Veterans program at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital, which provides transportation services, social service assistance, rehabilitation equipment, recreation programs, activities, homeless Veteran's services, holiday gifts, and more," said MetroCast Marketing Manager, Chrissy Carey.

"We are grateful to the MetroCast Foundation and our many sponsors for the support they have given to this important cause," she added.

Registration for the event will take place from 7:30-8:45 a.m., and the entry fee is \$25 prior to race day.

The course is challenging

for experts, yet easy enough for walkers. All ages are invited to enter. Medals will be awarded for the top three men and women finishers in each of 14 age categories, and trophies will be awarded for the top three men and women overall. A complimentary hot breakfast will be served after the race.

Anyone registered by February 28 is guaranteed a "MetroCast Giving Back 5K Run/Walk" dry-fit t-shirt. Participants and sponsors interested in the "MetroCast Giving Back 5K" event should visit www.MetroCast.com/5K for more information, email ccarey@metrocast.com, or call 570-802-5660.

Harpers Ferry bus trip

The Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable is sponsoring a bus trip to Harpers Ferry W. Va. Historical Park. A Martz bus will leave Wilkes-Barre Park and ride near McDonalds on Route 309 in Wilkes-Barre on April 30 at 7:30 a.m.

Upon arrival at approximately 11 a.m., a step on the bus Park Guide will conduct a 2.5 hour tour. During the tour, you may eat a lunch that you brought, or wait until the tour is over at 1:45 p.m. The tour will include information about the John Brown Raid, the Civil War, Storer College, and the Niagara Movement.

Then, the group will have free time to explore Lower Town until 3:45 p.m., when the group will depart for a buffet dinner at the historic Carriage House Inn in Emmitsburg, MD. Dinner is included with the price of the ticket.

Tickets are \$86 per person, and are due by March 20. A \$40 deposit is required to ensure a seat. Please send your money in care of the Wyoming Valley Civil War Roundtable, 39 Hemlock St., Dallas, Pa. 18612. For more information, email deborahhocko@aol.com or call 570-262-3723.

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55. Leave speechless
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68. Smooth
69. Fill with high spirits
70. Tan maker
71. October 31 option
72. Scarlet and crimson
73. Indeed
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Comets bounce back to beat Dallas, Berwick

Crestwood improved to 15-5 on the season and 10-2 in Wyoming Valley Conference Division I last week, bouncing back from a tough loss at Hazleton Area by beating both Dallas and Berwick.

Crestwood 52, Dallas 32 - Crestwood led by just two at halftime before limiting the Mountaineers to just 13 points in the second half to win going away. Offensively, Robbie Hopkins was the Comets' leader with 15 points, including seven in a 15-8 third quarter. Mendell Foreman added 10 points.

DALLAS (32) Pertl 2 0-0 5, M. Gattuso 1 0-0 2, Kocher 0 0

2-3 2, D. Gattuso 0 0-0 0, T. Gattuso 2 2-2 6, Donahue 1 1-2 3, A. Charlton 1 0-0 3, Bittner 2 1-1 5, Parsons 2 2-3 6, Szczencinski 0 0-0 0. Totals 11 8-11 32.

CRESTWOOD (52) Hopkins 6 0-1 15, Gegaris 3 0-0 8, Blass 1 3-6 5, J. Klusewitz 1 2-2 5, Richards 0 0-0 0, McCue 2 0-0 5, Foreman 4 2-2 10, Malkemes 0 2-2 2, M. Andrews 0 0-0 0, Jackson 0 0-0 0, Schmidt 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 6-11 52.

Dallas.....6 13 8 5 - 32
Crestwood.....12 9 15 16 - 52
Three-pointers: Pertl, A. Charlton. Hopkins 3, Gegaris 2, J. Klusewitz, McCue.

Crestwood Boys Basketball

Crestwood 57, Berwick 50 - The Comets rallied from a two-point halftime deficit to outscore Berwick 9-1 in the third quarter, then won it with a 21-point fourth-quarter explosion.

Hopkins showed the way with 18 points and Josh Malkemes added 11. Tyler Evans scored a game-high 22 points for Berwick.

BERWICK (50) Marshman 0 2-2 2, Champ 1 0-0 2, Groshek 0 0-0 0, Beckhorn 0 3-4 3, Melito 2 0-0 4, Evans 4 1-14 22, Goodard

5 0-3 11, K. McMillan 2 2-2 6, Norce 0 0-0 0. Totals: 14 18-25 50.

CRESTWOOD (57) Hopkins 5 6-6 18, Gegaris 1 1-6 3, Blass 3 0-0 8, J. Klusewitz 1 0-0 3, K. Klusewitz 0 0-0 0, Richards 2 0-2 2, McCue 0 0-0 0, Foreman 2 1-4 5, Malkemes 4 2-2 11, Schmidt 2 2-2 7. Totals: 20 12-22 57.

Berwick.....15 14 1 20 - 50
Crestwood.....16 11 9 21 - 57
Three-pointers: Evans 3, Goodard. Hopkins 2, Blass 2, J. Klusewitz, Malkemes.

Hazleton Area 55, Crestwood 48 - The Comets took a 20-15 lead to halftime, but were unable to hold off the Cougars in the second half as they rolled to their 10th straight win in conference play. Crestwood, whose only two Wyoming Valley Conference losses have come to Hazleton Area, scored the game's first nine points on layups by Malkemes, Foreman and Kevin Klusewitz, a Lance Blass free throw and two more by Malkemes.

"They want it (the tempo) one way and we want it somewhat the other way," Comets head coach Mark Atherton said. "I thought we did some good stuff on offense, attacking their pressure and getting them to foul us." A Foreman deuce, four more Malkemes foul shots, a Blass triple and two Kyle Richards free throws upped the Comets' lead to 20-11 with 3:05 left before halftime, but the Cougars cut into that with a Joey Grula three-pointer and a Jeff Planutis basket before halftime.

The Cougars (15-3, 10-0) wasted no time getting back

into the game in the third quarter. Dante Biasi's two foul shots and a Josh Samec three pulled them into a 20-all tie. Michael Cusatis' putback gave Hazleton Area its first lead (24-22) at the 6:10 mark. By the end of the third quarter, Samec knocked down two more triples and the Cougars' suddenly hot shooting gave them a chance to apply their press and widen their lead.

The Comets felt that pressure, turning the ball over nine times in the tide-turning third quarter and five more times in the final period. "They did a better job getting angles against us in the second half, and we didn't take care of the ball very well," Atherton said.

Crestwood was still within 49-46 on Hopkins' jumper with a minute left, but key fouls shots by Biasi and Nolan Genasevich kept Crestwood at bay and gave the Cougars the hard-earned win.

CRESTWOOD (48) Hopkins 3 1-2 8, Gegaris 1 0-1 2, Blass 4 3-5 12, J. Klusewitz 2 0-1 4, Richards 2 2-2 6, McCue 0 0-0 0, Foreman 3 0-0 6, Malkemes 2 6-8 10, Schmidt 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 12-19 48.

HAZLETON AREA (55) Samec 3 0-0 9, Cusatis 1 0-0 2, S. Planutis 0 0-0 0, Grula 3 3-4 12, Biasi 2 6-6 10, Genasevich 0 2-2 2, B. Planutis 3 3-3 9, J. Planutis 4 3-5 11, Faison 0 0-0 0, Santiago 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 17-20 55.

Crestwood.....9 11 15 13 - 48
Haz. Area.....3 12 23 17 - 55
Three-pointers: Hopkins, Blass, Samec 3, Grula 3.

Crestwood Girls Basketball

Lady Comets come up short against Valley West

The Crestwood girls dropped their fourth straight game on Monday, falling to Wyoming Valley West 51-43 in Wyoming Valley Conference Division I play in Wright Township. Erin Gibbons knocked down 9 of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter as the visiting Lady Spartans edged the Lady Comets (9-12, 6-7 WVC).

Gabby Smicherko paced the winners with 17 points, Gibbons finished with 13 and Amanda Scarcella just missed double figures with nine.

For the Lady Comets, Maddie Ritsick showed the way with 18 points. Abby Macko added nine. WVW won the junior varsity game 45-43.

Crestwood was to close out its regular season on Wednesday with a home game against Tunkhannock before competing in the District 2 Class 3A tournament later this month.

WYOMING VY. WEST (51) Gibbons 1 11-14 13, Gruver 0 1-4 1, Scarcella 3 3-4 9, Johnson 0 1-2 1, Wiedwald 1 0-0 2, Smicherko 6 4-5 17, Cwalina 0 1-2 1, Giza 0 0-0 0, Reilly 3 1-3 7. Totals 14 22-34 51.

CRESTWOOD (43) Dillon 1 0-0 2, Hopkins 2 0-0 5, Snipas 0 0-0 0, Macko 2 4-4 9, Shiplett 1 0-0 3, Makowski 2 2-2 6, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Ritsick 7 4-5 18. Totals 15 10-11 43.

Valley West.....15 8 7 21 - 51
Crestwood.....11 7 9 16 - 43
Three-pointers: Smicherko. Hopkins, Macko, Shiplett.

Berwick 42, Crestwood 39 - The host Lady Bulldogs outscored Crestwood 19-5 in the fourth quarter to complete their comeback from an 11-point def-

icit. Tori Talanca led Berwick's balanced scoring attack with 13 points. Ritsick paced the Lady Comets with 13 points. Julia Makowski chipped in with eight.

CRESTWOOD (39) Dillon 1 1-2 3, Hopkins 2 0-0 4, Snipas 1 0-0 3, Macko 2 1-2 6, Shiplett 1 0-0 2, Makowski 3 2-3 8, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Ritsick 3 5-7 13. Totals 13 9-14 39.

BERWICK (42) Mensinger 3 1-2 9, Woodeshick 0 0-0 0, Talanca 5 3-6 13, Goulstone 1 1-2 3, T. Montana 3 3-7 9, Boone 0 2-2 2, Dalo 1 1-2 3, Davis 0 0-0 0, Pinterich 0 0-0 0, P. Montana 1 1-2 3. Totals 14 12-23 42.

Crestwood.....11 8 15 5 - 39
Berwick.....3 10 10 19 - 42
Three-pointers: Ritsick 2, Snipas, Macko, Mensinger.

Dallas 48, Crestwood 43 - Dallas outscored visiting Crestwood 16-10 in the fourth quarter to pull out the Division I victory. Maddie Kelley scored nine of her game-high 18 points in the pivotal fourth quarter, and

Nikki Wren had six of her 13 in the final eight minutes for Dallas, which avenged an earlier loss to the Lady Comets this season Dallas went to the foul line 38 times in the game, making half (19). Sara Lojewski added 12 points for the Mountaineers.

Ritsick score 16 points and Sarah Hopkins and Makowski had eight apiece for the Lady Comets.

CRESTWOOD (43) Dillon 1 0-0 2, Hopkins 2 2-4 8, Snipas 0 0-0 0, Macko 1 2-2 4, Shiplett 2 0-0 5, Makowski 2 4-5 8, Murphy 0 0-0 0, Ritsick 5 4-6 16. Totals: 13 12-17 16.

DALLAS (48) Kelley 5 7-13 18, Hoats 1 0-2 2, H. Johnson 0 2-4 2, Lojewski 4 4-6 12, O. Johnson 0 0-0 0, Saba 0 1-2 1, Wren 4 5-11 13. Totals: 14 19-38 48.

Crestwood.....13 10 10 10 - 43
Dallas.....16 12 4 16 - 48
Three-pointers: Hopkins 2, Ritsick 2, Shiplett.

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Wreckers come up short against Blue Devils

The Weatherly Area boys gave first-place Shenandoah Valley a battle before falling to the Blue Devils 61-45 in a Schuylkill League Division III basketball contest last Thurs-

day. The win gave Shenandoah Valley its first Division III title and Schuylkill League playoff berth since 1984.

Joel Santana scored 20 points, and teammate Jer-

maine McNeil added 12 more for the visiting Blue Devils (16-5 overall, 10-3 league), who advanced to the SIAL semifinals this week against Division I champion Pottsville at Martz Hall. Shenandoah Valley moved out to a 37-20 halftime lead, but could never quite shake the Wreckers (4-17, 0-13), who outscored the Blue Devils 25-24 in the second half to keep things close.

Zach Moon poured in 20 points for Weatherly, with Gary Buck contributing nine points on three three-pointers and Jake Stover adding eight points.

Steph Yurchak scored 16 points and Jared Zaremba had 15 as the Wreckers won

the junior varsity game 50-44.

SHENANDOAH VY. (61) McNeil 3 4-6 12, Santana 9 2-3 20, I. McCole 3 1-2 8, Alvarez 3 2-2 8, Chagallo 1 0-0 3, Shernoster 1 0-0 2, Ryan 0 2-2 2, White 3 0-2 6, Creasy 0 0-0 0, Cabrera 0 0-0 0, Mihalik 0 0-0 0, Allegretta 0 0-0 0, Uholik 0 0 0-0 0. Totals 23 11-17 61.

WEATHERLY AREA (45) Moser 2 0-0 4, Stover 4 0-0 8, Bizarre 0 2-2 2, Moon 6 4-8 20, Buck 3 0-0 9, Zaremba 1 0-0 2, Arthur 0 0-0 0, Eckert 0 0-0 0, Yurchak 0 0-0 0, Peiser 0 0-0 0. Totals 16 6-10 45.

Shenandoah Vy.....17 20 10 14 - 61
Weatherly Area.....10 10 9 16 - 45

Three-pointers: McNeil 2, I. McCole, Chagallo. Moon 4, Buck 3.

Lourdes Regional 67, Weatherly Area 24 - The Red Raiders ran out to a 22-point halftime lead and eased past the visiting Wreckers in a Division II-III crossover game last week. Thomas Schultz scored 20 points, and was a perfect 9-of-9 at the free throw line for Lourdes. Jordan Fobia scored 10 points.

Jared Zaremba topped Weatherly with seven points.

Lourdes was a 28-21 winner in the JV contest.

WEATHERLY AREA (24) Moon 0 0-2 0, Zaremba 3 0-0 7, Buck 1 0-0 3, Stover 1 0-0 2, Bizarre 1 0-0 2, Hinkle 0 0-0 0, Arthur 0 0-0 0, Berger 0 0-0 0, Osifat 0 0-0 0, Yurchak 2 0-0 4, Peiser 2 0-0 4, Dempsey 1 0-0 2, Bleiler 0 0-0 0, Eckert 0 0-0 0. Totals: 11 0-2 24.

LOURDES (67) Reichard 3 1-1 7, Schultz 5 9-9 20, Bocanelli 3 0-0 6, Klembara 2 0-0 6, Holleran 2 0-0 5, Christiana 1 0-0 2, Fobia 4 1-2 10, Nguyen 1 0-0 3, Padula 2 1-2 6, Ahrensfield 1 0-2 2. Totals: 24 12-16 67.

Weatherly Area.....4 6 8 6 - 24
Lourdes Regional.... 12 20 17 18 - 67

Three-pointers: Klembara 2, Schultz, Fobia, Nguyen, Holleran, Padula. Zaremba, Buck.

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Weatherly Swimming

Weatherly swimmers fare well

Weatherly Area swimmers Jacob Sirkot and Keith Cullen took part in a pair of Schuylkill League meets alongside Tamaqua during the past week. In Tamaqua's home meet against Pottsville last Wednesday, Sirkot was second-fastest in the 100 freestyle (:55.14) and fourth-fastest in the 100 backstroke (1:12.30). Cullen was third fastest in both the 100 but-

terfly (1:03.08) and 100 backstroke (1:06.67).

The Weatherly duo participated in the Blue Mountain at Tamaqua meet on Monday, with Sirkot swimming the top time in the 200 IM (2:21.99) and notching the second-fastest swim in the 100 backstroke (1:05.29). Cullen was third fastest (1:05.46) in the 100 butterfly.

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Journal-Herald Sports

Lady Wreckers back in playoffs for first time since 2004-05

The Weatherly Area girls basketball team is back in the playoffs. Needing a win in its regular season finale to qualify for the District 11 Class A tournament, the Lady Wreckers travelled to Meadowbrook Christian in Milton on Monday and brought home a playoff-clinching, 63-40 victory.

"This was one of our goals. It means a lot to myself and the team," Weatherly second-year coach Kevin Kringe said following the game. "It's really tough to finally break through." Meadowbrook Christian didn't make it easy for the Lady Wreckers, taking a 12-9 lead after one quarter of play. At that point, Weatherly senior Shelby Berger made sure she extended her career at least one more game.

With Berger catching fire from the perimeter, the Lady Wreckers outscored Meadowbrook 23-12 in the second quarter and 19-6 in the third to take control. Berger scored 22 of her season- and career-high 27 points in the middle quarters to lead the charge. Her six three-pointers also represented a career high.

The freshman duo of Emily Zoscin and Megan Peifer joined Berger in double figures. Zoscin finished with 14 points while Peifer added 10.

The win put the Lady Wreckers at 11-11 for the season, and put them in the district playoffs for the first time since the 2004-05 season. The Lady Wreckers will be seeded fifth for the upcoming Class A tournament, and

will face Schuylkill League Division III foe Shenandoah Valley - the fourth seed - in the quarterfinal round. Shenandoah Valley won the season series with the Lady Wreckers 2-0, but needed to rally for a 42-38 win at Shenandoah Valley last week.

"I'm hoping this can be the start of something special," Kringe said of the playoff berth. Although it's been more than a decade since the Lady Wreckers have been to the playoffs, you have to go back 20 years to the program's last playoff win in 1996.

"We now know how hard it is and hopefully we can bring some excitement," Kringe added. "We're working hard to try and do it."

WEATHERLY AREA (63) Zoscin 6 2-2 14, Hoffman 0 0-0 0, Caravella 1 0-0 2, DeSpirito 3 0-0 6, Gower 0 0-0 0, Henry 0 0-0 0, Berger 10 1-3 27, Hartz 0 2-2 2, Ache 0 0-0 0, Gillott 1 0-2 2, Peifer 5 0-0 10. Totals: 26 5-8 63.

MEADOWBROOK (40) Benter 5 1-3 11, Gessner 5 2-2 13, Hoffman 1 0-0 2, Gartman 1 3-4 5, Beiler 2 0-0 4, Leiby 1 0-0 2, Spangles 0 0-0 0, Mascariello 1 0-0 3. Totals: 16 6-9 40
Weatherly Area.....9 23 19 12 - 63
Meadowbrook.....12 12 6 10 - 40

Three-pointers: Berger 6. Gessner, Gartman.

Shenandoah Valley 42, Weatherly Area 38 - Marcella Creasy came back from an early-career injury to score 10 of her 12 points in the fourth quarter as Shenandoah Valley rallied to edge Weatherly Friday night in the

final Schuylkill League game of the season.

Weatherly used heavy pressure to force six turnovers in grabbing an 11-2 lead in the opening quarter, only to see Shenandoah Valley bounce back. The Blue Devils put together a 13-2 run to move into the lead (15-13) and hang on from there.

The Shenandoah Valley lead grew to 25-17 midway through the third quarter, but the Lady Wreckers refused to fold. Zoscin hit a pair of three-pointers and Shelby Berger scored on a putback to pull Weatherly within two (27-25) by the early stages of the fourth quarter before Creasy caught fire. She scored six straight points in the paint to push the SV lead back to eight (33-25), and from there the Blue Devils made their free throws down the stretch and held on to complete a season sweep over Weatherly.

The Lady Wreckers will get another crack at the Blue Devils in the district playoffs.

Zoscin finished with a game-high 17 points for the Lady Wreckers, and Berger chipped in with 11.

Weatherly won the junior varsity game 37-19.

WEATHERLY AREA (38) Zoscin 6 2-5 17, Peifer 3 0-1 6, Gillott 0 0-0 0, Hartz 2 0-0 4, Berger 4 2-2 11, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Gower 0 0-0 0, Caravella 0 0-0 0, Ache 0 0-0 0. Totals 15 4-8 38.
SHENANDOAH VALLEY (42) A. Demalis 1 3-8 6, Teaschenko 1 0-0 2, Creasy 5 2-2 12, Najera 1 0-0 2, Michalik 3 2-2 8, E. Demalis 2 0-0 6, Wargo 3 0-0 6. Totals 16 7-12 42.
Weatherly Area.....11 4 7 16 - 38
Shenandoah Vy.....4 13 10 15 - 42

Three-pointers: Zoscin 3, Berger, A. Demalis, E. Demalis 2.

Lourdes Regional 70, Weatherly Area 28 - Carmella Bickel scored a game-high 19 points and Lily Bickel added 12 points as Lourdes rolled to the Schuylkill League Division II-III crossover win last week. Weatherly Area got 11 points from Berger and six apiece from Peifer and Zoscin.

Lourdes earned a 57-32 victory in the jayvee game.

LOURDES REGIONAL (70) K. Komara 4 0-0 9, Krebs 2 0-0 4, Coleman 5 0-5 10, Milewsky 0 0-1 0, C. Bickel 7 4-5 19, L. Bickel 5 2-2 12, Albert 2 4-5 8, M. Komara 2 0-0 4, Czeponis 2 0-0 4, Trell 0 0-0 0, Connor 0 0-0 0, Kulik 0 0-0 0, Baskin 0 0-0 0, Munson 0 0-1 0. Totals: 29 10-19 70.

WEATHERLY AREA (28) Zoscin 1 4-4 6, Hoffman 1 0-0 2, Berger 5 0-0 11, Hartz 0 0-1 0, Gillott 0 3-4 3, Peifer 3 0-2 6, Caravella 0 0-0 0, DeSpirito 0 0-0 0, Gower 0 0-0 0, Henry 0 0-0 0, Ache 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 7-11 28.

Lourdes Regional.....21 20 17 12 - 70
Weatherly Area.....9 2 11 6 - 28

Three-pointers: K. Komara, C. Bickel. Berger.

Little Wreckers conclude undefeated season



The Weatherly Area seventh grade boys basketball team capped a perfect 14-0 season on Monday evening with its 47-21 win over Lehigh. Team members include, from left: Trevor Lowman, Luke Derr, Will Nyer, Antonio Colecio, Blaize Wainwright, Ethan Broskoskie, Scotty Zoscin and Jacob Solonoski. The Wreckers are coached by Keith Barna and assistant John Barna.

Jr. High Basketball

The Weatherly Area seventh grade boys basketball team, coached by Keith and John Barna, completed a perfect season on Monday evening, defeating Lehigh 47-21 for its 14th consecutive victory. Scotty Zoscin pumped in 20 points to lead the charge, with teammate Antonio Colecio contributing 10 points for Weatherly.

Team members are Zoscin, Colecio, Trevor Lowman, Luke Derr, Will Nyer, Blaize Wainwright, Ethan Broskoskie and Jacob Solonoski.

Meanwhile, Weatherly's eighth grade team capped a solid 11-5 season with a 56-42 victory in the nightcap. Ryan Schertrumpf and Zoscin scored 18 points apiece for the Wreckers, and Mason Gerhart added 12 points. Devon Haydt and Noah Wolverton paced the Indians with nine and eight points, respectively.

Weatherly vs. Panther Valley
The Weatherly eighth graders

defeated Panther Valley 45-33 last week as Zoscin scored a game-high 14 points. Schertrumpf added 11 for Wreckers. Erick Moncherro finished with 13 points for the Panthers.

Weatherly rolled to a 49-24 win in the seventh grade game as Colecio poured in a game-leading 20 points for the Wreckers and Zoscin added 16. Seth Berk scored eight points to lead Panther Valley.

Game Commission seeks info on dead Eagle



Carbon County Wildlife Conservation Officer Cory Bentzoni with a bald eagle.

The Northeast Region Office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission is seeking anyone who may have information on an immature bald eagle who was found dead in Towamensing Township, Carbon County. Wildlife Conservation Officer Cory Bentzoni reports that the eagle was shot and killed with a firearm, likely before January 23. The eagle was discovered on January 31 in a wooded area near the intersection of Trachsville Hill Road and Pohopoco Drive.

The bald eagle is federally protected under the Bald and Golden

Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It is a protected species under the Game and Wildlife Code.

"These majestic birds cannot protect themselves from people intent on doing them harm," said Bentzoni. "We are hopeful that someone will step forward with information concerning this senseless act."

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the NE Region of the PA Game Commission at 570-675-1143.

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