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## Monroe County Head Start receives Rotary Global Grant

The Monroe County Head Start program has been named the recipient of a Rotary International Global Grant to fund virtual classrooms for these Monroe County Pre-K children

impacted by Covid-19. The \$33,750 grant will be used to ensure Kindergarten readiness of pre-school age children enrolled in Head Start who, because of school closures,

have not received formal programming since the outbreak of the Pandemic in March.

Rotary International is a service organization created over 110 years ago to bring

together business and professional leaders to further humanitarian service, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, promote peace and support education around the world. The goal of its 1.2 million members and 35,000 clubs is to see a world where people unite and take action to solve real problems to create lasting change.


David Super, spokesperson for the Stroudsburg Rotary, lead sponsor of the grant

application, said, “A coalition of our Monroe County Rotary Clubs joined together to address the problems Head Start is facing because of Covid-19. Most in-person programs have been shuttered because of the outbreak. As a result, these Monroe County Pre-K children who live in poverty have not received the in-person education necessary to demonstrate by school district Kindergarten assessments, a high readiness

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The Salvation Army Clothing Drive at Pocono Lake United Methodist Church was a great success thanks to the outpouring of support from the community. Pictured here are Joel & Robin Miller, Margaret & Steve Clark, and Clark and Scott Hill loading the truck.



### CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, PA 176

I am 30-year U.S. Army veteran Claudette Williams, and I am running for State Rep. in the 176th District.

The 6-year incumbent has done NOTHING to advance the well-being and prosperity of families in Monroe County.

My policies support everyday people:

- Fairly funded schools
- Affordable healthcare
- Lower property taxes
- Higher minimum wage

**You have my word.**

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## Head Start

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for educational success.” He continues, “We met with Tim Lee, the Executive Director of Pocono Services for Families and Children (PSFC), which administrators our County Head Start Program, to find out how this gap could be bridged, and came up with this solution and the funding necessary to get it launched.”

What is unique to this type of Global Grant is they are not normally awarded within the United States. Super continues, “We partnered with a Canadian Rotary chapter to apply for this International Program. Traditionally, our monies raised for international projects helps in countries around the world. Given the significant impact the Pandemic has had in Monroe County, we opted to fund a program within our County.”

Joining together to make the project possible were the Rotary Clubs of The Stroudsburgs, Blakeslee, Mount Pocono,



Meeting to present the Global Grant are, from left, Mitchell Marcus Stacy Keeler, and Vern Moyer from Mount Pocono Rotary; Karen DeMatteo from Rotary of The Stroudsburg, Annie Messina from Pocono Mountains Rotary, Jim Mannello from West End Rotary; Tim Lee, Executive Director of Pocono Services for Families and Children; Janice Miller-Lions from Blakeslee Rotary; Dave Super from Rotary of The Stroudsburgs; H. John Davis from Mount Pocono Rotary; Jim Becker from Rotary of The Stroudsburgs; Nereida Santiago from Mount Pocono Rotary; and Karen Bastidas from Rotary of the Stroudsburgs.

Pocono Mountains, and West End, and Rotary District 7410.

The Virtual Classrooms program will engage children through on-line learning using laptops loaded with specially designed software that focuses on skills necessary to enter Kindergarten. There is

currently no outlet for children not yet enrolled in public schools to access this type of service. In addition to the children, virtual classroom learning will also include adult programming on health education, parental skill developments, Bridges Out of Poverty curriculum, and computer skills. Through Head Start and Global Grant funding, everything families will need to learn remotely and receive basic education and literacy will be provided.

PSFC is a non-profit organization that advocates on behalf of economically challenged Monroe County families by being a responsive, thriving organization that leads the charge

for training and advocacy. Their goal is to collectively improve the future for children, families and communities.

Super concludes, “We are in the process of securing the equipment for this new program and expect to impact 75 families in need in Monroe County. The launch of this new ongoing initiative will continue to help families with pre-school children access the equipment they need to advance their literacy and prepare them for school. Thanks

to an International Rotary Grant, PSFC will manage the equipment and programming to create a sustainable learning opportunity for Monroe County families and is a shining example of how our organization not only impacts lives internationally but also here in our community.”

For program information and assistance with participation, residents can call Monroe County Head Start at 570-421-2676 or go to their website at [psfc.org](http://psfc.org).

## Collection for Valor Clinic at Pocono Lake UMC

Pocono Lake United Methodist Church is collecting new socks, new underwear and new tee shirts for Valor Clinic. The church will be collecting these items and giving them to Valor Clinic on November 15 to coincide with Veterans Day.

The Valor Clinic Foundation, located in Kunkletown, works to improve the lives of our nation's veterans. Valor provides assistance accessing benefits and shelter to veterans with limited or no access to care.

If you would like to help, please drop off your donations at the church on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.–1

p.m. or on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monetary donation are also welcome. A box is also located outside the front door to drop off donations. Valor will receive the donations when they come to church on Sunday, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Pocono Lake United Methodist Church is located on Route 940 between Pocono Pines and Blakeslee. For more information, call the church 570-646-2650.

Learn more about the new pastor and all about the church at [www.poconolakeumc.org](http://www.poconolakeumc.org) or on facebook.



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The composition of Monroe County is diverse. Our neighbors are Republican and Democrat, black, brown, and white. Our county population is 167,000 strong. That is 167,000 life stories. 167,000 individuals with hopes and dreams. 167,000 affected by the impact of COVID-19, cancers, racial inequity, drug misuse and many other horrible factors. While other communities focus on the "divides", we are asking Monroe County to respond, respectfully. There is plenty of strife in the world. The NAACP, Pocono Mountains United Way, and local and state police departments request unification before and after the presidential election.

Former President George W. Bush recently stated "We're human beings, equally vulnerable and equally wonderful in the sight of God. We rise or fall together. And we're determined to rise." We agree.

Recently, the NAACP, United Way, and police departments began meeting to focus on the strengths of Monroe County and how best to serve and protect. This plan includes cultural competency trainings and a commitment to improve communications between law enforcement and the community. The goal is for law enforcement to be seen as a resource for all and for our county to demonstrate the principles of fairness, honor, and community.

These organizations recognize that tension and emotions are connected with the upcoming election. The position of this statement is that civil unrest, disorder, and violence are not the attributes of a healthy Monroe County. Voting is important. Political election of public servants is critical. These activities should elicit emotion. But these emotions should be expressed, peacefully and respectfully.

Collectively, we stand for UNITY. We believe in treating everyone with DIGNITY. We think that RESPECT is possible despite disagreement. We value EQUALITY where no one feels like an "other". We pursue JUSTICE for all while opposing discrimination and mistreatment of some.

Remember the lessons from childhood. Be a gracious winner. Don't gloat. If your candidate loses, keep your composure. Advocate. Volunteer. Get involved for the next election.

Monroe County, we are counting on you to be the example for the rest of the state and country.

Sincerely,

  
Christa Caceres  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People

  
Jennifer Lyon  
Stroud Area Regional Police

  
Kent J. Werkheiser  
Pocono Township Police Department

  
Christopher Wagner  
Pocono Mountains Regional  
Police Department

  
Kenneth Morris  
Monroe County Sheriff's Office

  
Michael B. Tukeya  
Pocono Mountains United Way

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## Fraud alert Veterans Scams

Their time in service to protect our country is over. Now it's our turn to protect our veterans from scams. Veterans deserve our gratefulness, our respect and praise.

Here's what they don't deserve: attempts to take advantage of their service. Yet every day, scammers attempt to defraud our veterans of their hard-earned benefits, steal their identity, or take their savings. These frauds include seeking donations for fake charities claiming to serve our nation's veterans (always research before giving); targeting veterans with fake employment opportunities (it's a scam if you have to pay to

get the job or provide sensitive personal information); and offers of free cash from little-known government grant programs (the federal government doesn't hand out grants to individuals).

Together, we can fight back and take one small step to repay our veterans for their service and sacrifices.

Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.

Visit the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) or call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline at 1-877-908-3360 to report a scam or get help if you've fallen victim.



# Re-Elect State Representative Jack Rader, Jr.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF MONROE

## **NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD:**

TUESDAY, November 3, 2020  
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00AM TO  
8:00PM (Prevailing Time)

THE VOTERS OF MONROE COUNTY:  
Pursuant to the requirements of Section  
906 of the Pennsylvania Election Code ap-  
proved in 1937, notice is hereby given set-  
ting forth the names of all offices for which  
candidates are to be elected at the General  
Election to be held on:

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF MONROE		
CANDIDATES PROCLAMATION REPORT		
Election : General Election Election Date : 11/3/2020		
<b>Presidential Electors</b> (4 Year Term) (Vote for the candidates of one party for President and Vice-President, or insert the names of candidates)		
JOSEPH R BIDEN DONALD J TRUMP JD JORGENSEN	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN LIBERTARIAN	COUNTY WIDE
<b>Attorney General</b> (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
JOSH SHAPIRO HEATHER HEIDELBAUGH DANIEL WASSERMAN RICHARD L. WEISS	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN LIBERTARIAN GREEN	COUNTY WIDE
<b>Auditor General</b> (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
NINA AHMAD TIMOTHY DEFOOR JENNIFER MOORE OLIVIA FASON	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN LIBERTARIAN GREEN	COUNTY WIDE
<b>State Treasurer</b> (4 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
JOE TORRELLA STACY L. GARRITY JOE SOLOMON TIMOTHY RUNKLE	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN LIBERTARIAN GREEN	COUNTY WIDE
<b>Representative in Congress 7th District</b> (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
SUSAN WILD LISA SCHELLER	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN	Delaware Water Gap East Stroudsburg First Ward East Stroudsburg Second Ward East Stroudsburg Third Ward East Stroudsburg Fourth Ward East Stroudsburg Fifth Ward East Stroudsburg Sixth Ward Edinboro Hamilton Northern Hamilton Southern Ross Smithfield One Smithfield Two Smithfield Three Stroud One Stroud Two Stroud Three Stroud Four Stroud Five Stroud Six Stroud Seven Stroudsburg First Ward Stroudsburg Second Ward Stroudsburg Third Ward Stroudsburg Fourth Ward Stroudsburg Fifth Ward
<b>Representative in Congress 8th District</b> (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
MATT CARTWRIGHT JIM BOONE	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN	Berett One Berett Two Chesterhill One Chesterhill Two Chesterhill Three Chesterhill Four Cockleburg One Cockleburg Two Cockleburg Three Cockleburg Four Jackson North Jackson South Middle Smithfield Eastern Middle Smithfield Western Mount Pocono Paradise Pocono One Pocono Two Pocono Three Pocono Four Pike Pike Smithfield Four Tobyhanna Eastern Tobyhanna Western Tobyhanna

<b>Representative in the General Assembly 115th District</b> (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
MAUREEN MADSEN DULCE RODRIGUEZ	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN	Cockleburg One Cockleburg Two Cockleburg Three Cockleburg Four East Stroudsburg First Ward East Stroudsburg Second Ward East Stroudsburg Third Ward East Stroudsburg Fourth Ward East Stroudsburg Fifth Ward East Stroudsburg Sixth Ward Paradise Pike Stroud One Stroud Two Stroud Three Stroud Four Stroud Five Stroud Six Stroudsburg First Ward Stroudsburg Second Ward Stroudsburg Third Ward Stroudsburg Fourth Ward Stroudsburg Fifth Ward
<b>Representative in the General Assembly 176th District</b> (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS JACK ANDER	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN	Chesterhill One Chesterhill Two Chesterhill Three Chesterhill Four Edinboro Jackson North Jackson South Mount Pocono Pocono One Pocono Two Pocono Three Pocono Four Pike Tobyhanna Eastern Tobyhanna Western
<b>Representative in the General Assembly 189th District</b> (2 Year Term) (Vote for One)		
ADAM RODRIGUEZ ROSEMARY BROWN	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICAN	Berett One Berett Two Delaware Water Gap Hamilton Northern Hamilton Southern Middle Smithfield Eastern Middle Smithfield Western Ross Smithfield One Smithfield Two Smithfield Three Smithfield Four Stroud Seven

## **ALTERNATIVE BALLOT NOTICE**

Re: Implementation of the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAA)

The General Election is November 3, 2020 In the past the staff and concerned citizens of Monroe County, under the auspices of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, have spent extensive time in trying to make all polling places in Monroe County accessible to the elderly and the electors with disabilities. If you are assigned to an inaccessible polling site, contact the Monroe County Bureau of Registration and Elections at (570) 517-3165 on how to receive an alternative ballot.

Pursuant to P.L. 98-435, a telecommunication device (TDD) must be provided so people who are hearing/speech impaired can receive election information. This will be accomplished again this year through the AT&T relay system. TDD users may utilize this service by calling 1-800-654-5984 and telling the communications assistant they want to speak to the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation at (717) 787-5280. AT&T will then relay the conversation to the bureau.

This notice is published according to the Federal Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (P.L. 98-435) and the term "accessible" is used in conjunction with this act not the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**MONROE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
Sara L. May-Silfee,  
Director of Elections

## **NOTICE**

The Monroe County Board of Elections will convene at 7:00 a.m. on November 3, 2020, in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Monroe County Administrative Center, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA for the purpose of conducting business relating to the Election.

If you require any special accommodations with regards to this meeting please provide sufficient notice of your needs to the Commissioners' Office, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or phone (570) 517-3165.

**MONROE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
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Director of Elections

## **NOTICE**

The Monroe County Board of Elections will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Monroe County Administrative Center, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA for the purpose of counting (canvassing) the Mail-in Ballots and the Absentee Ballots. Due to COVID-19 concerns, only one authorized representative from each political party shall be permitted to remain in each room in which the Mail-in Ballots and Absentee Ballots are canvassed. It is anticipated that canvassing will continue through Friday, November 6, 2020.

**MONROE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
Sara L. May-Silfee,  
Director of Elections

## **NOTICE**

The Monroe County Board of Elections will convene at 9:00 a.m. on November 6, 2020, in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Monroe County Administrative Center, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA for the computation and canvassing of the return votes cast at the General Election on November 3, 2020.

If you require any special accommodations with regards to this meeting please provide sufficient notice of your needs to the Commissioners' Office, One Quaker Plaza, Stroudsburg, PA 18360 or phone (570) 517-3165.

**MONROE COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
Sara L. May-Silfee,  
Director of Elections

## **NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE**

To the Electors of East Stroudsburg 1st and 2nd Wards  
Effective October, 2020

Notice is hereby given by the County Board of Elections of Monroe County that the polling place in said District has been changed:

From: Dansbury Commons at ESU  
East Stroudsburg, PA

To: KOEHLER FIELD HOUSE AT  
ESU (NEW) 259 SMITH STREET. EAST  
STROUDSBURG, PA 18301

**Monroe County Board of Elections**  
Sara L. May-Silfee, Director

## **NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE**

To the Electors of Paradise Twp.  
Effective September, 2020

Notice is hereby given by the County Board of Elections of Monroe County that the polling place in said District has been changed:

From: Paradise Township Building  
5912 Paradise Valley Rd. Cresco, PA

To: PARADISE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION (NEW) 5798 PARADISE VALLEY RD.  
CRESCO, PA 18326

**Monroe County Board of Elections**  
Sara L. May-Silfee, Director

## **NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE**

To the Electors of Smithfield 3  
Effective March, 2020

Notice is hereby given by the County Board of Elections of Monroe County that the polling place in said District has been changed:

From: Smithfield Elementary School  
245 River Rd., E. Stroudsburg, PA

To: SHAWNEE VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.  
(NEW) 102 FIRE HOUSE LANE-  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

**Monroe County Board of Elections**  
Sara L. May-Silfee, Director



# NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE

To the Electors of Stroud 3  
Effective March, 2020  
Notice is hereby given by the County Board of Elections of Monroe County that the polling place in said District has been changed:

From: Wesleyan Church  
915 N. Fifth St., Stroudsburg, PA  
To: MOOSE LODGE (NEW)  
Banquet Hall  
705 STOKES MILL RD.  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301  
**Monroe County Board of Elections**  
**Sara L. May-Silfee, Director**

# NOTICE OF CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE

To the Electors of Tunkhannock  
Effective for November 3, 2020  
Notice is hereby given by the County Board of Elections of Monroe County that the polling place in said District has been changed for the November 3, 2020 Election only:

From: Tunkhannock Township Municipal Building  
To: TUNKHANNOCK TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY  
1539 LONG POND RD, LONG POND, PA  
**Monroe County Board of Elections**  
**Sara L. May-Silfee, Director**

## MONROE COUNTY'S POLLING PLACE LIST

<b>BARRETT ONE</b>			
01-1 BARRETT MUNICIPAL TOWNSHIP BUILDING			
903 ROUTE 390			
CRESCO, PA			
18326			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>BARRETT TWO</b>			
01-2 MOUNTAINHOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ANNEX			
6680 ROUTE 191			
MOUNTAINHOME, PA			
18342			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>CHESTNUTHILL ONE</b>			
02-1 WEST END FIRE COMPANY - DOWNSTAIRS			
128 ROUTE 715 BEHIND WAWA			
BROOKHEADSVILLE, PA			
18322			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>CHESTNUTHILL TWO</b>			
02-2 ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
164 MERWINSBURG RD			
EFFORT, PA			
18330			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>CHESTNUTHILL THREE</b>			
02-3 CHESTNUTHILL TWP MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
271 ROUTE 715			
BROOKHEADSVILLE, PA			
18322			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>CHESTNUTHILL FOUR</b>			
02-4 WEST END FIRE COMPANY - UPSTAIRS			
128 ROUTE 715, BEHIND THE WAWA			
BROOKHEADSVILLE, PA			
18322			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES

<b>COOLBAUGH ONE</b>			
03-1 POCONO SUMMIT FIRE CO.			
5334 HUMMINGBIRD DR.			
POCONO SUMMIT, PA			
18348			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>COOLBAUGH TWO</b>			
03-2 COOLBAUGH TWP FIREHOUSE			
852 LAUREL DRIVE			
TOBYHANNA, PA			
18488			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>COOLBAUGH THREE</b>			
03-3 THE MOUNTAIN CENTER			
354 MEMORIAL BLVD			
TOBYHANNA, PA			
18488			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>COOLBAUGH FOUR</b>			
03-4 POCONO MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY			
1500 MUNICIPAL DRIVE			
TOBYHANNA, PA			
18488			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>DELAWARE WATER GAP BORO</b>			
04 DELAWARE WATER GAP TOWN HALL			
49 MAIN STREET			
DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA			
18327			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 1ST WARD</b>			
05-1 KOHLER FIELD HOUSE AT ESU			
213 SMITH ST. AT E.S.U.			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 2ND WARD</b>			
05-2 KOHLER FIELD HOUSE AT ESU			
213 SMITH ST. AT E.S.U.			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 3RD WARD</b>			
05-3 ELKS LODGE			
260 WASHINGTON ST			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 4TH WARD</b>			
05-4 EAST STROUDSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT			
380 CHESTNUT STREET			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 5TH WARD</b>			
05-5 EAST STROUDSBURG SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ADMINISTRATION BLDG.			
50 VINE STREET			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>EAST STROUDSBURG 6TH WARD</b>			
05-6 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH			
148 NORTH COURTLAND ST			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18301			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>ELDBRED</b>			
06 KUNKLETOWN FIREHOUSE			
597 KUNKLETOWN ROAD,			
KUNKLETOWN, PA			
18358			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>HAMILTON NORTHERN</b>			
07N MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER			
100 GYPSUM RD BEHIND POCONO MTN. HARLEY DAVIDSON SHOP			
OFF RT 33, AT SNYDERVILLE EXIT			
18395			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>HAMILTON SOUTHERN</b>			
07S - CHRIST HAMILTON UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL (LIGHTHOUSE BLDG)			
419 BOSSARDVILLE RD			
STROUDSBURG PA 18360			
18360			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>JACKSON NORTH</b>			
08N JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREHOUSE- UPSTAIRS			
2176 ROUTE 715			
NEXT TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG.			
REEDERS, PA			
18352			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>JACKSON SOUTH</b>			
08S- JACKSON TOWNSHIP FIREHOUSE- DOWNSTAIRS			
2176 ROUTE 715			
NEXT TO JACKSON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BLDG			
REEDERS, PA			
18352			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>MIDDLE SMITHFIELD EASTERN</b>			
06E- MIDDLE SMITHFIELD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH			
5205 MILFORD ROAD			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18302			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES

<b>MIDDLE SMITHFIELD WESTERN</b>			
06W- MIDDLE SMITHFIELD MUNICIPAL BUILDING			
147 MUNICIPAL DR.			
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA			
18302			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>MOUNT POCONO BORO</b>			
10- POCONO MOUNTAIN VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY			
20 MURRAY STREET			
MOUNT POCONO, PA			
18344			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>PARADISE</b>			
11- PARADISE TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION			
5798 PARADISE VALLEY RD			
ROUTE 940, CRESCO, PA			
18344			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	NO
<b>POCONO ONE</b>			
12-1 THE POCONO HERITAGE CENTER AT MT. VIEW PARK			
154 MT. VIEW PARK LN			
TANNERSVILLE, PA			
18372			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>POCONO TWO</b>			
12-2 OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH HALL			
327 CHERRY LANE RD			
TANNERSVILLE, PA			
18372			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>POCONO THREE</b>			
12-3 ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH			
158 FISH HILL ROAD			
TANNERSVILLE, PA			
18372			
Handicap Access?	✓	Are Political Signs Allowed at Polling Place?	YES
<b>POCONO FOUR</b>			
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Marynell Strunk, Manager, LVHN–Pocono Foundation (left) presents a check for more than \$3,000 to William Schrack from West End Community Ambulance, his share for winning the 50/50 raffle at the Foundation's 4th annual EMS Hero Event.

## Monroe County EMS providers recognized at Virtual Hero event

Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN)–Pocono Foundation, along with Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)–Pocono, recognized the extraordinary work to care for the community by local Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers during the LVHN–Pocono Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> annual EMS Hero Event, held virtually for the first time on YouTube Live on September 24.

The event honors and recognizes the outstanding service to our community by the four EMS agencies serving LVH–Pocono: Bushkill EMS Emergency Corps, Pocono Mountain Regional EMS, Suburban EMS, and West End Com-

munity Ambulance Association. In addition, despite the limitations of a virtual event, the Foundation raised a record \$16,600 for these local heroes. A special 50/50 raffle was also added to the event, to generate both interest and revenue, and sold more than 200 tickets. Proceeds from the event are split evenly among the four agencies and help to fund the cost of needed equipment for these providers.

The evening's highlights included videos of four separate life-saving calls as told through the eyes of the patients and their EMS responders. These powerful and compelling videos were introduced

by physician and administration leaders at LVH–Pocono and LVHN.

Because the event did not include an in-person dinner and awards ceremony, gift bags and awards were delivered to each station by the Foundation staff and dinner was delivered on the evening of the broadcast. Nearly 300 people have viewed the event online which can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wonVp5VMn6g>.

If you would like to learn more about ways you can support the Pocono Foundation, please visit: [Give.LVHN.org/Pocono](http://Give.LVHN.org/Pocono).

## Veterans Day Parade set at Pocono Raceway

The Monroe County Veterans Association will hold a Veteran's Day Parade at the Pocono Raceway on Sunday, November 8, beginning at 12:45 p.m. with an opening ceremony at Victory Lane by the Monroe County Joint Honor Guard. The parade will proceed from the infield, stepping off at 1 p.m.

The public may attend. Gates will open approximately one hour before the parade begins. The public will be parked along the frontstretch for the parade and asked to follow

CDC and local guidance related to COVID-19 (masks, social distancing, etc.)

The parade will feature floats, bands, and veterans organizations. A raffle and 50/50 drawing will also be conducted.

Contributions are being sought, in the form of sponsorships or donation. More information is available by contacting chairman Andy Sterner at [andy.peace17@gmail.com](mailto:andy.peace17@gmail.com) or [veterans@esu.edu](mailto:veterans@esu.edu) or on Facebook.



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# Mountain Laurel Resort has big plans to upgrade

by Seth Isenberg

Owners of the Mountain Laurel Resort on Route 940 just west of the intersection of Interstate 80 and the Pennsylvania Turnpike brought a set of grand plans to October's Kidder Township Planning Commission meeting. These plans show the resort upgrading to offer extensive indoor sports options, including two sports domes to be built on the property just west of the hotel, plus an attractive village of cabins spread through the hardwood forest at the south of the hotel, around the pond and west again to meet the road to the sports domes.

Another phase of the upgrade, according to the engineers who presented the concept, is to replace the aging two-story wing of the resort with its 90 rooms, with a three story tower with 80 modern rooms. That would free up part of the property close-in to the building for more parking, and to locate one of the sports domes closer by.



Presenting these plans for an early look by members of the Planning Commission was a way to get input from everyone present, and as a way to share the vision the new ownership of the resort

has for its future. With the cabins and possible crowds during sports tournaments, it was suggested by the township engineer and some board members that the plan will need a second entrance

to the property. The addition of hydrants along the new roads was recommended. Some extra parking in the cabins area was suggested, especially near the units with multiple bedrooms.

The presenting team listened, and will add to their plans, then return in 2021 with revisions, and likely some paperwork ahead of the first phase of the upgrade.

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- **\$105,000** to **Coolbaugh Township Fire Department** towards a multi-use Emergency Center and Warming Station.



# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

It's raking season, a non-calendar annual event hereabouts. If we had some doubts as to when our area reached past the peak of foliage, just look around at the yards covered with leaves. The foliage at our home is now for the most part spread across the lawn.

I got a start to my raking over the weekend, and have created a pile of leaves taller than our new German short-hair pointer, Bull. He's been somewhat helpful, taking sticks that I have raked into the pile, out of the pile. He's also been peeing upon the pile, his way of helping keep the leaves from blowing away, I guess. It's a good thing it rained. I'm concerned that the wind that may come with the remnants of hurricane Zeta will blow my leaves all around again.

As a game, when Bull spent time digging around in the piles, I could gather up some leaves on my rake, then show him with them. He seemed to find this great fun.

The red maples in the back of our yard were still holding leaves ahead of the big storm. They usually hold on until late in the season. Other than those, there are a few stubborn leaves on our burning bushes, now faded to a dark red.

With more dry weather, I'll go out again with team Isenberg's K-9s for more fun, raking included. The audience really does help. Our town has a leaf vacuum, so all work gets directed to piling the leaves at the curb on the scheduled dates.

During our drives this week, we found some pockets of beautiful leaves still hanging on. The best of these was a spot on the north side of the hill into the Nescopeck valley on Route 93 (north from Inter-

state 80). The hardwood grove there was sheltered, and still sported brilliant yellow and stunning red leaves on many of the trees. Most everywhere else, we sighted some pale yellows of isolated late maples nearby golden browns of oaks. It's still pretty, though the days of this foliage season are few now.

November through to early April, when the trees are completely bare, are not my favorites. The hardwoods without leaves seem to usher in winter... and that cold, snow, ice and sleet can take its time coming. The next big step is this Sunday with the return of Standard Time. I prefer Daylight Savings time with its later sunsets.

This past weekend, there was a small apple festival at Hellers Orchards in Wapwallopen (on the Susquehanna River, north of Berwick). Ruth and I decided we'd take a drive there—it took less than an hour. I've written about our fondness for Stayman Winesap apples, which in our opinion are worth a drive to buy. Hellers has a grove of them,

and plenty in stock to buy. Plus, the festival featured the Bissinger Family's apple dumplings stand (Bissinger's tent is one of our favorite stops at the Bloomsburg Fair). We bought one each to eat there, and took more home.

Sports this past weekend were a bit lame. The NASCAR race needed until Wednesday to get run. I'm not sure many people watched. I tuned in briefly, then checked back to see who won.

The Eagles win made Ruth happy, and here's to a win against the Cowboys, setting up a rematch with the Giants mid-month that could be meaningful. To the Jets fans... sorry, though there's a little consolation in how badly the Patriots played versus the 49ers.

Penn State lost its game one by a possibly botched field call. With Ohio State in this weekend, the Nittany Lions will need to up their game. Things should get easier for PSU the following week as Maryland comes to Happy Valley. We'll be tuned in each game.

Sightings now include some

vees of geese smartly heading south ahead of the coming cold. Of note, as the countdown to hunting season has started, I've seen a bunch of good-looking bucks around our area. Ruth took a photo of a local bow hunter with the 500 lb. bear he recently shot... It filled the back of his pickup. There's going to be a lot of bear stew at his house through the winter. He plans to dress the hide, and mount the bear among his trophies.

On Hallowe'en Saturday, Ruth and I are helping to judge a pet costume parade on White Haven's Main Street, starting in front of the White Haven Diner just after 4. Everybody who comes gets a gift. Come by and say hello. Also,

check out some of the area's really outstanding Halloween decorated yards.

Ruth and I are now looking for outdoor events within two hours drive. There's little scheduled nearby, so we will cast our net further out. Museum visits will resume, too, as the weather drives us back inside. We'll be back writing about those.

On November 3, vote—unless you already mailed a vote in. Ruth and I will vote in person. I can only hope that after such an election, we can all come together again.

And—please go out to shop and eat at (or get takeout from) local businesses. They need all of our support right now.

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## All Are Warmly Invited!

# Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council hosts Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

On Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m., the Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Council (TOME) will hold its annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines. Everyone is invited to attend this service to celebrate and give thanks for the many gifts in our lives. Additionally, the service will be broadcast live on both Zoom and Facebook Live.

Reverend Janice Puliti, Pastor of Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, will be the primary speaker, while the spiritual leaders and members of the eight congregations that comprise TOME will also participate in the service. An offering will be collected for the Top of the Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry at Five Loaf House in Pocono Pines. Social distancing rules will be in place and masks are required at all times while inside the church, per the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton.

TOME is the cooperative effort of eight congregations on the Pocono Plateau

– Blakeslee United Methodist Church, Faith Lutheran Church, Iglesia La Gran Comision, Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church, Salem United Church of Christ, St.

Maximilian Kolbe Parish and Congregation B’Nai Harim Reform Synagogue – and strives to meet the spiritual needs of the people in Tobyhanna, Tunkhannock and parts of Coolbaugh Township.

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish is located at 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines, near the intersection of Routes 940 and 423. From Route 940 in Pocono Pines, turn opposite the Food Express (Gulf Station)/Dunkin

Donuts toward the Tobyhanna Township Government Center. St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish will be on the right.

For more information, contact the parish at 570-646-6424.

## EPA’s Responsible Appliance Disposal Program honors PPL Electric Utilities for 2019 recycling program

PPL Electric Utilities’ appliance recycling efforts in 2019 recently earned it high honors in the U.S. EPA’s Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) Program.

PPL received a Champions Award for having one of the highest rates of insulation foam recovery in the RAD Program last year. Foam contains substances that are potent greenhouse gases that may, depending on the age of the unit, deplete the ozone layer.

“Our RAD partners have increased appliance recycling by employing best environmental practices, which reduces emissions, saves energy and builds strong partnerships in our communities,” said Anne

Austin, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation. PPL was one of 14 companies across the country that received awards for outstanding program achievements in appliance recycling, according to the EPA.

Since joining the RAD program in 2017, PPL has recycled nearly 40,000 refrigerant-containing appliances, which in greenhouse gas terms is the equivalent of taking more than 61,000 vehicles off the road for a year. More

than 138,000 appliances have been recycled since PPL started its appliance recycling program more than a decade ago.


“This honor reflects how much PPL and its customers believe in and support a cleaner, greener planet through appliance recycling,” said Mary Ann Kelly-Merenda, program manager for PPL’s residential energy efficiency programs. “We’re proud to partner with our customers and other stakeholders.”

Due to the COVID-19

pandemic, PPL’s appliance recycling program is currently suspended. However, customers can choose to be added to a waitlist and will be contacted once the program resumes. To be placed on the waitlist or for any questions, please contact customer service at 1-877-486-9204 between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

To learn more about PPL’s appliance recycling program, and keep current on any changes, visit [ppllectric.com/recycle](http://ppllectric.com/recycle). To learn more about the federal government’s RAD Program, visit: [epa.gov/rad](http://epa.gov/rad).

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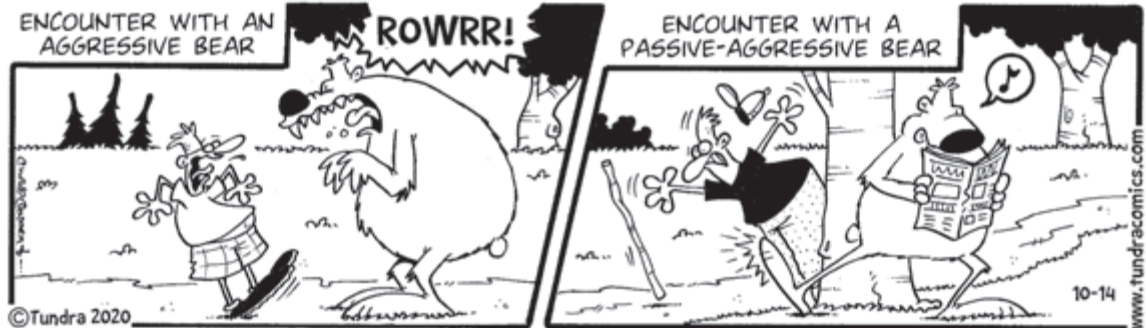
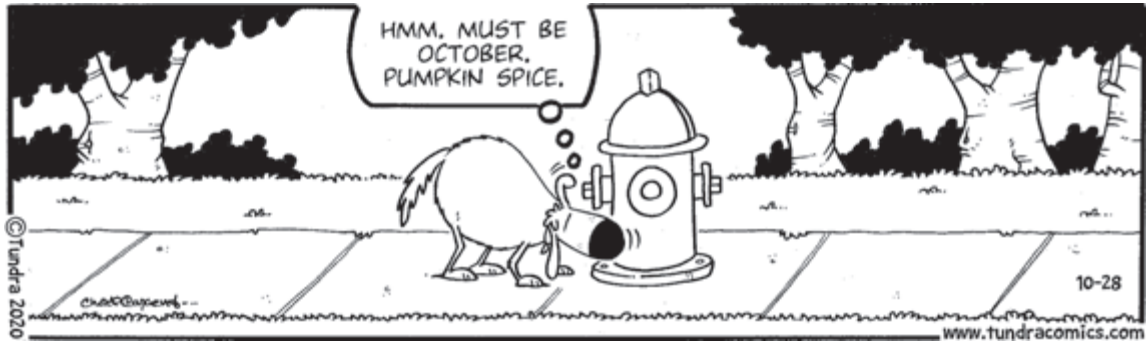
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# NMIH exhibit features industrial photography of Stephen Mallon

Machines of Interest: The Selected Works of Stephen Mallon, a new exhibit featuring over two dozen original prints from the New York-based photographer, opened October 17 at Bethlehem's National Museum of Industrial History (NMIH).

Machines of Interest highlights Mallon's most recent projects in a celebration

of beauty and function intersecting with the natural world. The exhibit features photos from the artist's collection spanning life on the rails to deconstruction in the recycling yard to unique perspectives of human-made machines. Stephen's work will give visitors a look at industry like never before.

"Stephen's crisp, detailed,

and beautiful images are something to behold," said Glenn Koehler, director of marketing and public relations at NMIH. "His eye for finding beauty in industrial landscapes and his diverse body of work will resonate with everyone from art enthusiasts to engineers to hobby photographers."

Stephen Mallon is well



**"The End" courtesy of Stephen Mallon, one of over two dozen photos on display at Mallon's new exhibit "Machines of Interest" at Bethlehem's National Museum of Industrial History through March 7.**

known for his series Next Stop Atlantic featuring decommissioned NYC Subway cars as they are retired to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean as artificial reefs, as well as his series Brace for Impact which chronicles the reclamation of the plane successfully landed in the waters of the Hudson River by Captain "Sully" Sullenburger. Mallon's work has been exhibited in museums and galleries internationally, and his work has been written about in publications that include *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *Vanity Fair*, *Wired*, *Stern*, *PetaPixel*, *Viral For-*

*est*, *BuzzFeed*, *New York Magazine*, and *The Huffington Post*. Mallon's work has also been featured on CNN, CBS, MSNBC, and NPR.

Entry to *Machines of Interest: The Selected Works of Stephen Mallon* is included in regular museum admission. The exhibit will be on view through March 7. More information on the exhibit can be found at [www.nmih.org/machines-of-interest](http://www.nmih.org/machines-of-interest). The museum is currently operating on modified hours and procedures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For current hours and protocols visit [www.nmih.org/nmih-reopening/](http://www.nmih.org/nmih-reopening/) for the most up-to-date information.



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# Police Beat

by Seth Isenberg

10-18, Pocono Mountain Regional Police officers arrested a 41 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. man on 30 counts of sexual abuse of children, 25 counts of invasion of privacy, 10 counts of unlawful contact with a minor, and a bunch of other counts. James Morris, Jr. was charged after a complaint about his photographing girls up their skirts. PMRPD Detectives obtained a search warrant for Morris' home where they seized computer tablets and storage media, cell phones, plus some pot and paraphernalia. On the devices, police found videos including the up skirt recordings. Four children and two adults have been identified as victims. On 10-26, Morris was arrested and taken to the Monroe County jail, with bail set at \$50,000 by District Judge Travagline. Additional court dates are to be scheduled.

10-22 at 2:20 p.m., PMRPD responded to the Oak View apartments off Oak Street in Mt. Pocono due to a shots fired report. Officers arrived and found several witnesses to the shooting, and some evidence of a shooting. Witnesses said that two groups of people were involved in some kind of fight. One person pulled out a handgun and fired shots at people in the group who weren't with him. Everyone fled on foot and in vehicles. PMRPD's criminal investigators interviewed witnesses, and some people involved in the fight. They were able to identify the shooter as Ivan Watts, 18, of Oak View. He was located and arrested. Other people involved in the incident will be located and arrested as well. Watts is charged with 4 counts of attempted homicide, 4 counts of aggravated assault, 4 counts of simple assault, 4 counts

of reckless endangering, and more. He was arraigned before the on duty Judge and sent to the county jail.

In other reports, PA State Police – Fern Ridge responded to a Cummings Lane, Penn Forest Twp. home at 1:47 p.m. on 10-18 due to a report that someone had broken the front window at the home. The arriving Trooper learned from the victim that a 36 y/o man had broken the window. He will be charged with criminal mischief.

It was a quiet period for crashes, but that will change. We now have leaves down to make roads slippery, PLUS some nights below freezing, PLUS, the switch to Standard Time so the sun sets at commuter times and in general, it's darker when traffic is heavier.

## Stealin'

PSP-F is investigating a burglary in a bank-owned home on Evergreen Hollow Road in Effort, discovered on 10-25. Stolen were a cast iron wood stove worth about \$350, and \$500 worth of light fixtures.

A Canadensis man reported that someone stole his Load Rite Trailer and a red Western snow plow – discovered the morning of 10-16. The trailer is black, with two dented wheel fenders. Anyone with information is asked to call PSP-F at 570 646-2271.

10-7, a Penn Forest Twp. man, 64, was convinced to pay for an ATV advertised on Facebook Marketplace via E-Bay gift cards – \$1,600 of them. He provided the card numbers, and then...the ATV

did not show up. He contacted PSP-F; they are investigating.

## The Pocono Plateau is not HIGH enough for some

A traffic stop on Interstate 80 west at 3:19 p.m. on 9-23 led to a search after "multiple indicators of criminal activity were present." A consent for a search was denied, so the PSP K-9 unit was called in. The dog did an exterior search and alerted. When police conducted a probable cause search, some personal pot and drug paraphernalia was found. The two men in the

car, 41 and 48, were arrested on drug possession charges, and later released with a court date scheduled before District Judge Joseph Homanko in Weatherly.

A day earlier, an East Stroudsburg driver, 31, also refused a consent to search during a stop on I-80 west in Tobyhanna Twp. She also waited for the K-9 officer. The dog alerted, a probable cause search was done, and police found a personal quantity of heroin, and paraphernalia. She's charged with drug possession, and has a court date before District Judge Richard Claypool.



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# Playing college sports in 2020? Here's what I think

by Anna Newman

How would you feel if your season was taken away from you in a blink of an eye? Not having any control over what is going on. Having your voice not heard. It's happening, and athletes worldwide have been (and many still are) in shock. Sports seasons have been cut short and pushed back due to COVID-19. There's more, too. How would you feel during a pandemic—returning to campus while having a season to play? How would you feel, worrying constantly about your health while attending class and engaging in workouts?

In response, the NCAA announced regulations giving athletes a choice. Because of COVID-19, student-athletes have an opt-out alternative. If student-athletes take it, then schools are required to honor scholarship commitments. Having that option gives athletes the ability to focus on their health. But that choice has implications. If too many stu-

dent-athletes in a sport choose to opt-out, a season could be on the brink or ended. On the other hand, research isn't available yet regarding the long-term effects of COVID-19. What we do know is this: the disease will put you out for two weeks and cardiologists are warning about the possibility of serious heart issues afterward.

The prospect scares me as an athlete. Most athletes are in great shape - never thinking that something like that could happen. Would you risk your health for one season? On the other hand, there's a stark alternative - no college sports until COVID-19 passes - and the financial implications that come with it. For revenue-generating sports, playing games yields money. And there's the issue of fans attending games. Fans equal money. No fans equal no gate receipts. Athletes

want their fans in the stands, of course, but fans attending games can increase the likelihood of virus-spread. And for athletes, playing could bring a spike in COVID cases.

And what about the schools? They need students to generate tuition dollars and other forms of revenue. The main issue for schools is whether to have students on campus or go primarily (if not exclusively) online. Some schools have switched back and forth based on COVID-19 spread, while others have closed for good. MacMurray College and Franklin University are two.

Major universities have been affected, too, having to tighten athletic spending, including cutting sports teams to stay in the black. Stanford cut one-third of its men's and women's sports, including several Olympic sports. The University

of Kentucky, like many others, announced significant declines in athletic revenues. In UK's case, it's about \$70 million. And no small matter for many schools is the revenue lost from canceling basketball's March Madness 2020.

But, for me, I come back to the student-athlete. According to the NCAA, there are nearly a half-million student-athletes enrolled at America's colleges and universities. What's best for them?

As much as I and many others would like to start the season and resume regular college sports action, doing that isn't right. There's a bigger challenge

before us. With no idea of the path ahead in terms of personal health and our country's public health, we need to do what we can—all of us—to prevent future cases and halt the spread of this deadly disease.

But here's the thing: the decision-makers who'll make the call aren't student-athletes. There are not the ones putting their health on the line to play a sport. For me, that makes the right call pretty clear.

Anna Newman plays point guard for the University of Evansville women's basketball team. She wrote this article for *The Sports Column*.



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## Art League schedules annual meeting

The Carbon County Art League will hold the Annual Members Meeting, Elections and Volunteer Recognition evening at **the People's EC Church** at 216 Wagner St. in Lehigh (Weissport), on November 11, between 6 and 8 p.m.

Visit the *CarbonCounty-Art.com* website for more details posted closer to the event, and any artist in need of assistance, or interested in joining the league, can contact us here: [info@carboncounty-art.com](mailto:info@carboncounty-art.com).

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# Senate approves bills to strengthen mental health and substance use disorder coverage in Pennsylvania

The State Senate approved legislation recently to ensure that mental health and substance use disorders receive the same level of care as other health issues, according to Senator Mario Scavello.

Senator Scavello chairs the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, which approved the bills last month.

House Bill 1696 and House Bill 1439 would strengthen enforcement of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 by ensuring

insurance plans provide mental health care that is similar to coverage for other diseases and illnesses. The bills also require that insurers annually attest to the steps they have taken to comply with the law.

The current system of enforcement relies on addressing complaints from consumers who may not know about the law or fully understand the services that are included in their health plan. The package of bills would ensure all insurers offer customers the level of care and services

that are required by law.

“This legislation solidifies the Insurance Department’s role in regulating insurer compliance with mental health parity and requires insurers to legally

attest to compliance efforts and makes certain public disclosures of those efforts. It’s a second layer of accountability,” Scavello said. “Together, these bills will establish Pennsylvania

as a leader in the regulation of insurer compliance with federal mental health parity.”

The measures will be sent to the governor to be signed into law.

## Senate advances measures to boost broadband availability across PA

The Senate approved two bills this month to boost the availability of broadband by reducing regulatory burdens on telecommunications companies and utilizing existing infrastructure to further deploy high-speed internet, according to Senator Mario Scavello, who co-sponsored one of the bills.

Senate Bill 1112, co-sponsored by Senator Scavello, would break down barriers to broadband deployment by modernizing the Public Utility Code and requiring the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission to waive certain regulations, review regulations every three years and eliminate those that are no longer necessary or in the public interest.

Many of the regulations in the Public Utility Code were originally designed solely for telephone companies and have been in place for decades without being reviewed for relevancy. Changes in technology and in the telecommunications marketplace have made these costly regulations unnecessary.

House Bill 2438 would aid in

the deployment of broadband by using infrastructure that is already in place for other uses. The bill would allow electric cooperatives to utilize existing utility poles to place fiber-optic lines if the placement does not adversely affect the value or use of the property.

Both bills would boost the state’s efforts to expand broadband in unserved and underserved areas in rural Pennsylvania.

“Since my first day as a State Representative and then a State Senator, I have made infrastructure investment, including broadband and communication networks, a top priority,” said Senator Scavello. “This technology is very important for our region, and I remain committed to improving broadband infrastructure and reducing the number of cellular ‘dead zones’ in Monroe and Northampton counties.”

Senate Bill 1112 was sent to the House for consideration. House Bill 2438 was returned to the House for concurrence on Senate amendments.



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