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Richard E. Angelo Construction of Hazleton has begun work on the Community Room section of the White Haven Area Community Library.

JH: Stephanie Grega

Weatherly Lions voter registration

The Weatherly Lions Club will hold a voter registration drive this Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Weatherly Borough Building conference room.

Registration and absentee forms as well as voter information will be available.

Primary Election Day is April 26.

Festival meeting

The Weatherly Festival Committee will meet on March 10 at 7 p.m.

Applications for food and craft vendors will be available. The committee is looking for volunteers the weekend of the Festival and for the weekend before's fireworks display, which will kick off the event.

White Haven Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the White Haven Rec Board and White Haven Police Benevolence Assn.

Sunday, March 20 at Lehigh Park

Registration 12:30 • Hunt starts at 1 p.m.

Ages 2-10

Preregistration is requested by contacting the White Haven Borough offices by stopping in or by calling 570-443-9129, no later than March 15.

There is no cost for White Haven Borough residents. Any children wishing to participate from the area there is a \$2 advance registration fee; \$5 for registering the day of event.

There will be prizes, a visit from a very special Bunny and refreshments at the concession stand.

WH Awards Banquet will be gala gathering

by Seth Isenberg

About half of the tickets for the first-ever Awards Banquet of the Greater White Haven Chamber of Commerce are spoken for. It's going to be a fun night.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year are closing this coming Monday. There are five nominees as of March 1.

A special presentation to businesses that invested and grew in the White Haven area this year will recognize the

Stella family for their makeover of the local McDonalds. Other businesses will be on that list.

The introduction of a White Haven Hall of Fame should be exciting. Pastor Glen Hueholt and businessman Ken Powley will be part of the first class. In building the "Hall," the first class will also include Josiah White and John Lines and his family from the early days, Earl Kresge and George Seguire from more recent times, and several more.

The event is at the Powerhouse Restaurant, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 1 with music and socializing. Dinner and presentations follow before the first of two comedians performs. The evening will be a mix of history and fun.

Tickets are available at this newspaper, and LK Hair, both on Main Street in White Haven.



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Editorial

Hearing all voices

by Seth Isenberg

Every four years during Primary Election season, Pennsylvanians watch good candidates fall away from the presidential gladiatorial contest. The brutal early primaries and caucuses consume the weak and disorganized.

While there's something to be said for our state's contest having only the best to choose from, it still can be disheartening, especially if a candidate that had excited your interest has already packed it in. If it's already decided by the time we get to vote, there's something wrong. Pennsylvania politicians should find a way to move our date forward. Ruth thinks that the entire country should vote in primaries within about two weeks. This would make it likely that the smaller candidates might get delegates and that the political conventions would have meaning. As we sit today, the conventions are a chance for a lot of wind, followed by a giant rubber stamp—hot air without substance.

Our entire political system seems damaged. The elected officials go to Washington with instructions from the voters, but then go and do what the parties tell them. The parties appear to have lost their connection to the voters. It's a mess.

Voters who are tired of the same old Washington are trying to send a message that DC insiders are trying very hard not to hear. The primaries look rigged.

I can hope that by the time it's our turn, choices will remain on both tickets. We the enthusiasts will at least have time to put out our political signs before it's all over.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the Editor are welcome on any subject. They may be mailed to 211 Main Street, White Haven PA 18661 or e-mailed to journalnews@pa.metrocast.net.

Letters must include a signature, which will be published, and a phone number for verification purposes, which will not. Topics of local interest are preferred, and form letters will not be published. Preference will be given to letters sent exclusively to this publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words. The Editor reserves the right to edit for clarity. Letters which could be considered slander or libel will not be published, nor will personal attacks.

From the Archives

50 years ago in *The Journal*, February 1966

As part of a State Re-Districting plan, the borough of White Haven was moved into a new state legislative district with Freeland and Foster Township, and the Hazleton area. Dennison Township remains in the Second District with townships to the north. The White Haven area as a whole is being included in the new 14th Senatorial District, including townships cities and boroughs south and east of the Susquehanna River — Wilkes-Barre, Pittston, Nanticoke, Hazleton and 37 other communities in Luzerne County. Carbon County will be joined with Schuylkill County to form the 29th District.

An application has been received by the Luzerne County Zoning Board has been received from Michael J. McHugh of Wilkes-Barre for re-zoning of a property on the northwest corner of Berwick and Elmira Streets to permit the operation of a funeral home.

Former White Haven Borough Council councilman and president William Radley was unanimously appointed to fill the term of Kenneth Sipler, who was elected, but moved from the Borough before the beginning of his term. Radley has a "vacation" of a little more than a month before returning. He was elected in 1961, served for four years (as council president all four years) and then was not a candidate for re-election.

The Lights Committee of White Haven Council decided to install a mercury vapor light at the Berwick Street railroad crossing because train vibra-

tions keep putting the ordinary streetlight out of commission. Council agreed to hire a new full time police office to replace Stanley Bruzgulis, who resigned recently.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 267 of White Haven went roller-skating at the M&M Rink in Freeland Feb. 12. Cost was 50¢.

White Haven will install another new fire hydrant near the Wilmot Engineering office. This hydrant has been broken off several times by cars. It is planned to put a railing around it in the spring.

Governor William Scranton's 1966-67 budget calls for an appropriation for the White Haven State School and Hospital of \$2,743,278 - \$412,981 more than last year.

The Lehigh Chapter 193, O.E.S., is sponsoring a bus trip to the Ice Capades in Hershey on Saturday, Feb. 26. The price of \$7.50 per person includes the bus and a ticket. Call Mrs. Kail Yohey or Mrs. Lois Carter to attend.

JAY's Corner Store at Church and Northumberland Streets in White Haven offers hot sausage hoagies, Italian hoagies and sandwiches, made to order.

From *The Weatherly Herald*, March 4, 1965

As part of Girl Scout Week, Weatherly arranged with the Lehigh Valley Railroad to use the vacant waiting room of the station in the borough as an art center. Pictured on the front page are local scouts Edna Schmeer, Linda Gerhart, Kathy Hayes, Marianne Wargula and Marguerite

D'Andrea, along with Rotary Exchange Student Margot Van Santen, in the LVRR station, painting at easels.

The Journal February 1916

Last Saturday morning at few minutes before 7 a.m., an eastbound Jersey Central freight train blocked the Berwick Street crossing for some 18 minutes, causing a hundred or more employees of the Silk Mill and Wilmot Engineering Co. plants to be late for work. Police officer Stoss was on the job, and arrested the engineer and conductor. (Charges against the conductor were dismissed by the Burgess, but the engineer was fined \$5.00, which he paid.)

Game Protector James L. Boyle has been notified by the State Game Commission that a shipment of 25 elk and 25 deer will be made to the State Game Preserve at Hickory Run this month.

Ice cutting has commenced at Moosehead on Monday, and they are shipping from twelve to fourteen cars daily, and also storing ice in the Ice House there. Twelve-inch ice is said to be the average.

Members of the (White Haven) Methodist Episcopal Church enjoyed a sleigh ride to Freeland last Friday evening, where they partook of a specially prepared dinner at the Washington Hotel.

Both Hazleton and Freeland papers reported that flying machines passed "over their towns this week at night. So far, no White Havenite has reported seeing the monster of the air, although it is said to have traveled in this direction."

Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Letters Testamentary have been granted by the Register of Wills of Luzerne County, PA, on February 10, 2016, in the Estate of Stanley a. D'Amore a/k/a S.A. D'Amore, late of the Township of Butler, who died December 4, 2015, to Carol P. Warner, Executrix.

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make payment and those having claims to present them immediately to:

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Catherine A. McGovern,
Esquire
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612-614 Main Street,
P. O. Box 179
Freeland, PA 18224-0179
570-636-3133

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Letters of Administration have been issued in the **Estate of Jennifer P. Fedorick**, to Estate No. 4016-0293 late of 13 Old Route 940, White Haven, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania who passed away on January 29, 2016 to **Annette Marie Fedorick**, 905 E. Main Street, Weatherly, PA 18255. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to:

Daniel A. Miscavige, Esquire
GILLESPIE MISCAVIGE
67 North Church Street
Hazleton, Pennsylvania 18201

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Penn Lake Park Borough Planning Commission will hold its re-organizational meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Penn Lake Community House.

Margo Beckerman, Secretary
Penn Lake Park Borough

Music meeting

The Weatherly Music Parents organization will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, March 14 at 3:05 p.m. in the middle school band room. Planning for the Spring Fling Bingo will continue. The Gertrude Hawk candy pick-up date is Wednesday, March 9 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Final LL registration today

Weatherly Little League will hold its FINAL Registration for the 2016 season this Thursday, March 3, 6-7 p.m. at the Borough Building or by e-mailing raylaw@ptd.net. No registrations will be accepted after March 6. Any child who turns 4 through 12 during 2016 and either resides or attends school within the Weatherly Area

School District is eligible. Any questions, please call Cindy Yurchak at 570-427-9817.

Teams will be picked and coaches assigned at a meeting Sunday, March 6, at noon at the Borough Building. Everyone is welcome to attend to plan for Opening Day, April 30. The League is in need of a new Stand Manager.

Letter to the Editor

The Journal-Herald has been asked to publish the following two letters:

To St. Paul's Lutheran Church, White Haven

RE: Donations to the Henry Cancer Center

Dear Rich (Richard Henning),

I am writing to give a big THANK YOU to you and all the people involved with all the donations that were given to the Henry Cancer Center here at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. Our cancer patients are grateful for all the hats, scarfs and blankets especially during this cold winter season. I tell them that all of the above are donated to our patients and get to keep them, well they can't thank us enough for handing them out. Some patients are here all day receiving chemotherapy and a nice warm blanket or hat or even poochies to keep their feet warm are a nice treat. Some patients get the neuropathy in their hands and feet and your donations keep them warm throughout their treatments. I tell them to keep them and just bring them back with them every time they come to get another treatment.

Again, thank you all for your generosity and kindness shown to our patients.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann E. Olenick
Henry Cancer Center
Administrative Assistant

This (the above) letter was sent to all the churches in White Haven for their help with the items mentioned. All of the quilts, hats, and scarfs are hand made by the women of the church. These items are given to the cancer patients to help keep them warm during treatment and comfort knowing that someone else cares for their need. Smaller items of these are taken to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. Stuffed teddy bears and stuffed animals are sent to the Janet Weiss Center in Danville. The word amazing came up two times after taking the third load of these items to Geisinger in Wilkes-Barre. MaryAnn said she has not had the out pouring of help like she has from White Haven. Keep up the good work more people need our help.

Thank You
Rich Henning
St. Paul's

AMAZING AMAZING

Just a footnote some of these came from Oregon, Ohio, New Jersey and New York.

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stories and events

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last week, PennDOT announced it was moving forward with plans to phase out vehicle registration stickers in lieu of "smart plate" automated license plate technology. PennDOT estimates that this changeover will save \$3.1 million.

While cost savings for PennDOT are very important, we must also discuss its impact on municipalities and local police departments. I'm concerned with the fact that, in order for law enforcement to utilize the "smart plate" technology, each police cruiser must be equipped with an

\$18,000 plate reader.

This additional expense will place an undue burden on Pennsylvania police departments. There are over 1,200 police departments in Pennsylvania, and the majority have more than one cruiser. This will present a significant financial burden especially for those in rural areas.

PennDOT has expressed a willingness to offer grants to assist departments in purchasing of the new equipment. However, it is unrealistic to expect that the agency will be able to provide enough funds for all police departments. The projected savings

from the elimination of registration stickers would not cover the cost of new equipment for all police cruisers.

I believe that this money would be better spent arming police forces with tools to combat the opioid epidemic and prevent overdose deaths.

Earlier this year, the House, in a bipartisan vote, passed House Bill 1154 which would repeal PennDOT's elimination of vehicle registration stickers. I am optimistic the Senate will pass House Bill 1154 and send it to the governor. This bill is supported by the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police.

Cost savings must always be considered, but the implementation of PennDOT's plan, on its current schedule, is hasty and will have unintended consequences.

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Death Roll

CECILE BURK

Cecile A. Burk, 36, of Foster Township died Tuesday, February 23, 2016 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

The daughter of the late David and MaryFaith Southerton Bloom, she was born in Monroe County.

She was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church, Hazle Township, and had been employed at Pantry Quick in Hazleton.

Surviving are her husband of 15 years, Timothy R. Burk;

daughters Alyssa Lee Drasher and MaryFaith Burk, and son Michael Burk at home; sisters Edwina Jenkins and Michelle Kerschner of Nanticoke, Lisa and Crystal Bloom of White Haven; brother and sister-in-law David and Shannon Bloom of Weatherly; nieces, nephews and extended family members.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Faith Assembly of God Church, with Pastor Rodney Murphy officiating.

CHERYL DARLING

Cheryl E. Darling, 45, formerly of White Haven, died Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at her home in Mountain Top.

The daughter of Barbara Baker Santostefano of Moun-

tain Top, she was born in Morristown, N.J., and was employed as a chef.

Surviving in addition to her mother are her husband, Randy Darling, and son William Darling of Mountain Top.

Services were scheduled at the convenience of the family.

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

DANIEL KIMMEL

Daniel R. Kimmel, 86, of Weatherly RR 2 died Tuesday, February 9, 2016 in Celtic Hospice, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre.

A son of the late Rudolph and Mary Horwath Kimmel, he was born August 23, 1929 in Eckley. He was a graduate of Foster Township High School and prior to retirement in 1991 had been employed for 27 years in maintenance for PPL.

He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ of Weatherly, and Hazle Azalea Fellowship Lodge, F. & A.M.

Preceding him in death were daughter Karen Kimmel, brother Eugene Kimmel and sister Lorraine Sauers.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, the former Helen Miller; son and daughter-in-law Richard and Susan Kimmel of Wappinger Falls, N.Y.; two grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Raymond and Gertrude Kimmel of Weatherly.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Philip J. Jeffries Funeral Home, Weatherly, with the Rev. Donald J. Stump, pastor emeritus of Salem U.C.C., officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to Salem United Church of Christ, 330 First Street, Weatherly, PA 18255.

LOIS GOWER



Lois Gower, 86, of White Haven, died Tuesday, March 1, 2016, after a lengthy illness with her family by her side. She was born February 16, 1930, the daughter of the late Robert and Flossie Meixell. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Arthur Gower.

Lois worked for Deckers and Thriftway in White Haven, before retiring. She was an active member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church and White Haven Senior Citizens. She loved traveling, reading and spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Gower and wife, Catherine of Dallas, PA and Robert Gower and wife, Christine, of White Haven, PA; one brother, Edwin Meixell and wife, Mary, of Mecklenburg, NY and one sister, Jane Foltz and husband, Nevin, of Newfoundland; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Funeral service will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at 11:00 am at the Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. 403 Berwick Street, White Haven, with Pastor Rothrock officiating. Interment will follow in Laurel Cemetery, White Haven.

Friends may call from 10:30 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions, may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 418 Berwick Street, White Haven, PA 18661.

For additional information, visit www.lehmanfuneralhome.com



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Calling Weatherly Area High School Grads!

The class of 1967 will be celebrating its 50th reunion next year. The date is August 27, 2017, and the place is going to be Capriotti's (on the Tresckow-McAdoo road, W. Oak Street).

All of classes from 1963 through 1971 are invited.

You have plenty of time to consider and plan for this momentous event. We would love to see as many of you as possible help to make this a great celebration.

"We contacted Vera Wang and she has agreed to design \$100 dresses for all the ladies. The Pope may or may not be able to make it," said Steve Thompson, one of the organizers.

The reservation fee is \$25. Feel free to contact John Hartzog (jfenzi@yahoo.com 610-751-5514) or Thompson (stephen.thompson1@comcast.net 610-781-1685) with any questions.

Kidder Supervisors fund center, library

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"It's a building we needed a use for," explained Thomas Bradley, responding to a question about Schoolhouse Central funding during the Kidder Township's February 18 meeting. Art classes, a drama club, and senior luncheons fill the community center's calendar and keep the building busy. Noting a \$250 donation is in the budget, supervisors approved the non-profit's request for support.

Supervisor Barbara Franzosa cited tax revenue Penn-Kidder Library Center provides as a result of use of computers for online job testing and applications. Reporting 400 new library cards issued last year, board of trustees president Mary Farnschlager thanked supervisors for approving a \$1,000 contribution, adding that continuous fundraisers aid the volunteer run organization in subsidizing costs.

Supervisors advanced a

lump sum of \$60,000 in response to Lake Harmony Rescue Squad's request for \$75,000, in anticipation of 2016 tax revenues coming in. The Rescue Squad needs the funds to meet payroll obligations after the department waived doing the annual subscription and membership program after the general election ballot question approved a .5 mill Ambulance Tax for the Lake Harmony Rescue Squad and Ambu-

lance Corps in order to maintain 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ambulance service. "When the tax money comes in we take the \$60,000 back," said supervisor Thomas LaFond.

Stuffing envelopes was in store for township administration after an agreement with the company the township had hired to mail out trash invoices fell through. An April 15 extension for payments was granted with bills expected out

before the end of the month.

Supervisors Bradley, LaFond, Franzosa, and Frank Pieri; business manager Lisa Klem, township secretary/treasurer Suzanne Brooks, solicitor Dan Miscavige and approximately 30 members of the public were present.

Kidder Township's next regular meeting is 7 p.m. March 17 at the Township Municipal Building on Lake Drive in Lake Harmony.

Veterans Corner by John Kearns

VFW POST 6615 Commander's Corner

by John Kearns

Important: VFW Nominations and Election of Officers

VFW Post 6615 will hold nominations of officers at the next meeting on March 6 and elections on April 12. This is an important phase in the process of maintaining a working VFW Post that suits the needs of both the membership, veterans and the community as a whole. ALL members should make it a point to show up and nominate those to leadership who will conduct the business as required for a efficient, fair and balanced operation. By the same token, if you as a member and a veteran are happy with the current leadership, then you should show up to nominate and vote.

The veterans post is a business first and a club second. Nominate and vote on accomplishment or ability, not friends and relatives. Look at last year's progress or pitfalls and find out a little about whom you're voting for. Like many other veterans posts, it is a difficult job, but a needed

one to maintain and grow with the future. Millions of veterans died to protect the right to vote and elect the best qualified to get the job done, to meet the changing needs of the future and preserve the high standards of our mission of the VFW.

As a reminder, this is our mission:

The purpose of the (VFW) shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable, and educational; To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; To assist worthy Comrades; To perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; To maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, And fidelity to its institutions of American freedom, and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies, whomsoever.

Politically Correct Wolves Complain Too Many Shepherds Guarding The Sheep

Government sources agree shepherds are too tough on the wolves. Our POLICE, our

MILITARY, and our VETERANS are becoming victims to growing attacks, beatings and murders by different groups here and abroad. Two Marines attacked by gangs and a young police officer were shot and killed last week. For different reasons we all have become targets of radical jihadis, left wing radicals, black lives matter activists, (the list goes on and on), because we stand in the way. Police sitting in a police car, having a veteran bumper sticker on your car or even showing pride in service wearing a unit hat can get you killed or badly beaten.

Hate group Asian gangs that span generations back to Vietnam still attack Vietnam vets.

The one thing we "targets" have in common is all have taken an oath - all have sworn to preserve and protect our way of life in our USA. All have written that blank check payable with their lives to our town's, cities, states and the American people. These oaths we swear to all Americans start out with these words: Military: "I do solemn-

ly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Police: (May vary with different jurisdictions) I swear, that I will serve our country, state and city as a police officer in service and protection to all. More than words, they define a way of life, devotion and service to our fellow citizens. To become maimed, or die if necessary being the first to stand protecting those who cannot protect themselves. This is the thin line between freedom and chaos. That is why we are being attacked and probed for weakness. Take away and weaken all the shepherds politically, and the wolves walk in to a nation of sheep.

REASON?

In a liberal leaning nation, such actions are being condoned, encouraged and rewarded by leadership and political correctness. There are few consequences and little desire to prosecute this new class of killers and attackers.

You cannot take the rights and freedom of a nation's

people so long as we, the shepherds, stand in their way.

Many generations of protectors have taken that oath, and still stand ready 24-hours a day, seven days a week. We stand in defense of all peoples of our United States of America, so help us God.

Persian Donuts for sale

Amercian Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 will hold their annual Persian Donut Sale. The cost is \$1.50 each or 4/\$5.

The deadline to order: March 18. Contact any Auxiliary Member or call Joan Drasher at 570-427-2587 or Georgia Farrow at 570-427-4527.

Pick up is Friday, April 1, 12-6 or Saturday, April 2, 10-12. Only a limited amount will be made for cash and carry.

WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

Thursday, March 3 Countdown to Spring: 2 Weeks & 3 Days

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

East Side Borough Council Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Borough Building

Sunday, March 6

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

V.F.W. Post 6615 Meeting — 2:30 p.m. — Post Home

Monday, March 7

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

W.H. Recreation Board Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Municipal Building

Tuesday, March 8

W.H. Lions Club Meeting — 7:00 p.m. — Jack's Grille

Dennison Township Volunteer Fire Company & Auxiliary Meetings — 7:30 p.m. — Fire House

Wednesday, March 9

Foster Township Board of Supervisors Meeting — 6:00 p.m. — Township Municipal Building

Bingo — 6:00 p.m. (Doors open at 5:00 p.m.) — St. Patrick's Parish Center

Thursday, March 10

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

Every Thursday & Monday Except Holidays

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

Every First & Third Thursday Except Holidays

Scrabble Club — 6:30 p.m. — White Haven Area 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

WH Lions accepting applications for scholarships

The White Haven Lions Club is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2016 Scholarship Program. The Club is offering at least two \$1,000 scholarships this year. Students, regardless of age, are eligible if their primary residence is in the 18661 zip or White Haven phone exchanges: 443, 215 - or any other assigned by phone companies.

Recipients must, at the time of award, be accepted as provi-

sional or full-time students to a degree program at an accredited institution. Eligible institutions are limited to accredited Universities, Colleges, Junior Colleges, Community Colleges, and Technical Schools having at least a two-year program.

The scholarship program is open to both new students and those already working towards their degree requirements. In past years, scholarships have been awarded to freshmen

and upperclassmen, and previous winners have included a number of students from area high schools as well as local students attending colleges nationwide. Eligible applicants from previous years are encouraged to participate in this year's program.

Applications must be received by April 13. To obtain an application form, you may email the White Haven Lions Club at wh.lions@yahoo.com, contact Beth Evert at 570-401-4734, or contact any other member of the White Haven Lions Club. Current members of the White Haven Lions Club and their immediate families are not eligible to participate.

Dog of the Week

by Stephanie Grega



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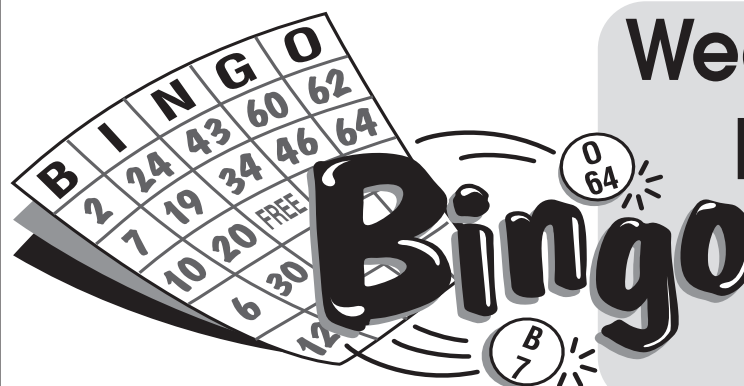
Wednesday - March 16 (order by March 12)

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Stories from the Mines at Eckley

Eckley Miners' Village is pleased to welcome Greg Matkosky of WVIA to the free Charter Day celebration on March 13. Mr. Matkosky will present the film "Stories from the Mines" that he wrote and directed. This will be the rare feature length and director's cut version showcasing footage shot at Eckley.

Local singing talent, the Saras Sisters of White Haven, will perform Irish songs at the event. Doors open at noon, the Saras Sisters go on at 1:30 p.m., and the film will begin at 2 p.m.

Author Attorney Pasco Schiavo will be signing copies of his most recent book in the gift shop, and the museum exhibit area will be open.

From the American Public TV website: Stories from the Mines dramatizes and documents anthracite coal's tragic and indisputable role in profoundly influencing the relationship among organized labor, organized wealth, and the United States government.

The program captures a highly influential moment of American democracy in action and explains — in unique historical detail — how American labor policies and practices were permanently affected by the volatile relationship between immigrant coal miners of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the industrialists who employed them.

Designer Handbag Bingo

Carbon Builders Association presents Designer Handbag Bingo at The Mahoning Valley Ambulance Corp. on April 2. Doors and the Kitchen open at 5 p.m. with bingo following at 6 p.m.

One authentic Coach, Michael Kors, or Vera Bradley bag will be awarded per game. The night will consist of 25 games (20 regular games and 5 specials). Tickets are \$30 in advance, and are non-refundable.

There will be raffles, door prizes, a Chinese Auction, food and refreshments at the event. Donations of items for the raffle and Chinese Auction are greatly appreciated.

For information on groups of 6 or more, or to donate an item, contact Debbie at 610-379-1099 or carbbld@ptd.net.

Charter Day is the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's celebration of the commonwealth's 335th birthday, when England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for the land of Pennsylvania in 1681. On March 13, many

of the PHMC historic sites and museums along the Pennsylvania Trails of History and open and free to the public.

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White Haven Chamber of Commerce Inaugural Awards Banquet Friday, April 1 • 7 p.m.

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Preparing for the candy Easter Egg sale

The United Methodist Church of Weatherly is holding a candy Easter Egg Sale on March 18. Day and night crew volunteers worked to create, prepare, and package the homemade eggs on February 29.

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Day crew volunteers, standing from left are Petrina Graaf, Russell Graaf, John Noonan, Charlie Scott, and Dave Ehrenfried. Seated are Shirley Noonan (left) and Janet Graham. Missing from the photo is Georgeann Herling.



Night crew volunteers, left row from back - Jackie Douglas, Sharon Kuntz, and Lolli Englehart. Right row from back are Wayne Gettig, Ruthie Sabol, and Charles Englehart.

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Coming Events

MARCH 4, Friday – Clothing Giveaway, sponsored by Freeland Presbyterian Church

MARCH 4, Friday – Potato Cake & Soup Sale, sponsored by L & L Fire Company, Laurytown

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

MARCH 6, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire

MARCH 9, Wednesday – Pi-erogie Sale, sponsored by White Haven United Methodist Church (Also Wednesday March 16)

MARCH 9, Wednesday – Bingo, sponsored by St. Patrick's R.C. Church, White Haven

MARCH 12, Saturday – Chicken & Waffle Dinner, sponsored by Laurel Lodge 467, F.&A.M., White Haven

MARCH 13, Sunday – Breakfast, sponsored by Silver Ridge Hunting Club, Weatherly

MARCH 17, Thursday – St. Patrick's Day Dinner, sponsored by V.F.W. Post 6615, 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

MARCH 25, Friday – Good Friday Fish Fry, sponsored by Boy Scouts Venturing Crew 461, at American Legion Post 781, Mountain Top

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

APRIL 12, Tuesday – White Haven Area Community Library Annual Meeting

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 V.F.W. Post 6615 Ladies Auxiliary, at Mountain Laurel Golf Course

JULY 22-24, Friday-Sunday – Bazaar, sponsored by White Haven Fire Company

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.

Father and Son Banquet



Pictured from left are Heights Committee members: Society president Jack Owens, Jim Anthony, H. Merritt Hughes III, Wesley Simmers, Ryan Anthony.

The 80th annual Heights St. David's Day Father and Son Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 4 at Puritan Congregational Church, 71 South Sherman Street in Wilkes-Barre.

The event honors St. David, the patron saint of Wales, and is open to all fathers and sons of the St. David's Society of Wy-

oming Valley membership.

This year's speaker will be John Griffiths, who will be traveling to Honduras in order to deliver supplies and to help rebuild homes. Toastmaster will be society member and Wilkes-Barre councilman Anthony T.P. Brooks. Attorney Chester F. Dudick from the Meade Street Baptist Church

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

It was a fine weekend, especially for February. The spring-like warmth was a bonus and we used it to its max. Saturday afternoon when we had finished newspaper work for the day, I drove up toward Brady's Lake, then discovered that the Gamelands road just south of the lake was open to be driven upon. Having hiked this path, it was some kind of wonderful to drive along it and then continue on to areas we'd never

been able to reach on foot. The farthest we've hiked is to the bridge on the old railroad tracks that crosses over Trout Run. We were able to drive nearly two miles more, stopping at a couple of places to hike. Our English pointer Chess was bouncing with excitement as we took the slow ride up Brady's Lake Road. Her energy level jumped two notches as we turned onto the Gamelands Road. We were more than ready to let

her out at our first stop.

We hiked up one path that was the rail spur to the Brady's Lake icehouse. The Game Commission was maintaining a field of browse beside the trail, so as we walked, Chess stopped from time to time to sniff out scents of was likely deer. Further along we all spotted coyote spoor and then probably spoor of a small bear.

At the farthest point on the drivable road, we took another walk and found ourselves at another Gamelands-maintained field on a hilltop. The only sounds from there were the wind and the chirping of some small gray and white birds. It felt like we were the only people around for miles. (Though I knew were only a half a mile east from the northern corner of Arrowhead Lake.)

The winter thaw has spurred the bloom of snowdrops in White Haven, and at our house. Ruth also sighted an early blooming crocus. We'll see how these do with the return of winter later this week. The long term forecast has temperatures in the 60s over the next weekend.

For Sunday, we drove to Shamokin to pick up newspapers for a customer. On our way, we saw a sign for a small local restaurant that read: "Call ahead for a delicious meal." Ruth laughed, and quipped, "So what do you get if you don't call ahead?" After we picked up the job, we did stop for a good lunch, just not

there. After lunch we wound our way back, with a detour to pass through Knoebels. There was not a lot of activity at the amusement park, only the promise of fun that will begin this year on April 30.

Staying off the highway, we drove past some active coal company properties on our way from Shamokin to Jim Thorpe. It was an odd coincidence that whatever railroad serves the coal mines and power plants had chosen to park excess petroleum tank cars on the unused rail lines beside one huge property.

We passed by the Lakeside Ballroom in Barnesville. There's a giant For Sale sign on the property's big sign, while underneath on a smaller sign were the words "Accepting Reservations."

Throughout the ride, especially given that temperatures were in the mid-50s, Ruth and I took turns spotting greenery. We both realize it's a tease. After all, it's still winter. Spring, however, starts March 21, and except for the biggest of snow piles, winter

reminders were few and far between.

Sightings include a medium-sized red fox with a beautiful coat, spotted just off Route 940 in Kidder Township. We saw our first cardinal of the season on our drive, and are still looking for the one that lives around our property to make his return with his family. Rita's Ice Cream in Hometown was open, and there was a small line when we passed.

We attended the 40-Story Radio Tower show at the Mauch Chunk Opera House on Sunday afternoon – again good fun. Their next show is March 20. There's WBS Penguins ice hockey the afternoon of March 6, and again Wednesday the 9th. Our team has been losing, and the Sunday game versus the Hershey Bears will be important.

Also, mark your calendars for the first big public show at the Kalahari Resort's convention center – the Pocono Builders Show, March 19 and 20.

Waterways/Hiking Trails of PA presentation

As part of its popular Speakers' Series at the Penn State Hazleton Campus, Western Pocono Trout Unlimited will present a program on Waterways/Hiking Trails of PA on March 15 in the Kostos Classroom Building auditorium at 7 p.m.

Representatives of four hiking trail organizations with trails connected to rivers or waterways will present slide programs highlighting the recreational, cultural, historic, scenic, economic, health, and environmental benefits of these trails.

Many trout water tributaries can be accessed from these trails that benefit fishermen, photographers, hikers, birders, boaters, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The trail organizations represented are Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Pocono Heritage Land Trust/Broadhead TU and Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails.

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Tickets are \$8 each, and must be purchased in advance from any junior, or by contacting Class Advisors Jennifer Coxe 570-582-7226 or Jackie Grier 570-582-0525 by March 3. Students are reminded to hand in their orders, money, and unsold tickets by March 3 to the High School office.

Books donated to WAEMS Library

Alexa Hoppes has donated the following books to the Weatherly Area Elem/Middle School Library "In Memory of Steven Dawson":

Minecraft- *Essential Handbook* (two copies); *Redstone Handbook*; *Construction Handbook*; *Combat Handbook*. Also donated were the following books of the Dork Diaries Series:

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Other books donated were *Cheerleaders- Trying Out* by Caroline B. Cooney; *BSC in the USA* by Ann M. Martin; *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier; *Small Steps* by Louis Sachar; *All about Music* by Julian Thomson, and *Tyrannosaurus Rex* by Don Lessen.

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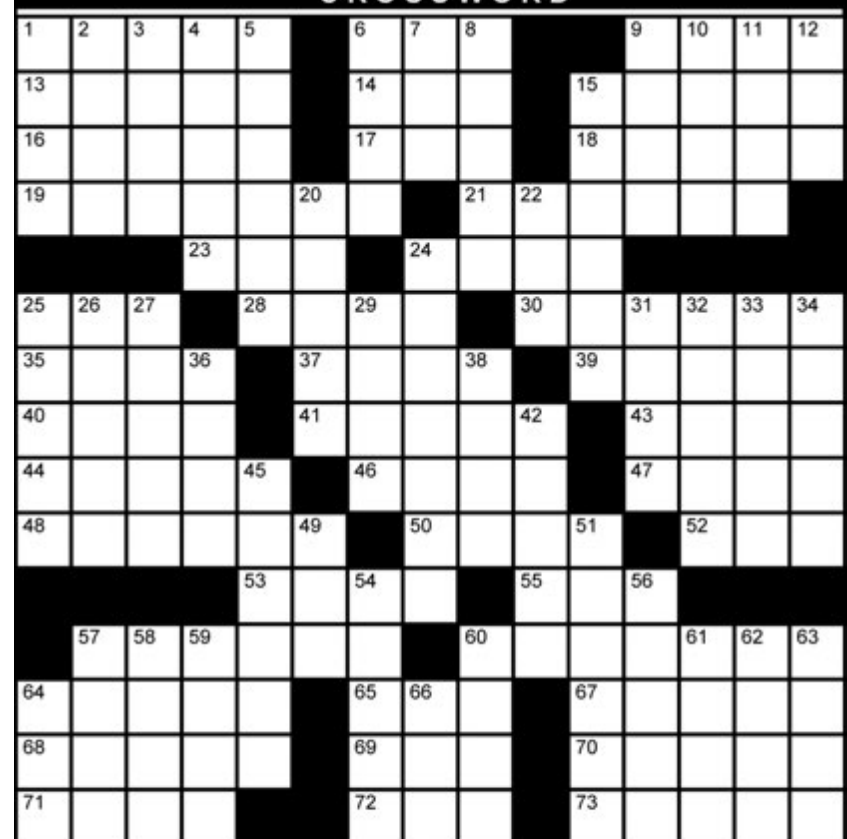
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Carbon County showcased at Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg

Economic development organizations from the four county Pocono Region and the Pocono Mt. Visitor's Bureau hosted a luncheon for manufacturers of outdoor products at the Great American Outdoor Show at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on February 8.

The luncheon showcased the many benefits our region offers new and existing businesses. Directors from the four organizations, which included Carbon Chamber and Economic Development Corp, Monroe County Economic Development, Pike County Economic Development, and Wayne Economic Development Corp., each spoke about the merits of locating a business within their county as well as the region in general.

"Crystal clear lakes and rivers for fishing and abundant hunting on thousands of acres of state game lands including challenging outdoor sports in



Carbon County Representatives attended the Greater American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg on February 8. Pictured from left are Timm Berger of Rep. Heffley's office, Carl Wilgus, PMVB, Kathy Henderson, Director Economic Development for CCEDC, Commissioner Tom Gerhard, Marlyn Kissner, Executive Vice president of CCEDC, and Rep. Doyle Heffley.

all four seasons call Carbon County Home, but our one greatest natural resource is our dedicated workforce." said Kathy Henderson, Director of Economic Development for the CCEDC. "International corporations, as well as mom and pop shops within the county, employ multigenerational employees."

Northeast PA is an enticing area for businesses boasting a growing workforce, with close proximity to the major metropolitan areas of New York, Philadelphia, and the Lehigh Valley and an offering of many four season outdoor attractions and activities.

Several state legislators including State Representative

Doyle Heffley, and local county commissioners including Carbon County Commissioner

Tom Gerhard, attended the luncheon.

Crestwood Wrestling Comets' Brandon Rinehimer headed to regionals

Crestwood senior wrestler Brandon Rinehimer earned a silver medal at the District 2 Class AAA Wrestling Championships over the weekend, punching his ticket to the regional tournament this weekend. He is the lone Comet who advanced to regionals, as only the top four finishers in each weight class move on from districts.

Despite being seeded third in the 120-pound bracket, Rinehimer flew a bit under the radar coming into the two-day tournament at the Kingston Armory. After getting a bye into the quarterfinal round, he registered a win over Coughlin sophomore Joey Pahler on Friday to move on to Saturday's semifinals. On Saturday he scored a 13-4 decision over second-seeded Troy Russell of Honesdale in the semifinal round before running into

Scranton sophomore William Evanitsky. The top-seeded Evanitsky wrestled to a 15-2 win in the finals to earn the gold.

"We worked hard the last two days in the room and it just worked out for me," Rinehimer said. "Not many people knew about me. I wrestled 126 the whole year and dropped down to 120. I think that made a big difference."

Rinehimer (22-13) will open action at the Class AAA Northeast Regional Friday at Bethlehem Liberty High School. He will face Nazareth junior Trevor Tarsi (27-16), the District 11 fifth-place finisher, in the opening round. Regionals continue through Saturday evening, with the top three finishers in each weight class moving on to the state tournament the following weekend in Hershey.

Comets make return to Flyers Cup

After repeating as Casey Classic champions this season and then capturing the NEPA Scholastic Hockey League Championship with a 3-2 overtime win over Wyoming Area last week at the Toyota SportsPlex, the Crestwood ice hockey team has been invited to return to the Flyers Cup.

Crestwood was awarded the #11 seed and was scheduled to take on Palmyra in the first round Wednesday at the KLA Arena in Annville. This marks the 37th year for the Flyers Cup, Pennsylvania high school hockey's version of a state tournament. It is also marks the second straight trip for the Comets, who made a huge splash in their tournament debut last winter.

The Comets were given the #19 seed in the 20-team tournament a year ago, then promptly skated through their competition, carding wins over the #s 14, 6 and 4 seeds to reach the semifinal round. There, the Comets lost to the tournament's eventual champion, West Chester Rustin.

This time around, they likely won't be catching teams off-guard. Crestwood all-but-clinched this year's berth with last Monday's overtime win over Wyoming Area. The teams battled to a 2-2 draw through regulation, and went

Crestwood Ice Hockey

more than 15 minutes into overtime before Stefan Krupski scored the game-winning goal for the Comets.

"This is one of the best games that's ever been played in this arena," Crestwood coach Paul Eyerman said afterward. "Both teams had played as much hockey as they could and it was fitting that either team could've scored that winning goal." Wyoming Area's Zachary Lahart scored first 10 minutes into the game, and Crestwood's TJ Kulak knotted things up with an unassisted goal four minutes later. Alex Hawk's goal put Wyoming Area back on top

2-1 in the second period before the Comets tied it again with five minutes remaining. They had the chance to win it with a minute to play in regulation, but a penalty shot from Tanner Kahlau went wide of its mark. Krupski's game-winning goal, assisted by Kahlau, gave the Comets the victory in overtime.

Next up: The Flyers Cup.

"We don't have quite the depth that we had last year," Eyerman said of his squad, which features just four seniors. "We've really kind of peaked at just about the right time."

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Pocono, race fans getting ready for 2016 races

Although it is only the beginning of March, auto racing fever is already starting to take hold around the nation, and even here in Northeastern Pennsylvania. With Denny Hamlin capturing the season-opening Daytona 500 and Jimmie Johnson bouncing back to take Atlanta in Week 2, NASCAR Sprint Cup fans around these parts are already anticipating this season's race card at Pocono Raceway.

The NASCAR XFINITY Series begins the excitement by visiting Pocono for the first time for the June 4 race, followed by the "We Paint Winners 400" NASCAR Sprint Cup race on June 5.

The Pennsylvania 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup race weekend July 29-31 offers the NASCAR Camping World Truck series race. Both weekends will also include the ARCA Series Presented by Menards races, including the General Tire

#AnywheresPossible 200 on June 3 and the ModSpace 150 on July 29.

Pocono will also host the IndyCar Series again this summer, with the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race August 21.

While NASCAR racers are beginning their season down south and out west, folks at Pocono have been busy up north getting ready for their races, as well as landing sponsors, capturing NASCAR awards and launching a new video series. In February, Pocono Raceway and General Tire agreed to a multi-year partnership that gives the veteran tire company naming rights for the June 3 ARCA race. The announcement was made at Daytona International Raceway with Pocono Raceway Chief Marketing Officer Ben May and General Tire Director of Marketing Travis Roffler.

"General Tire is going to be a great partner for us and we are looking forward to working with them to put on a great event for our fans," said Pocono Raceway President & CEO Brandon Igaldsky. "The Mattioli family

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by Steve Stallone, Sports Editor

and ARCA have a long history of working together and this is another opportunity for us to support this great series."

"We are thrilled to partner with these great tracks in an effort to enhance the ARCA Race Series events and to bring more awareness to our tire brand in these key markets," added Roffler. June 3 will mark the 30th anniversary of the first ARCA race at Pocono Raceway and be the 58th ARCA event held

there.

Also in February, former Pocono Raceway intern Victoria Kim was among eight winners at the ninth annual NASCAR Diversity Awards. The winners were announced prior to the Daytona 500 and Kim was named the Outstanding Intern winner. The NASCAR Diversity Awards recognize the people and organizations in motorsports that champion diversity and inclusion in eight categories: Industry Ambassador, Diverse Driver, Ignition Award, Diverse Intern, Institution, Partner, Young Driver, and Pit Crew. Kim, who worked at Pocono Raceway from April until August of last year, helped out in the Operations Department. She assisted in all day-to-day activities, including security and lease events and played a large role in both NASCAR weekends at the Long Pond racetrack. Following her work at Pocono Raceway, Kim accepted a job with NASCAR as Touring Series Coordinator,

Racing Operations.

Pocono Raceway recently launched "The Tricky Chronicles," a video series that will take fans inside the family-owned and operated raceway. "The Tricky Chronicles," is broken into segments and showcases green initiatives, a day in the life of an employee, fan testimonials, a news section, tickets portion and specials and a welcome from Igaldsky. Fans are encouraged to ask questions that will be answered during the show. Senior Director of Communications Ryan Yanoshak and Director of Media Relations Kevin Heaney serve as hosts with track employees playing a large role.

"The Tricky Chronicles" will be housed on Pocono Raceway's YouTube page. The first webisode debuted in January and can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/poconoraceway>. February's show was recently posted. It includes behind the scenes footage from Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway. To support the series, a page on the Pocono Raceway website has been created that features links to stories and tickets discussed and fan testimonials. That page can be accessed at poconoraceway.com/chronicles.

For ticket sales to this summer's events at the Pocono Raceway, and for more information, go to the website, or call 1-800-RACEWAY.

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Crestwood High School senior McKenna Mera, seated second from left, will continue her academic and soccer careers at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT. Joining her at the signing ceremony at Crestwood are, seated from left: Shawn and Renee Mera, her father and mother, and her sister Jordan. Standing: Jon Kandrick, Crestwood High School athletic director, Mike Bannon, Crestwood athletic trainer, Russ Kile, Lady Comets head coach, Aimee Bono, CHS assistant coach, and Chris Gagaris, Crestwood principal.



This photo we ran in the February 18 issue of the Weatherly Area Girls' Basketball Team was missing a credit. It was taken by John Novotnak of Weatherly.

New app could turn outdoor enthusiasts into citizen-scientists

If you enjoy wildlife, fishing, nature walks, paddle sports, and other streamside activities, Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences now is giving you a chance to parlay those interests into becoming a citizen-scientist by observing and recording environmental and ecosystem changes. The only tool needed is a pencil or smartphone.

First Investigation of Stream Health (FISH), a new activity developed by the college's Agriculture and Environment Center and Penn State Extension, helps nature enthusiasts see how the health of local streams and the habitats around them are changing over time— all while taking part in the outdoor activities they already love.

"FISH is a simple, family-friendly activity that asks easy-to-answer questions about what you see around a stream," said Kristen Kyler, project coordinator with the Agricultural and Environment Center's Lower Susquehanna Initiative. "You can participate using the paper FISH survey...Thanks to a newly developed mobile app, you now also can use your smartphone and an interactive website."

FISH originally was designed to be completed on paper, but environmentally focused app developer Chesapeake Com-

mons, partnered with Penn State to create a smart phone app and website to make data collection smoother and easier. Participants can get started recording data by visiting the FISH website at <http://fishprotocol.org>.

Kyler noted that the free program is useful for landowners with a stream on their property, as well as for concerned citizen-volunteers interested in observing a stream site on public lands, such as community parks. Stream sections most likely to see dramatic change over time are those that recently have been restored, cleared of invasive plants, have had trees planted along the bank, have had livestock fenced out, or have been the focus of other conservation-related projects.

"The real improvements we have seen are in how the protocol has generated enthusiasm in the participants," said FISH project co-coordinator Jennifer Fetter, Penn State Extension watershed and youth development educator. "Landowners are engaged in their stream restoration projects in new ways, which we hope will lead to continued restoration on their (and their neighbors') properties."

FISH was developed with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through two large watershed-focused

grant projects, the Conewago Creek Initiative and Greening the Lower Susquehanna. Input was provided by many partner organizations.

More information about these grant projects can be found online at <http://agsci.psu.edu/aec>.

Sports Brief

Meeting for Coal Region Traveling Basketball

An organizational meeting of the Coal Region Traveling Basketball teams will be held Tuesday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at Marian High School. This will be the sixth year of the club, which is open to all area girls who are currently in grades 6-9 and attend any high school, middle school or elementary school in Carbon, Luzerne or Schuylkill counties. Each girl that is interested in playing must have a representative at the meeting so that rosters can be set. Fees will be collected at this meeting.

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