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After raising the flags at the new Arrowhead Lake entrance area, veterans (from left) Don VanAllen, Ted Boreck, Elmer Money, Brian Heverin, Tom Filla and John “JJ” Johnston stand at attention before ALCA General Manager Eric Usbeck.

JP: Hofbauer Strategies

First & last-ing impressions at Arrowhead Lake

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Magnificent beauty of the Pocono Mountains make it an ideal destination for a home or vacation getaway, a place for people to escape from the hassles of life. While in recent days, PennDOT roadwork along Locust Ridge Road has

caused delays, salvation for vehicle wear and tear is at the end-of-the-road.

As the main artery leading to Arrowhead Lake becomes a more appealing drive, the gated community elected to follow the state agency’s example, tackling a revamp of its

own. Celebrating this monumental makeover of stone wall masonry and floral scenery at the Welcome Center parking area, a flag raising ceremony was held August 27.

ALCA general manager Eric Usbeck explained the

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By any other name

Pet-friendly festival change is name-only

by Jeanine Hofbauer

“Woof-Stock” is no more in Long Pond. Long live Woof-Fest!

Organizers weren’t discouraged from making plans for another great event on Saturday, September 10, when they received a letter from a Canadian group that had copyrighted the name here in the states. They just changed the name, so the grounds of Camp KCS will once again display familiar sights and sounds of the popular pet-friendly fest that benefits Monroe Animal League.

With nearly \$15,000 raised since its start five years ago, organizers Camp KCS and

Ant Farm Music, continue to collect quite the crew of entertainers and professionals. Visitors will enjoy tried and true favorites plus a few new attractions, such as live music, K9 demonstrations, the Blessing of the Dogs, and vendors. Howling great food this year will include a new beer and wine tent.

Woof-Fest—pet and people friendly gathering—runs noon to 7 p.m. at 1647 Long Pond Road. Visitors are welcome to bring their leashed loved ones and should probably throw a collar and restraint on their pets too.

Follow MAL’s Woof-Fest on Facebook for day-of updates



LAST YEAR THEY WERE AT WOOF-STOCK. This year visitors will attend Woof-Fest, but they’ll have just as much fun.

JP: File photo

FLAGS FLY PROUDLY—The main entrance at Arrowhead Lakes is enhanced with a trio of flagpoles, flying the American, Pennsylvania and the new Arrowhead Lakes flags. Made by community member Mary Kester, the Arrowhead Lakes flag incorporates mountains, lake and an arrowhead in the design. A big crowd of residents and dignitaries attended the dedication ceremony Memorial Day Weekend, including State Representative Mario Scavella, Monroe County Commissioner Donna Asure, Prothonotary George Warden, Tobyhanna Township Supervisor Hugh Lamberton and Coolbaugh Township Supervisor Walter McGrath.

Photos by Susan Masterson.

man. Gary Riley, president of the Fire Company and Fire Police Captain, will be usher. Patty Meng will be bridesmaid. Junior Firefighter Michael Riley, son of Gary and Carleen Riley of Indian Mountain Lakes, will be ringbearer. Krystal Meng, daughter of Larry and Patty Meng of Indian Mountain Lakes, will be flower girl. Officiating will be Monroe County Fire Chaplain Major Robert Vaughan of the Salvation, with his wife, Major Ruth Vaughan.



Arrowhead Lake resident Marcy Lehigh shared a look back with this *Journal of the Pocono Plateau* clipping about Arrowhead's last flag raising over 15 years ago.

Flags...

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importance of improving appearance at the entrance. "You only have one chance at a first impression," he said. "We re-evaluated parking and grew six spaces!"

Embracing this time to revitalize, he told of a feasibility study to also enhance gate two. Considering the potential Orono Drive project as "the next step in improving our

look," he reasoned, "Visitors and homeowners should carry that wow sensation from our gates as they experience the entire community."

ALCA board member and veteran, flag raiser for a day Tom Filla agreed, "It was something we needed for a while."

"This was money well spent," smiled resident Marcy Lehigh, an Arrowhead resident for more than 50 years. "Things don't last forever."

Seizing the opportunity to further fuel enthusiasm for pre-views while adding past news to the mix, Usbeck later announced ALCA's acquisition of a Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township (MATT) Historical Roadside Marker commemorating "The Battle of Locust Ridge." A dedication date is planned at the spot along Locust Ridge and Slutter Road for 1 p.m. this Saturday, September 3.

Emergency notification system changing

In order to better serve the residents and visitors of Monroe County, the Monroe County Office of Emergency Management and Monroe County Control Center are upgrading the current emergency text alert system, ReadyNotify-Monroe, to Monroe County CodeRED. This transition will occur over the next week and may result in current registered users not receiving messages in a timely manner. Delays are not expected to last more than one week.

CodeRED is an emergency notification service, funded by the Northeast Pennsylvania Counter Terrorism Task Force, which allows emergency officials to notify residents and

businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks.

However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. If you did not register for ReadyNotifyMonroe, and you would like to receive messages, go to www.monroecountypa.gov/codered and click on the CodeRED logo. You can also download the CodeRED app on your Apple or Android device.

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Concerts bring music to Plateau

by Ruth Isenberg

This month, Pocono Plateau residents and visitors will have two opportunities to enjoy fine music, in two distinctly different styles.

The first will be *An Evening of Jazz, Blues, Marches, Broadway and Classical Music*, on Sunday, September 11 at Pinecrest Lake Golf and Country Club. Phyllis and Ira Miller are hosting this performance by a brass quintet from the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

Selections will include music by Gershwin, Bernstein, Arlen, Sousa, Handy, Bach, Corelli and others.

Performers include Sara Cyrus, who has played horn with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic since 2002, and performs with other orchestras including the Philadelphia Orchestra, American Symphony Orchestra and the American Ballet Theatre; Carlos Gil, who frequently performs with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Opera, River City Brass Band, Westmoreland Symphony, and the Erie Opera Theater; Richard Clark, Co-Principal Trombone, with Pennsylvania Philharmonic, American Symphony Orchestra, Stamford (CT) Mozart Orchestra, and The New York Pops Orchestra; Micah Holt, Second Trumpet in CityMusic Cleveland and a member of the Pittsburgh based Brass Roots

ensemble; Nathan Turner, tuba, a former member of the West Point Band and Albany Symphony Orchestra.

The evening begins at 5 with a cash bar, followed by dinner at 6, and concert at 7:30. Dessert will follow. Tickets, at \$65 per person, include everything except gratuity.

Reservations are required. Call 570-646-4444, xt. 4.

The second concert takes place Sunday, September 18, featuring the Trinity Centennial Band and the Pocono Vocal Locals, at 1 p.m. at Pocono Mountain East High School auditorium.

The Pocono Jackson Township Historical Society and the Pocono Township Bicentennial Committee will serve as hosts, as part of the Bicentennial Celebration of Pocono Township.

The Trinity Centennial Band is a group of professional and amateur musicians from the Pocono Mountains. The Pocono Vocal Locals are directed by Bob Riday and accompanied by Judy Munoz. Among the selections to be performed is a rendition of *Close Beside the Crystal Waters*, the Pocono Township High School alma mater.

There will also be a display of the Tannersville Glenwood Hall Band instruments and uniforms.

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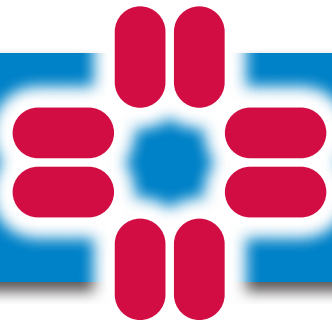
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Area Funerals

Hannah Johnson

Hannah Johnson, 83, of Mount Pocono died August 27, 2016 in the Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown. Born in Youngstown, Ohio she was the widow of Charles Johnson. Hannah was a resident of Mount Pocono for the past five years and prior to that she resided in New York City.

She is survived by three sons, Joseph Johnson, Matthew Johnson and Michael Johnson; and three daughters, Gwendolyn Jones, Victoria Young and Crystal Johnson; 22 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held September 1 at the Mount Pocono United Methodist Church with Pastor Sharon Purvis officiating.

Burial will be on Friday, September 2, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst, New York.

Richard A. Rigo

Richard A. Rigo, 71, of Tobyhanna died August 26, 2016 at his home.

Born in New York, NY he was the son of the late Aldo and Laura (Traffano).

He was a life long educator.

He is survived by his children: Melisa Donley and husband Craig and Anthony Rigo.

Private cremation is entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Cynthia Ann Driscoll

Cynthia Ann Driscoll, 36, of New York, formerly of Pocono Summit, died August 24, 2016 at Jamaica Hospital Medical Center in Queens, New York.

Born in Belleville, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Lawrence and Margaret (Haviland) Driscoll of Pocono Summit.

Cynthia was a talented artist and graphic designer.

She is also survived by her sister, Erin Harris and her husband, Greg of Wind Gap; an uncle, a nephew, and many cousins. Cynthia was preceded in death by her nephew and godson, Steven Dienno.

The Reverend Father Gregory Loughney conducted a blessing service August at 29 at the Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

Private cremation is entrusted to the Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

Pasta dinner planned

Thornhurst United Methodist Church, 342 Old River Road, will hold a Pasta and Meatball dinner on Saturday, September 17. For \$10 adults, \$5 children, eat in or take out.

Menu includes salad, roll, dessert and beverage.

For information call Kim Moore at 570-371-9513.

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United Way of Monroe County receives \$5,000 from The Ann and Joseph Farda Foundation

The Ann and Joseph Farda Foundation presented a \$5,000 donation to the United Way of Monroe County this week.

Last month Joseph Farda was honored at United Way's Annual Dario Belardi Memorial Golf Tournament, established in 2012 as both a tribute to Dario's benevolence, volunteerism, dedication and love for our community and to honor individuals who have recently passed that shared this commitment and support for the United Way of Monroe County. On August 15, The Ann and Joseph Farda Foundation presented a \$5,000 donation to the United Way of Monroe County to become a Pace Setter for their Annual Campaign, which is kicking off on September 8 this year.

Mark your calendar: United Way of Monroe County's 2016 Campaign, *Be The Change* and annual Day of Caring kick off Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 a.m., at Barley Creek Brewing Company, 1774 Sul-



The Ann and Joseph Farda Foundation presented a \$5,000 donation to the United Way of Monroe County, with (left to right) Michelle Bisbing, Board Chair and Michael Albert, President & CEO, United Way of Monroe County; and Joe Farda, Joann Farda, and Tony Farda, of The Ann and Joseph Farda Foundation.

livan Trail in Tannersville. This is an event you do not want to miss, as we announce our new program initiatives.

For more information about the United Way of Monroe County or to invest in and support community service efforts visit www.unitedway-monroe.org, or call 570-629-5657. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance,

contact PoconoInfo at www.poconoinfo.org or (570) 517-3954. If you are looking to provide assistance through volunteering or to post volunteer opportunities for your non-profit in Monroe County visit www.volunteermunroe.org.

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Sen. Scavello, Pocono Medical Center to Provide A1C-Diabetes Screening

In partnership with Pocono Medical Center, free A1C diabetes screenings will be provided at Senator Mario Scavello's Pen Argyl District Office on September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CWUM plans paint party

Church Women United of Monroe will hold a Paint Party on Tuesday, September 27 from 10 to noon at Faith United Methodist Church, 1160 Clause Drive, Stroudsburg (off of Chipperfield Drive). The price is \$30 for art supplies and instruction from a representative of Bloom Studio.

This is a beginner class. Light refreshments will be served. Reservation and advance payment are required. Contact Marlene at 570-619-

The A1C test is a simple blood test that provides information about a person's average levels of blood glucose, also called blood sugar, over the past three months. Sometimes called the hemoglobin

5251.

Church Women United of Monroe will hold a business meeting Friday, September 30, at 1:30 p.m. at Hughes Library, 9th and Chipperfield Drive, Stroudsburg. Bring any donations for the 2016 project. For more information contact Betty on 570-629-0649.

A1c, HbA1c, or glycohemoglobin test, the A1C test is the primary test used for diabetes management and diabetes research.

"It is important that we all take necessary measures to ensure healthy living. This event offers residents an opportunity to protect their health and I hope everyone who thinks they may be at risk for diabetes catches early signs," Senator Scavello noted.

If you are interested in receiving a screening, appointments are necessary, so please call 610-863-1200 to make an appointment.

Pocono Medical Center Donates EpiPens® to Summer Camp

On August 2 Pocono Medical Center presented its donation of two adult and two pediatric EpiPens® to New Jersey Camp Jaycee of Effort.

"As a non-profit, we continually look for support for the health of our camp members," said John Smiley, EMT at New Jersey Camp Jaycee of Effort. "As a long-standing member of the community, I recognize the impact Pocono Medical Center has on its community through its support, which is why we reached out."

New Jersey Camp Jaycee of Effort, has over 40 buildings that house up to 250 campers at a time. The EpiPens® will be placed in the Tony Malik Memorial Infirmary where they will remain easily accessible should an emergency arise.

New Jersey Camp Jaycee is a private, nonprofit summer camp for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Since 1975, Camp Jaycee has provided quality, affordable camping experiences to



From Left: Brendon Abbazio, Public Affairs Specialist at Pocono Medical Center; Tom Garr, Director of New Jersey Camp Jaycee of Effort; Dawn Stout, EMS and Transport Services Supervisor of Pocono Medical Center; John Smiley, EMT at New Jersey Camp Jaycee of Effort.

campers with special needs each summer. Camp Jaycee is accredited by the American Camp Association. Camp

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Free community supper offered

Our Lady of Victory Church, 327 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, will hold a free Community Supper in the church hall from 3 to 4 p.m. on Sun-

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Jared Klepacki & Dana Yakscoe



Dana Yakscoe, daughter of Frank and Joanne Yakscoe of Long Pond, and Jared Klepacki, son of Joseph and Charmaine Klepacki of Mountain Top, got engaged March 29, 2015 at Mount

Snow, Vermont, while on their annual ski trip. They have been together for five years, and plan to get married on October 15, 2016 in Pocono Lake.

9/11 15th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony set

The public is invited to attend a 9/11 15th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony at United Way of Monroe County's 9/11 Memorial Garden on September 11 at 1 p.m., rain or shine.

The Ceremony will honor and remember Monroe County residents who lost their lives, were injured or displaced due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001. United Way will also be presenting the newly refurbished 9/11 Memorial Garden, thanks to Erik Cravotta of BSA Troop 300.

Erik is a Life Scout with Troop 300 in Stroudsburg. His mother, Monica Cravotta is Vice president at United Way of Monroe County and through her, he found out that there was a 9/11 Memorial Garden on the property. After 9/11/01, United Way helped the victims and their families access the resources that became available to them. At United Way's Day of Caring, held on 9/11 in 2002, a Memorial Garden was installed to honor those who were lost or injured and to

create a place of remembrance.

Cravotta realized that the Garden was overgrown, needed maintenance and in fact, there was no memorial stone indicating what the Garden was for. He thought the Garden was in sore need of an upgrade and decided that would be his Eagle Scout project. Michael Albert, president and CEO of United Way of Monroe County, connected Cravotta with Zech Strauser of Strauser Nature's Helpers. Albert and Strauser are involved with Come Alive Outside, a nonprofit which builds outdoor spaces to encourage people to spend more time outside. Strauser agreed to partner with Cravotta and donate a landscape design.

Cravotta would like to thank all those who made the project possible, which included a spaghetti

dinner fundraiser at Faith United Methodist Church, Troop 300's sponsor; donations from family and friends; plus materials donations from Stroudsburg Granite Company; Cramer's Home Building Centers; Stroud Township; and Home Depot.

For more information about the United Way of Monroe County or to invest in and support community service efforts visit www.unitedwaymonroe.org, or call 570-629-5657. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact PoconoInfo at www.poconoinfo.org or 570-517-3954. If you are looking to provide assistance through volunteering or to post volunteer opportunities for your non-profit in Monroe County visit www.volunteermunroe.org.



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Edgar Ponce from Tobyhanna heads home from military training

Members of a New York Army National Guard task force with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team successfully completed the rigors of a force on force training exercise in Florida on July 29 and begin heading home this week. The troops, with more than 5,000 participants from more than 30 states across the country, spent nearly the month of July at Fort Polk as part of the training rotation at the Joint Readiness Training Center, known as JRTC.

Their experience included deployment and staging at Fort Polk followed by more than 10 days of offensive and defensive missions in the post maneuver areas against a real opposing force.

The maneuver training is designed to challenge all the components of the maneuver brigade, including infantry, artillery and aviation operations, engineering and reconnaissance tasks, logistics and resupply and medical support and personnel replacements.

The brigade task force included the entire New York Army National Guard brigade combat team, along with supporting elements that included additional infantry units from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania. Aviation support for the task force included aircrews from Con-

necticut, Maryland and Utah.

1st Sergeant Edgar Ponce from Tobyhanna completed training here as part of the Golf Company (Forward Support Co., Infantry), 427th Brigade Support Battalion and redeploys back home this week as the brigade task force completes the training exercise.

The Joint Readiness Training Center allows Army units to conduct combat training in a realistic environment which features a well-trained opposing force, civilian role-players on the battlefield, high-tech systems which monitor the action, and observer-controllers to evaluate unit actions.

All of the exercise participants and opposing force troops wore the Army's Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) gear for the exercise.

The gear consists of a sensor-leaden harness worn by the Soldier and a halo of sensors attached to the Soldier's helmet. In addition to sensors, every weapon system also includes a laser emitter.

When the Soldier fires a blank with their weapon, the laser fires a beam. If a target sensor receives a hit, then the Soldier is considered wounded or a vehicle disabled, requiring all of the combat response actions to

provide first aid and evacuation.

The MILES gear enables infantrymen to conduct realistic combat training against a real enemy opponent and forces combat medics and logistics personnel to hone their skills by treating simulated battle-

field injuries or evacuating damaged vehicles.

JRTC is one of the Army's three combat training centers at which brigade-sized units can conduct realistic training against an opposing force. JRTC specializes in light infantry warfare and operations.

For Soldiers, it is considered by Soldiers as the Super Bowl of Army training.

The redeployment for the thousands of Soldiers back to their home states is expected to be complete by August 5.

Wins at 2016 Pennsylvania State 4-H Junior Horse Championship Show

The 3rd Annual Pennsylvania State 4-H Junior Horse Championship Show was held July 23-24 at the Centre County Grange Fairgrounds, Centre Hall. More than 180 4-H members from across Pennsylvania exhibited horses in performance and in-hand classes, totaling over 500 entries for the weekend.

The Junior Horse Championship Show is the premier competition of the year for most 4-H horse members enrolled in junior horse projects. All exhibitors competed at a preliminary level in each class for a merit placing. Blue merit placings then advance to a championship class where they compete against all blue merit winners in their division.

Ashley Warner from Reeders earned a blue merit and Master Showman Award in the 3 yr. old miniature horse gelding class. Ashley went on to earn the 3 year old miniature horse gelding Championship, and then competed



4-H member, Ashley Warner of Reeders, received the Reserve Grand Championship award for overall miniature horse geldings at the Pennsylvania State 4-H Junior Horse Championship Show.

for the overall miniature horse gelding, winning reserve grand champion. She also received blue merit awards for miniature trail and miniature horse jumping.

4-H horse programs are designed to develop life skills in youth and knowledge of horse production, use, and management. For additional information on the 4-H horse program in Monroe County, contact the Penn State Extension office at (570) 421-6430.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The following are true and correct copies of joint resolutions of the General Assembly regarding amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania that were proposed in the General Assembly during the 2015 session. The proposed amendments were agreed to by a majority of the members elected to the Senate and the House of Representatives. Pursuant to Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the Secretary of the Commonwealth has caused the proposed amendments to be published here. Were any of these proposed amendments to be agreed to by a majority of the Senators and Representatives elected to the General Assembly at the November 8, 2016 General Election, the proposed amendments so approved would be published again and then submitted to the qualified electors of Pennsylvania for approval. If approved by a majority of the electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Those parts of the joint resolutions that appear in **BOLD PRINT** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words UNDERLINED would be added to the Constitution and the words in **BRACKETS (e.g. [Constitution])** would be deleted. The unbolded words would remain unchanged in the Constitution.

Anyone who needs help reading this advertisement or needs the text of the proposed amendments in an alternative format may call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, 1-877-868-3772, ra-BCEL@pa.gov.

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

Joint Resolution 2016-1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 16 of Article II be amended to read:

§ 16. Legislative districts.

The Commonwealth shall be divided into 50 senatorial and **[203] 151** representative districts, which shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as practicable. Each senatorial district shall elect one Senator, and each representative district one Representative. Unless absolutely necessary no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward shall be divided in forming either a senatorial or representative district.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with

the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

Section 3. Upon ratification by the electors, the General Assembly shall enact legislation to implement this constitutional amendment so that it applies for the first time to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment.

Joint Resolution 2016-2

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with the provisions of Article XI:

That section 2(b)(vi) of Article VIII be amended to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

(vi) Authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead property. The exclusions authorized by this clause shall not exceed **[one-half of the median assessed value of all] 100% of the assessed value of each** homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. A local taxing authority may not increase the millage rate of its tax on real property to pay for these exclusions.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which

occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

Joint Resolution 2016-3

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 2(b) of Article VIII be amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 2. Exemptions and special provisions.

(b) The General Assembly may, by law:

(vii) Permit a city of the first class to impose taxes for the benefit of the city of the first class on real estate used for business purposes at a tax rate that exceeds the tax rate applicable to other real estate, in accordance with the following:

(A) So long as a rate variance is in effect, the combined rate of taxes on real estate used for business purposes imposed by the city of the first class or authorized by the city of the first class for its school district shall not vary by more than fifteen percent from the combined rate of taxes on other real estate imposed or authorized by the city of the first class.

(B) The General Assembly shall require the city of the first class to reduce the aggregate revenue from other taxes imposed for the benefit of the city of the first class both on businesses and any wage and net profits tax by the amount of any real estate tax revenues attributable to the variance.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

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Fun will flow with Friends at Flow

The Friends of the Dimmick Memorial Library in Jim Thorpe is sponsoring an evening of entertainment, food and drink at the restaurant Flow in Jim Thorpe on Tuesday, September 20 from 5:30-9 p.m. Flow is located on upper West Broadway, #268, in Jim Thorpe and consists of a restaurant with an outdoor courtyard and an art gallery. Parking is available. There will be a \$10 suggested donation at the door, a donation bar, free hors d'oeuvres, an open mic, a basket raffle, and a selection of books free for the taking. There will also be complimentary chair massages offered by the Jim Thorpe Massage and Wellness Studio. The art gallery

will be open.

The Dimmick Memorial Library is a full service public library located in downtown Jim Thorpe. It is housed in a lovely historic building built in 1889. The Dimmick offers genealogical research, internet access, WiFi, ebooks, a state-wide inter-library book loan program, a Tuesday morning pre-school story time, and an adult coloring night. They are also the meeting place for the Dimmick Book Club and the Coal Town Craft group. Further information is available at www.dimmicklibrary.org and on their Facebook page.

For further information call 570-325-2131 or email friendsofthedimmick@gmail.com.

Blazing new Jackson Township trail for hiking series

For nine years, 175 acres of open space on Sherwood Forest Road in Jackson Township have remained unmapped and mostly unexplored – until now.

Saylorsburg teen Ambrose Cavalier has scoped out a trail network by linking overgrown roads using satellite images, Google Maps, GPS, and other mapping tools.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, September 24, Get Outdoors Pocono hiking series participants will use his trail map to discover the land now called Sherwood Forest Greenway.

Once a farm and then a proposed site for housing development (an idea abandoned after a few access roads were cut), the land became part of the Monroe County Open

Space program in 2007. Since then, Mother Nature has reclaimed her own.

A woods walk – mostly beech, with oaks, maple, and some white pine and hemlocks, too – leads past a sturdy stone row and uphill through a leafy, dark green tunnel of arching beech saplings. At the summit – 1,125 feet up – participants get their reward: views of Delaware Water Gap to the left, Wind Gap to the right, a glimpse of Palmerton Gap and long vistas of Camelback and state gamelands.

Carol Hillestad will lead a moderate 90-minute hike of about 1.5 miles. The hike is free, but registration is required. Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org.

brodheadwatershed.org.

Trails may be wet and rocky. Wear sturdy footwear. 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.

Meet at the parking area on the south side of Sherwood Forest Road in Jackson Township. Take Route 715 South past Jackson Township Fire Co. and Municipal Building, to the four corners stop. Go left on Neola Road. Take Neola Road 2.2 miles to Sherwood Forest Road. Go right. The parking area is half a mile on the left.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA

The following is a true and correct copy of a joint resolution of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania. Consistent with the procedures prescribed by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution, the General Assembly first proposed the amendment during the 2013 session and approved it for a second time during the 2015 session of the legislature. As required by Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution and statutory law, the Secretary of the Commonwealth caused the proposed amendment to be advertised in 2014 and 2016.

Pursuant to the original joint resolutions, the proposed amendment was to be submitted to the electors of Pennsylvania at the General Primary to be held on April 26, 2016. However, on April 12, 2016, the General Assembly passed H.R. 783, a concurrent resolution that directed the Secretary of the Commonwealth to remove the proposed amendment from the General Primary ballot and to place the proposed amendment on the General Election ballot in November 2016.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, therefore, has once again caused the proposed amendment to be published here, in anticipation of the General Election. In accordance with the mandate of H.R. 783, the Secretary of the Commonwealth will submit the proposed amendment to the electors of Pennsylvania in the form of a ballot question at the General Election to be held on November 8, 2016. If a ballot question is approved by a majority of electors voting on it, the corresponding amendment becomes part of the Constitution.

Those parts of the joint resolution that appear in **BOLD PRINT** are the words of the Constitution that are proposed by the General Assembly for addition or deletion. If an amendment were approved, the words **UNDERLINED** would be added to the Constitution and the words in **BRACKETS (e.g., [Constitution])** would be deleted. The unbolded words would remain unchanged in the Constitution.

Following the proposed amendment is the text of the question that will be placed on the ballot. Below the question is a "Plain English Statement" prepared by the Office of Attorney General, and published as required by law, indicating the purpose, limitations and effects of the ballot question upon the people of this Commonwealth.

Anyone who needs help reading this advertisement or who needs the text of the proposed amendment in an alternative format may call or write the Pennsylvania Department of State, Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, Room 210 North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 787-5280, ra-BCEL@pa.gov.

Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth

JOINT RESOLUTION 2015-1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

That section 16(b) of Article V be amended to read:

§ 16. Compensation and retirement of justices, judges and justices of the peace.

(b) Justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of **[70] 75** years. Former and retired justices, judges and justices of the peace shall receive such compensation as shall be provided by law. Except as provided by law, no salary, retirement benefit or other compensation, present or deferred, shall be paid to any justice, judge or justice of the peace who, under section 18 or under Article VI, is suspended, removed or barred from holding judicial office for conviction of a felony or misconduct in office or conduct which prejudices the proper administration of justice or brings the judicial office into disrepute.

Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

(b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements

of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is passed by the General Assembly.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AMENDING THE MANDATORY JUDICIAL RETIREMENT AGE Ballot Question

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to require that justices of the Supreme Court, judges, and magisterial district judges be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years?

Plain English Statement of the Office of Attorney General

The purpose of the ballot question is to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to require that justices, judges and justices of the peace (known as magisterial district judges) be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years.

Presently, the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that justices, judges and justices of the peace be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years. Justices of the peace are currently referred to as magisterial district judges.

If the ballot question were to be approved, justices, judges and magisterial district judges would be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years rather than the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 70 years.

This amendment to the mandatory retirement age would be applicable to all judges and justices in the Commonwealth, including the justices of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, judges of the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court, county courts of common pleas, community courts, municipal courts in the City of Philadelphia, and magisterial district judges.

The ballot question is limited in that it would not amend any other provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution related to the qualification, election, tenure, or compensation of the justices, judges or magisterial district judges.

The effect of the ballot question would be to allow all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to remain in office until the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years. This would permit all justices, judges, and magisterial district judges to serve an additional five years beyond the current required retirement age.

Raise your glass and support the past

The Monroe County Historical Association will be hosting an exquisite three-course wine-pairing dinner and auction fund-raiser on September 8 from 6-9 p.m. The 2nd annual "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" event will be held at the beautiful Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake, Reeders. Chairman Selection wine will complement each course.

High-quality live and silent auction items will complete the evening. Auction items include artwork by Sterling



A Sterling Strauser painting titled "Jasper" will be one of the many desirable items up for auction at the Raise you Glass & Support the Past wine pairing dinner and auction fund-raiser.

Strauser, Dorothy Strauser, Charlene Taylor, Irene Bartz, Jack Savitsky, Edna Palmer Engelhardt, Beverly Abel, and Sherwood Samet; getaway packages featuring tickets to Disney World, a stay at a Virginia Beach condo, tickets and limousine ride to a performance at The State Theater in Easton, and a helicopter ride over the Poconos; a photography portrait session; a Ducklode star table; restaurant gift certificates; overnight stay packages and unique experiences; wine baskets; appraisal services, and much

more. Hartzell's Auction Gallery of is generously donating their auction services for this event.

Erin McClelland will provide the musical entertainment for the evening and famous local historical figure Daniel Stroud will make an appearance.

The cost of the "Raise Your Glass & Support the Past" fund-raiser is \$125 per person.

All proceeds benefit the Monroe County Historical Association, a 501(c) 3 non-profit cultural and learning center that assists the area's diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting the past

with the present. A portion of the funds raised will be used to assist with the preservation of the organization's museum and library collections.

For additional information or to make a reservation, contact the Monroe County Historical Association at (570) 421-7703 or visit www.MonroeHistorical.org.

Sunset Hike to Warnertown Falls

On Thursday, September 8, explore this special spot with a group from Monroe County Conservation District and learn its history as the sunlight fades and sunset colors fill the sky. This relatively short hike on easy terrain is perfect for a workday evening.

Meet at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at 5:30 p.m. to load the bus — feel free to bring your own refreshments to enjoy next to the waterfall, and don't forget

a flashlight. We will return to Kettle Creek at 9 p.m.

Cost is \$15/non-members, \$12/EE Center members. Advance registration is required and limited. Call (570) 629-3061.

For information on other programs visit www.mcon-servation.org.

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Blakeslee United Methodist Church dedicates marker

The congregation first met in a log schoolhouse in 1840. After 176 years, the Blakeslee United Methodist Church is the oldest congregation in Tobyhanna Township. In celebration of this milestone, the members gathered after their church service this past Sunday, August 28, to dedicate a historical roadside marker honoring their sustained faith.

To survive all that has taken place and changed these past 176 years is remarkable. And the current church building itself has been standing for almost 120 years, surviving storms that toppled its steeple and the moving of the entire building to accommodate the widening of the highway.

Seventeen stained glass windows document the history of the congregation's founders and leaders, many represented today by members who are descendants of those early congregants.

The Rev. Joseph Healey introduced Gene Kerrick, who presented the history of the



Gene Kerrick unveils the Blakeslee UMC historical roadside marker.

church to the congregation and guests. Gene subsequently unveiled the historical roadside marker, which was donated by the Kings Daughters of the Blakeslee UMC. The Marker Advisors of Tobyhanna

Township coordinated the development and its installation. Representatives of MATT were on hand to assist with its unveiling and dedication.

Several more historical roadside markers are sched-

uled to be dedicated before winter, including two on Saturday, September 3. Scheduled are The Stagecoach Inn on Route 423 in Pocono Pines at 10 a.m. and The Battle of Locust Ridge the same day at 1 p.m. It is located at the intersection of Locust Ridge Road and Slutter Road in the Pocono Lake area.

The upcoming schedule can be viewed on MATT's web site, as well as each dedicated historical roadside marker

with additional historical accounts. The website address is www.tobyhannatwphistory.org/markers.html

At each marker's site, visitors can scan a QR decal affixed to the marker pole, which will automatically navigate to the web site.

For more information, including how to donate, visit MATT's website, email MATT at ttmarkers@gmail.com or phone MATT at 570-580-5353.

Visit the Bog under light of full moon

Explore the Tannersville bog under the light of a full moon on Friday, September 16. The walk begins at 6:30 p.m. and participants should bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear.

Cost is \$6/non-members, \$4/Monroe County Conservation District Environmental Education Center and Nature Conservancy members and

children under 12. Advance registration is required and limited. Call 570-629-3061. For information on other programs visit 222.mcconservation.org.

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BWA members & friends have ‘bigger’ reason to celebrate

On Friday, September 30, Brodhead Watershed Association will hold its annual Members & Friends Celebration. This year, it's all about how BWA's work in the local watershed affects the Brodhead and beyond, touting the theme "We're part of something bigger!"

That far-reaching influence will be showcased from 6 to 9 p.m. at Northampton Community College's Pocono Hall, as BWA honors those who have proven their dedication to protecting our water quality.

The guest of honor will be Craig Todd, who has shown exceptional commitment to maintaining a healthy environment for future generations. He is retiring after 34 years as

manager of Monroe County Conservation District.

BWA will also honor Monroe County Planning Commission as a valuable partner on BWA's Green Infrastructure Project, an effort to spread "green" places and procedures throughout Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg and Stroud Township.

Andy Johnson of Philadelphia-based William Penn Foundation will be keynote speaker, talking about the foundation's Delaware River Watershed Initiative and how the BWA fits into that bigger picture.

The party continues with the ever-popular silent auction as well as multi-chef display cooking, hearty hot and cold

appetizers, gourmet desserts, wine and local beer.

Cost is \$35 for BWA members, \$40 for nonmembers. Tables of eight may be reserved for \$500.

To register by September 15, see brodheadwatershed.org/2016celebration.html, email info@brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120.

More celebration sponsors, as well as donors of items or services for the silent auction, are welcome! They will be gratefully acknowledged in event publications. To donate, please see the website or contact information listed above. Your contribution is tax-deductible!

Yard Sale at Blakeslee Church

The annual Fall Fling Yard Sale will be held at the Blakeslee United Methodist Church on September 3 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The sale will include crafts, fleas, baked items, and food

throughout the day.

To rent a space for \$10, dial 570-646-8624.

The church is located on Route 115 just north of the traffic light at Blakeslee Corners. All are welcome.

Wanted: Wildlife Detectives

The mystery of what lives around your house or along your favorite hiking trail will be unveiled as Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center educators discuss the techniques for becoming a wildlife detective. This 2-hour program on Saturday, September 17, beginning at 10 a.m. will be a hands-on look into solving these fascinating mysteries. The program is designed for ages 8 on up and will be conducted on the trails at Kettle Creek.

Cost is \$6/non-members, \$4/children under 12, and EE Center members free.

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Senator Scavello to Host Get Outdoors PA Festival

State Senator Mario Scavello will host his Get Outdoors PA Festival on Saturday, September 24 from noon – 4 p.m. at the Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center (400 Belfast Road, Nazareth) in cooperation with the DCNR Bureau of State Parks and Lehigh Valley Greenways Partnership. This family-friendly event will be held rain or shine for all ages.

The Get Outdoors PA Festival is a free event and will highlight the many outdoor experiences available through the Lehigh Valley Greenways Partnership. Exhibitors from the Partnership will provide hands-on activities and experiences including the opportunity to meet Smokey Bear, Della the Mule, and Woodsy the Owl. Children and par-

ents can also practice their archery and fishing skills, take a guided hike, participate in a nature walk, learn about stream wildlife and much more.

"As state senator and Chairman of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee, I am very excited to host this event with DCNR and the Lehigh Valley Greenways Partnership," Senator Scavello said. "This festival will highlight approximately 25 state, local and regional organizations focused on protecting our precious natural resources and providing exciting outdoor experiences through many fun activities. I encourage all families to come out and enjoy our beautiful state park and take part in the day's festivities."

The schedule of events will include a Live Animal Presentation at 12:30 p.m., a nature walk at 2 p.m., a Stream Study led by Bushkill Stream Conservancy at 2:30 p.m. and Get Your Tail on the Trail led by the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and St. Luke's Health Network. At 1 p.m. a panel comprised of Senator Scavello, DCNR Secretary Cindy Dunn and representatives from the PA Game Commission and Fish and Boat Commission will provide updates and receive comments from the audience.

Light refreshments will be provided.

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Calendar of Events

Listings in the Calendar are free. E-mail to journalnews@pa.metrocast.net. To provide prices and additional details, consider placing a display ad. Prices start at \$10 for charitable organization. Call 570-443-9131 xt302.

Saturday, September 3—
Fall Fling Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Blakeslee United Methodist Church, 570-646-8624

Saturday, September 3—
StroudFest, 1-5 p.m., downtown Stroudsburg

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, September 10—
Woof-Fest, 12-7 p.m., Camp KCS, Long Pond,

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

Sunday, September 11—
15th Anniversary Memorial Celebration, 1 p.m., United Way of Monroe County's 9/11 Memorial Garden, Tannersville, www.unitedway-monroe.org

Sunday, September 11—
An Evening of Jazz, Blues, Marches, Broadway & Classical Music, 5 p.m., Pinecrest Lake Golf & Country Club, 570-646-4444 xt 4 (reservations required)

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

Saturday, September 17—
Pasta and meatball dinner, Thornhurst United Methodist Church, 570-371-9513

Sunday, September 18 —
Blakeslee United Methodist Church Choir's Greatest Hits, Volume III, 7 p.m., Blakeslee United Methodist Church, 570-646-7727.

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

Sunday, September 18—
Chicken Parmesan Dinner, 12-5 p.m., Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Saturday, September 24—
Get Outdoors PA Festival, sponsored by PA Senator Mario Scavello, 12-4 p.m., Jacobsburg Environmental

Education Center, Nazareth, 610-863-1200, www.marioscavello.com

Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25—Howe-town Farm Show, Sterling, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 570-595-0452 or 570-650-8302

Sunday, September 25—
Colors of the Season New Fashion Show & Luncheon, sponsored by Western Pocono Lioness Club, Hideawayhills Country Club, Kresgeville, 610-681-8138

Tuesday, September 27—
Paint Party, sponsored by Church Women United of Monroe, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Faith United Methodist Church, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5251

Friday, September 30—Mike Agranoff at the BookHouse, 7 p.m., Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg, 570-421-0800 xt321, www.monroepl.org

Friday, September 30—
Brodhead Watershed Association Members & Friends Celebration, 6-9 p.m., Pocono Hall at Northampton Community College, 570-830-1120, brodheadwatershed.org/2016celebration.html

Saturday, October 8—Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, 570-646-2650

Saturday & Sunday, October 8 & 9—Autumn Timber Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Saturday, October 15—Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, 570-646-2650

Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16—Pocono Food Truck & Art Festival, Shawnee Mountain Ski Area, www.shawneemt.com

Sunday, October 16—Free Community Supper, 3-4 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, Tannersville, 570-629-4572

Sunday, October 23—
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Vendors Wanted at Pocono Lake UMC craft fair

Vendors are wanted for the 4th annual craft fair at Pocono Lake United Methodist Church on October 8 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The fair will be held in the front lawn of the church. The cost of renting a 10 x 10 foot space and 2 chairs is \$30. Tents and tables are an extra charge.

Additionally, there will be a bake sale, barbeque, hot

dogs, hamburgers, and beverages which can be purchased. Also there will be face-painting and the Noah's Ark playground will be available for the children.

To register and for additional information, call 570-646-2650. Pocono Lake United Methodist Church is located on Route 940 four miles east of Blakeslee Corners.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

The end of summer is within sight. With Labor Day this coming Monday and school started hereabouts, there's a tendency to think of this week and those in early September as the beginning of fall. But that's not correct. Summer continues through September 20. While summer vacationers may be nearing the end of their free time, summer keeps on for three more weeks.

A quick thought on Labor Day: It would be terrific to see some new jobs in our piece of the Poconos. We have a good workforce here, and a prime location. And whether it's White Haven, Blakeslee or in between, there are good, buildable highway locations for businesses that need to be connected along our interstates. With the new abundant PA harvested natural gas, the area can keep you cozy in the winter and we've seen how pleasant it can be this summer. Our welcome mat is out.

Ruth and I were busy again this past week getting newspapers out to readers and our property owner association customers. I'm putting on the miles so while I'm driving I am seeing the beginnings of fall color on some maple trees. I actually saw the early signs of this about a week and a half

ago. Now you can see some maroon and even a few bright red leaves as the unofficial start of this year's leaf season. I'm all for a long fall foliage season, and really hope that we get to enjoy leaves straight through to Halloween.

Friday and Saturday, both of us worked booths at the Weatherly Festival. The weather was ideal and crowds turned out to enjoy the event and support the local groups who had stands. Work on Saturday before my volunteer time included a bit of yard trimming, which was much needed. After that I had to make a run into Eagle Lake in Daleville to deliver some work. That place was abuzz with activity, people squeezing their last bits out of summer vacation at both beaches and their beautiful new pool.

Sunday we slept in (recovering from the Festival). Early that afternoon, we rewarded our dog Chess with a nice little hike on State Gamelands on a path that led to an old fishing dam. I let her off leash and she walked herself right down to the lake and waded in to swim. I had brought a stick along, and she retrieved for a little while, but then decided she wanted to explore some more. We let her lead us to

where the stream crossed below the lake so that she could wade into that. From there she walked proudly back toward the parking lot, happy for her swim.

Sunday we committed to visiting my uncle Slater in New Jersey. Our timing ran us right into the heavy traffic that bottles up on Interstate 80 east below the Interstate 380 merge. That traffic made us almost an hour late, but we still enjoyed some time and a meal before heading west on a much quieter Interstate, arriving home after midnight.

School is back in session, and I saw a seasonal anomaly on Monday. As we crossed Main Street on Monday morning, there were two buses. One was a rafting company's that was filled with fun-seekers on their way to a river float, and the other was a school bus, empty of school children, returning to its barn.

This Saturday, we will take part in the White Haven community-wide yard sale event—a fundraiser for the White Haven Area Ambulance. While manning our sale, we'll be listening to the first Penn State football game of the season playing a low Division I team in Kent State.

It should be a warm-up for a challenging season.

Sunday we will attend the 32nd annual Scandinavian Fest in Budd Lake, New Jersey to investigate my inner Viking along with my uncle Slater. The GDS Fair is also in our plans some time this week.

Garden Club to learn about pheasants

The Monroe County Garden Club will meet Wednesday, September 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Eastern Monroe County Library, 1002 N. 9th Street/Route 611, Stroudsburg.

The program will be Pheasants for the Garden by Kerry Teats, president of Pennsylvania Avicultural Society.

The design entry will be Happy Feet, designer's choice of footwear decorated with fresh and/or dried materials. The horticulture entry will be one flowering branch in bloom (example: Butter-

fly bush, hydrangea, Rose of Sharon).

Meeting will begin at 11:30, followed by lunch, followed by program. Everyone interested in gardening is welcome to attend. Cost is \$5 for non-members (which will be applied to your membership). Luncheon is included.

For more information, call president Carol Akam (570) 897-6433 or e-mail carolalakam27@gmail.com. Join us on Facebook or visit www.facebook.com/MonroeCountyGardenClub.

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United Way Memorial Golf Tournament honors late Joseph Farda

United Way of Monroe County held its 5th Annual Dario Belardi Memorial Golf Tournament on July 20 at Hideaway Hills Golf Club in Kresgeville. This year, the tournament honored the late Joseph Farda.

The Dario Belardi Memorial Golf Tournament was established in 2012 in memory of Dario Belardi and in support of United Way's efforts to help those in need in Monroe County. Dario embraced the mission and vision of the United Way. He was a proud supporter of United Way, and chaired the annual campaign in 1986. As a tribute to Dario's benevolence, volunteerism, dedication and love for our community, this tournament has now evolved to honor individuals who have recently passed that shared this commitment and support for the United Way of Monroe County. This year, the tournament honored the late Joseph Farda. Joe was an incredible man who demonstrated goodwill, leadership and generosity to those around him — especially those in need.

According to Tony Farda — the late Joseph Farda's son and one of the tournament's organizers, "Dario



would be so pleased to know that his legacy of volunteerism and fundraising is living on through this tournament. Having Dad recognized at this year's event makes the day even more special — and all for a great cause."

The United Way of Monroe County thanks all of the participating teams and sponsors for supporting the event and honoring those who gave so much to support individuals in need in Monroe County. This year's sponsors include:

Major Sponsors: Hideaway Hills Golf Club; and The Joseph and Ann Farda Foundation; Friends of Dario and Farda Sponsor (\$1,500): Tony Farda, Pat Ross and

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For more information about the United Way of Monroe County or to invest in and support community service efforts visit www.unitedway-monroe.org.

monroe.org, or call 570-629-5657. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, contact PoconoInfo at www.poconoinfo.org or 570-517-3954. If you are looking to provide assistance through volunteering or to post volunteer opportunities for your non-profit in Monroe County, visit www.volunteermunroe.org.

34 Campers Complete Monroe County Conservation Camp

The 42nd Annual Monroe County Conservation Camp was held July 16 - 23, 2016 at Stony Acres, a 119 acre Wildlife Sanctuary/Recreational Facility owned by the students of East Stroudsburg University in Marshalls Creek. Thirty-four campers, ages 14-18, completed the week-long residential camp participating in a variety of hands-on and classroom programs.

The campers were exposed to many aspects of the conservation and natural resource fields. Highlights of the week included archery, herpetology program, soil and land use, confidence course, muzzle loading, a community farm tour, wildlife

rehabilitation and a two-day canoe trip on the Delaware River.

The camp ended on Saturday, July 23 with Family Day and Student Recognition. All 34 campers were recognized for their participation by the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Bureau of Forestry, PA Game Commission, Monroe County Conservation District and the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

Special recognition went to David Dietsch of Greentown. He was recognized as the Conservation Camp 2016 Outstanding Camper. David received a plaque and partial scholarship to Penn State's Conservation Leadership School 2017.

Special thanks to all those County businesses and residents who helped by donating



ing time, supplies and energy. Without their help, camp would not be possible.

Monroe County Conservation Camp, run annually at the end of July each

year, is sponsored by the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Monroe County Conservation District and generously supported by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund and numerous service organizations. Students age 14 to that year's High School graduates are eligible.

For information about next year's camp, scheduled for Saturday, July 15, through Saturday, July 22, call the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at 570-629-3061. For information on other programs visit www.mc-conservation.org.

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PMC bridges gap between community and healthcare

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Over the course of Pocono Medical Center's fiscal

year 2016, the Healthy Living Program offered access to comprehensive medical services available through industry-leading experts and life-changing health information focused on topics specific to its community, ranging from diabetes and orthopedics, to

cardiac care.

"As our region's dedicated healthcare provider for over 100 years, we have developed a strong pulse on the needs and concerns of the community as a result of our unparalleled support and the ability to have the foresight to

take action," said Geoffrey M. Roche, Director of Public and Government Affairs. "As the community continues to grow, we prepare to grow with it for the next 100 years and counting."

The thousands of residents positively impacted by Pocono

Medical Center's programs included students of the local school districts from grades K-12. Pocono Medical Center identified critical opportunities for the student population through topics such as smoking cessation, mental health,

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NBLT to hike Blakeslee

Hike the Austin Blakeslee Natural Area off Route 115 Blakeslee, with a Northeast Branch Land Trust group on Sunday, September 11, from 1-3:30 p.m. Tina Fiorani, NBLT volunteer will serve as guide for this easy to moderate 2.5 mile hike. Although mostly flat and well maintained, there

may be wet and muddy areas. Hike will be at a slow pace.

NBLT members are free; cost for non-members is \$10. Registration is required. Register online at www.nblt.org/events/hike-the-austin-blakeslee-natural-area, email romanansky@nblt.org or call the office at 570-310-1781.

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17. Junior's junior
18. "An ____ of prevention..."
19. *She popularized "Rachel" haircut
21. *Pin-up girl and Charlie's Angel
23. Acorn producer
24. Cab payment
25. Rub-a-dub-____
28. *Prince wore fingerless gloves made of this
30. *Fictional fashionista Bradshaw
35. Elevator inventor
37. * ____ Farm, created by Russell Simmons
39. Gain knowledge
40. Winter Olympic event
41. Smidgeons
43. Roofed colonnade
44. Zagreb native
46. "That hurts!"
47. Big top
48. Ensnare
50. Do like buffa-

52. Indigo extract
53. Get check-mated
55. Hi-____
57. *HermÈs bag namesake Jane
60. **"Vogue" editor in chief
64. Dugout vessel
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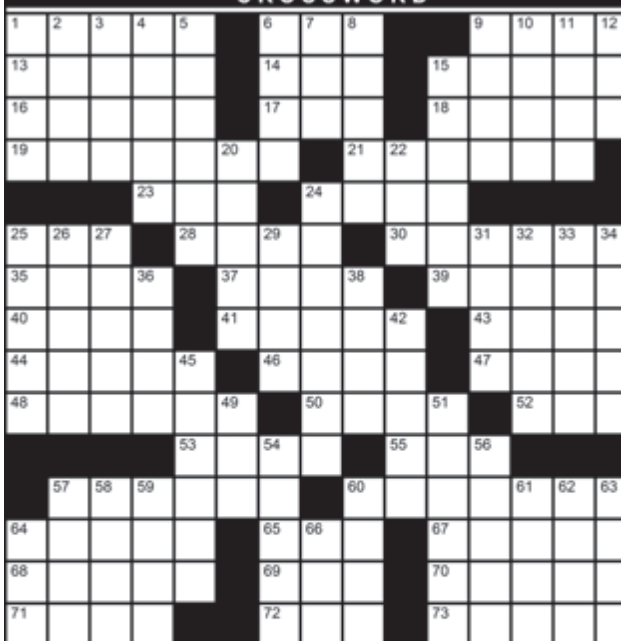
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1. "Fantastic Four" actress
2. Rock band Kings of ____
3. De Niro's ride, 1976
4. Notice, in Spanish
5. Hertz' offering
6. Have reclined
7. Boxer Laila
8. Israeli port
9. Talk like a drunk
10. In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
11. Mark of a ruler
12. Dish with four and twenty blackbirds
15. With long winters and short, cool summers
20. Giraffe's striped-leg

- cousin
22. Pendulum's path
24. Prominent attribute
25. *Gabbana's partner
26. 180 on a road
27. Prejudiced one
29. *Shoe courier
31. Catch one's breath
32. Ranked, as in by MPAA
33. Shoemaker without shoes,

- e.g.
34. Related on mother's side
36. Way to cook tuna
38. Old El Paso product
42. Harry Belafonte's daughter
45. Chatterbox
49. Hawaiian dish
51. Kind of block
54. Stall call
56. Rubberneck
57. Diamond's corner
58. Full of ink
59. Fish eggs, pl.

60. Small songbird
61. "Put a lid ____!"
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64. * ____ Callo-way, wearer of the Zoot Suit
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Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

PA State Police—Fern Ridge is looking for a 40 to 50 y/o man who approached a 14 y/o girl after she was dropped off by the school bus at 3:05 p.m. on North Rocky Mtn. Road in Sierra View, Effort. He asked if she needed a ride home and she refused. He asked again—and she refused again. He then drove away in his white van with New Jersey plates, heading west towards Route 115. He has brown hair and a beard. PSP-F is coordinating a search.

Pocono Mountain Regional Police were called into A Pocono Country Place about shots fired at 3:37 a.m. on 8-30. Officers arrived at Falcon Terrace Drive and found several empty shell casings.



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While there, officers heard more shots from nearby. They went to Ledgewood Drive and found more shell casings. All the shots were fired into vehicles or two nearby homes. The homes were occupied, and fortunately no one was hurt. PMPRD is seeking information—please call them at 570 895-2400 if you can help.

A 17 y/o male from Kresgeville, Polk Twp. argued with his mother at their home, and damaged items inside at 12:42 a.m. on 8-29. She called 911. PSP-Lehighton arrived and he is charged with criminal mischief.

Somebody drove a dirt bike and an ATV over the lawns in the area of the Mt. Pocahontas clubhouse and nearby homes about 7:16 p.m. on 8-20. PSP-F is seeking information—call them at 570 646-2271. PSP reports several other vandalism incidents in their coverage areas.

At 12:43 p.m. on 8-18, an Effort woman, 26, and her mom, 47, argued with an employee at the Brooklyn Bagels store, throwing a bagel sand-

wich at her and allegedly spitting at her as well. The women were located by PSP-F and both will be cited with harassment and disorderly conduct.

PMRPD arrested a 22 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. woman on a warrant from Monroe County Sheriffs at 3:40 p.m. on 8-30. She was taken to the Monroe County jail, and faces simple assault charges.

Stealin'

Pocono Township Police are looking for the woman who took a wallet that was left behind by the patron ahead of her at the Dollar General store in Tannersville. She is seen on video stealing the man's wallet, then leaving the store. Anyone with information is asked to call PTP at 570 629-7323 ext. 214.

Burglaries were reported at homes on Horseshoe Drive in Towamensing Twp. late on 8-16, and on Aspen Lane in Ross Twp. overnight 8-24 to 25.

Someone took an HP computer that was delivered by Federal Express to an Elderberry Lane, Kunkletown home

on 8-9, but not received by the homeowner.

A thief took cash and change from an unlocked car parked on Dana Drive in Saylorsburg, at about 3:52 a.m. on 8-25, PSP-L.

An owner of Andersen Builders in Effort saw a man taking scrap aluminum from a pile on his property at 2:24 p.m. on 8-19. The man was driving a white sedan, possibly with Missouri plates, with a broken rear window covered in plastic. PSP-F asks for anyone with information to call them at 570 646-2271.

Between 7-22 and 8-18, someone stole a pile of 2" by 10" wood planks from the yard of a Mountain Road, Jackson Twp. home, PSP-F is investigating.

A Chestnut Dr., Jackson Twp. woman came home on 7-16 to find her lawnmower missing. She saw it later in her neighbor's backyard, and went over to get it. PSP got involved, and the victim decided not to press charges.

PSP-F is investigating how the personal information of a Penn Forest Streams, Penn Forest Twp. woman's information was used in an attempt to buy cell phones at a Verizon store in Sterling Heights, Michigan, at 10:15 a.m. on 8-25.

A Lehighton-area woman fell victim to the "Granny Scam" on 8-25. A person called her and told her that her grandson had been in an accident and needed bail

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Police Beat...

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money to get out of jail. The woman used Western Union to send \$2,400 to a false address. PSP-L is investigating. **The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some**

A 54 y/o Kennesaw, Georgia man was driving west-

bound on Route 534 in Penn Forest Twp. at 2:21 p.m. on 8-15 when he stopped suddenly. The car following wasn't able to stop in time and rear-ended it. The first car's driver then backed into the second, and drove away. He turned into Woodland Rd. in Indian Mtn. Lakes then left his car there. 911 sent PSP-F to the scene. They located

the car, and began a search for the driver. They found the man covered in water and mud, walking along North Shore Dr. in IML—drunk. He was taken into custody and refused a chemical test. He is charged with DUI and leaving the scene of a crash, plus traffic offences. He was arraigned and committed to the Carbon County jail.

A field sobriety checkpoint on Route 903 at 9:09 p.m. on 8-19 caught a 26 y/o Albrightsville woman DUI.

PSP-L adds to the DUI list with an arrest of a 48 y/o Palmerton driver at a sobriety checkpoint at 11 p.m. on 8-26 for driving will high/drugged. He also had a bit of drugs and paraphernalia in his possession. DUI charges are pending toxicology results on his blood draw.

PSP-L will conduct STEAD-D rolling checkpoints over Labor Day weekend to deter drunk driving in their coverage area in Carbon and Monroe counties starting 9-2. **Keeping the Rubber Side Down ...**

PMRPD was dispatched to a car crash off Devils Hole Rd. at 8:33 p.m. on 8-25. Arriving officers found a car rubber side up in the road—on fire. Police could hear someone yelling for help inside, and were able to open the rear door, then pull the driver out. The 65 y/o man, from Cresco, suffered burns to his lower legs. A helicopter ambulance was called and they arrived to fly him to LVMC-Cedar Crest for trauma care. The cause of the

crash is under investigation.

A 39 y/o Brodheadsville man drove his Nissan Sentra onto Route 115 from Marion Lane, failing to yield for oncoming traffic—so was hit hard enough to disable both his car and a '11 VW Golf driven by an Effort woman at 4:05 p.m. on 8-22. Both drivers were hurt. West End EMS arrived and treated them both at the scene—transporting neither. The 39 y/o is charged with a STOP sign violation and is responsible for the crash, PSP-F.

At 5:14 p.m. on 8-24, a 16 y/o Saylorsburg driver was speeding along Route 715 heading north with a girl friend in the passenger seat. He came upon the intersection with White Church Road and tried to make a sharp left turn, instead rolling the car over one time—landing back on its tires. The crash hurt the passenger. She was treated at the scene but not transported. The driver is charged with driving at an unsafe speed, PSP-F.

PSP-L and F report on crashes where vehicles first hit deer, or swerved to avoid one but ending up into a tree instead. No one was hurt.

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