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Polling place changes for delayed primary

by Ruth Isenberg

Changes in voting location are the most interesting aspect of the delayed Pennsylvania primary election taking place on Tuesday, June 2. Many voters have requested mail-in ballots for this Covid-19 affected primary, but those who plan to vote in person may be going to an unfamiliar location.

A shortage of poll workers is the main reason for the consolidations. Many of the election workers are older, and possibly vulnerable to Covid-19. To conserve resources, some polling places have been combined.

White Haven Borough electors will be voting at the Dennison Township Municipal Building at 76 Walnut Street, shown below; Dennison Township voters will be voting there as well. Residents of both Weatherly voting districts will cast their ballots at Eurana Park. East Side voters will join voters from Kidder Township North at the Golden Oaks Community Center. Lausanne Township voters will be voting in the Lehigh Township Building. All these changes are for this election cycle only, and polling places are expected to return to normal locations for the November general election.

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MEMORIAL DAY at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Weatherly.

JH: Seth Isenberg



AT LAUREL CEMETERY IN WHITE HAVEN, Daniel Dimmitt waits to place flowers at the monument in honor of service men and women who died while serving their country, as VFW Post 6615 Melissa Dimmitt reads their names.

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Editorial

Things to keep

by Ruth Isenberg

As we transition carefully from the red phase into the yellow phase of Covid-19 mitigation, most people will be happy to jetison many of the new protocols that define our lives just now. Social distancing has been hard on families, businesses and individuals.

Some measures, such as wearing masks in public, will probably fade in summer, but don't throw those masks away. The routine use of masks in Japan during cold and flu season is one of the possible reasons that country wasn't hit as hard as many others by Covid-19.

And please, please keep washing your hands. That alone can prevent all kinds of illnesses, particularly food-borne diseases.

In the long run, technological innovations may mean that we derive real value from the Covid-19 crisis. The tools that allowed us to work from home, and study, worship and play remotely, should not be discarded. Churches are seeing participation for members who have physical disabilities that keep them home-bound or live in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. Working from home has been a boon for many, allowing them more time with their families and less time commuting. Local governments who are livestreaming their meetings are seeing citizens tune in—often people who never darkened the door of a physical meeting. (On a side note, having meetings livestreamed or on Zoom has made it possible for us to report on more of them, since travel time is eliminated, and competition for time slots is lessened.)

We've all discovered strengths we didn't know we had, and identified weaknesses we need to correct. Let's embrace the green, but not let go of the lessons of red.

From the Archives

**From
The Weatherly Herald,
May 28, 1970
James Faust and
Cletus Milan, Publishers**

The photos on the front page are of valedictorian Roger Nothstein, and Salutatorian William Van Dyke. A photo of firemen removing a burning mattress from a Hudsonale Street home also was on the front page.

The 1970 Confirmation Class of the Salem United Church of Christ has 20 members.

Ruth Roof was installed for her sixth term as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Eroh-Warner Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Carbon County Garden Day will be held Saturday, June 6, hosted at the Aquaschicola Fire Hall by the Aquaschicola Flower Club.

PPL advertised an electric hydronic (hot water) heater—perfect if you have a fuel-fired hot water system about ready for replacement.

Fellin's advertised a perfect gift for father—a tie-tac of solid 10K gold, with choice of birthstone for \$14.95. Order now for Father's Day.

The Outdoor Flea Market at Children's Paradise Park in RD2 will open for the season this Saturday and Sunday.

Marylin Henry and Laura Ravina attended the Gynkhan-na Horse Show and came away with a total of 16 ribbons.

The Weatherly American Legion will hold a Memorial Day dance this Saturday from 10 p.m. to ? featuring music of "The Four Sharps."

The Weatherly Area High School softball team lost to Marian Catholic here on Tuesday, 23-10

**From the Sidelines,
by Don Garber**

Bad weather postponed the first game of Babe Ruth season. Tomorrow the team plays at McAdoo, and on Monday in Tresckow.

Irv Fairchild told us that he killed a 3½ foot rattlesnake near Stoney Creek. It had nine rattles and a button. Irv almost stepped on it while taking a walk.

Fish Commission stockings last week included Drakes Creek, Fourth Run, Hickory Run, Sand Spring Run, and Stoney Creek in Carbon County; and the Lehigh River in Luzerne County.

In memory of Don, who passed away this past October.

**From
The Journal-Herald,
May 31, 1990
Clara and Jay Holder,
Publishers**

The front page photos are of the first-ever salute on Memorial Day on the new concrete bridge over the Lehigh River by members of White Haven's veterans organizations.

The annual basketball game between the Weatherly Area District's teachers and 8th grade students was played recently to raise money for the restoration of Tweedle Park. Students who attended brought a donation of 25¢. \$151.42 was raised, presented

to John Kanyak of the Weatherly Lions Club (who are in charge of the restoration). In the game, the teachers, ably assisted by the 8th grade girls, defeated the boys 55-51. Carl Mondero scored 25 points for the teachers, with help from John Shelley's 13 and Desire Labanoski's 7. For the boys, John Garber netted 24 points, and Kenny Lawsaon chipped in with 14.

The Laurel Lodge #467 of the F.&A.M. turned 120 years old on May 23. A banquet is planned to be held at Richie's to celebrate.

The Tannery Rod & Gun Club listed dozens of winners from their fishing derby on May 26. Prizes ranged from fishing poles to hats, to a pound of White Haven Bakery cookies.

Clint and Maude Kunkle of RR2, White Haven, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past Saturday at an event held at Richie's Steak House, with their family and friends. Until their retirement, they were owner-operators of Kunkle's Nursery, for over 40 years. They have eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



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Dennison Supervisors extend tax deadline to match county

by Seth Isenberg

Dennison Township supervisors met May 6, socially distanced. Luzerne County tax officials asked the township to match an extension being given on local taxes so that they can be paid up to August 18 without incurring the 10% penalty for paying late. After some discussion, supervisors were unanimous in approving the extension.

Jack Varaly sent a series of reports. In his zoning report, he lists a permit for a new cabin, to be built in Glen Oaks. The property has a long-standing issue, and it's hoped this construction will put it to right.

As codes officer, Varaly has been working on updating the township Zoning Ordinance to include things like drug treatment centers and marijuana growing, and add a section about short term rentals. Supervisors were unanimous in accepting Varaly's report that the changes are underway. This "buys time" versus these possible new businesses, according to supervisor Mike Mack, for the full ordinance changes to be adopted.

A family member of Noah Sweitzer has offered to come and clean up his property to resolve the issues the township has been having with it. There have been fines, and the township wants to be made whole

on its costs, but it's looking like a resolution is near.

A longer running property issue, on the Mendez lot, continues through court with the case continued and no resolution.

A home and property with horses is actually too small to have the horses there. No action has been taken.

Jim Yackiel, in his roads report, said that roads were swept. He did some picking up of trash along Red Shale Road and cleaned out a culvert inlet that was blocked with leaves. He cut some grass, re-seeded around the municipal building and picked up some rocks, removed a fallen tree that was in the road on 2nd Street, and attended some training.

A road inspection has been done, and opinion is that the township should seal Ice Lake Road and the short stretch of Hollenback Road that's in Dennison. Some of the roads in Middleburg are showing wear, and should be looked at for the future. Also, the recent work on Peat Moss Road is cracking off at the edges, and has other problems.

Bill Bauersfeld's report on the Dennison Twp. Volunteer Fire Co. shows 9 calls with 35.5 hours of service for April. There were two dwelling fires, three brush fires, a CO₂ alarm, a search and rescue and two wires/pole/tree downs. Six of the calls were in Dennison, one in Penn Lake, one in Nu-

angola and one in Wright.

Bills totaling \$14,843 were approved, including \$3,815 for DGK for insurances, \$2,252 to White Haven for police coverage, \$1,915 to Elliott, Greenleaf & Dean for legal items, \$638 to County Waste, \$500 to Jack Varaly, and \$498 to Elliott, Greenleaf; 7 smaller bills.; and \$3,898 for

payroll (\$1,897 to tax collector Victoria Giovannucci).

Treasurer Stevie Stortz' report showed a balance of \$46,838 in the General Fund after income of \$25,111 — mostly from tax collector Giovannucci and EIT, plus \$1,869 from the recorder of deeds. Expenses were \$16,656. The general fund

savings account has \$394,001 after interest. The road fund has \$87,135.

The meeting was attended by all supervisors, secretary/treasurer Stortz, roadmaster Yackiel, Bill Bauersfeld and this reporter. Dennison's supervisors meet next — in person, socially distanced — at 6 p.m. on June 3, at the township building.

Election...

Continued from page 1

Hours at all polling locations are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voters who chose to request mail-in ballots should mail them in so that they are received at the Bureau of Elections by Tuesday, June 2. They may also be hand-delivered up to 8 p.m. Mail-in ballots may not be delivered to physical polling places.

The ballot is short for this presidential year election. Listed on the Democrat ballot for president are, in ballot order, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, and Tulsi Gabbard; for Pennsylvania Attorney General, Joseph Shapiro; for Pennsylvania Auditor General, H. Scott Conklin, Michael Lamb, Tracie Fountain, Rose Rosie Marie Davis, Nina Ahmad and Christina M. Hartman; for Pennsylvania Treasurer, Joe Torsella.

In Luzerne County, Democrat candidate for Representative to Congress from the

8th District of Pennsylvania is incumbent Matt Cartwright.

In Carbon County, Democratic candidates for Representative to Congress from the 9th District of Pennsylvania are Laura Quick and Gary Wegman.

In the 118th District of the Pennsylvania legislature, which includes voters from Penn Lake, incumbent Mike Carroll is the only Democrat candidate for state representative. In the 119th District, which includes voters from White Haven and Dennison Township, Gerald Mullery is the only Democrat candidate. In the 122nd District, which includes voters from Lausanne, Lehigh and Packer Townships and Weatherly Borough, there is no Democrat candidate.

On the Republican side, candidate for president, in ballot order, are Donald J. Trump, Roque Rocky DeLa Fuente, and Bill Weld; for Pennsylvania Attorney General, Heather Heidelbaugh; for

Pennsylvania Auditor General, Timothy Defoor; for Pennsylvania Treasurer, Stacy L. Garrity.

In Luzerne County, Republican candidates for Representative to Congress from the 8th District of Pennsylvania are Harry Haas, Teddy Daniels, Jim Bogner, Mike Commisa, Mike Marsicano, and Earl Granville.

In Carbon County, Republican candidate for Representative to Congress from the 9th District of Pennsylvania is incumbent Dan Meuser.

In the 122nd District of the Pennsylvania legislature, incumbent Doyle Heffley is the only candidate.

Andy Gegar is announced that he is running a write-in campaign for 119th District of the Pennsylvania legislature.

Voters will also choose delegates to the Democrat and Republican presidential nominating conventions, and Democrat and Republican party officials.

Death Roll

LYNN HUGHES

Lynn Hughes, 66, of White Haven, passed away peacefully, at home, with family by her side, holding her daughter's hand, on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Born in Hazleton, she was the daughter of the late Sam and Anna Maria Marchese Tombasco and was a graduate of Hazleton High School. She was a bartender and worked as a window replacement coordinator and a security systems installation coordinator,

and was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers Fan. She enjoyed gardening, but most of all, her passion was spending time with her grandsons.

Left to cherish Lynn's memory are her husband of 35 years, Tom Hughes; daughter, Sami Salko and her husband, John of Northampton; adored grandsons, Anthony and Gino; brother, Mark Tombasco of Danville; sister, Barbara Warg of Hazleton, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements by the Lehman Family Funeral Service, Inc. White Haven.

Due to Lynn's wishes there will be no public services.

JOHN L. SHOFRAN

John L. Shofran, 77, of Tresscow, passed away Monday evening, May 18, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Hazleton, son of the late John & Dorothy (Wisemiller) Shofran. He was a member of Ss. Peter & Paul B.C. Church, Beaver Meadows. A deeply devout man, he had a devotion to the Blessed Mother, organizing the Jericho Rosary for 11 yrs. at St. John's B.C. Church, the First Friday prayer group of the month, President of the Rosary Making Guild sending over 100,000 rosaries all over the world, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Weatherly and a member of the Men of the Sacred Heart.

Prior to retiring John was owner of J & E IGA Grocery Store in Weatherly for 24 yrs., had a Tasty Kake Route in Reading for 20 yrs. and most recently drove school bus for Ciavarella Transportation.

He is preceded in death by a son, John.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Ernes-

tine Kopec, and the following children: Brian Shofran and his wife Jennifer, Texas, Lori Bondurant and her husband Jeremy, Ocoee, Florida, and Corinne Peak and her husband Shawn, Virginia; a brother and sister, Maryann Shofran, Harleysville, and Ronald Shofran and wife Marsha, Weatherly; five grandchildren, Dorothy and Veronica Shofran, Ryder Bondurant, Madison and Noah Peak; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in Ss. Peter & Paul B.C. Cemetery.

JOHN KENNETH CORRIGAN

John Kenneth Corrigan, 87, of Palm Coast, Florida, passed away on March 22, 2020. He was born on September 22, 1932 in Weatherly, to the late Joseph and



Katherine Corrigan (Englehart).

As a young man he proudly served in the United States Army in the Army Security Agency. After three years of service he received his honorable discharge and then pursued his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education. John spent his entire career of 32 years as an educator in the public school system.

In 1962, he met his wife and best friend, Helene. They were married in 1964 and built a happy and wonderful life together. In 2002 he and his wife moved to Palm Coast from Binghamton, New York.

John's greatest love was spending time with his beloved family, especially his granddaughters. He had his pilot's license and he enjoyed fishing, golfing, boating and computers. His memberships included the New York State

Teachers Association of Retirees and Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church.

John was preceded in death by his brothers, Joseph, Paul and Eugene Corrigan. Survivors include his loving wife of 55 years, Helene; daughters, Kelly and her husband Timothy Groves, and Stephanie Corrigan; grandchildren Gabrielle and Juliette; nieces Karen Rockoff, Patricia Serafin and Nancy Fertenbaugh; sister-in-law, Mary Louise Serafin.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. A memorial mass will be celebrated at a later date.

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HENRY H. SANGREE

Henry H. Sangree, 87 years of age, of White Haven, died unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Born Monday, July 25, 1932, in Washington, District of Columbia, he was the son of the late Nathan B. Sangree and the late Anne Sharp Sangree, of Wayne. He was a longtime resident of the Pocos, where he loved the quiet forests, lakes and streams. His friends and family remember him as a generous person and gifted raconteur.

Surviving are his son, Hudson Sangree, and his wife, Saskia Kim, of Sacramento, CA; daughter Cathy Pedrick and husband Paul Pedrick, of Downingtown; son Chuck Chadwick, of Oxford; son Chris Chadwick and his wife Sandi Chadwick, of Downingtown; grandchildren Samuel, Alex, Elizabeth, Julia and Naomi; and sister Anne Sangree, of Kennett Square.

Henry was a graduate of the Episcopal Academy in Merion, and Pennsylvania State University, where he majored in agricultural and biological sciences. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy in the early 1950s, including as a petty officer on the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. Henry worked as an inspector for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and, later, as a Realtor.

Private arrangements have been entrusted to E. Franklin Griffiths Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., Tamaqua.

To share a fond memory of Henry or extend condolences to the family, please visit www.griffithsfuneralhomes.com.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Packer Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a continued hearing for the application of Broad Mountain Power, LLC to construct and operate a Wind Farm on June 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Packer Township Municipal Building, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603454155> or by dialing 1 929 205 6099. Enter Meeting ID 846 0345 4155. Visit www.packertownship.com for more information. If you cannot attend but would like to have public comment read into the record, mail to Packer Township Zoning Hearing Board, 2234 Hudson Drive, Weatherly, PA 18255. Please call 570-427-8969 with questions or to obtain meeting minutes.

Stephanie Stolpe,
Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Penn Lake Park Borough Zoning Hearing Board shall hold a public hearing on June 4, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be a held virtually via Go To Meeting. The public can participate with audio and video by joining from a computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/395301093> or with audio only: (312) 757-3121, access code 395-301-093.

The Board will consider the application by Brian & Elaine Lehman for lot located on the corner of Woodland Drive and Marilyn Drive adjacent to 157 Woodland Drive and shown as Lot 487 on the "Penn Lake Park" plan dated July 15, 1938 in an R-1 Zoning District. Applicant requests dimensional setback variance approvals for the construction of a single family dwelling.

Application available for public inspection by contacting Barry Jacob, Borough Zoning Officer at 570-899-7149.

McNealis Law Offices,
Solicitor for
Penn Lake Park Borough
Zoning Hearing Board

5/28

WAHS Baccalaureate, grad plans listed

On Sunday, May 31, at 6 p.m. Faith Church, Weatherly, along with the Weatherly Area Ministerium, the Weatherly Area High School senior class officers and in cooperation with the Weatherly Area School District, will host the 2020 Baccalaureate Service. At this special Drive-In service at Eurana Park, stay in your vehicles and enjoy the music and speakers by tuning in to FM98.1 on your car radio. There will be a pre-service concert at 5:30 p.m. by musical guest "Starr."

cal guest "Starr."

The service will begin at 6 and will include special music, poetry, memories, and special guest speaker, Mr. Shiplett. Graduates are asked to wear their caps and gowns.

Graduation itself will be a live drive-in theater format on Friday, June 5, according to WAHS principal Tony DeSpirito, starting at 6 p.m. Speeches by the valedictorian, salutatorian and class president will be delivered from the Funfest stage in the high

school parking lot. Each student's family will be allowed to bring one car, and cars will be parked in rows of nine, 12 feet apart so students, can stand outside them and still be socially distanced. Students will go up on the stage to receive their diplomas. The event will be livestreamed on the district's Facebook page.

The 2020 Awards ceremony, in the form of a video tribute, will be posted on the district website at 6 p.m. on June 2, on the district website.

Veterans Corner

Commentary by John Kearns,
USCG Ret., chiefk@pa.metrocast.net

VA launches clinical trial for Veterans with COVID-19 based on prostate cancer drug

WASHINGTON — May 26, 2020, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) began a new clinical trial to test a Food and Drug Administration-approved prostate cancer drug as a potential treatment for male Veterans with COVID-19. In a

double-blind randomized controlled trial, VA scientists will compare the drug Degarelix (trade name Firmagon) to a placebo for improving the clinical outcomes of nearly 200 veterans who have been hospitalized with COVID-19. "Veterans who have contracted this virus are in need of immediate care," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "This trial is an important step in advancing knowledge of a potential treatment for those infected with COVID-19. We are here to do everything in our power to preserve and protect life."

Degarelix is often used to treat advanced cases of prostate cancer. It works by rapidly, but temporarily, suppressing the body's production of male hormones. These hormones can fuel the growth of prostate cancer. Scientists are testing Degarelix because lab evidence suggests male hormones trigger the production of a protein called TMPRSS2 on lung tissue. The virus that causes COVID-19 relies on TMPRSS2 to enter lung tissues.

Researchers from the University of Alabama at Birmingham

and Columbia University applied advanced artificial intelligence and computational genomics techniques, and used that lab evidence for this COVID-19 data. The researchers collaborated with VA to plan the new trial.

Potential side effects of Degarelix are typically linked to long-term treatment. In the trial, patients will be administered only one dose of the drug that will last 28 days, so any side effects are expected to be temporary. Hormone levels will return to normal at the end of treatment.

The study is not suitable for female veterans. Existing evidence shows Degarelix may have the opposite effect in the female body by increasing TMPRSS2 production, thus worsening the severity of COVID-19 symptoms.

The West Los Angeles VA Medical Center is leading the trial, also involving VA medical centers in New York (Brooklyn and Manhattan) and Washington state (Puget Sound).

VA researchers expect to complete the trial in about four months.

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THANK YOU: From left, Stephen Palmieri, Food Service Director; Jim Quinn, Quartermaster, White Haven VFW 6615; and Melissa Dimmitt, Commander, White Haven VFW 6615

WH VFW 6615 Commander recognizes hospital team

Twenty-one-year Army veteran and commander of the White Haven VFW 6615, Melissa Dimmitt, presented Lehigh Valley Hospital (LVH)—Hazleton and LVH—Hazleton food service and nutrition department with certificates of appreciation, personal protection masks and thank you cards. Additionally, the food service and nutrition department were treated to lunch.

Dimmitt, also a colleague at LVH—Hazleton, has been commander of the White Haven VFW for over 10 years

and has been District 11 Commander for two years, overseeing 11 VFWs. Dimmitt oversees several fundraising operations throughout the year, providing needed relief for fellow veterans and the community.

Knowing firsthand how essential her fellow colleagues have been throughout this pandemic, she felt compelled to put on her commander hat and thank them for caring for others. Assisting in the presentations is Jim Quinn, Quartermaster, White Haven VFW 6615.

Tips for those struggling with online schooling

by Anna Mae Hinkle

PART THREE

Environment is perhaps the biggest difference between homeschooling and other forms of school, and I believe it's a big reason many students are feeling disoriented. For many, home is just not the typical learning environment—school is. It's hard to make that environmental adjustment.

I'd recommend finding a place that will be your designated school area. Make sure it's a place where distractions are a minimum. Maybe it's your room where you have a desk and keep your books. Maybe it's the kitchen table where you're able to call a parent for homework help. Maybe it's the basement, where you know it will be quiet. Wherever it is, stick to that place for school. If you usually discuss schoolwork with friends, call or video chat them for help, but if you feel like that will be a distraction, make a time for work and a time for talk.

If you're willing to put a little effort into developing discipline within these three domains of scheduling, habit building, and environment, you'll find homeschooling can be a lot of fun! It's wonderful to have control of your schedule and learn where and when you're most productive. You might even find yourself with extra time to devote to

your family, your hobbies, and yourself.

I have found that homeschooling has provided me with a lot of discipline, motivation, initiation, and independence. The best part is, those are qualities that are going to help you through college. Think of this time as an opportunity to grow in these qualities so that they come easier to you if you chose the college path.

This is a difficult time for everyone. Between the new lifestyles we've been thrust into and the overall uneasiness that's plaguing our world, it's not unnatural to feel espe-

cially anxious and unfocused. School might seem impossible during this time, but I encourage you that you can do this. I'm glad to have this opportunity to share the things that have helped me over the years and during this time, and I hope some of it is helpful to you as well. Stay safe and take care of yourselves!

Anna Mae Hinkle is a twelfth grade student of Mother of Divine Grace Distance Learning School. She is a member of the Weatherly Scholastic Scrimmage team and enjoys writing, music, and horseback riding.

Inspiring Thoughts

by Ann Adams

Spring has sprung, ignoring government orders to stay at home. Leaves are popping, daffodils are strutting their stuff and tulips enhance our yards. Cardinals welcome the warm weather with joyful praise while robins hop across our lawn stopping occasionally to cock their heads in search of a juicy worm. We too anxiously watch for green sprouts in our vegetable garden. Yes, spring is here.

I have a favorite poem, a simple thought expressed by an unknown author long ago. It asks us a simple question.

I hope you enjoy it and are challenged by its thought.

What Can He Do with You?

If God can make of an ugly seed,
With a bit of earth and air
And dew and rain and sunshine and shade,
A flower so wondrous fair,
What can He do with a soul like you,
With the Bible and faith and prayer
And the Holy Spirit, IF you do
His will
And trust in His love and care?

-Author Unknown

White Haven Market aids local Food Pantry

Last week, the White Haven Market held their “Best Buy” campaign to benefit the White Haven Food Pantry. Thanks to the generosity of the residents of White Haven, 96 cases of canned goods were donated.

For a \$5 donation, a bag of groceries was donated to the Pantry. Each bag contained peanut butter, tuna, baked beans, corn and green beans. Over 250 bags were purchased.

During this challenging time, the townspeople of White Haven once again showed their generosity and concern for their fellow neighbors by participating in the “Best Buy” campaign the White Haven

Market sponsored.

The Pantry gives their sincere thanks to Mark Tokach, manager, and all the employees of the White Haven Market. Most of all, the Pantry would like to thank the res-

idents of White Haven and the surrounding area for their continued support of the White Haven Food Pantry. Without their kindness, compassion and generosity, this program would not be possible.

Let's use the term 'student-athlete' selectively

by Roger Barbee

Sports fans who value honesty, view the phrase “student-athlete” with humor and sometimes scorn. They know that in revenue-based college sports--football and men's basketball, specifically -- money and winning, not scholarship, rule the day.

News reports published recently revealed that The Power Five conferences (the Big 10, Big 12, Pac-12, Atlantic Coast, and Southeastern conferences) spent a combined \$350,000 to lobby Congress during just the first three months of 2020. Why? SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey asserted that “it's important for the SEC to have a voice in the national dialogue about college sports.” ACC Commissioner John Swofford agreed. “The [Power Five] conferences are working together so that there's less confusion, not more, in terms of the messaging to Congressional leaders.” Among other things, the Power Five wants student-athletes to achieve “one term of academic progress” before signing endorsement deals.

But let's face it: that condition is as hollow as a rotten

log. Consider basketball's Zion Williamson. Williamson entered Duke University in fall 2019. He was named ACC's Student-Athlete of the Year during his only year in college. Then he was the #1 pick in the 2020 NBA draft. Now Williamson is in the news again because he signed a contract in April 2019 with a sports agent that his attorney wants to void. At the core sits about \$100 million. Williamson and Duke are also at the center of recruitment accusations, including unauthorized trips and gifts received by parents and coaches.

Whether there's a scandal or not, the indisputable reality is this: a 19-year-old went to college to play basketball for a year in a tune-up for the NBA. For the first semester, he garnered enough academic credits to be eligible for the second semester. Then, during that second semester, he signed a contract with an agent. He was soon drafted. By summer's end, he was a pro.

The Williamson saga is such a normal story these days that few people even question it. It has become business as usual.

What's it all mean? Well, for some college athletes, it

certainly makes sense to use the term ‘student-athlete.’ But let's not apply that reference broadly. The hard truth is that revenue-based sports are a business in the big industry called ‘college sports.’ And the way those sports operate has little to do with the higher education mission.

The Power Five Conferences should leave the NCAA and form a corporation. That way, they'd be free to make money and shed the word “student” from athletes' descriptions. Let honesty prevail.

North Carolina-based Roger Barbee is a columnist at The Sports Column.

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On Saturday, May 23 Faith Church Weatherly was blessed to be able to serve a Memorial Day lunch for our friends living at the Evergreen Apartments, in Weatherly.

Seth's Sightings

by Seth Isenberg

We were missing going to Heisl's Dairy on Sunday afternoon for a birthday treat for me, so took a trip out in that direction for a break from the yard work we'd been doing. I decided at random to head for Locust Lake State Park. Even following the signs, this state park wasn't easy to locate—we missed one turn and had to backtrack.

Once there, we found the park was 90% closed, with just the area at the lake open for fishermen, and no camping. It didn't feel comfortable for us to walk, because at this point the sun was setting and the park closed at sunset, so instead we headed off in the direction of Route 209.

The county road goes up and over one of our famous Pennsylvania ridges. After cresting the hill, we coasted down the other side through an early spring wonderland of greening trees and layers of vernal ponds, in which spring peepers were in residence and loud. We'd go a little ways, and they'd be singing off to the right, and then a little farther and the peeping would be off to the left, and at one point, on both sides. Sometimes we'd see the swamp, but most of the time, not. It was a feast for the ears. The road ended on Route 209 just west of the village of Mary D — west of Tamaqua.

Coming home, we saw a fox kit dart out across the road as we drove east through Packer Township at twilight.

Memorial Day Monday, we sandwiched newspaper work (photos of veterans' honors ceremonies in White Haven and Weatherly), lawn work and planting, an afternoon ride, and writing for this is-

sue, into a full day. Today's trip took us Bloomsburg and points beyond, taking the back roads to enjoy some beautiful scenery past Nuremburg, then west through the Beaver Valley (the road from Rock Glen west to Mainville). Then we went north into Bloomsburg to tank up and get dinner at a take-out. Home was through Millville to Orangeville through Berwick—through beautiful Pennsylvania farmlands. We sighted lots of flowering plants, especially honeysuckle, azaleas in full bloom in all sorts of colors, and even some bright pink sheep laurel. There were stretches of this ride where honeysuckle flowers scented our trip.

Flowers in our yard include the end of our apple tree blooms, and the beginning of our purple rhododendron.

A squirrel family is in residence somewhere near our house, and we've seen various members in our trees, and along our fence, and a couple of times on the table in our backyard, upon which we are preparing our spring plant-

ings. One day our flowers and starter tomatoes were in a tray on the table. The next morning they were upside down on the ground.

We enjoy watching these visitors. Given what we saw this weekend, we think there may be some little squirrels around soon. There are a couple of neighbors who are feeding them, so while I do yard work, I'm seeing various nut shells, particularly chestnuts.

Saturday, after completing some newspaper work, we spent the afternoon with Slater. It was finally sunny and just the right temperature for a picnic. We ordered take out, then took him to an isolated table in an open park beside Wilkes-Barre's Hollenback Golf Course—our first choice, the Plains Township park, was closed. Then we took him for a nice ride back home, via Wyoming and Forty Fort, then let him do a careful—socially distanced—bit of food shopping.

In our drives, as it's almost June, we are amazed at how late the greening up is going for our area's trees. My

calculation is that some of these trees are a month late in some of the cooler places. When driving in areas where the ridge lines are tall, the area at the bottom of the ridge is greening up, and at the top in some places barely in bud. It's my hope that this is a light Gypsy Moth season, given the four plus months of leaf season we're going to have.

There was a modest forest fire in the Lehigh Gorge State Park and state gamelands in Lehigh Township last week.

For an afternoon and night, much of Lehigh and Weatherly Borough was smoke-filled. Bravo to the fire crews, which included Weatherly locals, for getting the fire contained and then put out. It's good that we've had some rain, in that our forest floors have been dry, and so are susceptible to fire.

Here's to everyone enjoying a safe and healthy week — on our way to more businesses opening.



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Carbon County Strong Day observed May 23

To celebrate the strength and perseverance of the community, the Carbon Chamber & Economic Development Corp. led the cause to have Saturday, May 23, 2020 proclaimed as Carbon County Strong Day. Proclamations were approved by Congressman Dan Meuser and State Representative Doyle Heffley. A proclamation was signed by Carbon County Commissioners Wayne Nothstein, Chris Lukasevich and Rocky Arner on Thursday, May 21 at their regular meeting.

Governor Wolf moved Carbon County to the yellow phase of COVID19 mitigation as of Friday, May 22. CCEDC celebrated the strength and perseverance of our community virtually on May 23. The proclamations were presented at 10:30 a.m. and streamed on the CCEDC's Facebook page @carboncountyyccd.

Many local Carbon County based businesses shut their doors on March 14, due to the spread of COVID-19, and have been closed since. Carbon County joined 11 other counties moving to the yellow phase on May 22. The yellow phase, as outlined at <https://>



www.governor.pa.gov/process-to-reopen-pennsylvania allows child care centers, in person retail, and outdoor recreation to reopen with all business and in-person oper-

ations following business and safety orders. Schools, gyms, salons and spas are not permitted to reopen at this time and gatherings of more than 25 people are prohibited.

More than 150 businesses sign & adopt 'Pocono Promise'

Following a virtual signing ceremony Monday led by the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, more than 150 businesses and counting have pledged to sign and support the Pocono Promise. From barber shops and dental offices to restaurants and resorts, businesses of all shapes and sizes throughout the Pocono Mountains voluntarily vow to follow certain guidelines that protect residents, employees and customers once it is time to reopen.

Those guidelines include aggressive cleaning protocols, health surveys for staff before starting their shift, special training, and using personal protective equipment when possible. In return, businesses ask employees and customers to follow certain guidelines as well, which include following social distancing protocols and staying home/visiting another time if feeling sick.

"The more businesses that adopt this promise, the more solidarity we demonstrate to our residents and our visitors," said Chris Barrett, President/CEO of the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau. "Together we'll attest that the Pocono Mountains is doing everything possible to overcome this crisis in the safest

and best way possible."

While Pike and Monroe counties remain in the 'red' phase of Governor Tom Wolf's statewide reopening plan, Wayne and Carbon counties will enter the 'yellow' phase this Friday, May 22. When returning to normalcy, the business community must prepare to ensure everyone's safety while continuing to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Businesses that are part of the Pocono Promise will publicly display door signs and flyers at their facilities. When customers see this, they know the business has committed to following guidelines set forth by federal, state and local agencies. Businesses are encouraged to read the Pocono Promise then sign and adopt it.

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1. Requests
5. Pub dispenser
8. Feline sound
11. HGTV's "____ or Flop"
12. Ferdinand, e.g.
13. Like a ghost
14. *Pro ____, or in proportion
15. Miscellany
16. *Elsewhere
17. *Response to #51 Across?
19. Cher has one
20. Marine enchantress
21. Not tac nor toe
22. *Not underwear!
25. *Battery's companion
29. Literary "even"
30. "____ it ____," or go full force

33. Quartet minus one
34. Greyish brown
36. Common conjunction
37. Ban from school, e.g.
38. Homesteader's measurement
39. Complete failure
41. "Stand and Deliver" singer
42. Relating to breastbone
44. Spectacle venues
46. Marcia's jealous sister
47. Type of assistant, for short
49. Sudden and brilliant success
51. *Courtroom protest
55. Like blue sky
56. Twins, e.g.
57. Was a passenger
58. Shirking work
59. Volcano in Sicily
60. All over again
61. *____ se or ____ tem
62. Bear's hangout
63. Quiet attention grabber

DOWN

1. Big do
2. Eastern European
3. Toy with a tail
4. Thinly spread
5. Tutu fabric

6. Mork from Ork
7. Walk, as through mud
8. Cripple
9. Major European river
10. Ancient Chinese dynasty
12. Stock exchange, in Paris
13. Mollify
16. Anisette, for short
18. Often precedes through, to search
21. Cough syrup amt.
22. Greek Bs
23. Don't just stand there!
24. Habituate
25. Gives a hand
26. Of a city
27. Tarzan's swing rope
28. *Reasons to sue
31. Peacock's pride
32. Genetic initials
35. *Lie made under oath
37. Pre-Ionic
39. Belieber or Parrothead, e.g.
40. Usually not allowed in court
43. Back of the neck
45. *To lure into a compromising act
47. *To annul or suspend
48. Jinn or genie
49. Old Russian autocrat
50. Anis-flavored aperitif
51. Newspaper piece
52. Atom that lost an electron, pl.
53. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
54. Type of salamander
55. European peak

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During this period of Phase Yellow, available hours will be as stated: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – noon. Questions may be directed to the Library during this time at 570-427-5085.

Books will be accepted through the outdoor book-return box. All returned library items will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before re-shelving or being checked out to patrons. Since the Yellow Phase of business requires social distancing, the Library will limit physical contact between staff and the public.

Some services, including computer use, may be limited due to continued social distance requirements. There will be no scheduled in-person programs in the library at this time. This includes our Summer Reading Program.

The staff, volunteers and Board of Directors look forward to seeing you soon.

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Crestwood students excel at PJAS



CRESTWOOD CONTENDERS: First row, from left, Maggie Kozich, Emily Leicht, Natalie Matthews, Sydney Magda, Tori Harper, Tanisi Patel, Erin Barno, Cortney Dushanko, Kaitlyn Leicht, and Shreya Rupareliya; second row, Ava Groth, Alexandra Lipinski, Zoe Stewart, Jessica Zimmermann, Hana Bader, Nick Curry, Caitlin Dushanko, and Ceanna Belisle; third row, Shreema Rupareliya, Elizaveta Graydus, Zane Villafuerte, William Savner, Austin Campbell, Kevin Cheng, Jay Bhavsar, Nick Matthews, Grigorie Mocanu, and Anthony Wan; fourth row, faculty sponsor James Zabiegalski, Aayan Chaundry, Zane Ansari, Parth Patel, Quinn Zabiegalski, Brooke Weiss, and faculty sponsor Jean Zanolini.

Students from Crestwood Secondary Campus attended the Regional Meeting of Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science held Saturday, February 29, on the campus of Wilkes University. These students presented projects in Science and Math. Twenty-seven students earned first awards, while five earned second awards and one student earned a third award. Cortney Dushanko was also awarded a scholarship for King's College.

The following students earned perfect scores: Jay Bhavsar, Math, Brooke Weiss, Behavior Psychology, Emily Leicht, Math, and Shreema Rupareliya, Chemistry. Jay Bhavsar, Cortney

Dushanko and Brooke Weiss all received perseverance awards. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the State Competition was cancelled this year.

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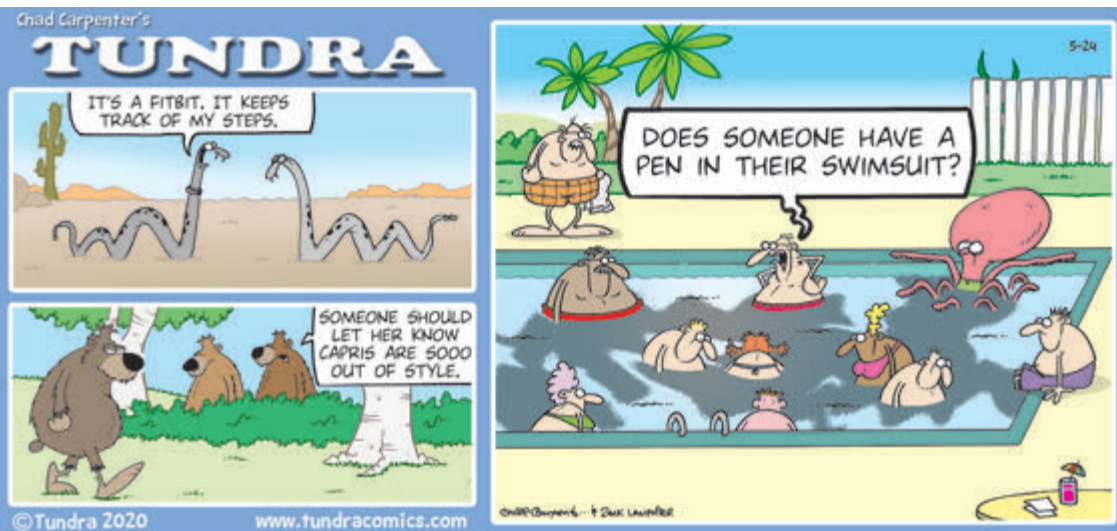
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For Federer, competitive hiatus is a good thing

by **Puneet Hooda**

On this history of tennis, only a handful of players can hit every shot with elegance and sophistication. One such player is Roger Federer. His smooth and graceful moves are like poetry in motion.

The Swiss international turned pro in 1998, and from a young age, he was destined for greatness. Federer stepped into the spotlight at age 19 by defeating Peter Sampras, #1 at the time, in the 2001 Wimbledon quarterfinals. Since then, Federer has achieved multiple firsts: the first player to win 20 Grand Slam titles; the first player to remain at the top of the ATP rankings for 310 weeks; the first player to remain world #1 for 237 consecutive weeks; the first player to win five consecutive U.S. Opens; and the first player to win eight Wimbledon titles.

Achieving what Federer has achieved requires dedication and will power, but injuries

have gotten in the way. In 2016, Federer had surgery to fix a torn meniscus in his left knee. However, like a true warrior, he made a strong comeback in 2017 by winning the Australian Open, defeating arch-rival Rafael Nadal for his 18th Grand Slam title. He also won Wimbledon that year.

But with time, Federer's form has gradually declined. In 2018, he lost to Juan Martin Del Porto in the finals of the Indian Wells Masters - despite having a match point against the Argentine. Next, he was beaten by 175th-ranked Thanasi Kokkinakis in the second round of the Miami Open. He missed the clay season and failed to reach a Gram Slam semifinals.

Issues extended into 2019. Federer started the season with a fourth-round loss to Stefanos Tsitsipis in the Australian Open. Then, he lost his second consecutive Indian Wells finals. The good news is that he won in Miami and

reached the Wimbledon finals.

2020 has been a mixed bag. After beating Tennys Sandgren in the Australian Open quarterfinals, fatigue was visible in his semi-final loss to Novak Djokovic, who beat Federer easily in four sets. And Federer faced yet another setback injury--his right knee, which will sideline him until June.

With degraded form and injuries conspiring against him, there's speculation that Federer may retire. But the Coro-

navirus-related hiatus may be a blessing in disguise. Here are four reasons why. First, it will give him time to recover from knee surgery without missing action. Second, Federer will have time to practice and regain his form. Third, Federer needs to figure out why he is getting fatigued and what might be done about it. And, finally, time away from competition will stoke his desire to return to the court.

At 38 years old and ranked #3 in the world, Federer is the

oldest player in the ATP Top Ten rankings. His game has been topsy-turvy lately but, on several occasions, he has proven to be a solid player -- one of the best.

I think Roger Federer has a lot of competitive tennis left in him. Here's hoping that he can capture a few more Grand Slam titles before his great career comes to an end.

From India, sports analyst Puneet Hooda wrote this article for The Sports Column.

In times of social distancing, 'being there' is important

by **Matthew Paris**

Our country is going through a tough time right now. And, ironically, face-to-face relationships are limited at the very time that people need each other. Among other things, missing is what kids have always taken for granted. I'm talking about playing catch in the street, joining buddies for a game of touch

football, or going next door to ask a friend, "Wanna go outside and play?"

In sports, camaraderie like that is in hiatus. It means not being with teammates--practicing together, celebrating a big win, and consoling each other after a painful loss.

Yes, our nation is going through a tough time. Until the pandemic is over, remember this: even though physical

contact is limited, you can always be there for others. Stat in touch. Doing that always means a lot., and in times of 'social distancing,' it means even more.

Austin-based screenwriter and author Matthew Paris writes about sports for The Sports Column.

Fall Youth Soccer registration opens

Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association, in concert with US Youth Soccer and Eastern PA Youth Soccer, is moving forward to give our youngsters the opportunity to play "The Beautiful Game" once again,

come August/September/October. We'll play if it's safe—but if some or all of the season must be canceled, a refund proportional to the canceled part of the season will be available—minus the cost of

the uniform, which of course is yours to keep. To register youngsters age 4 through 18, please visit:

https://system.gotsport.com/programs/6719984T2?reg_role=player.

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Memorial Day ceremonies in White Haven



Salutes to Veterans in White Haven at the bridge for Navy and Coast Guard vets - left, Honor Roll and Veteran's Monument - below.

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Memorial Day in Weatherly



Honors given at the monument grounds in Weatherly.

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