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On-line interruptions plague Mount Pocono council meeting

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Relying on technology during COVID-19 remote meetings, some municipalities like Mount Pocono on May 4, face hiccups with all-in-access holding up business. Michael Penn's mayor's report was overshadowed by music played by an unknown source dialed into the phone meeting.

Claudette Williams' President report battled an audio disturbance of another kind, with repeated echoing of her starting statements in a loop rewind. Speculation about the cause was expressed during the meeting, though accusations were unconfirmed at the time of this report.

"It was an external recorder that was causing the disruption," alleged Williams.

Though spring has arrived, outdoor recreation programs have taken a nose dive amidst COVID-19 social distancing directives that halted Little League baseball and softball season. Tabling field fertilizer and weed control bids, council discussed possible playground cleanups in response to a recommendation by council member Patty Bucco.

Debra Fulton asked council to reconsider field maintenance, saying investments by leagues may be affected if not attended to regularly.

"We have businesses that are really hurting that are brick and mortar," said Zoning Officer Jean Simchak regarding food truck zoning. Speaking of letters from Atty. Wieslaw Niemoczynski regarding the assumption of his client, Frank Mezzasalma, that there are no permit requirements for food truck operation in the borough, she recommended that solicitor James Fareri respond with details about Planning Commission review of the ordinance and a "clear definition." In an earlier response letter dated April 20 to Atty. Niemoczynski, she indicated "A Zoning Officer cannot interpret the ordinance, only apply it literally," adding "As previously noted, a food truck is not

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Emilie fills Mount Pocono borough council vacancy

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Since accepting former council woman Donna Casole's resignation, due to circumstances affecting her ability to "faithfully fulfill duties" on March 2, Mount Pocono



Borough council interviewed applicants to fill the vacancy. Ronald Emilie was appointed to replace her.

A resident and active in the community since 1983, he lists a lineup of various organizations he has assisted,

from committees and board memberships with the Mt. Pocono Municipal Authority, vice-president and chairman; Parks & Recreation; North East Search and Rescue; and Barrett Township YMCA; to coaching Little League baseball and softball, and was an original member of Field of Dreams park planners.

He believes his background in management with Sterling Drug Corp. Cosmetics Division and One Source Cleaning Services at Sanofi Pasteur will be an asset to his newly appointed position.

"Due to my experience in various fields," he states, "[I am] outgoing and I work well with people."



This collage features a special message from some of the Head Start preschoolers in the Ppocono Services for Families and Children Discovery class at its East Stroudsburg Center. Ms. MJ, one of the assistant teachers, got the children to submit their picture via email and put them all together. PSFC also hosts a Children Discovery class at The Mountain Center in Tobyhanna.

Tobyhanna Twp. sticks with PenTeleData for phones

by Ruth Isenberg

Choices were limited for telephone and internet service available to Tobyhanna Township. Two proposals with various options for analog

and fiber optic service were received, from current carrier PenTeleData, and from Frontier Communications. During an April 20 meeting, the Tobyhanna Township Supervisors

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A campaign graphic for Harry Haas for Congress. It features a blue background with white stars and the text "Harry Haas for Congress" in white. Below this, the phone number "(570)507-7787" is displayed in white. At the bottom, the website "HarryHaasforCongress.com" is shown in white, along with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. A small photo of Harry Haas is visible on the right side of the graphic. At the bottom right, there is a small red box with white text that reads "THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT PAID FOR BY HAAS FOR CONGRESS".

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Tameka Brown promoted by Citizens Savings Bank



Citizens Savings Bank in Clarks Summit has announced that Tameka Brown has been promoted to the position of Branch Manager in the Mount Pocono Branch. Brown joined the Bank in December 2011 as Assistant Branch Manager of the Mount

Pocono Branch.

She graduated from William Patterson University.

Brown will be responsible for maximizing sales and efficiency of the individual branch operation. She will manage, coach and mentor branch staff, ensuring each staff member has been appropriately trained in the sales process and bank policies and procedures.

Brown resides in Mount Pocono.

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a permitted use.”

Simchak was granted a leave of absence from the borough’s Zoning Hearing Board, due to her appointment as borough Zoning Officer. Noting the position was accepted to “help out the council,” she reminded them it is a “temporary” role.

Financial Matters

Council approved bills to be paid totaling \$249,035.89. The treasurer’s cash report listed at \$873,114.58 included

account balances of:

- General Fund, \$414,749.59
- Penn Security, \$440.56
- Banner Beautification, \$3,790.72
- State Liquid Fuels, \$95,173.43
- Park & Recreation, \$883.99
- Planning Commission Reimbursement, \$2,526.77
- Road, \$156,351.68
- Stormwater, \$49,338.86
- Sanitation, \$577.97
- Intersection & Signalization, \$149,281.01

PMRPD Payment

Mayor Penn directed Lori Noonan not to pay the Pocono Mountain Regional Police 1st

Quarter municipality fee of \$186,556.40 in response to her inquiry as to why it had changed from 2019. While the police department’s budget increased, he said the borough share would need to be adjusted as council did not wish to increase costs. Council approved payment of \$182,894.73.

One bid of \$5,000 received for the Brunswick Drive property sale was rejected. Council member Fran O’Boyle noted that the site holds an EDU valued at \$2,500. It was decided to contact the bidder asking to them to consider making a higher offer; if not acceptable, hiring a Real Estate professional would be considered.

Penn swore in new councilman Ron Emilie to fill out the term of Donna Casole.

Held by telephone conference, the evening’s meeting included council members Emilie, Stacy Stewart-Keller, Junior Council members Kathryn Crosby and Arissa Joy Chambers, Atty. Fareri, and secretary/treasurer Noonan by phone; with council members Williams, O’Boyle, Bucco, and Tom Neville, and Mayor Penn attending the meeting at borough offices under social distancing recommendations.

To determine where council’s next meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. on June 1, will be held, visit mountpocono-pa.gov

Collecting in the Time COVID-19

The Monroe County Historical Association is pleased to announce the launch of a new contemporary collection campaign titled, “Collecting in the Time of COVID-19.” The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has impacted the local community in so many different ways. It is an extraordinary time in the history of Monroe County and one that certainly will be of significant interest to future researchers, scholars, historians, and citizens.

The Monroe County Historical Association is actively collecting first-hand accounts and materials to

help tell the community’s unique experiences during this challenging time. The organization invites all Monroe County residents to become a ‘citizen historian’ by contributing stories, photographs, artwork, poetry, and/or artifacts to the Monroe County Historical Association. People of all ages, experiences, backgrounds, and professions are welcome to participate so that the collection sufficiently represents the diversity of voices within the Monroe County community.

Through the documentation

of personal and professional experiences surrounding this pandemic, the Monroe County Historical Association can create and preserve valuable primary sources to ensure that future generations will better understand the current struggles and triumphs.

Visit the website at <https://www.monroehistorical.org/covid19.html> for details about the “Collecting in the Time of COVID-19” project or to make a submission. Submissions can also be mailed to the Monroe County Historical Association, 900 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360. For additional in-

formation or questions, please contact librarian@monroehistorical.org.

Founded in 1921, the Monroe County Historical Association is a cultural and learning center that assists the diverse community of residents and visitors in connecting Monroe County’s past with the present. The historic 1795 Stroud Mansion, located at the corner of Main and 9th Streets in downtown Stroudsburg, serves as the headquarters of the nonprofit organization and houses a local history museum and genealogical research library.

WATCH COVID-19 WEEKLY BRIEFINGS

Every Friday at 10AM, tune in or stream live as a panel of community leaders provides important updates related to COVID-19 in the Pocono region.

WHERE TO WATCH:

LIVE Pocono Television Network &
PoconoMountains.com/COVID-19

LIVE Blue Ridge Communications TV13
Channel 734 & BRC 13 on YouTube.com

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PMVB includes local first responders in video tributes of Covid-19 thanks

Covid-19 weekly updates are just one of the many resources available to individuals and businesses in the Poconos trying to make sense of and cope with the current crisis. PMVB has been producing videos that they are distributing widely, on their website, television outlet, Youtube and Facebook.

Several of the Pocono Plateau first responders were included in some of the thank you tributes, as shown on this page. If you'd like to see the video, it can be found on the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Foundation Facebook

page, at <https://www.facebook.com/PoconoMountain-RegionalPoliceFoundation/videos/>

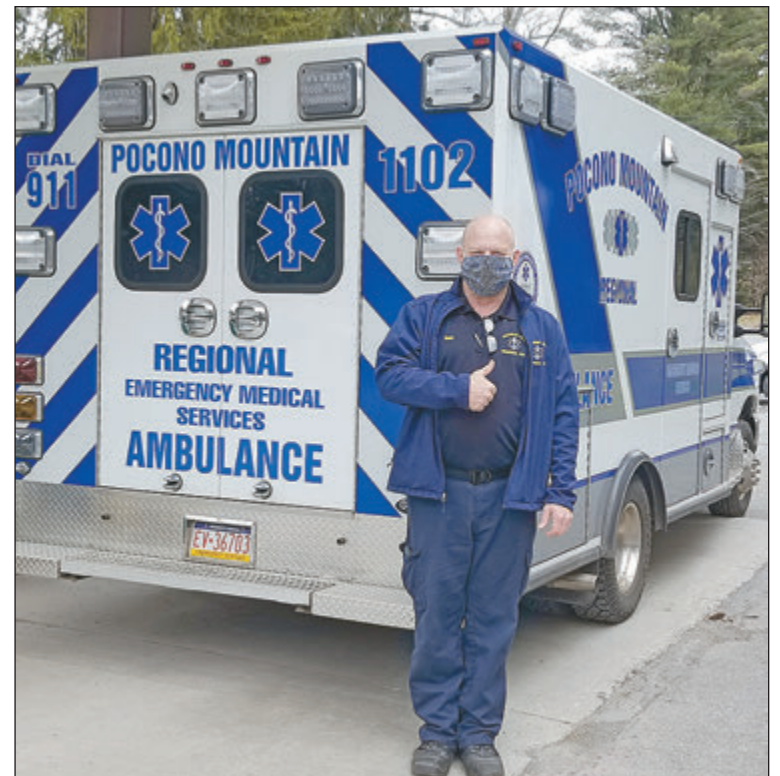
On the PMVB website, poconomountains.com, a comprehensive section supplies all kinds of information — everything from a daily update to resources for businesses and hospitality employees.

On Wednesday, April 22, Governor Tom Wolf announced three stages to reopening Pennsylvania. The plan includes three colored-coded phases of Red, Yellow, and Green to strategically ease PA Reopening Phases

- Covid-19 restrictions currently in place. Specific metrics must be met before opening a region.

The PMVB has pulled together resources organizations can utilize, including signs and guidelines, recommended suppliers of PPE and a link to the EPA disinfectant list. Messages for marketing to customers, training tips for employees and industry specific guidelines will be provided and adapted as new data emerges.

The priority is the safety of staff and consumers and the goal is to continue to protect lives.



Area Funerals

ROBERT A. SMITH

Robert A. Smith, beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away Monday April 27 at the age of 94. Bob was born May 10th 1926 in Hazleton, Pennsylvania



to Robert Andres Smith and Mary Levkolic Smith. After serving in the navy during WWII, Bob returned to Hazleton and married the love of his life Jean "Gina" Lona and raised three children Robbie, Barbara and Jimmy.

Bob was a lifelong florist and the third generation to run Smith Floral Company, which lasted for over 100 years in the Smith Family. Frequently known for his cheerful disposition and smile, Bob loved to spend time outdoors and could often be found fishing at Lake

Harmony or the family farm in Albrightsville. He enjoyed nothing more than catching up with friends and family over one of his legendary Manhattans.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jean and son Robert. He is survived by his daughter Barbara Franzosa, Albrightsville; son James G. Smith and his wife Jane, Albrightsville; grandchildren, Gina Franzosa, Bend OR; Mary Franzosa and her husband John Mosty, Austin, TX; James G. Smith, Glendive, MT; and Frank Smith, Alberta, Canada; as well as great-grandchildren June, Joseph and Juliette Mosty.

Private funeral services will be held. Memorial donations may be made in Bob's Name to Lake Harmony Volunteer Fire Company, Lake Harmony Ambulance and Rescue Squad, or Kidder Hike and Bike Trail Group.

ELEANOR I. QUARANTO

Eleanor I. Quaranto, age 88 of Blakeslee, formerly of Freeport, NY passed away Thursday, April 23, 2020 in Blakeslee.

Eleanor was born in Richmond Hill, NY on June 5, 1931, daughter of the late John McCaffrey and Viola (Johnson).

She had worked as a Payroll Officer for the Town of Oyster Bay, NY for many years, until retiring.

Eleanor was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in New York City, where she had served as a Eucharist Minister and Treasurer.

We have been blessed with the presence of Eleanor in our lives. She will be deep-

ly missed by her children, Maureen Jendrzewski of Blakeslee, Patricia Quaranto of Bethpage, NY, Mary Luchka of Kresgeville, and Kathleen Long of California. She was the loving grandmother to her six grandchildren, Patrick Quaranto, Brian Quaranto, Niki Jendrzewski, Jill Jendrzewski, Jessi Jendrzewski and Michelle Luchka; and her three great grandchildren, Maria, Liam and Shanelle.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Joseph and Patrick, and two grandchildren, Shannon Long and Dustin Lee Joseph Bradley.

A private graveside service was held at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury, NY.

AHSAN JAIR OSBORNE

Ahsan Jair Osborne, 29, of Blakeslee, passed away April 28, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospital-Monroe Campus in Stroudsburg.

Ahsan was born in Brooklyn, NY, on May 25, 1990, the oldest son of Grace John of Blakeslee, and Jewdyer Osborne of Stroudsburg.

Ahsan attended Full Gospel Academy and Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Brooklyn as a child. He later moved to Pennsylvania where he attended Pleasant Valley Assembly of God Church in Brodheadsville and was a part of Royal Rangers and the youth group Velocity.

Ahsan graduated from Pocono Mountain West High School. He also attended Northampton Community College, ITT Technical Institute, and worked at Planet Fitness in Mt. Pocono.

He will be deeply missed by his mother and father, his brother Taaaj Osborne, sister Aneesa Osborne and brother Khalid Osborne. He also is survived by several other siblings, lots of aunts, uncles, and a whole host of cousins, relatives and friends.

Private funeral services will be held. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to <http://gf.me/u/xzfscq>

MARJORIE JEAN SPECIALE

Marjorie Jean Speciale, 80, of Tobyhanna, died on Thursday April 23, 2020 in the Whitestone Health Care Center Stroudsburg. She was the wife of Andrew Speciale. Born in New York City, NY, she was the daughter of Victor and Mary (Carrino) Accardo.

Marjorie was residing in Tobyhanna for the past 40 years and prior to that in New York City. She owned and operated a beauty parlor in the Port Authority in New York City for many years. She was of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by her husband, Andrew S. Speciale.

Private graveside services and burial were held in the Stroudsburg Cemetery Stroudsburg.

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DORIS D. PERRY

Doris D. Perry, 87 of Tobyhanna, died on Thursday April 30, 2020. She was the wife of the late Edward Perry. Born in Fort Gaines, Georgia, she was the daughter of Henry and Minnie (Peppers) Morris.

Doris was residing in Tobyhanna for the past 20 years and prior to that she lived in Newark, NJ. She worked as a nurse most of her life.

She is survived by her son Steven and daughter-in-law Malisa Moses-Perry of Tobyhanna, and three other sons, Jeffery Perry, Henry Perry and Donald Perry; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren and cousins.

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JOSEPHINE LOPEZ

Josephine Lopez, 94, formerly of Pocono Summit, died Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at Weatherwood Nursing Home in Weatherly, where she was a resident since 2016. She was the widow of Ralph Lopez, Sr. who died December 25, 2015.

Born on November 1, 1925 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Eugenio Santos and Antonia Vargas-Santos.

Surviving are two children, Ralph Lopez Jr and Elaine Lopez Connors of Red Bluff,

CA; along with Joanna Lopez, Ralph Lopez III and six other grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren Kayla, Joey, Jazmin, Ryan and 13 others; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers.

Due to current health concerns, there will be no public services. The family will have a private service followed by entombment at Mountain View Mausoleum at Prospect Cemetery in East Stroudsburg.

RAYMOND DALE GLACKIN JR.

Raymond Dale Glackin Jr., 86, of Blakeslee, passed away May 1, 2020 at his home.

Raymond was the loving husband of the late Janice L. (Brown) Glackin.

He was born in Philadelphia on February 5, 1934, son of the late Raymond Dale Glackin Sr. and Alice (Roberts) Glackin.

Raymond served our country with dedication and courage in the US Navy during the Korean War. He had worked as a serviceman/technician for Philadelphia Gas Works in Philadelphia for many years, until retiring.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 927 in Gilbert.

We have been blessed with the presence of Raymond in our lives. He will be deeply missed by his children, Richard Glackin of Colwyn, Raymond J. Glackin Sr. of Norwood, and Diane Reilly of Holmes. Raymond was the loving grandfather to his three grandchildren, Raymond J. Glackin Jr. of Norwood, Sean Glackin of Morton, and Stephanie Reilly of Holmes; and two great-grandchildren, Stella and Scarlett.

In addition to his wife Janice, he was preceded in death by a son Donald Glackin.

Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

FREDERICK W. O'MEARA

Frederick W. O'Meara, 88, of Pocono Summit, died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at home. He was the loving husband of the late Joan L. O'Meara, with whom he shared 58 years of marriage.

Born in Manhattan, New York, he was a son of the late William and Gussie (Pozio) O'Meara.

A proud veteran, Frederick served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Following his honorable discharge, he worked as a building engineer for Beacon Looms in Teaneck, New Jersey. Frederick was also a Police Reserve in Fairlawn Township, New Jersey. He loved the mountains and retired here in the Poconos. Frederick was active with the Mount Pocono and Pocono Summit Seniors, the VFW, and the American Legion.

He is survived by a son, Kevin O'Meara and his wife, Marybeth of Easton; grandchildren Robert Romaniello and Anthony Romaniello, Lea Romaniello-McDonald, Jessica O'Meara, and Patrick O'Meara; and great-grandchildren Jennie McDonald, Emilina McDonald and Violet McDonald. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia O'Meara, three brothers, and three sisters.

The services will be private; cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an American Legion of your choice.

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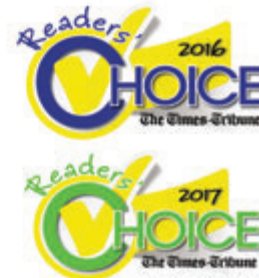


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Mary S. Weber, 97, of Tobyhanna, passed away early Monday morning, May 4, 2020 at St. Luke's Hospice House in Bethlehem. She was the widow of William C. Weber, with whom she shared 57 years of marriage at the time of his death on June 16, 2002.

Born on August 29, 1922 in Stroudsburg, she was the daughter of the late Arthur C. and Pearl E. (McConnell) Bunnell and was a lifetime resident of Monroe County.

She was a member of the Tobyhanna UM Church; and prior to moving to Tobyhanna, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Strouds-

MARY S. WEBER
burg. Mary was member and past secretary for the VFW Post 509 Auxiliary, in Tobyhanna; a lifetime member of the Tobyhanna Conservation Association; and a lifetime member of the Tobyhanna - Newfoundland Lions Club where she received the Melvin P. Jones Award.

Surviving are her daughter, Shirley Kelly and husband Michael; three sons, Richard D. Weber and wife Donna, William C. Weber, Jr. and wife Marianne, all of Tobyhanna, and Stephen R. Weber and wife Cheryl, of Greentown; six granddaughters; one grand-

son; six great-granddaughters; six great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Arthur C. Bunnell, Jr. and Richard M. Bunnell; two half-brothers, Theodore Milliard and Raymond Bunnell; and three half-sisters, Isabel Aughanbaugh, Marion Field and Florence Ewsn.

At Mary's request, there will be no services. Private burial will be at the convenience of the family.

The family extends thanks Pleasant Valley Manor and St. Luke's Hospice House for their compassion.

NORMAN F. ABENDROTH
II. He was a member of the American Legion in Philadelphia.

Norman was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Haven.

He will be deeply missed by his loving wife: Eleanor; his stepson Stephen Shafer of White Haven and several nieces.

Norman was preceded in death by his first wife, Hazel (Piccoli) Abendroth in 1995,

and a brother, Max Abendroth.

Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Memorial donations may be made to: American Cancer Society (Monroe Unit) 2158 West Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Gower Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Route 209, Gilbert was in charge of arrangements. www.gowerfuneralhome.com

ESU recognizes honor students

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania recognized 362 students who were scheduled to be recognized at this year's Annual Honors Convocation, which was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Among the students honored were Antonina Andreyeva of Long Pond, Aaron Calilap of Pocono Summit, Janya Odette Dimanlig of Tobyhanna, Walter Dunn of Pocono Summit, Tia-Marie Fritz of Pocono Lake, Christian Gonzalez of Long Pond, Christopher Lee of Blakeslee, Andria Mathison of Long Pond, Eric Mavila of Tobyhanna, Jenise Mcdonnell of Long Pond, Kimberly Panico of Tobyhanna, Myca

Supatan of Pocono Summit, Kelsey Tambasco of Tobyhanna, Kevin Touchette of Tobyhanna, and Kaori White of Tobyhanna,

The 362 students recognized have had great academic achievements at the university. Honor students must have of a minimum quality point average of 3.50 reflecting at least 36 semester hours of work completed at ESU, completion of at least 96 semester hours in their collegiate career by January 1 of the year in which the award is considered and a minimum of two semesters as a full-time student.

Certificates of recognition were sent to each student.

Norman F. Abendroth, age 94, of White Haven, formerly of Blakeslee, passed away March 29, 2020 at his home.

Norman was the loving husband of Eleanor Shafer.

He was born in Philadelphia on November 10, 1925, son of the late Max and Anna (Meyer) Abendroth.

Norman had worked as a wireman for the former ITE Circuit Breaker, now Brown Boveri & Cie in Philadelphia for 44 years until retiring in 1986.

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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

This past weekend on our schedule was to be a picnic day at Knoebels – in the park seeing a show, walking and enjoying our favorite rides. Due to the COVID closure, most everyone is still locked down and the park won't be open until perhaps mid-June. The best we were able to do was take a drive after doing shopping. It's not enough, but it was a bit of freedom. We drove enough to burn off some gasoline bought at a price of \$1.73 a gallon.

Sightings this week include a good-sized pot-bellied pig seen in the front yard a home on our way to Wilkes-Barre to visit with my uncle Slater. The pig was out eating grass, with its little tail swishing back and forth happily. Ruth and I did some shopping for Slater since we are working to keep him safe by keeping him in or near his apartment until the COVID-19 numbers drops. While there, we enjoyed a take-in dinner. Except for taking walks for daily exercise, he hasn't been going out, so he's truly bored and has taken to asking to go out shopping with us. With Luzerne County being a hot spot, we have convinced him to stay put for a few more weeks.

Back at home, with the weather nice into the evenings, we have taken to walking around the block after dinner

as a way to take an edge off our cabin fever.

Sightings also include some magnolia trees hereabouts that returned from being frost-burned to show off their beautiful blooms. Lilacs are now blooming. Sadly, all this is just in time for the next frosty nights slated for before Mother's Day. Accuweather projects it may be Memorial Day until frost is not a threat.

A flowers sighting of note are the cemetery pinks in the Pocono Lake Cemetery, across from Tobyhanna Elementary School.

On our Sunday ride to go for our own home's shopping, Ruth and I took the long way to the market, and sighted cows with newborn calves spread out in a farm field not far off the road we were traveling. The older calves, perhaps two or weeks-old, were just big enough to cluster together in a huddle like puppies, lying out together to enjoy the sunshine, not far from their mothers. Further along, we found a field with sheep and some newborn lambs. On this trip, we also enjoyed a stately overflight from a great blue heron.

On our drive, we saw people lined up at the local ice cream stands, near everyone wearing masks and keeping socially separated. Some restaurants had take-out set-ups, and oth-

ers looked closed. Here's to all of them reopening soon.

I was hoping to enjoy Mother's Day weekend out to dinner at a Lake Harmony restaurant, or perhaps the new Murph's Hideaway. As it is, it will be a day of phone calls to loved ones. We'll also take Slater some take out from nearby, as a treat.

I am disheartened to learn the Briggs Farm Festival is skipping this July's event. I am still hoping some events in early summer hang on until

things open. The Celtic Fling in Lancaster County is still listed as happening in late June. Mid-July still lists the Benton Rodeo in Columbia County. Musikfest in Bethlehem is still planning events at the beginning of August.

The big question is our own local BIG event at Pocono Raceway – and no, I'm not meaning local high schools graduations (though congrats to the Raceway management and the schools for a creative answer to saluting the grad-

uates). The NASCAR race weekend at the end of June is coming up all too fast. How it's held will be known soon, and I'm hoping it will be with fans, socially distanced on the big property – we'll know soon enough.

Congratulations also to Pocono Organics, whose produce is available for sale via the internet.

So, stay well everyone, and enjoy the greening up of our area – while holding to humor and hope until the crisis passes.



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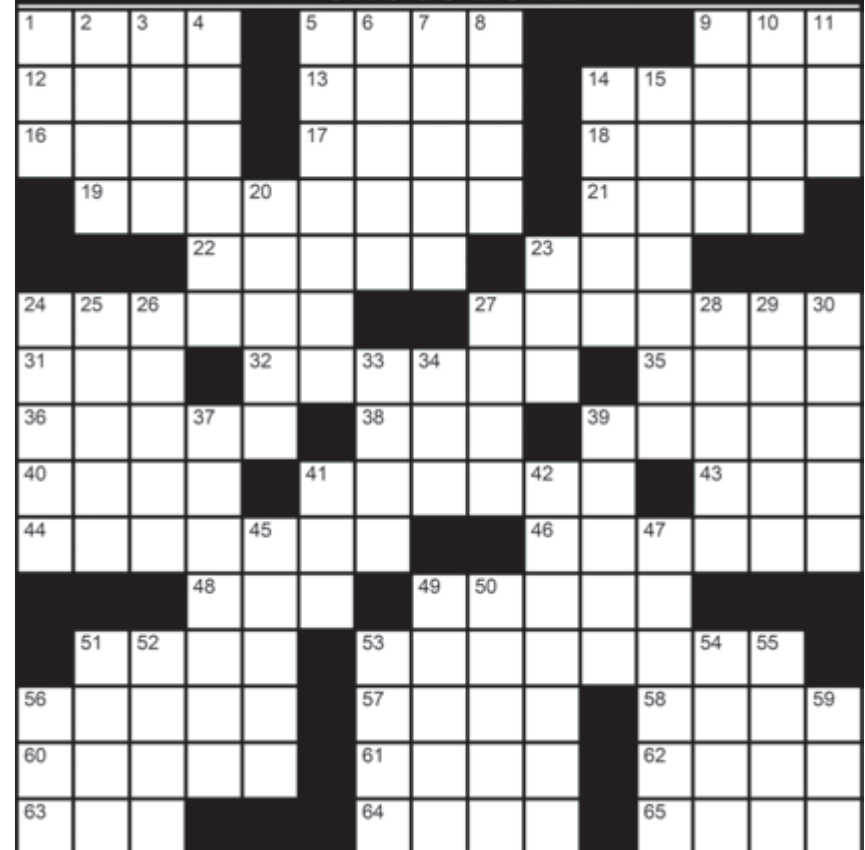
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ACROSS

1. A bit cracked
5. Traitor's blow?
9. Cause of Princess' downfall
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13. Prospector's mother?
14. Heavy footsteps
16. "Iliad" or "Odyssey"
17. Caribbean color
18. Frustration, in print
19. *Proponent of colonization of Mars
21. Small island
22. *Edmond Halley's apparition, 2061-2062
23. Expression of disgust or recoil
24. *2007 "Invention of the Year"
27. Give satisfaction
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38. Take the gold
39. Anti-seniors sentiment
40. Immigrate
41. Bold and without shame
43. Take illegal drugs
44. Adverb of steep
46. Tower of London guard
48. *Legalized in many states
49. Cambodian monetary unit, pl.
51. Gift toppers
53. *Major spring 2020 occurrence
56. *23andMe unit
57. Baron Munchhausen, e.g.
58. Original thought
60. Not yes or no
61. Nobel Peace Prize home
62. Long forearm bone
63. Formal wear, colloquially speaking
64. *Review service
65. *Walter White's concoction

DOWN

1. Polished off
2. Mock or make fun of playfully
3. Seed covering
4. Late Baroque
5. *Harvey Weinstein's new home, slangily
6. Part of chef's uniform
7. Sunbaked, archaically speaking
8. Bird's groomer
9. Opposite of knit
10. Competitive advantage
11. Combustion product
14. Boreal forest, in Russia
15. *Number sign turned metadata tag
20. Time being
23. Coffin alternative
24. Agenda entries
25. Turning point
26. Launch or throw
27. *Millennials' followers, for short
28. One hipbone
29. "Madagascar" predator
30. *Site of Abdrabbuh Mansur Hadi/Houthi conflict
33. Best-laid plans often go
34. Roman road
37. *Sites with no easy access
39. Anoint
41. Sandwich with acronym name
42. Ophthalmologist's prescription quantity
45. Wild West group
47. Os
49. Pay hike
50. All told
51. One of the Bridges
52. December stone
53. Clever tactic
54. Opposite of busy
55. Copper coin
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59. Expression of pleasure

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Journal Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

I've taken to writing about all the scams that are out there by internet, by phone, and by mail. Times are tough, and scammers are good on playing on emotions.

My 95 year-old uncle attracts scammers like a high-powered magnet. This week, he handed me a set of mail solicitations from supposedly national "charities" seeking donations for fire-fighters, police and emergency responders. There were three letters, all making pitches for donations. He caught on that they were all the same entity—formatted exactly alike, with P.O. Box addresses in three different mid-west states. They look real, but to a trained eye, were bogus, bogus, bogus.

Some charities, including nationally known ones, spend huge amounts of money fundraising, leaving in many cases less than half your donation going to the actual cause. I'll go into this in a future column.

Today, as I wrote this column, I received a fuzzy e-mail saying my Amazon Prime membership is set to renew on May 7, and the card associated with it is no longer valid. It says my account is disabled until I complete verification, and has a place I can click to start the process...And it's completely bogus, as I am not a member.

With unknown callers looking for you to sign up

for something, or buy something—take notes and pay attention to the details. When in doubt, hang up.

If you think you are dealing with a legitimate business, look up their legitimate phone number and call them yourself. Again using my uncle as an example, a supposed computer solutions company offered a computer problems hotline number for him to call. All it did is put him back to someone trying to get him to pay money for a service. He hung up.

If you think you have been scammed, contact the proper police department (local or state), and provide them with complete details including all your documents, along with when and how you were stolen from.

If you would like to share details of a scam—hopefully one you avoided—with me for this column, contact me via journalnews@pa.metrocast.net—attention Seth.

Police Beat:

Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department dispatched officers to investigate reported suspicious activity a Maple Rd. home in Briarcrest Woods, Tunkhannock Twp., Blakeslee, just before noon on 4-28. A caller reported seeing two men wearing backpacks enter a neighbor's home. It didn't look right, and they called it in. Officers arrived on scene, and

watched as the two actors fled on foot. Officers gave chase and caught one of them on a nearby street. Investigation revealed that the home had been broken into. Police then located the second actor, hiding at his residence a few streets away. It turned out that one of them is 20 years-old, and the other, 17.

Police learned that several additional homes that had been broken into. PMRPD Detectives were called in and processed the scenes. Police found that two of them were using marijuana while in the houses that they had broken into. Both burglars were transported to PMRPD HQ. The 17 y/o's parents were contacted, and he was later released one of them pending a hearing in juvenile court on his burglary charges. The 20 y/o was arrested and taken to Monroe County jail for arraignment on burglary and related offenses. He is scheduled to be in front of District Judge Richard Claypool. Anyone with additional information related to burglaries in Briar Crest Woods or nearby are asked to contact PMRPD Detective Donald

Scarfo at 570-895-2400 or dscarfo@pmrpd.com.

5-2, an argument between family members at a Jackson Twp. residence, 60, 19 and 16, became physical. PSP-F was called. Charges of harassment were filed on all three.

A deli restaurant in Brodheadsville's panic alarm brought a police response just before 7 p.m. on 4-26. It was found to be an error, but it also was the business' third false alarm in a year. A ticket for that was issued.

4-26, a COVID-19 positive diagnosis resulted in the woman dealing with this by getting drunk, then starting a fight with her partner. Police were called. The woman left before police arrived. After being calmed, police left so she could sleep things off, then talk to them the next day. She refused to pick up the phone when called that day, so PSP arrested her, filing harassment charges.

PSP investigated someone dumping a sink and refrigerator in a private dumpster. There were also a handful of DUI and drugs reports.

Stealin'

5-1, PSP-F recovered a Subaru that was parked on a Towamensing Trails, Albrightsville property and reported as suspicious. An NCIC search learned it was reported stolen from Leighton. It was towed to Leighton Police Department. LPD and PSP-F continue investigating.

Local and state police are looking more I.D. theft incidents including unauthorized card use. There are more reports of various shoplifting incidents.

Keeping the Rubber Side down

A 49 y/o Stroudsburg man drove his Rav4 into a ditch off Route 715 in Chestnuthill Twp. at 4:14 a.m. on 4-22, with the SUV ending up rubber side up. West End Fire and EMS assisted PSP-F, taking the man via ambulance to the hospital for injuries.

Also on the reports for these past two weeks are fender benders (including in the grocery store parking lot in Brodheadsville), deer strikes, and one while in the line for Dunkin Donuts (Brodheadsville) where driver wasn't licensed.

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decided to stick with PenTeleData, but to convert to their fiberoptic service. Cost to install the hardware by PenTeleData is \$3,000. Analog lines will be maintained for the emergency services department. The

agreement is a 36-month term. Concerns were expressed about Frontier's recent announcement that they had filed for bankruptcy. Supervisors were very much in favor of the conversion to fiber optic lines, and ended up accepting the proposal by PenTeleData.

Supervisors praised township secretary Crystal Baker for her work in assembling the complicated comparison of rates and options.

The meeting was conducted via Go-To-Meeting, with all five supervisors, manager, assistant manager, solicitor and engineering staff calling in, along with a number of citizens. Much of the business of the meeting concerned actions regarding the Covid-19 situation. Supervisors voted to mirror Monroe County's decision to extend the time period for discount and penalty for real estate taxes, making August 31 the end of the discount period.

A declaration of disaster emergency was extended until May 30.

Cohen Law Group was appointed to represent the township in upcoming cable franchise renewal discussions, on the suggestion of the solicitor.

Michele Bisbing and Brendon Carroll were nominated to be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Carroll withdrew his name, and nominated Sam Keiper. Bisbing and Keiper were appointed unanimously.

Road cut escrow refunds were approved for UGI and for Transco Gas Pipe Line Co.

Supervisors approved distributing fire funds to Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Co. for a calibration kit.

The union contract with the Department of Public Works was ratified unanimously.

Volunteer Service Credit Program applicant Tim Keiper was approved.

A request by Kalahari Resorts to release a letter of credit for Sewer District 1 was discussed. Speaking for

Kalahari, Steve Pine said that the pre-treatment method to which the letter of credit applied was no longer required, nor would it be useful. The intermunicipal Pocono Sewer Commission is now suggesting substituting an equalization holding tank. Kalahari proposed having the current letter of credit released, and a new letter of credit obtained should that solution be adopted.

Solicitor Jonathan Reiss advised the board not to release the letter of credit with an agreement by Pocono Township to waive the pre-treatment requirement specified in the intermunicipal agreement. Eventually, supervisors agreed to waive the pre-treatment requirement and release the letter of credit, as long as Pocono Township does the same thing, and puts it in writing.

The refund of escrow funds to CR Landscaping, and unused Zoning Hearing Board fees to Rinehimer Construction were much quicker, with both measures approved

unanimously.

The proposal by RETTEW for a botanical survey for the Pocono Summit West Improvement Project was approved, with some grumbling, capped at \$900,000.

A memorandum of understanding with Dunne Manning regarding the construction of Stillwater Drive and location of their entrance and parking area was accepted. Atty. Reiss said that the township will own a portion of their entranceway, and will be responsible for plowing and maintenance.

The township has cancelled its spring cleanup and summer Community Day because of the Covid-19 crisis.

The next meeting of the Tobyhanna Township Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, May 18, at 6 p.m. via Go-To-Meeting. For a link to the meeting, visit the Tobyhanna Township webpage at www.tobyhannatownship.gov under the Board of Supervisors tab.

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Rader cancels two upcoming district events

Due to the ongoing health crisis, Rep. Jack Rader has announced that two upcoming district events scheduled to take place in the coming weeks have been canceled.

Rader's Shredding Event/Spring Cleanup Day had been scheduled to take place on May 9 at Pocono Raceway and his Concealed Carry Event was set for June 11 in Tunkhan-

nock Township.

"These two events have proven to be very popular in the past and we enjoy hosting them," said Rader. "However, it is just not the right time to

schedule events that would bring many people together in one place. Furthermore, such gatherings are not permitted under the state's current stay-at-home order."

Rader expects to be able to host both events at some point this fall. The dates are still to be determined.

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