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**WEATHERLY HILLCLIMB SUNDAY** was clear and bright, though windy. More than 90 drivers made the run over the two days. For more pictures, turn to page 20. *JH: Seth Isenberg*



**STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE:** Crestwood High School graduation was held June 10 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre. For photos from graduation ceremonies for Crestwood, Weatherly Area and Marian High Schools, turn to pages 9-12, and find more on Facebook and at [pocononewspapers.com](http://pocononewspapers.com) *JH: Stephanie Grega*

## Packer Supervisors honor memory of Grover Gerhard

by Ruth Isenberg

Packer Township Supervisors remembered former supervisor the late Grover Gerhard, at the June 7 meeting. Supervisors presented his widow Patricia with a plaque reading:

**Grover Gerhard**

*In memory of the many years of commendable service and exemplary dedication to the residents of Packer Township 1989-2015*



From left, Sue Ann Gerhard, Bill Swinesburg, Patricia Gerhard, Larry Suravicz. *JH: Ruth Isenberg*

The meeting opened with complaints about changes County Waste is making to the township's garbage collection system. The company recently distributed new containers to be used for garbage instead of bags or other containers. According to residents at the meeting, the company has said that it will no longer pick up bags.

Supervisors made it clear

the new rules came from County Waste, and not from Packer Township. Supervisor Larry Suravicz urged people to give the new system a chance, but also noted that the township has a contract, and in his opinion will have to pick up bags that are left out.

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# Editorial

## Good signs

by Ruth Isenberg

It's good to see the new D&L Trail signs on Berwick Street in White Haven. They are part of a package that was promised to the borough over 20 years ago. Their purpose is to alert drivers to hikers and bikers on Main Street where the D&L Trail crosses the busy Route 940 intersection.

It's also good to see the Pedestrian Cross Walk stanchion and sign out on Berwick Street. The need for this sign reflects the increase in visitors we've seen over recent months, a healthy sign for the local economy.

Getting traffic to slow down through the borough will help keep those visitors, and our own residents, healthy at the same time.

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# From the Archives

From *The Weatherly Herald*,  
June 9, 1977

State game protector Clyde Burkholder of Weatherly and his deputy, John Skerchock of Nesquehoning, arrested 22 people last week, and 14 the previous week, for camping on state gamelands – which is prohibited. Each offender was fined \$25, and had to pay \$16 in court costs.

Zion Lutheran Church in Weatherly will host a Hymn Sing on June 26. The ad in the newspaper asks what hymns (you'd) like to sing that evening?

Anthracite Building & Loan Association of Weatherly is offering optional passbook savings at 5.25%, 90-day passbook savings at 5.75% and 1 year Certificate of Deposits at 6.5%.

Saint Nicholas Church in Weatherly hosts a church social every Saturday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. The “refreshment” kitchen is open.

Nick's store is now open at 3 East Main St. in Weatherly, offering newspapers, lottery tickets, cosmetics, gift items, tobacco products, patent medicines, Dairylea ice cream, soda, candy, greeting cards, film & flash bulbs...

“Has the winter taken the best out of your BUG? Don't call an exterminator?”

Call Scotty THE BUG DOCTOR at Church and Susquehanna Streets in White Haven.

Scotty's Auto Parts has parts for all foreign and American cars. Their specialty is VW so let them rebuild your bug for summer driving.”

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Dietrich thanked “all the kind people who remembered us with well-wishes, cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary.”

Village Furniture Mart in Hazleton advertised, suggesting a gift of a BarcaLounge recliner for Fathers Day.

Leonard Enterprises on Vine St. in Hazleton advertised Amana refrigerators and a special with any Radarange microwave oven – a free microwave oven thermometer, browning skillet and cooking grille.

There are photos in this issue of 27 boys and 40 girls who graduated from Weatherly Area High School this month.

From *The Journal-Herald*  
June 20, 1985

Bids for construction of the White Haven Ambulance Association's new building were to be opened on June 18. The building will be built on two lots at the southwest corner of Towanda and Northumberland Streets. “Building blocks” are available for a \$10 contribution. The fund drive has raised just under \$7,000 so far, with a \$30,000 goal.

William Trimmer was appointed during the White Haven Borough council's June 13 meeting to fill the council seat vacated by Ron Law in May. Trimmer was nominated by

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## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

White Haven Borough Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 27, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 312 Main Street, White Haven, Luzerne County, PA to take public input on an amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Streets and Sidewalks, Part 7, Prohibition of Obstruction of Sidewalks by Vendors. These amendments are available for inspection at the Municipal Building and the *Journal Herald* Newspaper. The hearing will be followed by the regular meeting of Council at which time the amendments will be considered for adoption.

**Donald G. Karpowich,**  
Esquire  
White Haven  
Borough Solicitor  
85 Drasher Road  
Drums, PA 18222

6/16

## ALA meeting cancelled

The monthly meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 360 in Weatherly has been cancelled for Monday, June 20. The next meeting will be Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the post home.

## WASD lunch prices rising for 2017

by Donnell Stump

During the May meeting of the Weatherly Area School Board, the board approved a 10¢ per lunch increase. Elementary/middle school lunch prices will be \$2.20, high school student will pay \$2.35, and adults \$3.10. This increase offers a guaranteed profit to the district of \$3,243.75 for the 2016-2017 school year.

The Personnel/Policy Committee discussed changes to the lunch policy. Currently high school students are not allowed to charge a lunch or ala carte items. Administration asked the board to consider extending that policy to middle school. Some board members disagreed with that change suggesting instead the prohibition against charging a lunch be removed from the high school level. As a result of the questions raised, the policy was not presented to the board for reading and was tabled with continued discussion

expected when the Personnel/Policy Committee meets again on August 3 at 6 p.m. before the 7 p.m. caucus meeting.

The Varsity Boys Baseball team parent group sought permission to erect a concession stand at the field. For the past few years, the parents have set up a table and sold refreshments from an uncovered location.

Spokesman Alan Knepper requested that the school give the group permission and asked if they could provide the stone foundation that will be needed. The group is seeking donations from other organizations, individuals and businesses to raise the needed \$2,270 for the purchase of the shed. Electricity will be secured using an extension of the service available at the district garage.

Superintendent Thomas McLaughlin said a property committee meeting would be needed to discuss this project. That meeting was held May 17, and following agreement that the group could seek the financial support needed for the building, the baseball parents are looking for donations.

The committee meeting on May 17 also addressed bus stop safety concerns raised by a parent during the May meeting.

## Letter to the Editor

### To The editor:

I disagree with your editorial saying the Democrat Party's primary was rigged this year. For the entire US primary history after the days of nominations in smoke-filled rooms by the few power brokers involved, the GOP had the exact same system used this year by Democrats, with super-delegates playing a key role in party preservation. Are you saying the GOP's primary system was "rigged" up until 2016?

The ROLE of a Presidential primary is NOT a majority vote on who the Party wants to run for President. The role of a convention is to pick the candidate that can best represent the party in the general election. The 2016 GOP primary system has produced a candidate who has not even gotten 40% of the GOP's base to support him, while 60% of the GOP has, in fact, REJECTED Donald Trump this year! On the other hand, Hillary Clinton has won almost 60% support from Democrat Party primary voters this year. Where does the rigging come in!

You seem to totally misunderstand the ROLE of the super-delegate in primary elections. They are the PARTY's already elected officials. They have the MOST at stake in picking a proper Presidential candidate, since a poor

choice will doom them in their down-ballot elections! This is going to be what happens to the GOP this year in losing the Senate and almost losing the House with Donald Trump as the GOP nominee. Barry Goldwater's nomination in 1964 led to ruinous defeat of the GOP in Senate and House elections back then. I think there is a great chance of a repeat of that for the GOP this year, but that is not just MY opinion. Dozens of GOP elected officials are now fleeing for cover trying to avoid the stain of the bigotry and stupidity of the Trump nomination by 39% of the domination of those "poorly educated" voters Trump says he loves.

It is ironic that the primary system you pillory in your editorial has produced a nominee voted in by 60 per cent of the Democrats and your preferred NON- super-delegate system has produced an absolute disaster who 39% of the GOP voters voted for. I imagine the GOP regrets not having 50% super-delegates to STOP Trump this year. It still could happen if the GOP Establishment can rig their rules before July if Trump keeps up his current campaign of almost Hitlerian exclusion and divisiveness.

**Dave Panckeri**  
Weatherly

Note: The editorial in question was written by a registered Democrat who voted for Bernie.



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# Death Roll

## PHILOMENA KUCHAR

Philomena R. Kuchar, 97 of Weatherly died Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in Heritage Hill Senior Living Community, Weatherly.

A daughter of the late Frank and Filomena Grieco Romano, she was born January 13, 1919 in New Columbus. She was a 1940 graduate of Pennsylvania State University, and during World War II was an instructor at Middletown Air Technical Service Command.

She later worked as a USO director in Texas, New Mexico and Louisiana, before becoming a teacher of Spanish and English at Weatherly Area High School in 1968. She served also as yearbook advisor and in 1978 was named outstanding teacher of the year by the student body. She retired in 1983.

Preceding her in death were her husband, James

Kuchar, in 1992; sisters Donata "Lilly" Romano, brothers Louis, John and Anthony Romano.

Surviving are daughters and sons-in-law Mary and Charles Bickart of Delaware Water Gap, Louise and Glenn Miller of Weatherly; sons and daughters-in-law James and Rachel Kuchar of Freeland, Frank and Marina Kuchar of Weatherly; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; sisters Mary Romano and Amelia Kuchar of Weatherly, nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at noon in Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. Church, Weatherly by the Rev. Floyd Caesar, pastor. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

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## Weatherly joins Council of Governments

by Donnell Stump

During the Weatherly Borough Council meeting on Monday, May 16 in addition to the discussion regarding the Schwab School, council cast a unanimous vote on an ordinance to join the Carbon County Council of Governments. Borough manager Harold Pudliner sees the COG as a way to provide cost sharing and problem solving

for the municipalities that join and participate.

In other business, Council agreed unanimously to advertise for bids for the sale of the 2004 Blazer. They discussed whether to put the truck out for bid or to sell it for scrap. If any bids are received they will be opened during the caucus meeting scheduled for June 15.

Council also authorized the

borough manager to schedule meetings with Packer Township and a committee of council members to discuss the Fire Protection Agreement. Council members Norm Richie, Harold Farrow, Cecelia Gower and George Miller agreed to serve on the committee.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 20 beginning at 7 p.m.

## Packer...

Continued from page 1

Residents were concerned about dragging the containers down long driveways, and damage to them if left close to the road.

Because County Waste accepts recycling, supervisors voted to discontinue to the recycling bins at the park. Cost for the bins had risen from \$100 a month to \$295 month. There was no dissatisfaction with the service from Solomon Brothers.

Supervisors also noted that they had met with the fire protection committee of Weatherly Borough, negotiating the fee for 2016. Suravicz emphasized that the township had to provide fire protection, and that the costs for Citizens Fire Co. hadve risen significantly over the years since the agreement was first put



Frank Shor

in place. A figure has been proposed to the borough for a five-year contract.

Some residents questioned whether the township should look into fire protection from other municipalities. Supervisor Bill Swinesburg said that they were negotiating in good faith with Weatherly, but might go that route if an agreement cannot be reached. Any contracted company must be within a close distance.

Because Code Enforcement Officer Paul Lech has

not been attending meetings, and has not been in communication, supervisors voted to replace him. Frank Shor, a Weatherly resident who worked in the New York City Sherri's Department as an under-deputy sherriif, was appointed to the post.



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## Archives...

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Margaret Reilly, Pete Swerdon was nominated by Ron Fisher, and Patsy Shelhamer was nominated by Ruth Holder – but declined the nomination. Voting for Trimmer were Beaver Hartley, Reilly, and John Topito. Voting for Swerdon were Fisher and Holder.

At this meeting, council authorized the Municipal Authority to seek bank funding for a water project replacing a water main from Berwick St.

to Cherry St. with an 8" line, and installing fire hydrants. The borrowing will cost about \$110,000. Council also offered an abatement of permit fees for the new ambulance building.

Burton Hildebrand of White Haven was appointed to be Third Vice President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Volunteer Firemen's Federation. He succeeds the late Charles Murphy, also of White Haven.

On June 22 and 23, St.

Nicholas Church in Weatherly will hold its annual Summer Fest, rain or shine. There will be food, games and more. Music on Saturday will be Mike Burda's Mid-Point, and on Sunday, All American Country.

Hanna's Ugly Mug offers All-You-Can-Eat specials:

Monday – BBQ Spare Ribs \$5.99; Tuesday and Wednesday – Spaghetti & Meatballs \$3.99; Thursday – Fried Shrimp \$4.99; and Friday – Fried Filet of Haddock or Chicken Cacciatori - \$5.99.

Find Olympic Oil Stain and other Olympic products at Ira Berger & Sons., Walnut & Birbeck Streets, Freeland.

Christopher Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gil Evans of RD1, White Haven, left June 12 for a three-week ski camp in Austria. He will be perfecting his skills in giant slalom racing.

First Half standings of Weatherly Little League were Weatherly Foundry 6-2 (champs), Hazleton National Bank 4-4, Legion 3-5 and Fire

Co. 3-5. The Weatherly Area Girls League softball started their season last week. In White Haven, Melissa Burke drove in the winning run as the White Haven Firemen defeated the Lions 3-2 on June 14. Winning pitcher George Mikitka struck out nine, and hit two doubles.

Rick Hartley was elected president of the White Haven Merchants' Mixed Bowling League for the '85-'86 season. Frank Caravella will be vice president and Mike DeFuso secretary/treasurer.

## Veterans Corner by John Kearns

*Note: Last week due to a misunderstanding I missed the submission deadline, I am sorry to those who enjoy my column. It was not the fault of The Journal-Herald.*

Presidential candidate Donald Trump is facing paid protesters who show up to cause trouble. Through lawlessness and violence, these protesters - organized and financed by professional agitators - move to silence free speech. In cities, the hands of the police are tied by politics. More chilling, rioters destroy police cars and assault innocent people in front of police officers who have been ordered not to interfere.

In our Nation's capital, police prepared for the worst.

They expected thousands to riot during the appearance of Trump at Rolling Thunder's Washington DC POW/MIA veteran's observance on Memorial Day, but no one showed up to disrupt the proceedings. Protesters had threatened "Trump will never speak." But he did speak - about the veterans' issues and the VA corruption. He walked freely through the crowd, shaking hands. There were none of the anti-Trump, anti-American protests, so one must ask why?

In California at one event, a mob sporting Sanders and Clinton t-shirts surrounded a defenseless young woman wearing a Trump t-shirt, pushed her around and pelted her with

eggs. Another mob attacked a single Trump supporter leaving that same rally - a thrown bottle bloodying his face and shirt. Someone also sneaked up behind a man walking peacefully away and split his head open with rocks. Protesters jumped on police cars roofs, breaking the windows. And sadly, the police stood by ordered not to act as the crime and carnage continued.

In stark contrast, no protesters showed up to attack any veterans and Rolling Thunder members in DC. I guess it's different when you're facing veterans who fought for freedom of speech and the right to choose, and who have defended the flag these protesters have been burning. I think

they were afraid the police could not protect them from thousands of veterans who would stand up to them and protect their rights at a Memorial Day Service.

Many say this election will decide the fate of our rights and freedoms as a free nation, and sadly they may be right. What can you believe any more when campaigns are based on lies? Calculated lies are a political means of electing the unelectable.

When a candidate lies to voters now, it's accepted by most. When a candidate brings out the truth, they are attacked by people who don't want bad news. Voters deserve the truth about our country's future, and most

of all, want our nation to remain one of citizens, not subjects. Tyrannical government of establishment political family rulers is fast approaching.

In defining our bill of Rights, Thomas Jefferson said, "Leave no authority existing not responsible to the people." Meaning no one person in our nation is above the rights and wishes of the people. Washington DC's lawmakers are trying to take that from us. It is time for some new faces to lead us to a promising future, not an establishment political party we all must bow to and blindly follow. We are still a strong and free people, it's time we show the politicians who put them there.



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# Main Street sidewalk sales a possibility in White Haven

by Ruth Isenberg

White Haven may be more welcoming of sidewalk sales if an ordinance amendment discussed at the May 23 council meeting is adopted. The measure presented by solicitor Don Karpowich would allow sidewalk sales and outdoor eating areas, as long as a 3' clear path is maintained, and all Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines are met.

As presented, the ordinance called for all equipment to be taken inside at night, or after the business closes. Some council members felt that was contrary to what council intended, and would be counterproductive. Council member Tim Janosco said that council's intent was "to

accommodate merchants in White Haven." Council member Bob Lamson suggested eliminating that provision.

Council voted to hold a public hearing on the amendment at the beginning of the June 27 council meeting. Council member Clyde Morrison voted no.

A proposal to hold a Memorial Day parade was scrapped for 2016 because of insufficient planning time. There was much enthusiasm for the idea of the return of a Memorial Day parade, however, and Janosco was appointed to head a committee of community organizations and the borough to plan for 2017.

Engineer Don Totino reported that the Hemlock Street Park grant from DCNR was in place. The contractor was given notice to proceed beginning June 6, with 60 days to complete the job.

Bids will be sought for the repairs to the municipal building roof, to be awarded at the July meeting. An option for a rubber roof was included.

A storm drainage issue by PNC Bank is under study. A crushed line Should be replaced, but it may be possible to alleviate the situation with



**TICKETS ARE BEING ISSUED to owners of illegally parked vehicles on Main Street in White Haven.**

JH: Seth Isenberg

an inlet box. Borough manager Linda Szoke noted that storm water pipes all over the borough are deteriorating, and they borough should look for grants to rehabilitate the system.

Council approved the concept of a town-wide yard sale in the borough on Labor Day weekend. Residents would pay \$5 to register and be included in advertising and maps. Ambulance volunteers

will sell ads to go on the map as a fundraiser. People from out of town will be able to set up at Lehigh Park for a fee. The first year, the sale may only be official on Saturday.

PA Rep. Gerald Mullery will hold office hours in the borough on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

\$54,135.90 was received from tax collector Kathy Oross.

Police Chief Tom Szoke reported that the Main Street cameras have been installed, and tickets are being issued for vehicles parked on Main Street in violation of the parking ordinance.

Present were council members Charlie Best, Janosco, John Klem, Lamson and Morrison; Joe Knowles and Rose Swerdon were absent. The next meeting is Monday, June 27, at 7 p.m.

## WAHSAA board to meet

A board of directors meeting of the Weatherly Area High School Alumni Association will be held today, Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Spring Street.

All general members are encouraged and invited to attend.

## Do not place electronics out for garbage pick up in Weatherly Borough

Weatherly residents are reminded that electronic devices such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, televisions and tablets cannot

be placed out at the curb for garbage pick-up.

Weatherly borough will be holding an electronic recycling day on June 25.

Residents may choose to hold on to electronics until that time.

## VFW Father's Day Breakfast

VFW Post 6615, White Haven, will hold a Father's Day breakfast on June 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The menu consists of eggs (made to order), bacon, sausage,

potatoes, pancakes, French toast, waffles, toast, juice, coffee, and tea.

The meal is all-you-can-eat and the cost is \$8.

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## WHITE HAVEN THIS WEEK

### Thursday, June 16

W.H. Area Senior Citizens Banquet – 5:00 p.m. – St. Patrick's Parish Center

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

### Saturday, June 18

Marine Corps League Detachment. 1039 Block Shoot - 10 a.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615

### Sunday, June 19

Fathers Day

Fathers Day Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615

Marine Corps League Detachment 1039 Meeting – 1:30 p.m. – V.F.W. Post 6615

W.H. Area Historical Society Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – For Lo-

cation Call 570-443-7507

### Monday, June 20

Summer Solstice

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

### Tuesday, June 21

W.H. Borough Planning Commission Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – 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 First & Third Tuesday Except Holidays

Yarn Club – 10:00 a.m. to Noon – 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

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## WEATHERLY THIS WEEK

**Thursday, June 16**  
Tweedle Park & Playground Association  
Meeting – 7:00 p.m. - Park

**Friday, June 17**  
Scrabble Club –10:00 a.m. – Zions Lu-  
theran Church Annex

**Saturday, June 18**  
Diabetes Memorial Walk - Check In  
8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Walk 9:00 a.m. -  
Tweedle Park

**Sunday, June 19**  
Fathers Day

**Monday, June 20**  
Summer Solstice  
Weatherly Borough Council Meeting –  
7:00 p.m. – Municipal Building

### Thursday, June 23

Senior Citizens Friendship Club Picnic  
– 1:00 p.m. – Eurana Park  
Weatherly Rotary Club Dinner Meeting  
– 6:30 p.m. – Weatherly Country Inn  
Weatherly Lions Club Meeting – 7:00  
p.m. – Borough Building  
Bingo Night –7:00 p.m. (Doors open at  
6:00 p.m.) – Tweedle Park

### Every Thursday

State Representative Doyle Heffley  
Outreach Office – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00  
p.m. – Weatherly Borough Building  
Summer Dance – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. –  
Eurana Park Pavilion

### Weatherly Museum Hours

Thursday 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
& by Appointment

## Senior Menu

### Week of June 20:

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Tuesday: Vegetable soup, baked fish, macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, cookie.  
Wednesday: Chicken fajita salad, corn salad, tortilla chips, rice pudding.  
Thursday: Yankee pot roast, mashed potatoes, roll, cookie.  
Friday: Chicken almandine, boiled potatoes, green beans, roll, peaches & berries.

## Weatherly Hillclimb fun!

by Stephanie Grega

Weatherly Hillclimb weekend started  
this past Friday with a parade of cars in  
downtown Weatherly. Saturday and Sun-  
day, racing took place from 9 a.m. – 4  
p.m. 85 cars were pre-registered.

A spectacular fireworks display was  
held downtown at dusk on Saturday.

There were also tons of community  
yard sales, which took place in town  
throughout the weekend.



From left are Fred Grant- Assistant Manager of DBi Services (co-sponsor); Joe  
Cyburt- Weatherly Hillclimb Association president and Weatherly Borough Coun-  
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# AUCTION

## Saturday, June 25

## Eurana Park Pavilion, Weatherly

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# Crestwood Graduation

The Crestwood High School Class of 2016 graduated on June 10 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes Barre.



Members of the Crestwood High School Chorus sang the Alma Mater.

*Photos by Stephanie Grega*



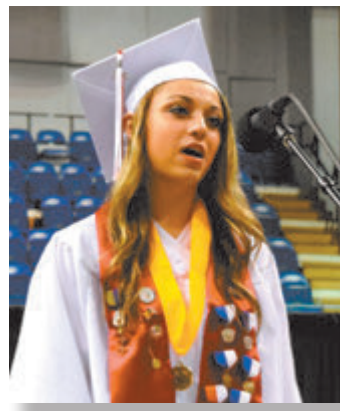
Alexandra Ayers, Vice president of the Class of 2016, gives Welcome Remarks.



Alice Novatnak sings "Every Heart."



Kyle Lisicki, president of the class of 2016, gives Remarks.



Joanne Monfiletto sings "This is the Moment."



Christa Filbert, Jill Lehman, and Skyler Dixon happily hold up their diplomas after graduation.





# Weatherly Graduation

The Weatherly Area High School Class of 2016 included, Shelby Berger, Dillon Bizarre, Cyan Botch, Tharon Brewer, Trent Dempsey, Joshua Donish, Kevin Dougherty, Dustin Dugon, Luke Figas, Julya Generoso, Joseph Genetti, Ronald Gerhart, Jacquelyn Gillot, Ciana Gomez, Maria Graaf, Casey Grover, Chester Gunderson.

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Morgan Mengle, Meghan Moon, Joshua Naegele, Samantha Neikum, Michael Nemshick, Ashley Nunez, Lee Nyer, Kyle Osifat.

Additional members of the WAHS graduating class are, Ally Parker, Summer Peck, Shai'anne Perkins, Patrick Pierce, Tori Rhodes, Shelby Schlauch, Ryan Sedlack, Katlyn Sernak, Eric Shellock, Frank Shor, Ericka Shuman, Jacob Sirkot, Andrew Solonoski, Jake Stover, Thomas Suveg, Cyrick Thomas, Allyson Watkins, Olivia Winheld, Nikolas Wolf and Aaron Zullick.



And following those presentations, with diplomas in hand, they toss their caps in the air in salute and celebration.

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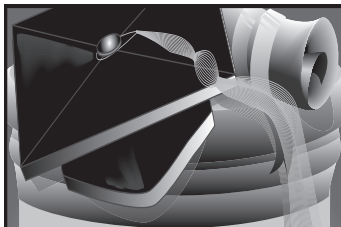


Pictured from left to right, Weatherly Area School District Superintendent Thomas McLaughlin; WAHS Principal Amanda Zaremba; Valedictorian Shelby Berger; Salutatorian Olivia Winheld; School Board Vice-President Amy Potsko; and Guest Speaker Mark Murrello take a moment for the press before the Friday, June 3 Commencement exercises for the WAHS Class of 2016.

## Weatherly Graduation



WAHS seniors listen as the high school chorus performs "And So It Goes," during the 128th Annual Commencement of Weatherly Area High School.




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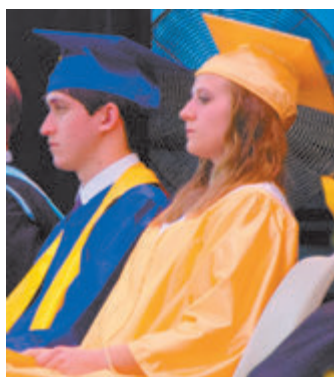


# Marian High School Graduation



The Marian Catholic High School Graduation was held on June 3 in the auditorium of the school in Hometown. From left are Director of Development Sue Ann Gerhard, Director of Student Services Justin Hackenberg, Valadictorian Kaitlin Kowker, Saludictorian Connor Dodson, and Principal Sister Bernard Agnes.

Photos by Stephanie Grega



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# Coming Events

**JUNE 18, Saturday** – Diabetes Memorial Walk at Tweedle Park, Weatherly

**JUNE 18, Saturday** – Block Shoot, sponsored by Marine Corps League Det.1039, White Haven

**JUNE 18, Saturday** – Wyoming Pipe & Drum Band Performance, sponsored Conyngham Valley Historical Society

**JUNE 19, Sunday** – Fathers Day Breakfast, sponsored by V.F.W. Post 6615, White Haven

**JUNE 24 & 25, Friday & Saturday** – Tricky Tray & Art Auction, sponsored by Weatherly Area Community Library at Eurana Park, with Bake Sale by Salem U.C.C.

**JUNE 24 & 25, Friday & Saturday** – Tweedle Park Days, Weatherly

**JUNE 25, Saturday** – Electronic Recycling sponsored by Weatherly Borough, & Tire Recycling sponsored by Weatherly Lions Club

**JUNE 25, Saturday** – Talent & Art Show sponsored by White Haven River Rats, at the Presbyterian Church

**JUNE 26, Sunday** – Free Summer Concert, sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee (also July 24, August 28, September 11)

**JULY 1, Friday** – Clothing Giveaway, sponsored by Freeland Presbyterian Church

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

**JULY 3, Sunday** – Breakfast, sponsored by Albrightsville Fire Company

**JULY 8, Friday** – Unbaked Pizza Sale, sponsored by Centenary United Methodist Church, Weatherly (Order deadline July 3)

**JULY 8-10, Friday-Sunday** – St. Patrick's Church Festival, White Haven

# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Saturday morning, we took a ride with Chess, our spoiled rotten English pointer, to the grand opening event of the HJP dog park south of Bartonsville. There, we saw the layout while Chess enjoyed the facility. The Blakeslee Rotary Club and Tunkhannock Township are nearing the construction of a dog park off Route 115 in Fern Ridge, so the trip helped that project, too.

Later that day, Ruth and I went to visit my Uncle Slater and take him to the Greek Festival in Randolph, New Jersey. There was wonderful food and live music – a fun evening.

Early Sunday afternoon, as we drove to the Weatherly HillClimb, we were faced with a couple of sawhorses directing us that the road was closed. A young man was wrestling with one of them. We found a place to park and walked back, just in time to watch the wind blow that same sawhorse 4 feet back. Now we understood the young man's action. After our visit, we walked back and found the sawhorse upside down so the wind would no long affect it.

The HillClimb is a fun event for racing and sports car fans. We saw all kinds of modern and antique race cars at the starting line, and as they raced their way up hill on the first leg of their timed run. There was also some good food – offered by local organizations. We supported several of these stands.

I've seen a number of turkey in my travels, including a rather irritated hen that had positioned herself along the state road north of Timber Trails in Pocono Pines. She was mad at the world, especially with any car that dared to by her, including my own. When I saw her, she was just flapping one wing. It appeared to be the turkey equivalent of an obscene gesture.

Sunday afternoon, after we visited Heckman's Orchard in



Effort to buy some fresh strawberries, I sighted a turkey with her chicks crossing Sugar Hollow Road. Earlier in the week, I sighted a bald eagle doing an over-flight of businesses on Route 6 in Hawley near Lake Wallenpaupack.

A reader adds this photo of a bear that had visited his backyard at a home outside of White Haven.

Our Penguins have their names on the Stanley Cup. A bunch of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins' finest have made their way to the big club this year, and now they have won hockey's biggest prize as part of a really awesome hockey team. We heard the win on the radio Sunday evening, in a game that was really exciting. Too bad it wasn't at home in front of Penguins fans, but better to win away than chance getting beat in a game 7.

So with hockey done for the spring, it's official, I only have baseball to follow until college and pro football get going. The

Phillies' pursuit of mediocrity this 2016 season included losing all four games at Washington. Lowlights were a shut out 8-0, and the next day, coughing up a lead in the bottom of the 9th. The Phillies now barely attract over a half a stadium-full of fans to their home games. A few years ago, Ruth wanted to gift me tickets to a Phillies game during the golden years, only to find the building had been sold out right through the season (now there are 20,000 empty seats per game).

This Sunday, we hope to attend a performance of West Side Story by the PA Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University. We are excited about this season's plays, and hope to see most of them. Next week is the big Weatherly Library fundraising tricky tray and art auction event, as well as the awesome Celtic Fling weekend at Mt. Hope – we'll be busy and hope to see many of you at these events.

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# Journal-Herald Sports

## Pens finally get their elusive fourth Stanley Cup

For Pittsburgh Penguins fans like myself, it's been a long wait. Thankfully, that wait is finally over. On Sunday night, the Pens finished off the Sharks in San Jose, 3-1, to capture their fourth Stanley Cup and first since 2009. In fact, Sunday marked the seventh anniversary - to the day - of the Pens' series win over the Detroit Red Wings, the last time they raised Lord Stanley's Cup to end a season.

Following that win seven years ago, most of us felt that our Pens were in the midst of building a dynasty with young stars Sydney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin firing in goals and Marc-Andre Fleury protecting the net. For one reason or another, that never happened. Some key injuries plagued them in some seasons, and less-than-stellar play in others led to six straight exits from the postseason without a championship. Until Sunday.

Thanks to a new coach promoted from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in mid-December (Mike Sullivan) and a renewed sense of urgency, the Penguins played their best hockey after the calendar flipped to 2016. Acquiring forward Phil Kessel was huge, as he had a tremendous postseason. The play of defensemen like Kris Letang and Olli Maatta, and forwards like Bryan Rust and Tom Kuhnhackl was incredible. And Crosby and Malkin were their steady selves throughout much of the playoffs.

But, in my mind, the real hero to this championship story was rookie goaltender Matt Murray. Once the starting goalie with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the AHL, Murray came up huge late in the

season when Fleury suffered a concussion and was forced out of action. Even when Fleury was able to return during the postseason, he was unable to unseat the red-hot Murray. The 22 year-old won 15 playoff games in net, tying a rookie record and powering the Penguins to the Cup. Although Crosby was presented with the Conn Smythe trophy as the playoff MVP, it could have and probably should have gone to Murray.

With their core players all 30 or younger, and with many of their other key players younger still, the Penguins appear to have all the pieces in place to make several more runs at the Cup with this group. That's what they were saying seven years ago, however.

Right now, I'm not worried about what happens next season or seven seasons from now. All I'm thinking is the Cup is back in Pittsburgh, in what I regard as the City of Champi-

ons.

**SAD DAY FOR HOCKEY** - In the midst of a thrilling post-



season and a very competitive Stanley Cup final, hockey sustained a huge loss when "Mr. Hockey" Gordie Howe passed away Friday at the age of 88. The best player to play the game long before Wayne Gretzky or Mario Lemieux became household names, Howe won four Stanley Cups, was a

six-time MVP, and a 23-time All-Star during a career that spanned an amazing four decades. He came out of retirement to play six seasons in the fledgling World Hockey Association, and played a final season in the NHL at the age of 52!

Known as much for his skill as his ability to brawl with the best of them, "Mr. Hockey" was able to play a physical game or one of finesse, and remains the record holder for games and seasons played.

Gretzky, who was dubbed "The Great One" for his play on the ice, grew up idolizing Howe, and said without hesitation, "To me, he's the greatest hockey player who ever played."

## Weatherly UK Soccer Camp

The Weatherly Soccer Parents group is sponsoring a UK Soccer camp for all freshman to senior high students. The camp will run June 20 to June 24 from 4-8 p.m. Each participant will receive a T shirt and soccer ball. Cost for student is \$35.

All upcoming freshmen to senior boys and girls who are interested in attending this years UK Soccer camp can do so by

registering by June 17.

It is on a first come first serve basis with only a few openings left. Payment must be received and registration completed in order to reserve a spot.

Students can register through the Weatherly Soccer parents Facebook page link to UK soccer camp or by calling Lori at 570-427-2499. Payment can be sent to Christine Peiser, 436 First Street Weatherly.

## Mountain Top Youth Soccer Camp

Mountain Top Youth Soccer Camp is being held through July 28 at the Mountain Soccerplex, Church Road, Mountain Top.

Instruction will be provided by Crestwood coaches.

For more information, call Mike at 570-301-2784.

## WVSL season gets under way

The Weatherly Volleyball Summer League got its season under way on a windy Sunday evening at Eurana Park. The following were the opening-day results.

**Set It and Forget It 3, Sam's Spikers 0** - Set It and Forget It swept the opener by scores of 25-15, 25-21 and 25-19.

**Gator Pumpkins 3, SWAT 0**

- The Gator Pumpkins got their season started in dominating fashion with a straight set victory by scores of 25-8, 25-7 and 25-19.

**Set to Kill 3, Crop Dusters 0** - In the nightcap, Set to Kill won three straight by scores of 25-15, 25-20 and 25-22.



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# Wotherspoon returns to S/W-B RailRiders

Crestwood graduate Matt Wotherspoon returned to the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on Sunday, and immediately made an impact. The hard-throwing right hander pitched three-plus innings of one-run ball, picking up his first Triple-A save in the RailRiders' 8-5 win at Columbus. The win completed the RailRiders' three-game series sweep over the Clippers, Cleveland's top farm team and the defending Governors' Cup champion.

Wotherspoon is in his second call-up to the Triple-A team. He also pitched for the RailRiders from May 4-13 before being sent back to Double-A Trenton. In four

## Pro Baseball Roundup

games with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre this season, the former Comets and University of Pittsburgh star has pitched 9.1 innings and owns a 0.96 ERA. He has allowed just one earned run, six hits and one walk while striking out eight. Opponents are batting .176 against him.

During his time at Trenton this season, he has pitched in 12 games, including two starts. He is 2-2 with one save and a 3.89 ERA with the Thunder, allowing 15 earned runs, 23 hits and 15 walks in 34.2 innings. He has fanned 39

and held opponents to a .185 batting average.

**SWEENEY AT EVANSVILLE** - Wotherspoon isn't the only Crestwood grad making a name for himself on the professional level. Former Comet Chris Sweeney is currently an outfielder for the Evansville Otters in the Independent Frontier League.

Sweeney, who starred with Wotherspoon at Crestwood and then at King's College, is in his third season with the Otters. He is batting .241 (19-for-79) this season with

six doubles, four home runs and 17 RBI. The Otters are currently 19-9 atop the West Division of the Frontier League, having won five straight games and eight of their last 10. In two-plus seasons (196 games) at Evansville, Sweeney is hitting .260 with 41 home runs and 121 RBI.

**MORE LOCALS DRAFTED** - A pair of Hazleton Area graduates were drafted on the third day of the Major League Baseball Draft on Saturday. Tony Hernandez, who starred as a pitcher for the Cougars and then played at Lackawanna College and Monroe Community College in New York, was drafted in the 15th round (#458 overall) by the New York Yankees. Then, in the 22nd round (#674 overall), recent HAHS graduate Dante Biasi was selected by the Chicago Cubs. Like Hernandez a left-hander, Biasi is coming off Tommy John surgery and is still weighing his options. He can choose to join the Cubs organization, or honor his verbal commitment to attend Penn State University, where his brother Sal is a pitcher for the Nittany Lions.

Another player drafted was Valley View's Max Kranick, who was taken by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 11th round. Kranick struck out 201 batters in 138-plus innings and lost only one start in his high school career. He helped end Crestwood's baseball playoff run in the District 2 Class 3A semifinals this spring, and is one of the top pitching prospects to come out of Pennsylvania. He also owns a scholarship to the University of Virginia, should he choose to take it.

**FIELD OF DREAMS GAME SUNDAY** - Rain two weekends ago postponed the fourth annual Field of Dreams baseball all-star game. The game, which features the top 20 senior standouts from the Lackawanna League take on their counterparts from the Wyoming Valley Conference, will be made up this Sunday evening, June 19 at 6 p.m. at PNC Field following the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders' home game against Gwinnett.

Crestwood's Tim Kindler, Matt Mickowski and Derek Distasio have been chosen to represent the Comets in the game. Admission for the game is \$5 with a portion of the proceeds going to the Bill Howerston Strikeout Cancer Scholarship Fund.

## Derr's pitching gem leads Weatherly to victory

Seth Derr pitched a no-hitter, striking out 14 batters along the way as Weatherly shut out White Haven 7-0 in Valley Junior Babe Ruth League play last week. Derr had plenty of hitting support from his teammates. Ryan Schertrumpf, Kevin Osifat and Adam Keslicka all doubled to power the Weatherly offense. In addition, Steph Yurchak and Brandon Cann contributed singles.

**Weatherly 14, Freeland 4** - Kevin Osifat and Adam Keslicka each ripped two singles as Weatherly eased past Freeland on Monday. Steph Yurchak doubled and Jeremy Moser was the winning pitcher for Weatherly. Freeland received singles from Charles Everdale, Marke Edne, Eric Swiech and

## Babe Ruth Roundup

Colin VanBlargan.

**White Haven 3, Drums 2** - After falling behind in the eighth inning, White Haven scored two runs in the home half to edge Drums. JJ Rosario doubled to knot the score in the eighth and eventually scored the winning run on Matt Macurak's walk-off single. Brian Keil added two singles for the winners while Macurek struck out nine in seven innings of work on the mound. For Drums, Dustin Rentschler and Bryce Sakusky were solid on the mound combining for 11 strikeouts while Ethan Warner added a single.

## Minor League Roundup

**Sons of Erin 10, Bill's Masonry 3** - Branden Blanyar singled three times to lead Sons of Erin to a victory in Interleague play. Michael Moyer, Sam Schenk, John Radjavitch, Luke Smolinsky and Ben Assad singled twice in the win. Bill's was led by Brooke Lenahan with a double and a single.

**Weatherly Citizen's Fire Company 5, Freeland Eckley Reds 2** - Kelly Reiner doubled twice and drove in a run as Citizen's Fire Co. topped the Eckley Reds in an interleague game. DeAnna Pugh had three hits and Kameron Jacoby chipped in with a base hit for the winners. For the Reds, Edison Macko doubled and singled, Nico Catron doubled and Jacob Barna played solid defense.

## Brumagin, Filchak named lacrosse all-stars

Two Crestwood players were named to the Wyoming Valley Conference Girls Lacrosse All-Star Team in voting by conference coaches. Lady Comets' defender Sam Brumagin was one of four sophomores chosen for the first team. Goalkeeper Julia Filchak, Brumagin's teammate and classmate, was a second-team pick.

Wyoming Seminary junior Kate Romanowski was the conference's Most Valuable Player. Her coach, Catie Kersey was the Coach of the Year. In all, four Wyoming Seminary players and two from Delaware Valley made the first team. Four Tunkhannock players, three from Dallas, and two from Hazleton Area were on the second team.

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# MetroCast distributes \$10K in funds from 5K run

MetroCast Communications announced that it had distributed \$10,000 in proceeds raised from its fifth annual "MetroCast Giving Back 5K Run/Walk," which was held on April 9 at the Summerhill Fire Company in Berwick.

\$8,000 was given to the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital, providing housing, activities, groceries, clothing, counseling and more for the homeless Veteran's in our area.

MetroCast also donated \$1,800 of the funds raised to the Summerhill Fire Company. The Summerhill Fire Company prepared breakfast for all race participants and provided use of their facility for the MetroCast Giving Back 5K Race.

Additional donations were made to the Briar Creek Township Police Department and Berwick Area Ambulance Association who helped in making the 5K possible.

"We'd like to thank the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center for providing health care and aiding in the livelihood of the homeless Veterans within our communities," said Tom Carey, Regional General Manager for MetroCast. "This community event is made possible with the help of numerous organizations such as the Summerhill Fire Company, the Briar Creek Township Police Department, and the Berwick Area Ambulance Association and all of our sponsors and volunteers, as well as all participants. We thank them all for their generous contributions."

Next year's MetroCast Giving Back 5K is scheduled for April 8.



The MetroCast Giving Back 5K Co-Race Directors Doug Alter and Chrissy Carey present a donation of \$1,800 to the Summerhill Fire Company. Pictured from left, Doug Alter (MetroCast), Chrissy Carey (MetroCast), Barry Rothery (Summerhill Fire Company), not pictured Terry Albertson (Summerhill Fire Company).



MetroCast Foundation awards the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital an \$8,000 check from money raised at the April 9, 2016 MetroCast Giving Back 5K. The funds will go to help homeless Veterans through the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital. Pictured from left, Doug Alter (MetroCast), Crystal Arcarese (Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator at the Wilkes-Barre VA Hospital), Chrissy Carey (MetroCast).

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## Mullery lessens penalty for hunters

State Representative Gerald Mullery (D-Luzerne) introduced legislation to significantly lessen the penalty for hunters who forget their license when they go into the woods.

House Bill 2110 would reduce to \$50 the penalty for people who have a hunting license but simply forget to bring it with them. Currently, the code treats hunting without buying a license and hunting but forgetting to bring a

license as the same, with a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$500.

"While it is important for a hunter to have their license on them while in the woods, sometimes human nature gets the best of them and they just forget and leave it either at home or in their vehicle," Mullery said. "My legislation would make the punishment less harsh for forgetfulness, which occasionally happens to people."

## Health & Wellness Center host Speed Camp

The Health & Wellness Center at Hazleton's fitness center will host a five-week Speed Camp from June 27-July 29, (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) from 9-10:30 a.m. The goal of the program is to help junior-high and high school student athletes improve their speed and agility in the off-season.

The program includes pre- and post-testing for speed and agility; individualized instruction

from specially educated exercise physiologists; a variety of indoor and outdoor activities including plyometrics, core strengthening, flexibility, endurance and cone-drill exercises; nutritional and physical fitness education, as well as injury prevention; and an awards ceremony and prizes.

The program cost is \$199 per student; \$180 for returning students. Space is limited. Call 570-501-6750 to register or for more

information. Ask about group pricing.

## Sports Brief

### Comets boys basketball camp next week

The 2016 Crestwood Comets Boys Basketball Camp under the direction of head coach Mark Atherton will be held June 20-24 at Crestwood High School. The morning session is for boys entering third through fifth grade, with grades 6-9 in the afternoon. The camp is open to students outside the Crestwood School District. Cost is \$65 per camper. Applications are still available. For more information, contact coach via e-mail at mark.atherton@csdcomets.org

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