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Here's a special view from the Ferris wheel at the Pocono Mountain Carnival as the sun set over the Pocono Plateau this week. There are two more days for this year's run - today and Saturday - with the Beef Roast and the \$20,000 Grand Prize Drawing Saturday evening. The Carnival grounds are just north of the Route 940 / Route 611 intersection.

Library offers a Cool READtreat

by Jeanine Hofbauer

As summer's heat sizzles Pocono Mountain Public Library director Anne Shinovich shared an invitation to settle in for some air-conditioned options during the Coolbaugh Township meeting on July 19. Reporting over 4,170 visits in June with 106 new patron cards issued and

nearly 150 kids registered for the summer reading program, she noted the "cool" idea is spreading.

Adding libraries throughout the county are sites for the Pokemon Go craze, they also provide indoor amenities including WiFi and family friendly programs, along with of course — books!

Resolution #5-2016 was adopted authorizing the solicitor to file a declaration of taking under the Pennsylvania Eminent Domain Code for portions of properties along Route 196 for the turning lane project at Country Place Drive. Three parcels owned by A Pocono Country Place

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PMSD shares the view

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Eyes squinting are a thing of the past as Pocono Mountain School District opens wide angle opportunities to share stats on the school district starting with the July 20 school board meeting. Acknowledging the Swiftwater Administrative Office campus as a hubspot for training and presentations, directors applauded administration and IT for seeing the potential of new screen technology.

James Lynch of D'Huy Engineering took attention outdoors, dishing the dirt on district fields as East and West High School turf time nears.

Reviewing massive stone removal with photos chronologically illustrating progress at the athletic fields, he reported dates for completion are on track for soon after students get back, with both "substantial" completions the first week of September.

"It was a surprise this year," said business manager Joe Colozza as the board reopened and then approved the 2016-2017 budget. An increase of \$1.7 million in Basic Education State Subsidies, combined with adjustments to expenses, resulted in an addition of \$70,000 to the district

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Pocono Mountain School District makes way for Major Monitor Viewing at Swiftwater Administration Building.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

Tricky Tray on Saturday supports Blakeslee Community Center

Blakeslee Community Center will host a Tricky Tray event this Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. There will be baskets and certificates for local attractions.

A flea market/sale will also be taking place at the Community Center, which is located at the corner of Routes 940 and 115 in Blakeslee.

The Blakeslee Community Center is owned and operated

by the Blakeslee Community Association, a non-profit organization made up of local citizens who seek to bring the community together through various activities and events at their historic center.

The community center building became the center of activity in Blakeslee beginning in the 1920s, and continued for decades thereafter. Over

the last decade the center became underutilized, and fell into disrepair.

In 2009 a reorganization was undertaken, and a new board was elected. Over the last seven years the board has worked to bring the center back into the focus of the Blakeslee Community, as well as to update the building.

blakesleecommunitycenter.tripod.com



FREE PAPER MONTH: Pennsylvania State Senator Mario Scavello, left, presented a Senate Proclamation to *Journal of the Pocono Plateau* publishers Ruth and Seth Isenberg to note the observance of July as *Free Community Paper Month*. Scavello was one of the sponsors of Senate Resolution No. 408, making the designation. The text of resolution appears below. Co-sponsors were Senators Greenleaf, Dinniman, Teplitz, Costa, Argall, Farnese and Folmer. The measure was introduced and adopted June 29, 2016.

A RESOLUTION

Designating the month of July 2016 as "Free Community Paper Month" in Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The statement made by Thomas Jefferson to John Jay in 1786 still rings true today, "Our liberty cannot be guarded but by the freedom of the press, nor that be limited without danger of losing it"; and

WHEREAS, The publishing industry of free community papers and newspapers, made up of both small and large organizations, is an important element in local communities throughout this nation; and

WHEREAS, Collectively, free community newspapers and newspapers disseminate valuable information to more than 50 million homes each week; and

WHEREAS, These hometown publications are the original and enduring hyper local me-

dium, carrying the torch of democracy as the town crier, fixed in print and shared with neighbors free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Free community papers proudly serve the information needs of their communities across this great land, while promoting local commerce, free enterprise and public service; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that recognition be given to these publications, their owners and staff for their continued contributions to the growth and success of local communities; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of July 2016 as "Free Community Paper Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage all residents of the Commonwealth to observe this month by taking time to read, recognize and acknowledge the importance of free community papers.

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fund balance. He explained that although this was "a nominal adjustment," the positive impact the increase and appropriation of fund balance would have on the district's rating, concluding, "That's a positive item."

Rusty Johnson took a moment to welcome Todd Burns to his new role as Executive Director of Human Resources. Just a stone's throw from where he used to go as Prin-

cipal of East High School, he settled in alternate administrative offices at the Swiftwater campus July 1.

Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Robison confirmed receipt of proceeds exceeding \$3 million June 29 from the sale of Coolbaugh Elementary Center to Pocono Services for Families and Children.

Pocono Mountain School District Board of Directors next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 17 at the Swiftwater campus Administration building.

Coolbaugh...

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Property Owners Association and one private property will providing over 10,760 square feet for rights-of-way.

A reserve price of \$12,000 was set for the township's 2004 Peterbilt model 330 truck on Municibid. The truck has nearly 45,100 miles. Supervisor Bill Weimer noted the vehicle is in need of repair to pass state inspection.

Supervisors agreed to pay bills totaling \$96,875.35, from general fund, \$78,446.48; sewer fund, \$9,040.37; and escrow fund, \$9,388.50

Supervisors Weimer, Lynn Kelly, Alma Ruiz-Smith, Juan Adams and Anthony Laman-tia were present along with administrative assistant Erin Masker, solicitor Jerry Hanna and an audience of approximately 20.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. August 2 in the administrative building in Tobyhanna.

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Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps receives two grants

The Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Corps has received two grants to support community programs in Monroe County. A \$50,000 grant from the George T. Walker Charitable Fund of the Lehigh Valley Community Founda-

tion will provide critical support for the Emergency Shelters and a \$24,838 grant from the United Way of Monroe County will provide funding for each of our three emergency support programs, the Feeding Programs (Pantry

and Soup Kitchen), Emergency Shelters, and Emergency Assistance. They are grateful for generosity and commitment of both of these granting organizations to helping those in need in Monroe County.



Pictured from right left to right: Dr. Douglas C. Arnold, Chairman Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Advisory Board, Bernard J. Story, President & CEO Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, and Major James A. Gingrich, Commanding Officer



Pictured from left to right: Ms. Monica Cravotta, Campaign and Fund Distribution Director and Mr. Michael Albert, President & CEO both of the United Way of Monroe County, and Dr. Douglas C. Arnold, Chairman Salvation Army East Stroudsburg Advisory Board and Major James A. Gingrich, Commanding Officer.

Faith Fair and Flea Market in Blakeslee

Faith Lutheran Church in Blakeslee will hold its 20th Annual Faith Fair/ Flea Market on Saturday, August 13, outdoors, rain or shine, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many vendors will be selling new items and there will be tables full of treasures for bargain hunters of all ages.

Coffee, tea and Barb's famous homemade crumb cake will be available for sale in the morning. Be sure to come early so you don't miss out on the delicious baked goods made by the "best bakers" from Faith at our church baked goods table.

Beginning at 11 a.m., enjoy a lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, pierogies, chips, soda and water. Lunch will be available until the food runs out.

While you are at the fair, make sure you buy your Pig Roast Dinner tickets. From 4-6 p.m., we will be holding our pig roast dinner. The menu is roast pork, baked

potato, green beans, apple sauce, roll and a choice of a homemade dessert. Guests may dine in or take out. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4-10. The dinner is held indoors. The facility is air conditioned and accessible to persons with disabilities. Tickets will be available the day of the fair until sold out.

Bring the family for a day of fun and fellowship. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 550 Route 940 Blakeslee one mile east of Blakeslee Corner and six miles west of Pocono Pines next to Matirko Hardware. If using your gps, use the address 550 Route 940 Pocono Lake, PA. For more information about the fair/ flea market or to order pig roast dinner tickets, call 570-646-0309, look on our website: faithlutheranblakeslee.org or like us on Face book at Faith Lutheran Church Blakeslee PA.

Win quilts at Bingo

A Quilt Lovers Bingo, hosted by the Pocono Mt. Quilters' Guild, will take place on August 7 at the Moose Lodge on 705 Stokes Road, East Stroudsburg. All prizes are quilts or quilted items. Doors open at 12, and games start at 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 in advance

and \$30 at the door, which includes admission and cards to play every game. Additional cards, raffle, food, etc. will be available for purchase.

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PMPL August activities announced

Coolbaugh Arts and Music Summerfest

Saturday, August 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Join the Pocono Mountain Public Library and the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association for the 9th Annual Art & Music Summerfest. Bring the whole family for an entire afternoon of music, arts, crafts, treats, museum tours, exhibits, and more! This year's Art & Music Summerfest features musical performances by the Trinity Centennial Band (1 p.m.), Benjamin Kornegay (2 p.m.), and many more. Don't forget to take a look at the paintings in the galleries at the library or look at local history displays at the Historical Association. Everyone is welcome, so bring a lawn chair and your smile for an afternoon of fun. For questions, call PMPL at 570-894-8860 or the CTHA at 570-894-8490.

Don't forget to check out other programs that PMPL offers. All programs require registration unless otherwise noted. To register call 570-894-8860, or sign up at the circ or reference desk.

KIDS' PROGRAMS:

Brian's Magic Show: Wednesday, August 3, 3 p.m. On Your Mark, Get Set, Read! Come and meet Brian for a fun summer show filled with magic, comedy, juggling, puppetry, and story-telling that will astound and delight. You will have a fabulous time. All ages. No registration required.

Kids' Wills Mansion Tour: Saturday, August 6, 1:30 p.m. Meet Miss Sue at the Coolbaugh Historical Museum across from the Library for a fun tour of this exciting mansion donated by Ann Wills to Coolbaugh Township. It is a historic landmark and you will learn fascinating information about this area in the Poconos. Tour is educational and fun. All ages.

Book Mobile: Wednesday, August 8, 12:30 p.m. Come and see the Bookmobile – the library

on wheels- that serves the Monroe County Area of the Poconos. You will learn how this outreach vehicle assists and helps the people in our community. You will be able to tour the bookmobile on the inside. All ages.

Diamond Academy of Dance: Wednesday, August 10, 1:30 p.m. Meet Jamie Farmer who instructs students to perform dances at her academy of dance. Her students will be performing a ballet for us here at the library. All ages.

Take a Hike with Ranger Linda: Thursday, August 11, 1:30 p.m. Meet Miss Sue at the Tobyhanna State Park for an invigorating hike around the lake! We'll meet at the pavilion and Ranger Linda will lead the way from there. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the playground. All ages.

Special Story Hour with Officer Dan Smelas: Tuesday, August 16, 10:30 a.m. We are truly proud to have with us this summer a local hero, our very own Pocono Mt. Regional police officer, Dan Smelas. Dan will read to us and will tell us how the police protect and defend us in our community. He will discuss the bicycle safety and talk about how they use the canine unit to find criminals in our area. All ages. No registration required.

All Aboard Conductor Show with Steve Woyce: Wednesday, August 17, 2 p.m. All aboard with magician Steve Woyce, and his amazing magical mystery caboose show. Come and join PMPL for the party and receive your certificate and gifts at the end of our fun filled summer program.

Science Exploration with Ranger Linda at Tobyhanna State Park: Thursday, August 18, 10:30 a.m. Join PMPL's Miss Sue in Tobyhanna State Park's pavilion by the lake. Ranger Linda will show kids how to explore nature and what creatures we can find in the lake. Dress appro-

priately: water shoes or boots, and rain gear just in case. Bring a bucket or container for water. We can only accommodate 25 kids, so sign up as soon as possible!

Gymnastics with Cara: Saturday, August 20, 1:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to join us at PMPL to see a gymnastic star. Cara will do routines that will amaze you. Plus, Cara will teach you some of her techniques as well. Kids will also make a medal craft to take home from this program.

Lowe's Build and Grow Clinic: Wednesday, August 24, 1:30 p.m. Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse was kind enough to bring one of their clinics to the library. Children participate in building and painting a fun craft with them this summer. This program is limited to 35 children, so please register in advance. There is no waitlist for this program.

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Table Top Time: Tuesday, August 2 and 16, 10 a.m. Join us for fun and games with old and new friends at the Library. When it's hot and sticky out this summer, come and spend some cool time in the library. We'll set

out fun games and activities to choose, like Scrabble, checkers, chess, puzzles, Keva blocks, Q-bitz, coloring pages, Sudoku, crosswords and more. No registration required.

Still Life Art Club: Tuesday, August 9, 10 a.m. Join our Still Life Art Club, where you can strengthen your artistic skills by painting a still life. A still life is an artistic exercise where you paint or draw an arrangement of objects. Bring your own supplies. No Oils or Charcoals. Participants will work from a live still life setup with guidance from artist Bev Abel.

A Liztech Jewelry Workshop: Wednesday, August 10, 1:30 p.m. Join jeweler extraordinaire, Jill Elizabeth, and make your own beaded bracelet using a coiled wire and beads of every imaginable shape and size. All materials will be provided by library. Space is limited. Ages 16 and up.

Make Granulated Wax Candles at PMPL: Monday, August 15, 6 p.m. Join craft artist Susan Field and make your own granulated wax candle. The process is a lot like sand art, adding layers of colored wax to make your own unique design. All materials will be provided by library. Space is limited. Ages 16 and up.

Guitar Workshop: Wednesday, August 17 and 31, 6 p.m. Did you just buy a guitar, but don't know where to get started? Are you having trouble learning chords? If you're a beginning guitar player, bring your guitar (preferably acoustic) and join Joe for an overview of the minor pentatonic scale and power chords, which transcend all musical genres. They're found in blues, jazz, rock, punk, metal, funk, and hip hop. Ages 12 and up.

Watercolors Painting Workshop with Nancy Pitcher: Monday, August 22, 5:30 p.m.; and August 31, 2 p.m. Join artist, Nancy Pitcher for a class in beginning watercolor techniques. All supplies will be provided by the library. Space is limited. Ages 16 and up.

Meditation to Quiet the Mind: Thursday, August 25, 10:30 a.m. Join Ananda certified meditation instructor, Bev Abel, for meditation classes to help you de-stress and relieve tension. Learn techniques to begin feeling more centered and calm. Meditation creates space in the body and mind to make you more relaxed and at peace. Participants do not need any equipment or prior training, and we will use chairs for seated meditation.

Biggest Winner Challenge is back

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-third of U.S. adults are obese. Pocono Medical Center looks to make Monroe County the exception, announcing the return of its fourth consecutive Biggest Winner Challenge.

The Biggest Winner Challenge is Pocono Medical Center's 6-month lifestyle-changing program from July 26, 2016 to January 24, 2017 designed to help individuals take control of their lives, lose weight, and become healthy. As an exclusive Pocono

Medical Center Healthy Living Series program, this challenge provides the opportunity for people in the community to embark on their own health journey.

The program was inspired by PMC's Dr. Musa Tangoren, a board-certified anesthesiologist, who became aware that there was a strong interest in his knowledge of fitness and healthy living from staff. The program involves motivational and education talks given and backed by expert dietitians, nutritionists, and physicians and providers of PMC. Dr. Tangoren, alongside

other staff and professionals, directs and coaches the participants throughout their entire 6-month journey toward healthier, happier lifestyles.

The implementation of the program has an astoundingly positive impact on the community, with over 6,000 pounds lost from the first three challenges.

To become a participant, there is a one-time flat fee of \$20 for registration. The challenge meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Meetings and weigh-ins will take place at East Stroudsburg University's Abeloff Auditorium and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m.

For more information about the Healthy Living Program, visit poconohealthsystem.org/healthyliving.

Friday and Saturday are Locals Days at Pocono International Raceway

This Friday – for only \$10 – visit Fan Fair, see race practices, then cheer as the Modspace 150 ARCA stock car race gets started at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday for \$25 to \$50 – enjoy Fan Fair, NASCAR practices, and then at 1 p.m., the Camping World Truck Series race will run.

Congratulations to the Journal's ARCA race ticket contest winners:

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Calliope to perform in Delaware Water Gap



On July 31, the classical trio, *Calliope*, will perform at the Presbyterian Church of the Mountain on Route 611 in Delaware Water Gap as part of its Summer Gazebo Concert Series.

Members of *Calliope* include Gina Bertucci on flute, Barbara McMahon on flute, and Laura Goss on bassoon. Joining the trio for the performance is Steve Mathiesen, marimba. The concert will include classical selections

by W.F. Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, and Faure, as well as contemporary composers.

The concert is free and held rain or shine, beginning at 6 p.m., on the lawn of the church. Bring a picnic, or purchase light fare in support of the concert series. In case of bad weather, the concert is moved into the sanctuary.

For further information call 570-350-3404 or visit www.churchofthemountain.org.

Dancing Vulture Designs art opening



Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center will host an art opening for Melissa Benzinger-McGlynn's "Dancing Vulture Designs" on August 6, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ever in love with Pocono wildlife, Melissa strives to create miniature, woolly likenesses of our creatures great



and small. Featuring a mixed media bonanza, with more needle-felted local wildlife, shadow boxes, wood-burn-

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Lions Club historical roadside marker dedicated

by Rick Bodenschatz

The history of Tobyhanna Township was unveiled on July 18 when the Historical Roadside Marker, "Tobyhanna Township" was dedicated. The Pocono Lions Club donated this historical marker, with the volunteers of the Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township coordinating the dedication event.

This historical marker is located at the Lions' flagpole park in Pocono Pines, near the traffic light at the intersection of Route 940 and Route



Lions president Sean Naughton presenting the historical roadside marker "Tobyhanna Township."

423. The marker traces the history of Tobyhanna Township since it was founded in 1830.

Additional historical information can be viewed on MATT's website at www.tobyhannatwphistory.org/markers. There, other roadside markers can be viewed, along with information about the entire program.

In addition to members of the Pocono Lions Club, PA State Representative Jack Rader and the Board of Supervisors of Tobyhanna Town-

ship attended the dedication.

Addressing the attendees, Lions President Sean Naughton remarked that the Lion's donation of this marker represents the foundation of our community, with its long history of growth through support of volunteers within the community. The Pocono Lions raises thousands of dollars every year to help those in need within our area.

Scheduled for unveiling on August 1 at 5 p.m. is the marker "Lumbering," which traces the history of the harvesting of our virgin-growth forests during the 1800's. Its location is at Hanna's Farm Market at the corner of Route 940 and Stoney Hollow Road, just west of Pocono Pines. The Monroe County Commissioners donated this historical marker.

In the coming weeks, installation is planned for markers entitled "Lutherland," "Wagner's Tree Farm," "Blakeslee United Methodist Church," and "The Battle of Locust Ridge." These will be followed by "Naomi Pines House," "Sullivan Bridge," "The Stagecoach Inn," "William Henry Christman" and "Jacob Blakeslee, Jr." During the fall many more will be installed.

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Pig Roast at Legion

American Legion Post 413 in Pocono Lake will hold a pig roast Saturday, August 13, from 4-7 p.m., with a DJ from 5-9 p.m. The public is welcome.

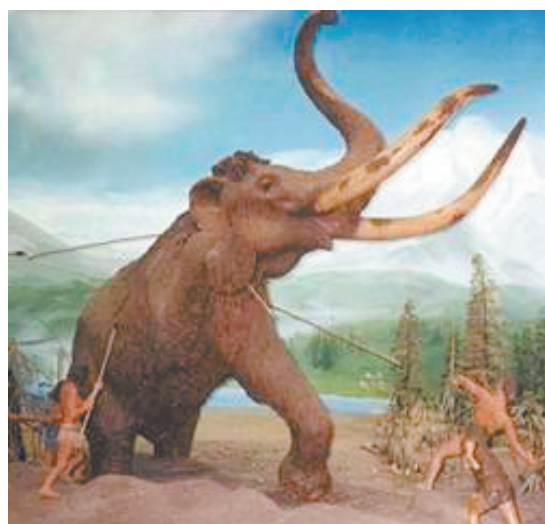
Menu also includes corn on the cob, baked beans, coleslaw, hamburgers, hotdogs and dessert. Cost is \$15, and tickets are limited. Call 570-646-6010.

HATT's annual picnic: "Survival in a Post Ice Age World"

Tracing 11,000 years of human evolution in the Poconos, Clovis people were the earliest inhabitants of the region when they choose a campsite along the Delaware River at Minisink Hills, Monroe County.

At HATT's Annual Picnic on August 11, hear from presenters Nell Fossa and Russ Cramer what a typical post ice age Clovis hunter encampment would have looked like. How did they adapt to survive in that harsh environment? What animals did they hunt, what type of weapons would they have used, what tools would they have needed, what form of shelters did they live in? Why camp at Minisink Hills?

The presentation moves forward in time to the Archaic Period in the Poconos 4,000 years



Mastodons roamed the area. A skeleton of one this size was found a short distance from Minisink Hills in East Stroudsburg, and is on display at the PA State Museum.

ago. Hear how environmental changes affected life, followed with the Woodland Village of 1500 years ago. See illustrations of the tools and their new agricultural life. An exhibit will show examples of artifacts that date from each of the three periods.

Nell Fossa will be a senior at Notre Dame High School. Russell Cramer is a graduate of Gettysburg College and is retired from the family business, Cramer's Home Centers. Nell & Russell have a life-long interest in local Native American cultures and the archeology of the region.

Site of the picnic is the Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area on Route 115, about 0.8 miles south of Route 940. It is at the southernmost of the two parking areas, in a beautiful setting on the banks

of Tobyhanna Creek. It begins at 11 a.m. HATT asks that attendees bring a salad or desert. A BBQ entrée and drinks will be provided.

The meeting & picnic is open to the public and is free of charge. No advance reservation is required. If you have questions, call 570-580-5353, or write to hatthistory@msn.com. Further information about HATT can be viewed on its award-winning website at www.TobyhannaTwpHistory.org.

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Howetown farm show explains life on the farm

A fun and educational show about early farm life will take place on September 24 and 25 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Route 196, Sterling, (south of

Hamlin).

See live demonstrations of antique farm equipment, blacksmithing, hit & miss engines, antique wagons, cars,

tractors, and much more.

Watch home-made ice cream being made, and enjoy a free sample. Observe the ladies spinning, knitting, quilting or rug braiding. Tour a replica farmhouse.

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The Nature Conservancy invites the public to join guest naturalist Allison Hamilton for a wildflower walk at the Thomas Darling Preserve in Blakeslee on August 21 at 2 p.m.

Walkers will explore the 2,500-acre Thomas Darling Preserve, where they can see a variety of wildflowers and glacial wetlands via a two-mile trail and boardwalk system. Along the way, the leader will point out late summer wildflowers in bloom.

The Darling Preserve hosts two rare plant species as well as one of Pennsylvania's largest native spruce forests and undisturbed peatland system. A small stream, Two Mile Run, emerges from underground springs and seeps, feeding into Tobyhanna Creek on its way to the Lehigh River. The area teems with wildlife typical of the Pocono Plateau, including black bears, river otters, and snowshoe hares. Wildflowers abound, as do blueberry bushes and nesting songbirds.

The walk, free to the public, will take approximately 90 minutes. Please wear sturdy shoes or boots as the trail can be rocky and uneven.

Advance registration is required. Call The Nature Conservancy's Hauser Nature Center in Long Pond at 570-643-7922, ext. 310; or email Karin.metrock@tnc.org or sign up online via www.nature.org/Pennsylvania/events. Call for directions to the site.

The Nature Conservancy, a private, non-profit conservation organization, manages the preserve and co-owns it with Wildlands Conservancy and Tobyhanna Township. The Tom Darling Preserve is open to the public, with a parking lot and trailhead on Burger Road just north of Blakeslee.

For more information on the new trail system at the Thomas Darling Preserve, contact The Nature Conservancy at 570-643-7922, ext. 310, or go to www.nature.org/pennsylvania/placesweprotect.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

If these are summertime's dog days, they are hot dog days. With temperatures around 90°, they've been hot everything days. I'm not best in a constant air conditioned environment, except when it's this hot and humid like this. Now I'd rather be inside, than out.

Ruth and I still tried to be outside where possible. On Tuesday after The Journal-Herald was sent to press we had a light meal outdoors on the patio of the Mountain Laurel Golf Course. Our timing allowed us to watch the full moon rise as we finished.

Thursday night we were at the Linda Creed Lake Timber Trails Breast Cancer Rally wrap-up dinner at the Lake

Naomi Club. The event features various auctions and raffles for a stylish, fun end to what is a big fundraising effort for a serious, worthwhile cause. Money raised goes to help local women with their expenses during treatments for breast cancer. It looks like this year was the best yet.

We were outside again on Friday evening to enjoy the White Haven Fire Company Bazaar, and then moved into a good spot to enjoy the annual big parade of fire trucks, almost 50, including a set from Tunkhannock Township's Volunteer Fire Department, Penn Forest VFD#2, and Albrightsville #s 1 and 2.

Saturday both of us volunteered at the Night at the

Races held at the Tunkhannock Township VFD's building in Long Pond, hosted by the Blakeslee Rotary Club and the TTVFD. It was a fun night.

On Sunday we did our best to keep cool, staying inside our house except for some newspaper errands. That night, however, we went to one of the opening performances of Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward at the PA Shakespeare Festival at DeSales University. It's fun, it's funny, and the performances are pretty much spot on, definitely worth the trip and good tickets are available (and it's nicely air conditioned).

Sightings this week included a rather fast mov-

ing bear that rushed across Route 940 in Pocono Pines between the TEC fields and the woods on the south side of the road. On another trip, this one between Blakeslee and White Haven in the area of Jack Frost National, I was driving west as darkness set in when we came upon a good-sized buck standing in the middle of Route 940. He didn't move as I approached, so I opened up my window and put my arm out, then yelled and waved at him. I don't think I impressed him any, but it was enough to get him to move off the road.

This week is NASCAR's at Pocono International Raceway. We'll be at the track Friday evening for the ARCA race, Saturday afternoon for the Craftsman Truck race and Sunday afternoon for the big NASCAR Sprint Cup race. Admission to Pocono for Friday's race and a walk around the Fan Fair is only \$10. For Saturday, seats start in the mid-grandstand are just \$35 – again a true bargain for a national sporting event. Come out and join us.

So, with seeing the races, we also plan see many of the Buck Hill/Skytop Music Fest events. We'll attend the opening night Broadway review at Pocono Mountain East High School in Swiftwater, and on Saturday the Opera and Chorale event at the same theater. Both start at 7:30 p.m. (Friday's going to be a tight fit for us with the race that night...) Plenty of tickets are available for these opening shows, general admission is just \$33 for these national entertainers, and students only \$10. Reserve tickets if you can, or just come by this Friday or Saturday. Parking at the High School is easy and most of it close by.

As of early this week, there are still good seats available for the Cabaret show at indoors at Skytop next Sunday, August 7. Ruth and I really enjoyed this show last year, and are looking forward to it again. Do call soon for tickets to this show – I predict it to be sold out.

So, enjoy the heat – and keep cool.

Explore an oasis near you

Many hikers seek places to get away from it all – to go deep into the woods or high up a mountain and escape civilization. But there's nature and peace to be found in busy places, too.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, August 20, the Get Outdoors Poconos hike series continues with a 2.6-mile, easy hike on Cherry Creek Loop near Delaware Water Gap – a perfect example of an easily accessible place for people looking for a quick commune with nature.

Laid out along Route 80, Cherry Creek Loop passes over and under the busy highway. Yet the trail is cool, shady and dense with trees offering rich habitat for wildlife. Concrete steppingstones lead across Cherry Creek and into the 28.5-acre park where Cherry Creek, Brodhead Creek and the mighty Delaware River meet.

Join Carol Hillestad for this easy hike of about 2.6 miles. Another walk – a very easy, shorter stroll suitable for people who are just starting to exercise – will be led by Dr. Nche Zama, head of the cardiothoracic surgery program at Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg. Zama will discuss the ways walking protects your heart and contributes to good health and good spirits. After the short hike, there will be light refreshments and a question-and-answer session with Zama.

Meet at Minisink Park on River Road, Smithfield Township. Take Route 80 west to the Delaware Water Gap exit. At the first stoplight, go left, under highway. Parking is on right.

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For information about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation. This hike is held in partnership with Pocono Medical Center.

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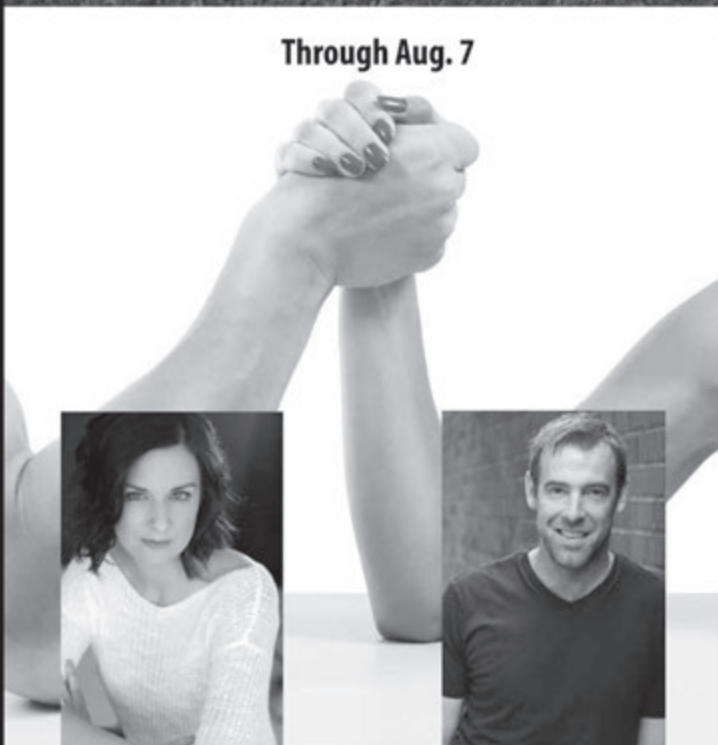
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Saturday, July 30—Our Father: A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer, presented by Blakeslee UMC choir, 7 p.m., Blakeslee United Methodist Church, 570-646-7727

Saturday, July 30—Blueberry Festival, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thornhurst Methodist Church, 570-643-6605

Saturday, July 30—Paint for the Puppies, 1-4 p.m., Chestnuthill Park Building, 570-730-9887, www.ccreationscrafts.weebly.com

Sunday, July 31—Our Father: A Journey Through the Lord's Prayer, presented by Blakeslee UMC choir, 7 p.m., Blakeslee United Methodist Church, 570-646-7727

Sunday, July 31—Caliope concert, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Mountain, Delaware Water Gap, 570-350-3404, churchofthetmountain.org

Friday & Saturday, August 5 & 6—Homecoming Bazaar, 5 p.m.-?, Our Lady of Victory Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Saturday, August 6—Opening reception, Dancing Vulture Designs, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 570-629-3061, www.mcconservation.org

Sunday, August 7—Quilt Lovers Bingo, sponsored by Pocono Mt. Quilter's Guild, 1:30 p.m., Moose Lodge, East Stroudsburg, 570-424-1312 or 570-722-9797

Sunday, August 7—Showing of Concussion, 2 p.m., Eastern Monroe

Public Library, Stroudsburg, 570-421-0800 xt317, www.monroepl.org

Thursday, August 11—HATT picnic, 11 a.m., Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area, 570-580-5353, tobyhannatwphistory.org

Saturday, August 13—SummerFest, sponsored by Coolbaugh Township Historical Association & Pocono Mountain Public Library, and Art Show Exhibition sponsored by CTHA, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Bicentennial Museum, Tobyhanna, 570-894-4207

Saturday, August 13—Pig Roast, 4-7 p.m., DJ 5-9, American Legion Post 413, Pocono Pines, 570-646-6010

Saturday, August 13—Faith Fair/Flea Market, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, 570-646-0309, faithlutheranblakeslee.org

Saturday, August 13—Pennsylvania Wing Festival, to benefit Monroe County Meals on Wheels, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Pocono Raceway, www.poconoraceway.com/

Saturday, August 13—Mountain Bike Day, 9 a.m.-noon, West End Regional Park, Brodheadsville, www.weposc.org

Saturday, August 13—Pig Roast, 4-6 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, Blakeslee, 570-646-0309, faithlutheranblakeslee.org

Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14—Sweet Corn & BBQ Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday, August 20—Get Outdoors Pocono Hike, 10 a.m., Cherry Creek Loop, Delaware Water Gap, 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727, brodheadwatershed.org/gopococnos

Sunday, August 21—Wildflower Walk, 2 p.m., Thomas Darling Nature Preserve, sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, 570-643-7922 xt310, www.nature.org/Pennsylvania/events

Monday, August 22—Congregation B'nai Harim Golf Outing, 11 a.m., Pine Crest Lake Golf and Country Club, 570-646-0100, www.bnaiharimpoconos.org

Monday, August 29—Golf Tournament, sponsored by American Legion Post 413, Pocono Pines, 8 a.m., Jack Frost National, 570-646-6010

Saturday & Sunday, September 3 & 4—Pocono Garlic Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Wednesday, September 7—Butterfly Release for Peace, sponsored by Women's Resources of Monroe County, 5 p.m., Weiler Corporation,

Saturday & Sunday, September 10 & 11—BrewPA Craft Brewers Fest, Camelback Resort, www.brewpa.com

Saturday, September 17—Community Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Our Savior Lutheran Church, Mount Pocono, 570-369-0953

Sunday, September 18—Dave Fleetwood Memorial Trail Run/Walk, 9 a.m., West End Regional Park

Saturday & Sunday, September

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Tuesday, September 27—Paint Party, sponsored by Church Women

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The Effort United Methodist Church approached State Representative Jack Rader. Please turn to page 13



From left: Robin Fisher, Senior Pastor of Effort United Methodist Church; State Representative Jack Rader; Marvin Aylsworth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Effort United Methodist Church; Melinda Knitter, Member of Effort United Methodist Church; Rachel Moyer of the Gregory W. Moyer Defibrillator Fund; Geoffrey M. Roche, Director of Community Outreach and Government Relations of Pocono Medical Center.

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Beyond its worship services, the Effort United Methodist

Church serves as a hub for its community offering preschool programs, a food pantry, and many other reoccurring community-based programs and events. Providing the AED through the shared mission and vision of Pocono Medical Center and the Gregory W. Moyer Defibrillator Fund offers the assurance that should an emergency arise, the church will be well prepared.

WEPOSC hosts Mountain Bike Day

Plans are set for Mountain Bike Day August 13 at West End Regional Park, Brodheadsville, 9 a.m. to noon. Over four miles of trails are ready. Some new single track trails have been added.

The park is planning refreshments, and maybe giveaways. Eric Peterson from Peterson's

Ski and Cycle will give a free clinic and answer questions.

To rent a bike, or try a 29" mountain bike, call Peterson's at 570-646-9223. You must call in advance. Trails range from beginner to expert, with emphasis on beginner and intermediate trails. All participants must wear helmets.

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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

At 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27, Carbon County 911 called PA State Police—Fern Ridge to respond to a house fire on Patten Circle in Penn Forest Twp. where there was an elderly woman inside. Trooper Jonathan Bailey responded, arriving to find the home showing thick smoke and flames. He entered the building, encountering thick smoke, making several tries before finding the woman in the living room, conscious. He was able to assist her in exiting the home. The woman and other family members were then taken by ambulance to LVMC—Cedar Crest to be treated for smoke inhalation. Trooper Bailey had help on the scene from the Penn Forest Township Volunteer Fire Co. and Troopers Joe Urban, Christopher Tomlinson and Jeffrey Kreidler.

PSP-Lehighton responded to a call about a domestic incident that became a fight between a couple, 46 and 45, at 10:27 p.m. on 7-21, at a home in Towamensing Trails, Penn Forest Twp. The husband will

be charged with harassment. PSP-L had another domestic earlier in the day in Polk Twp. between a couple 45 and 47 where she is charged with hitting him.

PSP-L received a report from an area man that his .45 caliber Remington pistol had likely fallen out of this pickup truck bed between 7-22 and 25 as he was driving along Route 209 and Lower Nis Hollow Rd. in Lehighton. A citizen in nearby Mahoning Township found the pistol as he was cutting his grass—he turned it in to police there, and PSP recovered it from them.

A 31 y/o Saylorsburg woman's dog got loose from her Shady Oaks Rd. home and went after the neighbor's cat in the neighbor's yard at 6 p.m. on 7-22. The woman is charged with a dog law violation, PSP-L.

Area residents are reminded that NASCAR weekend brings heavy traffic to our area. Sunday morning, Route 115 will be one way south into the track from Interstate 80 to the parking lots, until the race

start. That pattern becomes one way north at about 5 p.m.—until the lots clear that evening. Locals are best to detour around the Pocono Raceway area during heavy race traffic times.

The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

Pocono Mountain Regional Police on patrol on 7-24 just after 9:30 p.m. saw a woman drop a plastic bottle or cup from a blue car in the parking lot of Bill's ShopRite. The car then began to drive away. Police made a stop to charge her with littering. Police found a 26 y/o New Brunswick, NJ, man and 50 y/o Mt. Pocono woman in the car—and neither of them had a valid license. Both displayed indicators of criminal behavior. Consent to search was obtained. Police found heroin, some needles, spoons with white res-

idue and a crack pipe, and screening materials. Both are charged with drug and drug paraphernalia possession, and she for littering.

At 5:47 a.m. on 7-25, PM-RPD officers responded to a crash on Route 940 just outside Police HQ in Pocono Summit. A 35 y/o Albrightsville man had rear-ended a vehicle that was slowing down to turn into the HQ's driveway. Police talked to him, finding his speech slurred, and showing "glassed over eyes." He could barely respond to police questions. His four-week-old child was in the car. He was arrested for DUI with charges pending blood test results, and his child was placed with Monroe County Children and Youth.

PSP-L adds a DUI report on 7-24. They also had a public drunkenness on 7-23 where PSP responded to a call about a man sleeping in

a yard of a Forest Inn Road, Lower Towamensing Twp. property at 4:25 a.m. PSP arrived to find the man drunk. Palmerton EMS was called and took the 21 y/o to the hospital.

AND, from the June NASCAR weekend, this report: Police were called about a bus that was driving Long Pond Road around 5 p.m. on 6-6, passing vehicles in no passing zones—running cars off the road—throwing beer cans out the window. PSP and PMRPD responded and stopped the bus at Route 940. The driver was identified as a 20 y/o from Stroudsburg, who told police he was driving home from the race. He was drunk—he failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI, underage drinking, and traffic violations.

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entered the apartment of a 24 y/o Saylorsburg woman at 7:26 a.m. on 7-24 while she was home. He held a baseball bat against her head, demanding money owed. Prior to leaving the apartment, he smashed the front window. He will be charged by PSP-L with burglary and assault.

PSP-L is investigating a burglary at 590 Preachers Camp Road in Towamensing Twp. between 7-17 and 26 where the thieves got in through a basement door and ransacked the place, removing items.

A 24 y/o Belvidere, NJ woman was found to have items stolen from a Parryville

man on 7-23. She is charged with theft, PSP-L.

PSP-L and -Hazleton are reporting thefts from motor vehicles this past week. The theft at 366 Pheasant Road in Ross Twp. was a smash and grab—overnight 7-19 to 20—where the thief smashed the front passenger window and removed the victim's purse from the front passenger seat.

PMRPD arrested a 31 y/o Beach Lake, PA, woman for shoplifting at Weis Market in Mt. Pocono after an incident at 3:32 p.m. on 7-22.

Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...

PMRPD responded to a bus rollover off Route 423, just south of Route 196 in north Coolbaugh Twp. at 2:23 a.m. on 7-22. One teenaged passenger was

trapped. Coolbaugh Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. members extracted him. Eight teens were taken to area hospitals for car, and the teen who was trapped was flown to LVMC for trauma care. Five other teens and the adult bus driver were unhurt. The bus was traveling north on Route 423 and failed to negotiate a curve, causing the bus to roll over onto its driver's side—it slid to a stop on the road. PMR EMS assisted with transports.

A 61 y/o Effort woman had critical injuries after she crashed her '13 Kia Sorrento into a tree off Evergreen Hollow Rd. at 12:39 a.m. on 7-23. The road was closed for two hours. West End Ambulance assisted PSP-F—taking her to Pocono Medical Center. She was flown from there to LVMC Cedar Crest for critical care. She died at LVMC on 7-24.

PSP-L responded to a crash at Anchorage Rd. and Old Route 115 where

a Jeep's driver pulled out in front of oncoming traffic and was struck at 11:28 a.m. on 7-23. He was hurt, and taken to Pocono Medical Center by West End EMS.

A 19 y/o Saylorsburg-area driver did not stop his Dodge Neon at the red light at Route 209 as he came in from Burger Hollow Rd. just after 2 p.m. on 7-26. His car was hit by an oncoming Toyota Camry, disabling both cars. Injuries were minor to all. The 19 y/o was ticketed, PSP-L.

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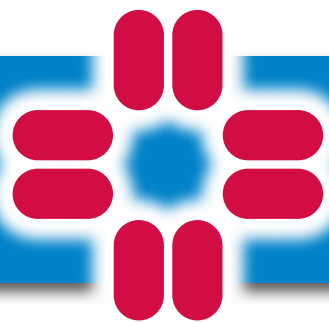
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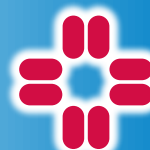
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