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## Disinterment plans disturb CTHA

*Editor's Note: The following information was provided by the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association.*

The Diocese of Scranton posted a legal notice in the *Pocono Record* February 13 & 20, 2020 of its intent to disinter the remains of Annie E. Wills and her husband Robert G. Wills, and their only son Joseph J. Wills and Mrs. Wills' brother, the Very Reverend Joseph J. Coroner.

The Coolbaugh Township Historical Association (CTHA) filed objections to this action within the timeframe set by the public notice. The objection was based on the grounds that the story of Annie Wills is an important aspect of our local history and the fact that

her remains are permanently interred in the crypt/mausoleum of the Church of Saint Ann in Coolbaugh Township is a major component of our local history.

The Wills Mansion, located in the Village of Tobyhanna in Coolbaugh Township, approximately one mile from St Ann's Church, was built in 1927 by Mrs. Annie Coroner Wills. It presently serves as a museum for the CTHA containing a wealth of diverse local artifacts and archival collections, celebrating the rich history of Coolbaugh Township, and interpreting the interesting history of Annie C. Wills.

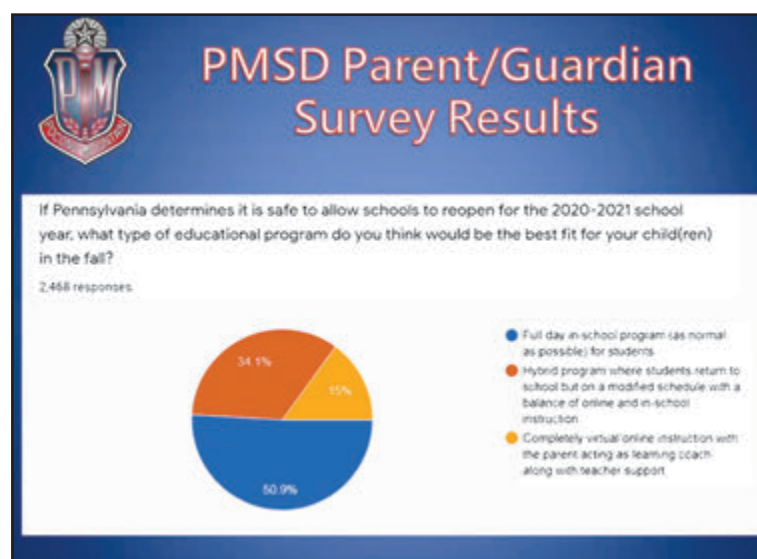
Annie Coroner Wills died at the mansion in Tobyhanna on November 11, 1935 and her body, along with the bodies of

her family, are permanently interred in the Church of Saint Ann in the Village of Tobyhanna, Coolbaugh Township.

Mrs. Wills is nationally recognized for her philanthropic and charitable deeds and she was extremely generous to the Catholic Church. She was a founding member of St. Joseph's Foundling Home in Scranton (now known as St. Joseph's Center), she bequeathed a collection of works of art to Marywood College, was the chief benefactor for the construction of St. Ann's Church in Tobyhanna, and she was recognized by Pope Pius as a "Countess of the Roman Catholic Church" in 1928.

Preserving our local history, the CTHA conducts tours of

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**Parent Guardian Survey Results skewed in favor of in-school learning, with an understanding that health and safety remain the top priority with PMSD 2020-2021 school year plans.**

## PMSB takes first look at school reopening options

**by Jeanine Hofbauer**

While additional information is expected over the next two weeks, on July 15 Pocono Mountain School District administration introduced ideas for reopening to the school board. With the start of a new school year just weeks away, recent survey details shared parent/guardian thoughts to aid in direction.

Though the majority response from the 2,467 participants was in favor of in-school learning, with a hybrid half-online and half-in-school second, and third all online

instruction, Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Robison made it clear these three phases rely solely on maintaining the health and safety of students, faculty and support staff. She said PMSD is in sync with other districts with "accurate, realistic, responsible" planning.

She reported Google Classroom training for teachers, reading survey responses loud and clear demanding more teacher/student interaction. First Student bus transportation disinfecting of buses, and social distancing seating of up to 48 students on larger buses

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## PMSB...

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is still under review. Until it's determined whether families will prefer to drive their students themselves or use buses, seating is not settled.

Michael Jones will be returning to Sullivan Trail as the new Pocono Mountain West High School Principal, filling the position vacated by Dr. Mark Wade, new Assistant Superintendent of Special Education. He replaces Dr. Betsy Gustafson, whose resignation

was accepted in June.

Tammy Toleno takes Jones' spot as East High School Principal, leaving Swiftwater Elementary Center.

Understanding parent/caregiver planning takes time, the board approved Pocono Mountain School District's next meeting for 7 p.m. July 30 to announce reopening procedures.

An August 12 meeting replaces the meeting originally scheduled for August 19. Visit PMSD.org for sign-on instructions and updates.

## Named to Phi Beta Kappa

Heather Chapman of Blakeslee was inducted into the distinguished 2020 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society.

Muhlenberg College's newest members of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's most prestigious honor society for undergraduates in the liberal arts and sciences, were celebrated in a virtual event on Monday, June 15. Muhlenberg College was granted a charter from the national organization in 1967.

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# Developer proposes Kidder distribution center, looks for tax assistance LERTA

by Seth Isenberg

A distribution center is proposed for eastern Kidder Township, on Route 940 at the eastern edge, almost in Blakeslee. Property owner Rick Sutliff presented his project to the Weatherly Area School Board at a special meeting on the 13th. His site is on approximately 117 acres along the state road on the eastern edge of the Township, about a mile east of Blakeslee Corners. Proposed is a 739,000 square foot building that would sit parallel to Route 940, with truck parking on the north and south sides, plus a large outer lot for more trucks.

There would also be parking for up to 250 employees. Once the structure is completed, the area would be nicely landscaped.

Sutliff, of Richard Henry and Sons Construction of Pocono Pines, explained that the undeveloped property now generates \$11,991 each year in taxes for the District. The land, once sold and improved will then generate \$163,935 a year in taxes. What is being asked is for taxes to remain at this level for the first five years to enable the developer to get the building built and leased. After five years under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance agreement



being asked for, taxes on the building start, rising 20% each year to reach 100% valuation of the property and the build-

ing, with annual taxes of about \$1,267,769, from the 10th year on. This would become one of the Weatherly Area district's

largest taxpayers.

A LERTA is put in place to encourage large investments

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

We finally made our long-awaited trip to Knoebels on July 10. We'd planned to go on Monday the 6th for the afternoon, but I instead spent that time getting Slater admitted through the VA's emergency room. He's home after a week's stay with a bunch of new medicines.

Our timing into Knoebels on Saturday was right after a storm that had cleared a bunch of the day's crowd out. It was nice to be back in the park after being in it last in October. We started by taking an easy walk around to people watch, then decided to enjoy our favorite ride, the train that takes a ride into the woods under the big roller coaster. We saw that folks were separated, with an empty seat or more between groups, and everyone masked.

One of our other favorites, the skyride, was closed, we think because of electrical storms in the area. We decided instead to enjoy the shows. There was a little family circus at 5, then the show that brought us to Knoebels that day at 6, Rick K and the Allnighters, with special guest The Belletones. In a properly socially distanced crowd of 100 plus (in an area that could seat 300) he and his band gave a really good show.

Storm clouds threatened just as the show ended, so we headed out – seeing lighting off in the distance and hearing thunder approaching. We'll be back for another afternoon or evening this summer, likely to see another show. Rick K and his band are back in August, and there's a nice list of country, classic rock and more, performing daily through the rest of the season on Knoebels famous bandshell.

We sure had a bunch of

thunderstorms roll through our area. I'd been doing post-storm clean up on the street around our home on most days these last couple of weeks, it seems. The big storms have kept the lake behind the Francis Walter Dam filled, and beautiful. To visit, use the White Haven side access, as the Kidder side is closed through October for a full rebuild.

Ruth and I visited the soon-to-open Holy Ghost Distillery on Route 940 in Kidder Township. Their first product, bourbons, to be available as soon as Pennsylvania approves the last of their licenses. Look for news about them here in our next issue as they open up.

The afternoon of July 5, we went blueberry picking at the Stemmerich Blueberry Farm off in the Nescopeck valley – off Route 93 north of Interstate 80, about half way to Berwick then off on Cherry Road. It was their second day open for this season. The plants are loaded with beautiful berries. In the 90+ degree heat, we wilted in the sun, picking a bit more than a half pound of newly ripe berries before re-

treating to our newest car with its working air conditioning ... that and a cool drink from the farm store.

The Covid-19 virus has kept a lid on things including our plans to travel to a wedding. Our niece will be marrying a nice man on a day over Labor Day weekend in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Instead of a big event, that event has now become small, so we'll send love and a gift, just not ourselves. Ruth and I had so much wanted to see the family, but coast-to-coast air flights during the pandemic had us concerned. We'll save up and go once the crisis is over.

If we do travel, it will be via a long car trip to a place where we can be safe.

On the 18th or 19th, we hope to enjoy the Pow-Wow to be held in Drums, featuring some local first peoples and their culture. Most of the events we had been looking forward have been cancelled so the Pow-Wow is a rarity to savor (and a chance to learn something). I'm planning to try my luck with axe throwing (I've done it before, and am neither bad, nor very good).

We're now looking towards August and hoping events will still get held. We plan to resume museum visits, in small crowds and socially distanced only, now that they are reopening. Once Slater can do more walking, we're looking to go to the Scranton Trolley Museum and take a trolley ride on the Laurel Line, through a tunnel to Moosic, then back. Museums will be our refuge on days when it's 90 degrees and humid – or raining all day. America on Wheels in Allentown has reopened, featuring a display of Hudsons so we also plan a return there.

The Celtic Fling and Highland Games that was to be held in Mount Hope on the PA

Renaissance Faire grounds in late June, has been pushed to August 22 and 23. We'll attend if the event is held. The PA Renaissance Faire itself is pushed to a Labor Day weekend start, then running weekends to November 1, and we'll be attending that as well Covid-permitting.

The Celtic Classic in Bethlehem September 25 to 27 is beacon on the horizon, also depending on PA's virus rules. That's also the start of the Bloomsburg Fair, to run from the 25th to October 3 as a reduced event due to the virus.

Stay healthy, keep safe these mid-summer's weeks, but do get out and about – just pick your places with care.



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# Mid-summer update from The Garden of Giving

Everyone at The Garden hopes that the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was enjoyed by all! To celebrate the holiday, 18 volunteers turned out to pitch in and work in the fields. It was a great way to honor that special day.

July is always a busy month

at the Garden; and the work also includes indoor chores, such as organizing and office work. The Garden's annual meeting was held on July 6, at their office on Route 115 in Effort, inside the At Your Service Realty office, now a REMAX company. The Garden wishes

to express their thanks to Deborah Audette for her generous donation of office space each year.

June 12 was marked by a visit with supporters from Ameri-Health Caritas, a company which works with local groups on health outreach programs.

The company, along with Dr. DeFranco of Blue Ridge Pediatrics, also provided a grant of \$700 to support and maintain the fruit tree orchard which was planted last year by our friends at the West End Rotary and Dr. Krupa Daniels.

The last day of June brought a visit by the Pocono Garden Club, when president Nell Cadue and past president Joan Gregario toured the garden with several of their members, after presenting the Garden with a generous check for \$500 as their yearly contribution.

Summer is in full swing at the Garden; the vegetables are



growing fast. Crops of Swiss chard, kale and peas have

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# LERTA...

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into economic development (or in some cases, re-development).

The School District's approving of this LERTA will allow a developer to erect the building sooner, and ideally, to get a tenant sooner. With the LERTA in place, Sutliff explained that there is a developer interested in erecting the building on speculation, likely starting in 2021 once all the permits are in place. It is hoped that a tenant can be developed by the time construction is complete. It is also possible the building will take a year or two to become occupied.

No decision was made at the meeting, but the prospect of increased tax revenues in the near future, with more down the road, seemed appealing to most of the School Board. Adding to the appeal would be the jobs the project would bring.

Sutliff plans to follow-up with more information at future WASB meetings.

As a side note: the WASB has approved, and then recently renewed, a Keystone Opportunity Zone tax reduction for the warehouse development proposed for a site, also in Kidder Township, further west on Route 940.



This diagram, taken from the marketing materials for the site, shows its approximate location along Route 940.

## BWA Webinar

# The big deal about rain barrels

Have you ever wished for a more efficient way to water your garden, keep your car clean and save money all while helping the environment? A rain barrel can do all this and more.

On July 25, Brodhead Watershed Association, in partnership with Monroe County Conservation District, will host a webinar showing what rain barrels do, how to install one and to decorate it.

In this online workshop, part of BWA's Greening Mountainhome program,

Darryl Speicher will talk about this method of collecting rainwater for many uses around the house as well as its pollution prevention abilities.

Thanks to a grant to MCCD from PADEP's Environmental Education program, the first 25 participants who request a barrel, register and attend the webinar get a free rain barrel. In addition, MCCD asks that all workshop participants complete a survey, and a link to the survey will be provided July 25. Details on where and

when to pick up the rain barrel will be provided after the workshop.

The webinar begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 25. Details of how to join the Zoom webinar will be emailed to registrants. Deadline to register is noon Friday, July 24.

To register, email your name and whether you'd like a rain barrel to [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org).

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## Garden of Giving...

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already been harvested and distributed; and the chickens are in full production mode! All this growth requires constant care, however, and volunteers willing to weed, stake

and maintain the plantings are very much needed. With the Covid-19 restrictions, the groups which usually send many volunteers are now unavailable. Now, more than

ever, local people who have a love of the land and are willing to add their labor to the Garden are more than welcome to participate.

The Garden is open from Tuesday through Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Masks and social distancing are always recommended while working.

The Garden is located just

off Route 715, at 2556 Rising Hill Drive in Saylorsburg.

### Contact information

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Email: [GardenofGiving@gmail.com](mailto:GardenofGiving@gmail.com)

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## Carnival cancelled

# Pocono Mountain Fire Company to host alternate entertainments

The Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company released the following statement:

While we would love to hold the annual Pocono Mountain Carnival this week as planned, the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company regrettably has to announce that it cannot happen this year. This is our only annual fundraiser and it will hurt financially for the fire company, but also for the surrounding businesses that benefit from the event. It is

also a blow to the public who look forward to it each year. We are disappointed as much as every other group or business that has to curtail activities this year.

We are, however, offering a different option to help people who are looking for outdoor activities and a chance to support the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company.

We will be hosting three night out events this week. Thursday and Friday will be "Night Under The Stars"

(N.U.T.S.!) featuring live music, some free games, and a movie on the huge screen to be viewed from the comfort of your car. Some of your favorite carnival food will be available for purchase, with social distancing in place.

Saturday will be our Grand

Prize Drawing and Fireworks. All events will be held on our Carnival grounds, 2 Murray Street in Mount Pocono.

These are ticketed events, sold in advance via our website—[pmvfc.com](http://pmvfc.com)—in order to maintain control of the number of people attending.

That means the events have limited tickets available, so order yours today and don't be disappointed. Limited raffle tickets are still available for the Grand Prize drawing.

Gates open at 7 p.m. Friday, and 8 p.m. Saturday.

## Pocono Mountains United Way accepting applications for rent relief program

Monroe County renter households are now able to apply for a new Rent Relief Program made available through economic stimulus funds. Pocono Mountains United Way began accepting applications on July 6.

To be eligible for the rent relief program, renters must be a resident of Monroe County at the time of your application. All tenants must be able to document at least a 30% reduction in annual income since March 1 related to COVID-19, or unemployment beginning on or after March 1 according to program guidelines. Unemployed applicants must have filed for unemployment compensation. In addition, household income cannot exceed 100% of the Area Median Income for Monroe County,

which will be adjusted according to household size.

Renters who qualify may receive assistance equal to 100% of monthly rent up to \$750 per month for a maximum of six months. Payments will be made directly to landlords. The application can be accessed on Pocono Mountains United Way website: [poconountedway.org/rent-relief-program](http://poconountedway.org/rent-relief-program).

Renters who believe they are eligible are encouraged to apply. Applications can be submitted to Pocono Mountains United Way via email, mail, or drive-thru drop off. Call the office for more information at 570.517.3953. Funds will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Application deadline is September 30, 2020.

"This Rent Relief Program will provide much needed financial relief to residents impacted by the pandemic-related economic slowdown," said-

Michael Tukeva, President and CEO of Pocono Mountains United Way.

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed in March, provided \$4.9 billion in economic relief funds for Pennsylvania according to the US Treasury website. Pennsylvania's General Assembly allocated \$150 million of those funds to Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) to be distributed to Pennsylvania's 67 counties for rental assistance.

"Many Monroe County renters lost their jobs and are struggling to make rent," said Sarah Jacobi, Vice President of Community Impact at Pocono Mountains United Way. "We are delighted the Federal and State Government worked quickly to release these funds to us so we can help the individuals who need it the most."

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# Area Funerals

## GUY POWELL

Guy Powell, 74, of Tobyhanna, passed away on July 7, 2020. He was the husband of Ruth L. (Craighead) Ratliff-Powell of Tobyhanna.

Born in Emporia, Virginia he was the son of the late James and Helena Powell.

Guy was a resident of Tobyhanna for the past 6 years and prior to that he resided in Queens, New York.

He owned and operated a school bus transportation company in New York City for many years.

He was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in Mt. Pocono.

In addition to his wife Ruth he is survived by two daughters, Tracy Turnage and Tiffany Tine, and two stepchildren, Danielle Bryant and Reginald Ratliff; a brother, James Powell; 13 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

## MICHAEL D. SANTANA JR.

Michael D. Santana Jr., 43, of Tobyhanna, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2020. Born in New York City, N.Y. he was the son of Diana Colon of Bethlehem.

Michael was a resident of Tobyhanna for the past 22 years and prior to that of New York.

He was a retired Navy SEAL. He was of the Christian faith.

In addition to his mother Diana he is also survived by a daughter, Katlin Santana of Bethlehem; a brother, Jonathan Felton; and two sisters, Lisa Santana and Precious Reid.

A service was held July 12 in Stroudsburg, followed by cremation.

## HOLMAN DIXON

Holman Dixon, 71, of Tobyhanna passed away at home the morning of Tuesday, July 13, 2020 with his wife, Angelique by his side. Born in Guyana, South America, Holman was the son of William Embrack and Gwendoline Dickson.

Holman was of the Christian faith. Angelique and Holman would have celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary in

September, but have been together since 1984. Holman was employed as a C.N.A. for most of his life and worked in various nursing homes.

In addition to his wife and mother, Holman is survived by his children, Holletta, Cathy, Candice, Jerman, Travis, LaToya, and Osei, along with many grandchildren.

Cremation will be private.

## HAROLD LYNN

Harold "Hal" Lynn, 87, of Pocono Summit, died Thursday, July 2, 2020 at Gluco Lodge in Stroudsburg. He was the loving husband of the late Jeanne Lynn, who passed away in 2017.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Patrick and Mabel (Shafer) Lynn.

A proud veteran, Hal served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Before retiring to the Poconos in 1993, he worked for Westinghouse for 29 years.

Hal was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines.

He is survived by his sons, James Lynn and his wife, Dorothy, Michael Lynn, and Robert Lynn; daughter, Ann Marie Togneri and her husband, Tom; sisters, Carol Meyers and Patricia Walsh; several grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The Reverend Father Sean Carpenter celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Pocono Pines. Burial with Military Honors followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township.

## B'nai Harim plans golf outing

Congregation B'nai Harim will hold its annual golf outing Monday, August 17 at Pinecrest Golf Club, Pocono Pines. Enjoy a great day of golf with registration and warm up on the driving range at 10 a.m. and a shotgun start at 11.

All safety measures are being taken against the coronavirus, so indicate if you want to ride alone in a cart or are willing to ride with another golfer for the day. Bring a mask.

After play, snacks and refreshments will be served outside the pro shop while the golf pro announces the winners of the tournament and awards the prizes.

Sign up your foursome or sign up as a single and the golf pro will match you up with other players.


Early bird rate for golf is \$75. After August 12, add \$10 to each person's registration.

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# Bike Run and BBQ to benefit Valor

American Legion Riders Post 927 will hold a Valor Motorcycle Run & BBQ in memory of Rick Murphy on Sunday, July 19. Start at Benny's II, 2660 Route 115, Effort, and finish at Paul's House, 1130 Scenic Drive, Kunkletown, with four stops along the route through the beautiful Poconos.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., kickstands up at 10:30. Bike run is a \$25 donation for rider and \$10 for passenger, with the same rate for cars. Cars are welcome to bring up the rear.

A family-friendly party will follow at 2 p.m. with hot dogs, drinks, snacks and music.

There will be a prize for Best Poker Hand, along with a 50/50 raffle, and shirts for a \$20 donation. Donation

checks should to to Valor Clinic Foundation, PO Box 315, Brodheadsville, PA 18322.

Call Beth with bike run questions at 570-534-2854.

Rain date is July 26. Donations are non-refundable.

## Party at the Pavilion

Join us for a Party at the Pavilion at American Legion Post 927, 646 Fairgrounds Road, Gilbert PA, 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday through August 29.

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For more information, contact Gary Spears (941) 400-2293 or Patti Heller (570) 688-8303.

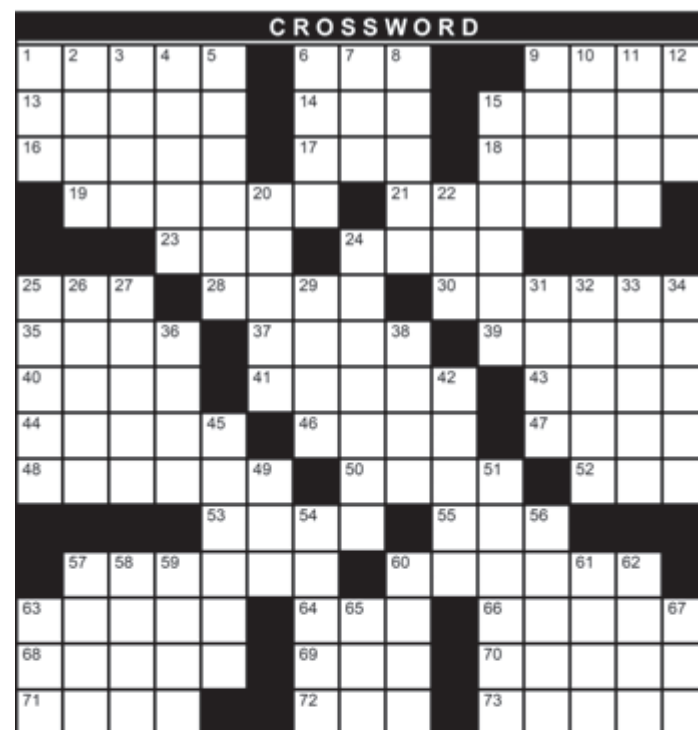
# THEME: DR. SEUSS

## ACROSS

1. On a cruise, 2 words
6. Horse poker
9. Deadly slitherers
13. Way to curl hair
14. \*Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another \_\_\_\_.
15. Islam's Supreme Being
16. Subway coin
17. Salve for Tin Woodman
18. Grim Reaper
19. \*\*A \_\_\_\_'s s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."
21. \*\*Christmas Day will always be, Just as long as we \_\_\_\_.
23. Structure named for 31st President
24. Indoor allergy trigger
25. Ship pronoun
28. H. H. Munro's pen name
30. Something or anything
35. Madam, to a cowboy
37. Dr. Jones, to his friends
39. Best not mentioned
40. Not in favor of
41. Myths and legends, e.g.
43. Mav/Etre d's list
44. France's longest river
46. \*\*I Can Read \_\_\_\_ My Eyes Shut!"
47. Use a beeper
48. In direct line of descent
50. Italian car maker
52. Equinox mo.
53. Coral barrier
55. Not a friend
57. \*\*From there to here, From here to there, Funny \_\_\_\_ are everywhere."
60. \*\*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. \_\_\_\_.
63. Canine foe
64. However, poetically
66. Full
68. Up and about
69. Porridge grain
70. Say something
71. Start of a conclusion
72. Parental involvement org.
73. Popular garden flower

## DOWN

1. \*\*Step with care and great tact. And remember that life's A Great Balancing \_\_\_\_.
2. Turkey dance
3. Punjabi believer
4. Correct
5. Pause in breathing, pl.
6. \*\*If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is \_\_\_\_.
7. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words
8. Indian metropolis
9. Sheltered, nautically
10. BBQ side
11. Toupee spot
12. "Zip it!"
15. Countdown to Christmas
20. Inbox item
22. Chowd down
24. Middle of a torso
25. \*\*A person's a person, no matter how \_\_\_\_.
26. Capital of Vietnam
27. Dine at home
29. \*\*You're on your own. And you know what you \_\_\_\_.
31. Pipe smoker's tool
32. Letter-shaped girder
33. Polynesian kingdom
34. \*\*Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is \_\_\_\_ than you."
36. Bog down
38. Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin
42. Elevator passage
45. Breadwinner
49. Race part
51. 50-50
54. Bar by estoppel
56. Related on mother's side
57. Baloney
58. Rwanda's majority
59. a.k.a. The Islamic State
60. Itty-bitty bit
61. \_\_\_\_ von Bismarck
62. Not quite an adult
63. Latissimus dorsi, for short
65. \*\*It's a shirt. It's a sock. It's a glove. It's a \_\_\_\_.
67. Wine quality



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# Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

At 6:50 p.m. on 7-15, Pocono Mountain Regional Police were called to the Kalahari Resort in Pocono Summit about a group of people who were drunk, and now fighting. The group was being evicted from the property, but not cooperating with resort staff. Pocono Mountain Regional EMS were called to help due to how intoxicated some of the group were.

During the assessment of a 23 y/o Bronx, NY, man, he assaulted an EMT as she tried to help him. Officers arrested him and removed him to the Monroe County jail, where he was arraigned before the on-duty Magistrate on aggravated assault charges. Bail was set at \$2,000. He also has a preliminary hearing set for July 30 before District Judge

Richard Claypool in the Pocono Pines courtroom.

While driving on Old Stage Road in Penn Forest Twp., a couple began to fight just before 1 a.m. on 7-13. As things escalated, the 35 y/o Lehigh-ton-area woman driver punched the 30 y/o Albrightsville man in the face, three times. She then stopped the car, and both got out. She pulled out a knife and cut the man's arm, and stabbed him in the lower back, then drove away. Police and an ambulance were called. He was treated on the scene and taken to GWV hospital by the Lake Harmony Ambulance.

PA State Police alerted Lehigh-ton Borough Police, who located the woman and arrested her—locating the knife, and also finding some metham-

phetamine in her possession. Lehigh-ton turned her over to PSP-F, who filed charges of aggravated assault and related, and drug possession, and took her to the Carbon County jail.

PSP-F reports responding to a car that missed a turn on Route 940 in East Side, White Haven, and ended up driving off the road, up an embankment, and onto the front lawn of a home—disabled after having knocked over some lawn ornaments. Police arrived after the 8:14 p.m. 6-28 incident to find the suspected driver, a 54 y/o White Haven area woman, seated in a chair in the driveway of the property. The suspect admitted to having a couple of drinks, so was arrested and taken to Geisinger WVH for a blood draw, with DUI charges pending the results.

A Fawn View Road, Brodheadsville couple got to fighting just before noon on 7-12, and the 24 y/o man threatened the woman with a gun. Police were called. PSP-F arrived and found that the 24 y/o did not have a license to have the gun, so he was arrested and taken to the Monroe County jail. He's charged with making terroristic threats and the gun violation.

PSP is investigating a reported road-rage incident by a 74 y/o Albrightsville man on Routes 115 to 209 into Brodheadsville on 7-7, at about 7 p.m. The victim, a 45 y/o Effort man, reported to police that the accused tailgated him...all the way into the CVS parking lot in Brodheadsville. There, he went to confront

the tailgater and saw that the other driver was pointing a handgun at him. Words were exchanged, and both parties left the parking lot. The driver of the tailgating car was identified, and charges of harassment and physical menace were approved to be filed.

PSP-F is investigating a rape that occurred in June of 2009 at a Powhatan Terrace, Mt. Pocahontas, Penn Forest Twp. home.

On 7-6, a wallet was found at the Sunoco convenience store in Penn Forest Twp. and turned over to PSP-Lehigh-ton. In the wallet was a valid PA driver's license for a 20 y/o man, and, a fraudulent Georgia license displaying the 20 y/o's photo and a fraudulent date of birth. The Chadds Ford man is charged with having a false identification document.

PSP did a welfare check of a 45 y/o Sun Valley man with medical conditions early in the morning on 7-3, finding him lying on the floor near his bed, deceased. The cause of death appeared natural.

On another check, a 52 y/o Jackson Twp. woman was found unresponsive by a relative on 7-2 after not hearing from the woman in several days. PSP assisted the Monroe County Coroner, who was to perform an autopsy on 7-6.

Someone egged the siding of a 2800 block, Adirondack Drive, Sierra View, Effort Mtn. home overnight 6-22 to 23.

There were also several fights and domestics. Vandalism is also reported including

broken windows and glass doors.

## Our Piece of the Poconos is not HIGH enough for some

From just after 5 p.m. on 7-11, Monroe County 911 started getting calls about an erratic driver eastbound on Interstate 80, now in Tobyhanna Twp. PSP was dispatched and located the car, a '19 Kia Sportage, then made a traffic stop. There was alcohol on view, and a clearly drunk driver. The 35 y/o Denver, CO, man was arrested and taken to the DUI processing center for a blood draw, with DUI charges pending on the results.

Just before 5 p.m. on 7-5, PSP-F made a traffic stop of a car on Route 115 for a traffic violation. The Trooper saw indicators of criminal activity. He asked for permission to search the car and was refused. He then called for a K-9 unit. The PSP K-9, when put to work, alerted to possible drugs. A probable cause search was conducted, and 54 small Baggies of suspected heroin were located. The driver, a 32 y/o Effort man, was arrested and taken to be arraigned before the on-duty Magistrate. He was later released, with a court appearance slated before District Judge Colleen Mancuso scheduled.

At 1:45 a.m. on 7-5, PSP made a vehicle stop on a Jeep driving Route 115 in Tunkhannock Twp. for a vehicle code violation, and found a 45 y/o Coolbaugh Twp. woman driving under the influence, with alcoholic beverages visible. She was arrested and taken to the county DUI center for a blood draw.

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# Will Cam Newton fill Patriots' 'Brady Void'?

by Fernando Nunes

The NFL off-season had eye-catching change. Out West, a blockbuster signing brought DeAndre Hopkins to the desert. And, for the first time, Las Vegas has a football team – the Raiders (from Oakland). But the biggest news of all is that Tom Brady left a dynasty (and his legacy) in New England to join Tampa Bay. While TB is excited to be in TB –and fans certainly are, too– there are more questions than answers back in New England.

Cam Newton has arrived to replace Brady, but, as the season grows closer, at issue is

whether Newton is up to replacing a legend. It's easy to see why. The Brady-Belichick partnership earned New England a jaw-dropping six championships. Will the Brady-less Pats come close to having the same aura?

If there's one thing for sure, it's that Newton has potential. A former MVP in Carolina, Newton broke all-time NFL rookie records for passing and rushing yards by a quarterback. But following a struggle with injuries and inconsistent performance, the Panthers decided to cut ties with him.

That's when New England came calling. But the Patriots aren't viewing Newton's entry as a sure thing. They signed him to a bare-minimum, incentive - heavy contract with a base salary of just \$1.05 million. Translation? That's a no-risk move by New England. But if Newton shines on the field, he'll be rewarded. More than \$6.45 million more awaits in incentives.

For sure, Tom Brady's departure leaves a huge hole in the heart of the Pats, but in talent and personality, Newton looks like a worthy replacement. A natural leader, Newton is itching to get back to winning ways. That means he could be a perfect fit—a player who has a point to prove and a team that needs a big-time winner.

With Jarrett Stidham, Brian Hoyer, and rookies Brian Lewerke and J'Mar Smith as Newton's QB rivals, the overwhelming odds are that Newton will be behind center in Week 1. In Newton, the Patriots might have a new talisman.

*Fernando Nunes, an NFL fan who lives in Great Britain, writes periodically for The Sports Column.*

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## Police Beat

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There were many DUI-drugs, -alcohol, and both, arrests.

### Stealin'

Cash and personal items were stolen by a suspect in a theft from an Old Orchard Dr., Chestnuthill Twp. home on 7-14. Among the items were Ray-Ban blue granite sunglasses, an Apple 11 Pro Max iPhone, two wristwatches, Air Jordan sneakers, and a small GE air conditioner. Total loss is nearly \$4,000. PSP-F is investigating.

An Effort Mountain, Tunkhannock Twp. woman tried to buy a Labrador retriever puppy online via Labrador-retrieverpuppiesforsale.com. She sent \$780 for the dog. She sent another \$980 for transportation and insurance. The dog did not arrive. She then called police. PSP-F

## Puzzle Answers

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is asking if any reader has information or experienced a similar theft. Call them at 570 646-2271.

A Parish Park Lane, Sun Valley, Effort home was burgled by a thief who entered via an open kitchen window just before midnight on 6-18. A black Samsung laptop was stolen.

Thefts include a white Tennessee-brand trailer from a Route 115, Chestnuthill Twp. property – 6-30; a construction work-site trailer from a Renee Road, Effort site overnight 6-29 to 30; a fraud by identity theft where a Chestnuthill Twp. 68 y/o had an account opened without her knowledge at Amazon and a \$3,600 bill run up, 6-10; an ATM card was stolen and \$900 taken out of a local woman's account, 7-9.

### Keeping the Rubber Side Down

At 10:30 a.m. on 7-6, a 63 y/o Blakeslee-area driver pulled his Ford F-250 out onto Route 248 in Parryville without making a full stop at the STOP sign – right in front of an oncoming westbound Nissan Versa driving at highway speed. (This is a known dangerous intersection.) The Nissan t-boned the Ford, hit-

ting hard enough to spin the truck 180 degrees and roll it over. The crash ejected the truck's driver through the rear window. The car landed atop him. The 63 y/o and the Nissan's 18 y/o driver were taken to LVH's Cedar Crest trauma center – PSP-L.

A car and a passenger van came together just after 7 p.m. on 6-19 while driving Interstate 80 east at mm284.1, and the crash ended with both vehicles rolled over. There were five injuries, all minor – all refused PMR EMS transport, PSP-F.

There were a handful of fender-benders and rear-enders with no injuries. On the Interstate, a pair of trucks came together when a pass was just too close.

There were also reports where a deer appeared in the road, and a swerve put the vehicle into the woods.

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## COVID-19 Inspired Art

### NCC student spreads awareness

Meaghan Grennan, '20, made coronavirus awareness posters as part of the Artistry Collective Club at Northampton Community College's Monroe Campus this past spring. The posters hung across Monroe Campus and were then displayed virtually on NCC social media channels.

Professor Alma Barrantes, advisor to the artistry collective, came up with the idea to edit World War I posters to reflect a current crisis. The plan was for interested club members to create one or two posters each that would then be circulated around campus.

"Our club meeting was within just days of when the first cases were reported in Monroe County, making it more important than ever to do something proactive on campus," Grennan said.

To create the posters, Grennan, who was a fine arts major at NCC, uploaded images of the original WWI posters to Photoshop, removed the text, and added her own slogans. "I



was taking a computer graphics class that semester which taught me how to use the program for projects such as this."

Grennan plans on reaching out to the Monroe County Historical Association with regards to becoming a part of their COVID-19 exhibit.

Her message to everyone remains, "Stay safe!" until this pandemic is over.

View Online: <http://northampton.meritpages.com/news/covid-19-inspired-art/16417>

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the Village of Tobyhanna as a heritage tourism initiative. Riders visiting Tobyhanna on Steamtown National Historic Site train rides are treated to an interpretative tour and talk about the rich history of the town, including a tour of the Church of Saint Ann and the story of Annie C Wills.

People enjoy a deep fascination with the sites where history took place, as well as with the stories they can directly experience by visiting these sites. Heritage tourists spend billions of dollars every year and are among the fastest-growing group of tourists.

We requested that the bodies of Annie Wills, Robert C Wills, Very Reverend Joseph J. Coroner and Joseph James Wills remain interred at the Church of Saint Ann in Tobyhanna to preserve our local history and to honor the will of Mr. Robert C. Wills.

A hearing on the issue was held on July 9 at the Monroe County Courthouse, but the judge granted a continuance and the hearing will be rescheduled.

**William L. Leonard, Jr.**  
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# Mount Pocono pulls portion of PMRPD budget

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"You're leaving the remaining municipalities to pick up the difference," accused Brendon Carroll during Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission's July 15 meeting, in response to the Mount Pocono Borough resolution recently received pegging the 2020 payment at the same amount as 2019.

Fran DePiano added, "Six months you knowingly put together part of the process of preparing [the 2020 PMRPD budget]."

Mount Pocono's Mayor and PMRPC representative Michael Penn responded that representatives do not have the authority to finalize, only to bring budgets back to council or supervisors for a vote.

He recommended the \$14,000 "shortfall" should come from monies carried over from 2019, also suggesting a possible cut in hours for the municipality to make up the difference.

Anthony Lamantia responded, "My municipality [Coolbaugh Township] is not picking it up, if it comes out of reserves it still takes from everybody."

Carroll explained, "We [other Member Municipalities] still have to pay for your decreased hours."

Commissioners agreed to take the matter back to their boards. Chief Chris Wagner distributed Inter-Municipal Agreements to aid in evaluating options.

Other member municipality concerns included Penn putting Borough residents' Fourth of July fireworks 9-1-1 calls into the discussion. He reported incidents July 1 through 6 in violation of the municipality's ordinance.

Citing 41 pages of incident reports for 244 calls over the holiday weekend, Chief Wagner added specifics to certain instances. Noting a "violent domestic disturbance" and an overdose call; he explained District Attorney protocol considers overdose calls a homicide as the sale of drugs could result in fatality.

The Chief went on to announce, "This agency [PMRPD] got the state record for confiscating the most commercial grade fireworks in the

state."

July's bill pack totaling \$287,232.79 was approved with funds to be distributed as follows: General Fund, \$278,249.45; Capital Projects Fund, \$8,983.34; ESSA July Mortgage Payment, \$8,983.34.

Commission members present during the online meeting included Carroll, Dave Moyer, and Dave Carbone for Tobyhanna Township; DePiano and Juan Adams for Tunkhannock Township; Penn and Claudette Williams for Mount Pocono; Lamantia and Lynn Kelly for Coolbaugh Township; and John Seese for Barrett Township.

PMRPC's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. August 11 at police headquarters on Route 940 in Pocono Summit.

## From the Statehouse

# COVID-19 early warning monitoring dashboard launched

By State Rep. Jack Rader

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has launched an online early warning monitoring dashboard that provides information on the prevalence of COVID-19 on a statewide and county basis to track increases in the disease in the

community. The dashboard can be accessed through the department's website, [www.health.pa.gov](http://www.health.pa.gov).

The dashboard shows data points being used to assess the spread of the virus in the state and in each county, including:

- Difference in confirmed cases (last seven days vs. previous seven days).
- Incidence rate (last seven days and previous

seven days) per 100,000 residents.

- Polymerise chain reaction (PCR) positivity rate (last seven days and previous seven days).
- Difference in the average daily number of COVID-19 hospitalizations in the last seven days and the previous seven days.
- Difference in the av-

erage daily number of COVID-19 patients on ventilators in the last seven days and previous seven days.

- Percent of hospital emergency department visits in the last seven days and previous seven days due to COVID-like illness.

The dashboard will be updated on a weekly basis to assist in providing information regarding the prevalence and severity of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania.

Recent increases in the number of cases in some parts of the state have shown the need for all residents to continue to take simple steps to prevent the spread of the virus: wear a mask, wash hands frequently, maintain social distancing and stay home if sick.

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# Stillwater Lakes community unrest over short term rentals

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Although aware Coolbaugh Township Supervisors' intent is to continue Short Term Rental ordinance evaluation in August after COVID-19 caused a pause in planning, residents of Stillwater Lakes asked to be heard ahead of time at the July 7 supervisors' meeting.

Lorraine Crouse took the lead, telling of the Community Association's internal assessment, and offering ideas to help draft appropriate guidelines. Reporting a number of nuisance neighboring homes, she urged supervisors to rapidly re-start ordinance planning, understanding that unforeseen pandemic matters had halted action.

Instituting rental permit suspension for repeat offenders would have to go through Appeals Board review to reactivate was one suggestion. It was agreed supervisors should prepare for an increased number of attendees interested in the rental topic at next month's meeting.

Turning attention back to the work session topic of a proposed landscape ordinance review, supervisors offered ways to cut and simplify guidelines to encourage new business.

Calling excessive roadside brush growth a "health and safety issue," supervisor Alma Ruiz-Smith asked to have Planning Commission consideration for appropriate plantings unappealing to deer. Calling current conditions a "buffet next to the highway," supervisor chair Bill Weimer agreed there is a need to curb accidents.

Mill Street resident Adrian Romano voiced concerns over Western Express tractor trailers wreaking havoc over roadside property while accessing the small street. Pleading for



**Masked attendees gathered for Coolbaugh Township's July 7 socially-distanced public meeting at Pocono Mountain Public Library.**

JP: Jeanine Hofbauer

township intervention, she asked that signage be installed reporting call after call to find out if PennDOT or Coolbaugh Township owns the roads.

"Okay, we can make that happen," said Weimer, adding intent for a review of road ownership.

Visibly frustrated, supervisor Anthony Lamantia agreed

to proceed with Northeast Site's \$10,000 Sign Change Order #12-2020 Route 196 Turning Lane Project sign modifications outside A Pocono Country Place. Noting that project costs continue to increase, conditional approval will not be issued until APCP responds that the sign is acceptable.

Ruiz-Smith asked if the township could consider adding Pocono Mountain Regional EMS financial needs into a list of C.A.R.E. Act funding as \$50 million makes its way to Monroe County. Weimer added interaction with PMREMS about creating a Quarter 3 2020 Business Plan in an effort to work together keeping the nonprofit in action as the COVID-19 economic downturn subsides.

Current obligations totaling \$404,895.39 were approved for payment. Disbursements were: General Fund, \$353,454.06; Coolbaugh Twp

VFC Fire Tax, \$35,395.29; Escrow Fund, \$921.50; Sewer Fund, \$15,124.54

Attending the meeting were supervisors Weimer, Ruiz-Smith, Lamantia, Lynn Kelly and Claire Colgan; solicitor Patrick Armstrong; business manager Meredith Thompson; and secretary Erin Masker.

Coolbaugh Township's next meetings to be held at Pocono Mountain Public Library are Tuesday, July 21, and Tuesday, August 4 following a 6 p.m. work session. Masks must be worn. Directions on attending can be found at [Coolbaughtwp.org](http://Coolbaughtwp.org).



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