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Penn Forest Twp. Garbage account shortage investigated; prevention measures adopted

by Seth Isenberg

A small crowd at Penn Forest Township supervisors April 4 meeting was rewarded by a

short business-filled meeting, and a thorough discussion of the garbage account.

Winning bidder Custom

Contracting was planning to start work on Phase II of the township park, weather permitting, on April 11. Supervi-

sors' chairman Butch Reinert reports that the detention basin at the park that doesn't perc will be dug up and fixed,

using township crews and equipment.

A motion was made for the trade-in of two township trucks and the purchase of a new one, with \$25,038 in trade-in proceeds, and approved 4-0. Supervisor Judy Knappenberger was absent.

The Park & Recreation Board met for its first meeting in 2016, reorganized, and got down to business, shared supervisor Phil Shedaker. They had "a very good meeting," with good ideas. Their second meeting was April 18, and next on May 16. The board is trying to get heads of the area's sporting organizations to attend so that it can plan for 2017.

The park itself is open again for the year, as of April 4.

Supervisors, having had no response to calls to the Jim Thorpe School District about the representative they are supposed to send to the Park & Recreation Board, will send a letter drafted by township solicitor Tom Nanovic insisting they send someone.

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CCED opens satellite office in Albrightsville

The Carbon Chamber and Economic Development Corporation celebrated the addition of a satellite office in Albrightsville at Mauch Chunk Trust Co. office in Pine Point Plaza on Monday, April 18. The office space is the result of a partnership between CCEDC and Mauch Chunk Trust Co.

"We are very excited to serve the Northern Tier of Carbon County utilizing the office space for committee gatherings and one-on-one membership meetings," said Marlyn Kissner, Executive Vice President, Carbon Chamber and Economic Development. "We understand the importance of connecting with all of the businesses throughout the County and we thank Mauch Chunk Trust and PenTeleData for their partnership and support in making this happen."

Patrick Reilly, President and CEO of Mauch Chunk Trust Company stated, "The role the CCEDC plays in the county is vital and we are pleased

to make this space available for them to expand their efforts into the northern region."

The office will follow MCT bank hours and encourag-

es businesses to stop by or make an appointment for assistance. For information visit www.carboncountychamber.org.



Shown from left are Marlyn Kissner, Executive Director of the CCEDC; State Rep. Doyle Hefley; Carbon County Commissioner Tom Gerhard; Kidder Township Supervisors Chairman Thomas Bradley; Carbon County Commissioner Wayne Nothstein; Patrick Reilly, President of Mauch Chunk Trust; Donna Martino, Mauch Chunk Trust Branch Manager; Kathy Henderson, executive director of Economic Development at the CCEDC.

JPK: Seth Isenberg

Paws for Pet Emergency Response

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Carbon County Animal Response Team had Kidder Township supervisors pause to consider intriguing pet emergency response options during the March 17 meeting. Pets could soon breathe a bit

easier as plans to approach area fire companies including Lake Harmony and Albrightsville with pet oxygen masks and training are in the works.

Since 2004, Pennsylvania State Animal Response Teams across the common-

wealth have assisted in rescuing furry friends and livestock in emergency situations such as fires, flooding and vehicle accidents. Prompted by primary responders, these trained volunteers are deployed by 9-1-1 control centers with equipment used to extract, as well as directives from veterinarians to treat or transport animals.

"We would like never to have to respond," PSART Executive Director Joel Hersh later commented emphasizing the

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importance of preparation in emergency situations.

"Small domestic animals to large livestock are part of your family," he said, adding, "You should be prepared for emergencies."

Preparations ranging from

a "go bag" containing medications and health records, to a plan in place if a family is displaced all are measures to be considered. Should sanctuary be needed, CART helps with housing, even setting up an emergency shelter that welcomes pets close by.

Fundraising efforts to purchase the \$70 kits in various shapes and sizes to meet

the needs of different breeds continue. Donors can select which county they would like to support by indicating in the comment section while donating online at pasart.us.

Supervisors Thomas Bradley, Thomas LaFond, Bruce Berger, Frank Pieri and Barbara Franzosa along with Business Manager Lisa Klem, Township Secretary/Treasurer Suzanne Brooks, solicitor Dan Miscavige and approximately 20 members of the public were present at the meeting.

Kidder Township's next regular meeting is planned for 7 p.m. April 21 with a May 19 date set for next month at the Township Municipal Building on State Route 1003 in Lake Harmony.

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Rehearsals will be few and will be announced to fit the casts' schedule. For your au-

dition, you may sing a cappella, bring your own accompanist, or the theatre will have an accompanist available. You may pick a song from any Broadway Show to sing as a solo, duet, or perform instrumentally. There will be a final number for the entire cast to perform. If you are interested in helping with this program, please call 215-285-7882.

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Attorney Nanovic also read into the record a statement explaining actions about actions that shorted the township of \$1,625 from garbage bills. When discovered, staff found 38 garbage accounts that had been made inactive, or had voided bills—totaling the above figure. Solicitor Nanovic was directed to contact PA State Police, and they started an investigation. The result of that investigation is that PSP and the Carbon County District Attorney's Office "determined there was not sufficient evidence to bring criminal charges against any person."

Nanovic's statements notes "disappointment" with this outcome, but satisfaction that both the PSP and County D.A.'s office did everything they could to help in recovering this money and holding those responsible to account. The person(s) who are suspected of doing this is/are no longer working for the township. Without additional information, the matter will be closed.

It was also noted that the township's insurance has a higher deductible than the loss, so there was no help there.

Nanovic ended by stating that systems are in place to deter this from happening—and to identify the person responsible if it does. In

addition to passwords and individual I.D.s for system users, a new policy is in place that no garbage account can be made inactive and no invoice voided without an explanation as to why. He thanked the office staff for their quick work once the problem was identified—especially with all the checking of all the accounts to find the total unaccounted for. He also thanked State Police and the DA's staff for their help in this matter.

Code officer Kathryn Forry presented her report, showing busier permit activity in March. She issued 28 zoning, 10 building and 5 sewer permits; 17 zoning certificates of occupancy plus 12 for buildings. There were 41 zoning, 41 UCC and 27 septic inspections. There is also one new zoning complaint to investigate. Forry also reported that the property at 127 North Shore Drive in Indian Mountain that suffered a fire is now cleaned up "and in good repair." Supervisors voted 4-0 to refund fire escrow funds of \$10,720.

There were 12 right-to-know requests filled in March,

and 23 zoning and septic info requests taken care of.

The long process of organizing electronics recycling was rewarded with a contract to host an event on Saturday, July 16, at the Transfer Station. The township will provide extra staff to direct traffic that day. The Transfer Station brought in \$679 in bulk items in March. Garbage permits sold total \$244,144 for '15-'16.

Members of Towamensing Trails, Beltzville Lake Estates, and Indian Mountain Lake all were approved for exemptions to the township's garbage permit fees, since these associations handle garbage on their own.

Treasurer Tammy McMahon's report showed \$2,476,706 in the township's general fund, \$719,277 in sanitation, \$311,790 in Liquid Fuels, \$244,152 in septic, \$134,346 in capital reserve, \$30,630 in payroll, \$9,209 in SALDO, plus \$2,083,860 in Parks & Recreation, for a total of \$6,009,970. There's \$1,030,591 in the PLGIT and \$308,066 in the JTNB CDs. Supervisors approved the treasurer's report.

March's bills were \$75,620 from the general fund. \$30,000 was paid to Penn Forest VFC#2. Bills of note are quarterly payments to the two Penn Forest Township Volunteer Fire Companies of \$13,750 each, \$10,720 as a release of fire escrow funds, payroll liabilities to the U.S. Treasury totaled \$2,662 and \$2,607 and \$2,160, a total of \$5,432 for four bills to Barry Isett & Assoc. (BIA) for engineering and professional services, \$4,620 to Pine Ridge Services for winter roads maintenance, \$4,088 to Nanovic Law Offices, \$3,907 to the PA Workers Insurance Fund, EIT commission to Berkheimer of \$2,384, \$1,796

to Carbon County for 911 services, \$1,702 for staff's health and vision insurance to Highmark, \$1,047 to PPL for electric, \$1,000 to the Jim Thorpe Rotary Club for their 2016 summer recreation program, \$779 to WEX Bank for vehicle fuel, plus 20 other smaller bills.

BIA earned \$3,736 for professional work for the township park project from the Parks/Rec fund, and another \$1,276 in septic inspection work from that fund. From Sanitation, \$13,964 went to wages and \$1,702 to Highmark for health and vision, \$11,597 was paid to Waste Management for garbage

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hauling, of a total of \$28,588.

American Rock Salt was paid \$8,288 for loads of salt, the Ford CF-8000 needed \$4,011 in repairs on its lift cylinder, and there were \$1,6019 in repairs to the other two township trucks – all paid to

Kovatch Ford. Wyoming Electric was called to service the traffic lights – they were stuck – for \$620. Locust Ridge Quarry sent a load of anti-skid, for \$408. These were drawn from the Liquid Fuels fund.

Press members, supervisors Reiner, Shedaker, and four staff far outnumbered the seven citizens who took the time to attend. The next reg-

ular meeting of Penn Forest supervisors is Monday, May 2 at 6 p.m. for the work session, with the regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 903.

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tle Mozarts, a curriculum published by Alfred Publishing Company.

The classes are limited to four students per group, or may be taught in private lessons. The lessons focus on rhythm, movement, symbol and note recognition, singing, ear training, music history, and piano instruction.

Mary Kay is currently accepting students of all ages. She is the music director for Salem St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kresgeville.

Mary Kay has a B.S. in Music Education, and has been a member of the National Guild of Piano Teachers since 1997.

She moved to the Poconos from Albany, Georgia in July, 2015 and is excited to establish a teaching studio in the

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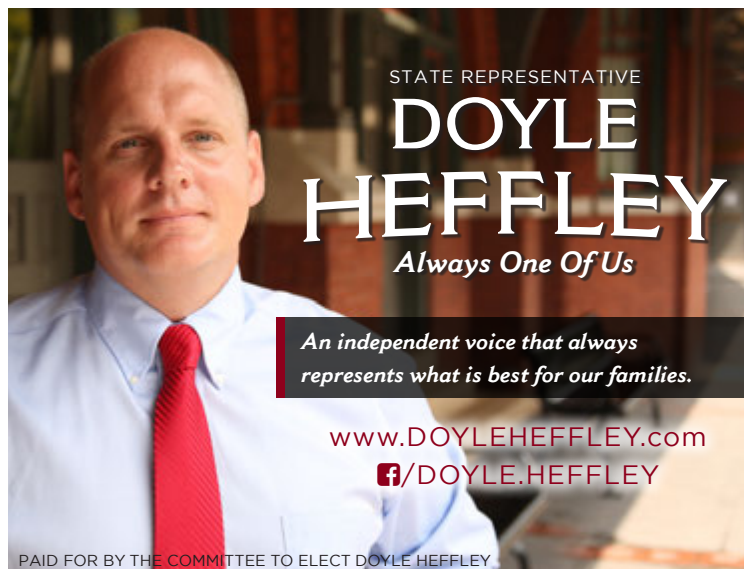
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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Monday was glorious. It was short-sleeve weather, a hint of summer in mid-spring. It was the perfect kind of day to prod flowers back into action after the recent cold snap. Out in front of our office, the white blooming pear tree flowers have opened, and are beginning their beautiful show (and bad smell). In area yards, including my own, cemetery pinks are beginning their flower show. Add a little moisture, and we'll see what else gets started blooming this coming week.

Here and there, some of the hardwood trees have begun to show leaves. I'd like to see this process accelerate so we can enjoy a full six months of trees showing their green. In colder years, we've been lucky to have five months of trees in leaf, and that's counting the foliage time.

Sightings include a lone turkey blocking my drive into Hickory Run State Park on Monday. I turned to go west from Route 903 and a skinny young tom was just moseying across the road without a care in the world. We're also beginning to see a wider variety of birds. Early mornings, you can hear the birdsongs.

The newspapers we print have to accommodate changes at the printing press we use. The Journal-Herald needed to adjust its size to avoid a long press stop for a change of paper. Its new smaller height is because of the other newspapers in line ahead of us and behind us. We used to print the Journal of the Pocono Plateau right afterwards, but have moved it to Thursday to keep its size. This means a change in our entire system, and those changes are still

too new to comment, but so far, so good.

Our hockey fix on Saturday had us cheering at home a close game that the local Penguins lost. The home hockey team now goes into playoffs Wednesday and Thursday, the 20th and 21st in Wilkes-Barre. After that, there are three games over the weekend in Providence. If things go well, we'll be looking for more home games against our next opponent starting later next week.

I covered a lot of miles doing some outside sales this week. The only day we didn't work was Sunday, when we had a chance to head to New Jersey

to visit my Uncle Slater. We celebrated his 91st. Around his home in Mt. Olive, there are lots of blooming trees so we enjoyed the bonus of the blooms. We treated ourselves to a tankful of gas at \$1.87.9. Since the oil barons of OPEC failed to agree, gas prices should start coming down.

Happy Passover to all who celebrate. The holiday starts on Friday night, the 22nd.

This weekend, we have a booth at the Home, Business and Outdoors Expo in the events center at Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony. I will be working the booth on Sunday – so come visit me. As a side note, there's no toll

to drive in right now – so use a coupon from this paper and come enjoy (and, Bring an item for appraisal by Dr. Lori).

Ruth and I are looking to go cheer the playoff-bound and undefeated (5-0) Lehigh Valley SteelHawks indoor football team for their home contest against the Central Penn Capitals on Saturday night, April 30, at the PPL Center in Allentown. We are gathering a group.

There are just two weekends to go until Knoebels opening for weekends. We plan to visit on May 1 to celebrate.

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knows the most tricks, biggest dog, and smallest dog.

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Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Kyle Heim, 34, of Kunkletown, fled PA State Police – Fern Ridge troopers who tried to make a traffic stop on the stolen black Ford 150 crew cab pickup that he was driving at 4:20 p.m. on 4-3. He drove off and a pursuit began, which

included crashing into a police cruiser before pursuit was ended. Since then, Heim committed multiple armed robberies and thefts throughout Carbon and Monroe Counties. He was seen driving the truck in Penn Forest Township, so on 4-11, a search was started for Heim by a combined force including PSP-F, Lehighton and Swiftwater troopers. About 2:30 p.m., Heim was located on Sycamore Circle in Indian Mountain Lake, Penn Forest Twp. and arrested by troopers from PSP-Lehighton. Heim will face charges of aggravated assault on a police officer, vehicle theft, reckless endangering, armed robbery, and much more.

Also on April 4, State Police Commissioner Tyree C. Blocker announced promotions of 13 PSP officers. Among them is David E. Relph of Green-

town, Pike County, who is promoted to major and assigned to be the director of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He had served as the director of the Special Investigations Division within that bureau. Major Relph enlisted in the PSP in 1985. Upon graduation from the academy, he was assigned to Troop N, Lehighton, and as he progressed, he served in Troops R, P, S and M and the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He was promoted to corporal in 1992, sergeant in 1993, lieutenant in 2008 and captain in 2011.

PSP-Troop N-Hazleton announced that April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. In support of the “U Drive. U Text. U Pay” campaign, PSP will be on the lookout for distracted drivers throughout the month. In 2014, an estimated 10% of all crash fatalities and 18% of all crash injuries involved distracted drivers (source US DOT/NHTSA). “It’s not that complicated: If you text and

drive, we will see you, pull you over, and fine you.”

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PSP-F’s reports these last few weeks include careless driving, a couple of rear-enders on Route 209, and an NYC driver who skidded his car off Interstate 80 – ending up in the trees (but was unhurt).

There were surprisingly moderate injuries to two drivers when a 62 y/o Blakeslee-area man tried to pass another car in his ’99 Jeep at 6:20 a.m. on 4-4 while southbound on Route 115 in Tunkhannock Twp., but ended up running head-on into an oncoming Nissan sedan driven by a 39 y/o Effort man. The crash sent both to the hospital, and closed Route 115 in both directions for about two hours.

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The Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department is investigating the cause of a crash by a 24 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. man who was speeding

his Ford Mustang southbound along Route 196 at 11 a.m. on 4-8 when he lost control and the car went off the right side the road. It became airborne and came down in the 196 Auto Mall lot, crashing into six cars for sale there. The driver was extracted by the Cool-

baugh Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. and with PMR EMS's help, taken to a helicopter landing site to be flown to LVMC's trauma unit for care.

On 4-10 just before 8 p.m., a 20 y/o Saylorsburg woman dropped her water bottle under her feet and it rolled under the brake pedal. As she reached for it, she veered her '01 Chevy Malibu right off Kennel Road east of Brodheadsville, and down a small embankment. She was able to steer the car back to the road, but clipped the pavement and that caused the car to roll fully over before it came to rest

on the roadway. She had her lap and seat belts on, but was hurt. She was taken by ambulance to Pocono Medical Center by West End EMS. She did not receive a ticket, but did get a warning.

The Penn-Kidder Area is Not HIGH Enough for some

PSP-F arrested a 22 y/o Brentwood, NY man who was seen driving his vehicle unsafely along Route 903 in Kidder Twp. near the Penn-Kidder schools by a PSP-F trooper at 12:22 a.m. on 3-25. A traffic stop was made, and troopers found the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and taken to PSP-F's barracks for a breath test. DUI and associated charges are filed at District Judge Joe Homanko's office in Weatherly.

Stealin'

Two 20-30 y/o men are suspects in the use of a counterfeit debit card that was used to make an ATM withdrawal from the Stroud Mall on 3-14 of \$402.50, and then four more charges the next evening at the Lehigh Valley Walmart of just over \$100 – all within 5 minutes. A 45 y/o Albrightsville man is the victim. PSP-F has surveillance photos of the suspects. Anyone with information is asked to contact PSP-F at 570 646-2271.

PSP is investigating a situation where a 28 y/o granddaughter signed her Sierra View, Effort, based grandmother's name as a co-signer of her student loan. The girl then defaulted, and now the victim is being held responsible for a loan she did not sign for, 3-22.

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"This has grown to be a tremendous event and we are excited to open Pocono Raceway to the community," said Pocono Raceway President & CEO Brandon Igdalsky. "The Red Cross does an incredible job and our staff is thrilled to support this great initiative."

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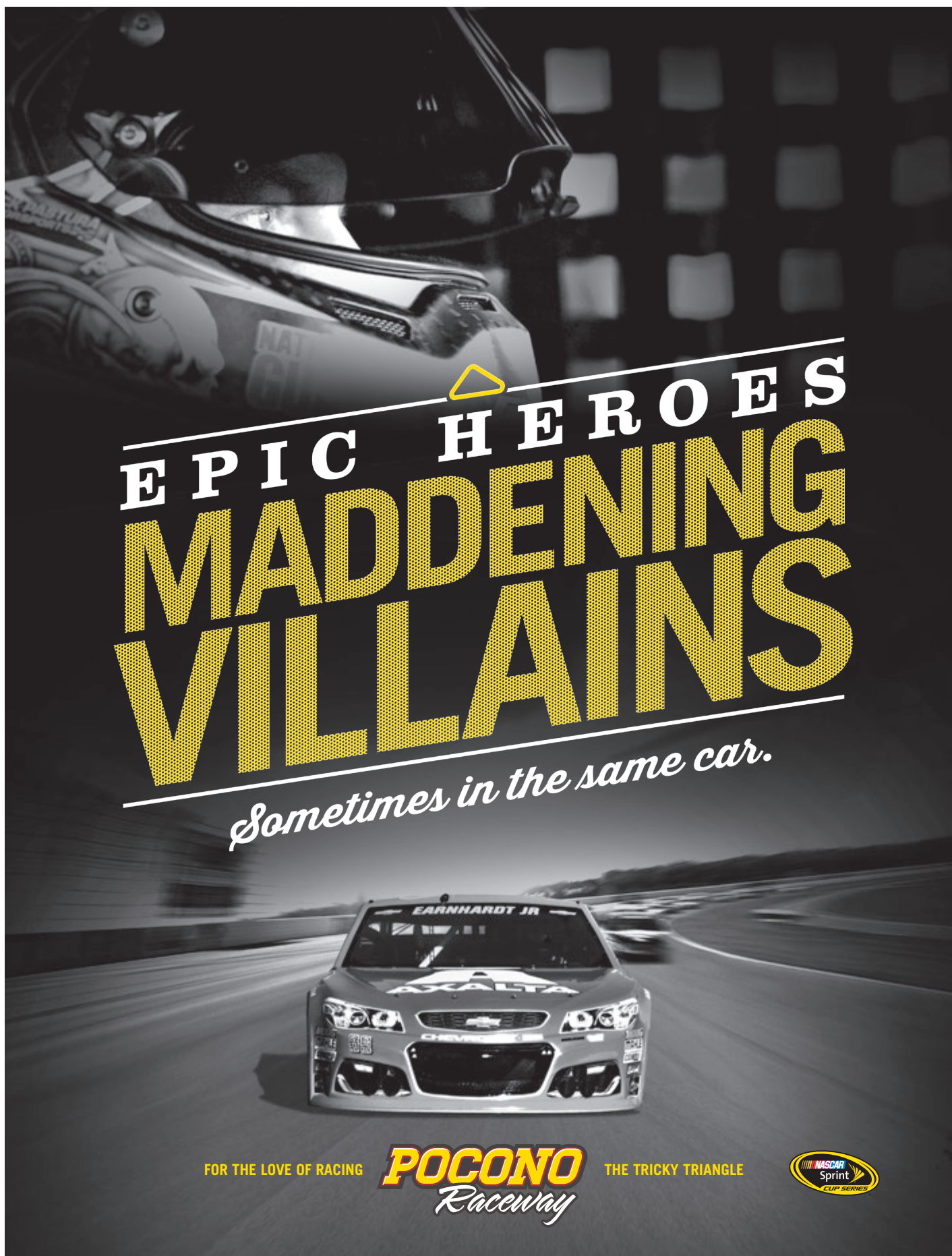
"We are proud to partner with Pocono Raceway again this year to help save lives!" said Beth Toll, External Communications Manager, Northeastern Pennsylvania Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross. "Patients in area hospitals depend on donors every day to give them hope by rolling up their sleeve. You never know when a friend, family member, co-worker or even you will need blood."

Participate in the "Ride for the Red" event and take a lap around Pocono Raceway in your own vehicle for a \$10 per lap donation. Donations benefit the American Red Cross Disaster Fund. A blood donation is not required.

To make an appointment to donate, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visitredcrossblood.org and use Code: POCONO or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in Pennsylvania), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

Pocono Raceway will host seven national motorsports events during the 2016 racing season, including a NASCAR XFINITY Series race for the inaugural time on June 4. The Axalta "We Paint Winners" 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series (NSCS) race is set for June 5, the Pennsylvania 400 NSCS race on July 31 and the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series race on August 21. The Pocono Mountains 150 NASCAR Camping World Truck race is scheduled for July 30 and two ARCA Series Presented by Menards races with General Tire #AnywhereIsPossible 200 on June 3 and the ModSpace 150 on July 29 offered as well.

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