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PMRPD reaching out to recruit youth

by Jeanine Hofbauer

"I expect nothing less than professionalism and courtesy," stated Pocono Mountain Regional Police Chief Chris Wagner at the June 9 Pocono Mountain Regional Police Commission meeting, responding to Kurt Cummings' praise of officer conduct during a traffic stop experience.

IDNAL

Pocono Mountain Regional Police officer Josh Soto continues department motivational messaging with advice for area youth careers. See the video on PMRPD Facebook page.

Cummings was joined by Michael Penn and Claudette Williams in encouraging increased interaction with area youth, explaining how to pursue careers in law enforcement. The chief described an existing motivational message and "How to" videos for students on Facebook and shared through Pocono Mountain School District, and issued an invitation to view and share

with member municipalities.

Policies 6-11, Officer Involved Shootings, and 6-12, Canine Encounters, specifying more thorough details were approved. The chief reminded the commissioners that the safety of officers is why policy confidentiality is important. Each policy outlines rules and procedures. Canine **Encounters** pertains to officers faced with dangerous dogs during calls.

Commissioner Lynn Kelly's suggestion to consider a committee to review an "Eight Can't Wait" list for policy analysis was agreed. Calling the recommendation "good ideas," the chief noted most of the "Eight" are already in place with accredited departments like PMRPD. He agreed to review and provide the Commission details about where each is in existing policies.

Commissioner Dave Carbone suggested that a police union representative be present at the review, stating "We definitely want to protect our police officers."

Calling PMRPD policies and procedures "the gold standard for police standards," solicitor Harry Coleman added, "A layperson review is a great idea."

As Monroe County enters COVID green phase, increased public activity comes with an uptick in police report incidents. Noting more people out on roads and around, Chief Wagner explained population numbers and proactive policing work hand-in-hand. He said the figures do not equal a concern about area crime.

Commissioner Brendon
Carroll suggested placing next
year's auto orders now in case
manufacturers like Ford face
shutdowns or attempt to catch
up on orders placed during
closed time. Chief Wagner
explained until budget figures
are firm for the coming year, it
is difficult to commit to vehicle
buys with each costing approximately \$50,000. He agreed
to bring thoughts on costs to
July's meeting.

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\$134,706.68 was approved
with funds to be distributed as follows: General Fund,

\$125,723.34; Capital Projects Fund, \$8,983.34; ESSA June Mortgage Payment, \$8,983.34

Commission members present during the online meeting included Dave Moyer, Carbone and Carroll for Tobyhanna Township; Fran DePiano and Juan Adams for Tunkhannock Township; Mayor Michael

Penn for Mount Pocono; and Kelly and Anthony Lamantia for Coolbaugh Township.

PMRPC's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on July 14. Go to *PMRPD.com* for time and location confirmation for online or at police headquarters on Route 940 in Pocono Summit.



HUMDINGER OF A HUMMING BIRD! This black bear recently helped himself to some hummingbird nectar in a local garden.

Photo courtesy Nicole Getz.

Mt. Pocono bears down on short term rentals

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Owners of short term rentals in non-permitted zones beware as Mount Pocono borough council declared strict enforcement at its June 1 meeting. Following a string of complaint calls from residents in R1 zones, zoning officer Jean Simchak was directed to investigate and issue citations to property owners who fail for comply. A review of applications and fees paid will also be made for those in permitted

Solicitor James Fareri reminded that those who call in complaints should be willing to testify should cases arise.

Council approved the borough's \$731,579 portion of

Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department's \$7.84 million budget. Mayor Michael Penn announced a "net zero" increase in the commitment. A \$15,000 annual savings is expected for the year, decreasing the monthly payment.

A discussion about HVAC quotes compared the \$1,920 quote by Metz, existing contractor of 25 years with the borough, to seven other area companies contacted for proposals. Council member Fran O'Boyle noted Metz continues to hold pricing for the twice a year maintenance plus a \$125 hourly rate for service calls. A recent \$2,400 repair quote from Metz caused the group to consider how it might affect the maintenance

contract agreement if repairs were provided by another firm. O'Boyle was directed to ask Metz to match any quote and report the response for further discussion.

Atty. Fareri reviewed Lot 28 warehouse project plans including financial security. Bonded by a 7.71-million-dollar Letter of Credit, the massive 750,000 warehouse located half in the borough and half in Coolbaugh Township to date does not have a tenant to announce.

The developer submission of plans for development agreement was approved after Fareri stated, "This is a good development plan; [it] protects the borough."

Debra Fulton asked if fees

submitted for recreation are not used in three years can the developer take funds back. Fareri advised per current terms they cannot. She also asked for confirmation that the monies are dedicated to Parks & Rec.

Council approved Fireworks Ordinance #2 following a reminder from the solicitor that state legislation mandated the action.

Bills approved for payment totaled \$292,830.06. The Borough Treasurer's Cash Report listed at \$1,098,582.39 included account balances of: General Fund \$604,907.01

Penn Security \$440.56 Banner/Beautification \$3,791.50 State Liquid Fuels \$89,935.15 \$884.17 Park & Recreation

Planning Commission

Reimbursement \$2,518.95 Road \$193,681.02 \$49,381.44 Stormwater Sanitation \$2,660.34 Intersection & Signalization

\$149,382.25

Participating in the meeting were council members O'Boyle, Patty Bucco, Tom Neville, Claudette Williams, Ron Emilie, and Stacy Stewart-Keeler; junior council members Kathryn Crosby and Arissa Joy Chambers; zoning officer Simchak; Atty. Fareri; secretary/treasurer Lori Noonan; and Mayor Michael Penn.

It is recommended to review where council's next 7 p.m. July 6 meeting will be held by visiting the Borough's website at mountpocono-pa.gov

PMSD decides on St Luke's Health Network

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Pocono Mountain School Board decided at its June 4 meeting to make the move to St Luke's University Health Network for sports medicine/performance, behavioral health, health care and wellness, and accident and injury prevention services over Lehigh Valley Health Network. With December 2019's acquisition of former PMSD provider Coordinated Health by LVHN, a fulfillment review of existing contract conditions had the district enacting assignment clause privileges to pursue outside proposals. LVHN and St. Luke's each presented 10-year bids to bring in services plus donations, sponsorships, training facility upgrades and more.

St. Luke's 10-year value for PMSD of total payments and services to be received of over

\$12.5 million exceeded Lehigh by almost \$1.5 million, with both calling for zero dollars to be paid out by the district. A look into student services and personnel propelled St. Luke's ahead following recommendations by PMSD director of health/physical education, guidance & nursing services Beth DeLay. "Both had very aligned services," she stated, listing opportunities and partnerships benefitting students like scholarships, training supplies even facility upgrades.

Agreeing, directors decided to approved St. Luke's offer with John Coyle reasoning, "[It is] more beneficial to our school district."

Business Manager Joe Colozza continued with periodic financial updates as the district joins the Commonwealth and community evaluating the financial strain caused by COVID-19. Recognizing the impending economic impact on delayed business re-openings affecting property, earned income and real estate transfer taxes, he noted state budget expectations.

He reported that Governor Tom Wolf recently signed an interim 2020-2021 \$25 million budget that funds the state's schools, higher education and childcare programs. A looming negative impact on approved Homestead and Farmstead tax relief due to the pandemic's effect on state gaming revenue projections has been subsidized. Act 23 was passed, enabling PA's budget secretary to transfer up to \$300 million of CARES Act funds.

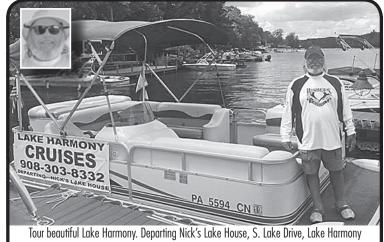
Colozza went on to review anticipated subsidies outlined in the proposed 2020-2021 school year, listing potential drops in basic education of \$476,547; special education,

\$160,654 and possible tax revenue reductions of \$96,250 in earned income and \$300,000 real estate transfer taxes; in addition to an interest earnings decline of \$466,549.

Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Robison read the district's renewed commitment to equity. Recognizing diversity

as PMSD's greatest strength, she referenced recent national events that make "ensuring equity, fairness, opportunity, and high-quality education for all students" important.

"Racism has no place in our schools and will not be tolerated," she concluded.



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Tunkhannock Twp. reviews insurance

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Insurance costs keep going up. On June 10 at their regular monthly meeting, Tunkhannock Township supervisors and staff reviewed quotes for the coming year. From workers compensation, to cyber, to active shooter, in total the increase is \$7,000, taking totals close to \$64,900.

In other business, supervisors tabled the proposed Zoning Amendment 2020-01 RV Temporary Use following recommendations for a close review and concern that some items may be too strict. Township solicitor Dan Lyons added that zoning officer legal enforceability is key.

Secretary/treasurer Tina Kernan announced EMA, planning commission, and zoning hearing board vacancy openings. Residents interested are encouraged to send a letter of interest to the township.

In correspondence, Williams Pipeline let the township know of plans for expansion of the 42-inch line currently running from Bear Creek to approximately Pocono Organics, 13.8

A letter from Hanover Engineering made the township aware of updates to Briar Crest Woods' boat launch.

May's general fund balance is \$2,174,878, with income of \$1,388,857 and expenses of \$708,233. Bills approved totaled \$104,206.

Supervisors Fran DePiano, George Ewald and Steve Malaico joined the evening's Zoom meeting in addition to Atty. Lyons, secretary/treasurer Kernan, zoning officer Kate Lambert and a few online spectators.

Tunkhannock Township's next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. July 8 at municipal offices at 1557 Long Pond Road, Long Pond.



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EMS pleas to member municipalities expressed in Coolbaugh Township

by Jeanine Hofbauer

Financial distress caused by COVID unrest continues to plague residents, businesses, even emergency responders like Pocono Mountain Regional, leading to the local

nonprofit EMS making pleas to member municipalities like Coolbaugh Township at its June 16 supervisors meeting.

Reporting a consistent decline in calls including a 31% drop in the township for May, Denise Doremus

and Nick Dewitt explained ambulance calls and hospital transports are an important part of what sustains the nonprofit. While member municipality contributions, grants and fundraising help with expenses, patient apprehension over hospital stays during coronavirus continues to cause emergency calls where actual transport is declined.

Doremus also reported difficulty with billing collections, as many insurance companies pay claims directly to patients who in turn do not pay PMREMS, stating, "We are only able to collect 25% of what is billed out.'

DeWitt added, "Less ambulances means the community suffers."

"We need to take care of the people that are taking care of ours," stated Bill Weimer, en-

couraging supervisors to discuss not only immediate relief but long-term funding as well.

Supervisors approved Environmental Service Corporation's \$4,245 emergency repair invoice and a \$1,010 proposal for air compressor preventative maintenance at the wastewater treatment plant. Earlier work session evaluation revolved around the need for circuit board control card replacement to remedy valve failure.

Planning commission's recommendation to proceed with Messer, LLC's two-phase land development plan was agreed to following review. Nathan Oiler revisited Phase I points of cylinder storage, truck parking and landscaping, adding the site's neon purification system, requesting a Phase I extension to December 31, 2022. Phase II would

be pursued for completion by the end of 2025.

Current obligations totaling \$112,192.14 were approved. Disbursements were: general fund, \$88,451.91; escrow fund, \$2,602.25; sewer fund, \$21,137.98.

Supervisors attending the Zoom online meeting included Weimer, Alma Ruiz-Smith, Lynn Kelly, Anthony Lamantia and Claire Colgan; solicitor Patrick Armstrong; business manager Meredith Thompson; and secretary Erin Masker.

In line with social distancing planning, Coolbaugh's next meeting is Tuesday, July 7 following a 6 p.m. work session at Pocono Mountain Public Library in the municipal center complex off Route 611 in Tobyhanna. Directions on attending can be found at Coolbaughtwp.org



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Area Funerals

HARRY E. NEUBERT JR.

Harry E. Neubert Jr., 79, of Mount Pocono, died Monday, June 29, 2020 at home. He was the loving husband of Kathleen (Karpinski) Neubert, with whom he shared 15 years of marriage.

Born in Hackensack, New Jersey, he was a son of the late Harry Sr. and Josephine (Pallman) Neubert.

Harry lived in Rockaway, New Jersey, before retiring to the Poconos. He had a lifelong career with Consolidated Rail Corporation. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved the mountains, and appreciated nature. Outdoor work was his play and Harry found solitude in tending to his summer cabin and property in upstate New York. He was an antique car enthusiast and liked attending car shows with his late brother, Bob. Harry was the proud grandfather of 14 dearly loved grandkids and he faithfully attended family gatherings which were a continual source

of joy and fond memories.

In addition to his devoted wife, he is survived by his son, Harry E. Neubert III and his fiancée, Tina Hague of Las Vegas, Nevada; daughters, Pamela Tognola and her husband, Jeff of Parkton, Maryland, Claire Hinkle and her husband. Jeff of Weatherly, Barbara Jean Worts and her husband, Dan of Morris Plains, New Jersey, and Karen Hogan and her husband, Christopher of Metuchen, New Jersey; and his 14 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bob Neubert and sisters, Pat Lorenzetti and Linda Neubert.

There will be a visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, July 3 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco. Dr. Catherine Thayer will perform a memorial service at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral

JANICE L. ELY

Janice L. (Nichols) Ely, 58, of Pocono Lake, passed away peacefully Monday, June 29, 2020 in her home, surrounded by her loving family, after her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard C. Ely, with whom she shared almost 17 years of love together.

She was born June 16, 1962 in Caribou, Maine to Ella B. (Martinson) Nichols of Pocono Lake, and the late James R. Nichols Sr.

Janice was born into an Air Force family and travelled the world experiencing new places and cultures until 1981 when she and her family settled in Pocono Lake. She retired in 2018 after a distinguished career working alongside her husband as a steamfitter in local 638 in New York City. Janice was a doting grandmother to her four grandsons whom she adored. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her, especially her family.

she is survived by her brother, James R. Nichols Jr. and his wife, Melinda of Phoenix, Arizona; sister, Barbara G. Nichols of Pocono Lake; children: Derik G. Belanger and his wife, BriAnna (Edwards) and their two children, Cael and Caison of Albrightsville, Robert A. Ely and his fiancée, Ashley V. Sebold of Saylorsburg, Jessica

In addition to her husband, L. (Belanger) Shy and her hus-



band, Tony R. and their two children, Noah and Ezra of Thornhurst, and Jaimie K. Elv and her partner, Christopher Kay of Exeter; niece, Rachel L. (Moyer) Little and her husband, Joshua of Pocono Lake; nephew, Robert A. Moyer and his wife, Kristen (Folsom) of Pocono Lake; and great-nieces and nephews, Gage, Madison,

Services will be announced at a later time. Private cremation has been entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

and Skyler.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society: P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

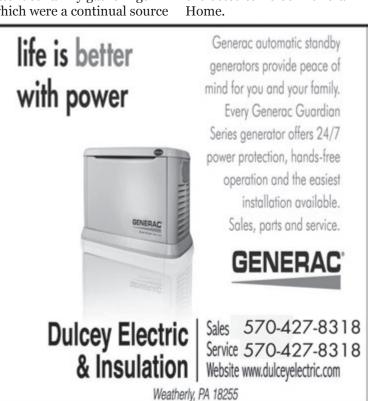
> More funerals, pages 10 & 11.

News from **McMichaels UMC**

McMichaels United Methodist Church will hold a donation only breakfast on Sat., July 11, from 8 to 10 a.m. Full breakfast including beverage will be curbside only. Please wear masks for pick-up.

There will be a bake sale on Sat., July 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a variety of baked goods and all will be individually wrapped. wear masks. There will also be sandwiches and drinks available for purchase.

Cheese only pizzas are being sold. Orders are due by July 9 by calling Martha at 570-992-6742. Pick up at the church on Sat., July 18, from 8:30 am until noon







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Clymer Library has even better news

On July 1, Clymer Library began welcoming patron walkins with limitations:

- Masks required for everyone including children 3 and up
- We will close from 12:15
 1:15 for cleaning the library
- Limit of 30 people allowed in the building
- No programs or meetings this summer
- Children's area is closed except for book selection
- Faxing and copying services are back

We will continue to offer:

- Curbside pick up
- Book packages for all ages

 just give us a call and a
 theme, genre, or favorite
 author
- Computers and Chromebooks by appointment for 1 hour once a day. Advance registration required
- Wi-fi users may bring their own computer during open hours

Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

We are keeping the safety of our patrons and staff our number one priority. We have to follow the guidelines set by the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, PA Department of Health and the CDC. If you need special assistance with something, please call us at 570-646-0826.

SCAVENGER HUNT: Find some fun at Ice Lake

Brodhead Watershed Associ- notable boulder. ation offers an adventure to voung people wanting to get outside for a while: a scavenger hunt at Ice Lake in Monroe County. Ice Lake is a little jewel of a preserve in Barrett Township - 70+ acres perfect for outdoor fun for families.

Armed with a checklist of natural features to find (see brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos for a printable list), kids can "collect" the scavenger items by snapping a picture. The hunt will include a huge old oak tree, hay-scented fern, lichen, a baby hemlock tree, wintergreen, barberry, witch hazel, and a very

It's not just the scavenger hunt that will interest kids. There is a lot to see at the lake: fish jumping for insects, pollywogs basking on sunny underwater branches, and the deep "galoom-galoom" of bullfrogs. A log bridge spans Hardytown Run, and a dam provides a selfie background at the mossy waterfall where the creek leaves the lake, picks up speed and bubbles downstream.

IFYOU GO

The scavenger hunt is fun for adults and elementary-age children. Get clues, photos,

headwatershed.org/gopoconos. Take only pictures and leave only shadows! Children up to age 12 may submit their photos to BWA for special acknowledgement during the summer of 2020.

• Ice Lake is off Route 390

video and information at brod- in Cresco, GPS coordinates: 41.147435, -75.289393

> • The trail is mixed: wide and well-groomed in some places, rocky and narrow in others. A hiking stick is helpful for balance. Stay on trails—poison ivy is abundant.

• Go to brodheadwatershed.

org/gopoconos for information on Ice Lake as well as other hikes in the Get Outdoors Poconos series. The series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.



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BWA's autumn native plant sale blooms online now

Any gardener who's ever braved a chilly April or sweltered while watering new plants through a baking-hot summer knows the ready benefits to September planting.

For those gardeners looking to take advantage of these benefits – for one, the soil is warmer; there's no frozen mud in September - Brodhead Watershed Association is hosting an online Native Plant Sale, with ordering in July 2020 and curbside pickup of the plants on Sept. 12 in Tannersville. The sale will be for prepaid preorders only.

Approximately 60 types of perennial plants, shrubs and vines will be available, with categories for sun- and shade-loving plants, as well as deer-resistant ones. All of them are native to this area, so they will be beneficial to the local ecosystem and require less care.

Plants you get at the Sept. 12 sale will have plenty of time to spread their roots and absorb the soil's nutrients before they enter winter dormancy as the ground freezes. Those critical fall weeks of root growth in late September and well

into October will also boost the plant's resistance to frost heaving.

So spend the summer assessing your existing landscape and preparing for additions to it. Order your plants in July and mark your calendar for Sept. 12, when your garden will be ready to receive new native plants.

NATIVE PLANT SALE ONLINE

Brodhead Watershed Association's Native Plant Sale will be open for online orders July 2-30, at https://bwa-plantsale.square.site/

All orders will be pre-paid and distributed by contactless curbside pickup from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Pocono Township Fire Hall's "carnival building" on Route 611, Tannersville. Bring your receipt and ID to verify your purchase.

BWA members get 10% off their entire purchase. Shoppers can buy a BWA membership online along with their plants.

Advance orders close 5 p.m. Thursday, July 3. No refunds. All sales final.

Full Gospel Boliness Church Of God In Christ 4th July Flea Market and Barbecue Dinners Tables: \$10.00 / Space Dinners: \$15.00 Per Carry Out Plate / Youth \$10.00 under 12 YO TIMES: Flea Market 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Bar-B-Q 12:00 PM 0 5:00 PM Call (570)-839-8170 For Pre Order Of Food and Tables. Pay Prior To Date. DATE: 4th July 2020 \$1.00 Off Per Plate Of Pre-Paid Food Orders

THEME: HUMAN BO

ACROSS

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- 5. Pilarimage to Mecca
- 8. Bog deposit
- 12. Mine entrance
- 13. *Blood fluids
- 14. Sinbad the Sailor's home
- 15. Delhi dress
- 16. Ball of yarn
- 17. On the radio
- 18. *Brain's "fear factory"
- 20. Gulf War missile
- 21. Monkeys, in Spain
- 22. " Elise"
- 23. Capital of Tasmania
- 26. Unlike Pinocchio
- 29. Be mistaken
- 30. Meteorologist's line
- 33. Radiant light
- 35. Popular horse breed, pl.
- 37. VIII predecessor
- 38. Lit test format
- 39. Prima donna
- 40. Like meters and kilograms
- 42. Step on it
- 43. a.k.a. association football
- 45. Hood and Christopher
- 47. *Result of UV exposure
- 48. Southern chicken stew
- 50. Staff leader
- 52. *The smallest bones
- 56. Social media button
- 57. Mange carrier
- 58. Plumber's sealant
- 59. Fuzzv fruit. pl.
- 60. a.k.a. The Islamic State
- 61. Antioxidants-rich berry
- 62. Tolstoy's Karenina
- 63. Grazing spot
- 64. Country singer-songwriter Loretta

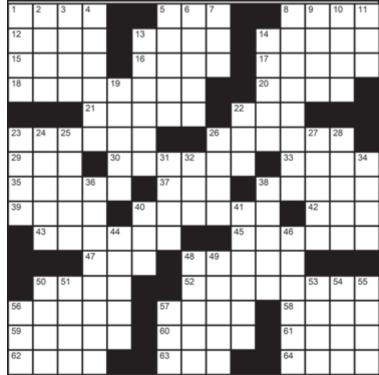
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- 2. Cheese in red casing
- 3. Lean like an athlete
- 4. Bad rep
- 5. Address to Kitty
- 6. A in A=ab, pl.
- 7. *Location of strongest muscle
- 8. *Part of both digestive and endocrine systems

- 9. Genesis twin
- 10. Like a desert
- 11. Used to fix a leaky roof
- 13. Limit in quality
- 14. Same as boatswain
- 19. "Pillow Talk" (1960) star
- 22. Same as #22 Across, in Enalish
- 23. *It loses 80% of body heat
- 24. Root of iris
- 25. Music to a performer's ears
- 26. *Fastest growing tissue
- 27. Popular Japanese dish
- 28. Orient Express, e.g.
- 31. Walkie-talkie word
- 32. *The teeth did it
- 34. "The have it"

- 36. *Gut dwellers
- 38. *One of #36 Down
- 40. Males
- 41. Van Gogh's famous flower painting
- 44. Coffee shops
- 46. * cavity, a.k.a. mouth
- 48. Aplomb
- 49. Harbor city of Ancient Rome
- 50. *Humans are the only animals that have it
- 51. Field of grass
- 53. Having lace
- 54. Zeal
- 55. *The largest organ
- 56. Reggae precursor
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Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

Last weekend, we bought a used car, finally upgrading to a nice younger Subaru Outback nearly 100,000 miles junior to our old Subaru with its 223k miles. That one now will see light use, or get parked when the weather is hot.

Slater has a bum leg, so he was into the doctor last week, and has nurse visits, with another doctor's visit this week. He was well enough to come with us last Saturday to a nice Greek meal in Dickson City—we drove. We also did his food shopping and banking so he could relax until his doctor's visit out, and next inhome nurse.

This past weekend, I was tuned in to the MRN network via the internet for all the races at Pocono Raceway—not really a substitute for being there, plus where we drove, sometimes the signal would drop. Still—they were good races...

Sad to see that Dr. Rose Mattioli passed not long afterward. She was quite a woman, who reached the age of 92 buoyed by family—including great-grandchildren. Rest in peace, Dr. Rose.

As we weren't in the stands of Pocono Raceway, we used Sunday to find an adventure. We went northwest, driving first to Benton and then to points beyond. In Benton, we stopped at the Colonel Rickett's Cider Mill, sampling their product before buying two bottles. Heading north from there, we chose a side road that took us to Jameson City—which is the ghost of a once booming logging frontier town. From 1889, it was the end of the rail line with its sawmill, and later a tannery. The sawmill closed in 1912, and the tannery lasted to 1925. then the town folded up. Today's population is 102. One of the buildings still standing is the Jameson Hotel, which was busy and inviting. We stopped there for dinner, enjoying large handmade hamburgers and a homemade dessert.

Fortified, we took a back road out versus the paved road we came in on. It's a well maintained gravel road that followed the creek—we drove for miles through nowhere surrounded by beautiful hardwood forests... up, then up some more through a gorge, past a waterfall...

To our surprise, the road ended at a major state highway within sight of the Rickett's Glen State Park entrance. So, we went into the park, toured around and took advantage of the comfort stations. Then we headed home through the communities of Hunlock's Creek—another place whose time was in the past (coal vs. logging). The sun set as we drove into White Haven.

In events, the Celtic Fling at Mt. Hope at the PA Renaissance Faire site will be held in late August. It was to be this past weekend. We're glad, and we're going. The Faire will now start on Labor Day weekend and run weekends through November 1.

Two of the museums we visited this winter are reopening, America on Wheels in Allentown, and the National Museum of Industrial History in Bethlehem. Both are awesome, and worth a ride on a hot, hot day, or a rainy one.

Knoebels finally opened this weekend. We are going to watch the weather, and choose to spend at least one evening there enjoying our favorite rides and people watching.

And a special sighting—as we got home after work on July 1, Ruth came into the house and told me she'd seen a bear walk into the neighbor's yard. I went out into our back yard and saw the bear at the neighbor's bird feeder, emptying it. This is unusual, as we live in town, in a densely-built area about a half mile in any direction from any woods. After taking a distance photo, I had yardwork to finish—away from

the bear. But, as I did cleanup, the bear came around the corner and squatted on my back lawn and took a poop (so, not just in the woods...). It then went after another neighbor's garbage, by now attracting a small audience of other neighbors. The bear, likely a yearling, a bit more than 100 pounds and eating well by the bear skat, went off to visit more trash cans. That night, we sighted skunks across from our yard—and they spotted us (tails up!). A little farther along, two deer ran across our path less than a block from the house as we drove to the shop—a weird and wonderful hour of critters.

Best wishes to everyone on the Independence week—have fun, stay safe.

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The mission of Jesus Christ is exemplified during these times of uncertainty, says Elder Leanon Trawick, Pas-

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tor, D.D. "The mission of the church is more vital now than ever before." Full Gospel is feeding the congregation via conferencing calling: Sunday School Lessons at 9 a.m. on Sundays, Bible Survey Classes on Tuesday at 7 p.m., Prayer Service on Wednesday at 10 a.m. followed by Bible Band at 11 a.m. Family Prayer and Discussion, Friday at 7 p.m. Conference Call Number: (712) 770-4598. Access Code: 422813#. Everyone is welcome to listen, and participate.

Coming in July is a new outreach: Ole Time Prayer, with Evangelist Martha Smith will be held at our Stroudsburg location 843 White Street (5 minutes from the Mall) starting on Saturday, July 11, from 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. Evangelist Mother Smith is a praying women who will pray for anyone for any reason without judgement or reservation. Prayer Works!! come and pray with her and for her as well.

Also coming in July is an addition to Free Clothes for



Souls on Thursday from 12 -2 p.m. We will be offering free frozen pre-packaged meals, fruits and vegetables. No questions asked no registration or forms to fill out, we only ask that you take what you need and need what you take. The meals will start Thursday, July

16, 12 p.m.-2p.m. in the Parking Lot of Full Gospel Holiness at 167 Summit Ave (one Block from Aldi). All are invited.

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MANUEL A. PEREZ

Pond, died Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Julia Ribaudo Nursing Center in Lake Ariel. He was the husband of Luz (Rodriguez) Perez, with whom he shared 60 years of marriage.

Born in Camuy, Puerto Rico, he was a son of the late Antonio and Maria (DelRio) Perez.

During his working career, Manuel was a skillful tailor who worked in the women's fashion industry. He enjoyed fishing, reading the bible, and cooking. Manuel would often recite poetry, loved Spanish folk music, and was a history buff. He was the patriarch of his family, a man his children and grandchildren truly loved and admired, and he will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Eduardo

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Manuel A. Perez, 82, of Long Perez and his wife, Carmen of Long Pond, and Manuel Perez of Clifton, New Jersey; daughters, Evelyn Parra and her husband, Jairo of Clifton, New Jersey, and Margarita Perez of Hartford, Connecticut; grandchildren, Catherine L. Elliott, Jairo L. Parra Jr., Lynda M. Perez, LeAnn M. Perez, Isabella Perez, Maria A. Montanez, Maria C. Montanez, Jose Montanez, and Juan Ortega.

Reverend Gregory Loughney conducted a blessing service July 1 at Bolock Funeral Home, 6148 Paradise Valley Road, Cresco.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels by visiting monroewheels.org.

Private cremation is entrusted to Bolock Funeral Home Crematory.

ROGER PAUL LANE

Roger Paul Lane, 81, of Mount Pocono, died Thursday, June 25, 2020 at Lehigh Valley Hospital - Pocono in East Stroudsburg. He was the loving husband of Janice (Peters) Lane.

Born on March 23, 1939 in Durvea, he was the son of the late Helen (Gilroy) Lane.

Roger moved to Mount Pocono when he was 9, where he was raised with his cousin, Michael "Jackie" Reap and continued to live and raise his own family with his wife, Jan, of 60 years.

He attended Mount Pocono Borough's one room schoolhouse (now Mt. Pocono Borough Hall) and graduated from Stroudsburg High School in 1956. Roger was a recognized athlete and remains in the annals of Stroudsburg High School football history as one of their talented players.

He served in the U.S. Army and the National Guard in Washington D.C. and was a missile repair engineer during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. He was employed by the Unitjoyed its beautiful setting.

He was a devout member of St. Mary of the Mount Roman Catholic Church of Mount Pocono (now Most Holy Trinity Parish) where he served as an altar boy, where he and Jan were married, and where he continued to worship with his family.

Roger graced many a table with his laughter, his homemade wine, and his own smoked trout

Along with his wife, he is survived by his daughters: Dr. Kim (Richard) Dempsey of Newtown, and Karen (Kevin) Cole of New Hope; and the proud grandparent of Dr. Katie Dempsey. He was a special "grandparent" to the Dempsey children. He was preceded in death by his "brother" Michael. He remains loved and forever in the hearts of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, family and friends

There will be a visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, July 3 at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 5112 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines. Reverend Father Gregory Loughney will

DOUGLAS E. GERTZ

Douglas E. Gertz, 55, of Long Pond, passed away Monday June 15, 2020.

Born in Patchogue, Long Island, New York, he was the son of William and Carol (Jehoda) Gertz Sr.

Douglas was a resident of Long Pond for the past 15 years and prior to that he resided in Long Island.

Doug was employed as a New York City fireman for the past 30 years. He was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by a son, Jared D. Gertz and his fiancée Allana of Jacksonville, Florida.

Burial will be in New York.

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Dr. Rose Mattioli, Pocono Raceway Matriarch

Dr. Rose Mattioli, matriarch of the Mattioli family and Po-



cono Raceway, peacefully passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family, on

Monday, June 29, 2020. She was 92 years old. Dr. Rose was adored by her family, as well as countless members and fans in the motorsports and surrounding communities.

Dr. Rose and her late husband Dr. Joseph 'Doc' Mattioli co-founded Pocono Raceway in

1968, which remains a family-owned-and-operated business. Dr. Rose and Doc worked side-by-side and, through their tireless passion and commitment, became one of the most admired and loved families in motorsports. As a trailblazer for women and families in motorsports, and in her community, Dr. Rose always led from the heart. She created an indelible legacy of compassion, purpose, and philanthropy which has influenced countless lives in the sport and Northeast PA.

"Dr. Rose was the heart and soul of Pocono Raceway for over 50 years. She would often

tell us, 'I love Pocono and auto racing more than Doc,' and we believed her. While Doc moved the mountains, Rose moved vour spirit. Dr. Rose's contributions to motorsports and her philanthropic efforts will always live in a class of their own. She played a vital role in allowing women into auto racing garage areas during an era where they were otherwise unwelcome. Additionally, Dr. Rose and Doc gave back to the community, often anonymously and without hesitation. Her passing has motivated us to remain steadfast, now more than ever, to never waiver from Rose and Doc's commitment of always doing right by our Pocono Raceway family, our fans, our local community and the auto racing industry. While we will miss her, we take comfort in knowing Rose and Doc are reunited and that their legacy will live on forever." – The Mattioli and Igdalsky Families

She is survived by her daughters Looie and Michele, and son Joseph III, seven grand-children and six great-grand-children. The Mattioli and Igdalsky families also wish to thank Jessica Rene, Rose's loving caregiver, for the support and companionship which Dr. Rose dearly cherished.

Born and raised in the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, Rose met Joseph Mattioli while attending Temple University in 1947. The couple secretly eloped one year later and 'officially married,' in the presence of family and friends, on August 5, 1950. While celebrating the first birthday of their first child, Looie, and pregnant with their second child, Joseph III, Rose graduated first in her class from Temple University's School of Podiatric Medicine in June of 1952. They welcomed their third child, Michele, in 1955.

That same year, Drs. Joseph and Rose opened their dental and podiatric practices in Northeast Philadelphia.

In the mid-1960s, Rose and Doc took on a new business venture in Long Pond. They developed a large acreage of land and helped build Pocono Raceway. The track would host its first major motorsports event in 1971 on the famed 2.5-mile superspeedway, now known as 'The Tricky Triangle.' Rose and Doc would eventually move from Philadelphia and make the beautiful Pocono Mountains their home. While neither knew anything about auto racing, in addition to facing multiple financial burdens, their perseverance and drive helped Pocono Raceway succeed through it all.

Dr. Rose and Doc gave back to the Pocono Mountains community and the surrounding Northeast Pennsylvania region. When a local need arose, the Mattiolis would be among the first to respond and, often anonymously and without media attention.

In honor of the trailblazing efforts, tireless dedication, commitment and passion of Dr. Rose, Pocono Raceway launched their first all-women's initiative with the creation of the Rose Pedals in 2017. Continuing the Mattioli spirit of community, philanthropy, and service, the Rose Pedals have provided volunteer assistance in areas of need to include Meals on Wheels, Women's Resource Center, Family Promise of Monroe County and Operation Touch of Home among other agencies and organizations. The Rose Pedals' future vision includes a mentoring program built on the foundation of service to work toward expanding opportunities for girls and women in the community by providing tools to recognize their power, potential and accomplishments.

Services for Dr. Rose Mattioli will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, her family asks for donations be sent to any charity of the donors' choosing.

MEHGHAN RUTH WHITE

Meghan Ruth White, 40, of Mount Pocono, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at home.

Born on December 8, 1979 in Cambridge, MA, she was the daughter of the late Daniel P. White and the late Susan E. (Koch) White.

Meghan spent her early life in Belmont, MA before moving to Sparta, NJ and the surrounding area and finally settling in eastern Pennsylvania.

She was a childcare worker at Ms. Mayra's Preschool and Daycare. She loved her job and "her kiddos" as she lovingly called them. She also loved animals of all kinds, especially her cat Ellie. The compassion in Meg's heart was only out-

weighed by her love for those who were close to her.

Surviving are a half-brother, Dillon White of Newton, NJ; step-mother, Colleen Walsh-White, also of Newton; three aunts, Diane Simmons, Tara Bay and Virginia Taylor; two uncles, Joseph White and John White; and many cousins.

There will be a celebration of Meghan's life and time of sharing on Saturday, July 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the William H. Clark Funeral Home, 1003 Main Street, Stroudsburg. Cremation was private.

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"We have been incredibly overwhelmed with the support of our community and patrons during this difficult period. We thank the thousands who have tuned in online to our virtual offerings and the many of you who have purchased memberships, made donations, and supported us in various ways throughout this crisis. We're excited to get back to doing what we do best: preserving America's industrial past and inspiring new generations of inventors and entrepreneurs."

The museum has implemented a comprehensive policy to ensure the safety of patrons, employees, volunteers, and artifacts during the reopening phase. The new measures follow local, state, and national regulations and best practices and will allow the museum to offer an educational and enjoyable experience while maintaining vigilance. In accordance with Pennsylvania guidelines, the museum will operate at a 50% capacity until further notice and utilize a timed ticketing system, to allow for controlled entry to the museum with minimal person-to-person interaction. Tickets for the museum can be purchased on the museum's website at nmih.org.

The museum has been professionally cleaned and sanitized following CDC guidelines prior to reopening and reduced hours allow for museum staff

to disinfect between visiting days. Sanitizing stations have been implemented throughout the museum and touchless soap dispensers have been installed in the museum's bathrooms. Signage has been placed throughout the space to ensure proper social distancing between visitors and frequently touched areas, such as the museum's interactive experiences, have been modified or removed. A Plexiglas barrier has been mounted at the museum's front desk and all staff and visitors over the age of 4 are required to wear masks while inside the museum facilities.

While the museum is operating at a reduced capacity, it will continue offering programs via its website and social media outlets. "Our 'Virtual Museum' offerings have been extremely popular, allowing our fans from across the world to learn more about industrial history while at home," said Glenn Koehler, Director of Marketing and PR for the museum. "We're going to continue offering several guest lectures a month, as well as our vouth programs in partnership with the Bethlehem Area Public Library and PBS39."

The full list, including recordings of previous programs, can be found at https://nmih.org/ virtualmuseum. The museum is also hosting a Virtual Summer Camp offering campers behindthe-scenes looks and the chance to learn from working professionals at top Lehigh Valley manufacturers like Martin Guitar, B. Braun, and Mack Trucks. More information on the summer camp and sign-up information can be found at www.nmih. org/educate/2020-engineering-summer-camp/.

Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

Colonel Robert Evanchick, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, announced that 99 cadets graduated from the State Police Academy in Hershey and have been assigned to troops across the commonwealth. The men and women represent the 159th graduating cadet class. Among the new class is Milagros Holguin Ramos, who will be assigned to PSP-Fern Ridge.

Just before 10 p.m. on 6-29, an armed man came in the back door of the China III Restaurant in the Lewis Supermaket plaza in Cresco and demanded the money from the register. He was wearing a mask, and a hood. After being given money, he fled outside. Responding Pocono Mountain Police officers were unable to locate the thief. Anyone with information to contact the PMRPD at (570) 895-2400 or to Detective John Bohrman via jbohrman@pmrpd.com.

Pennsylvania State Police-Dunmore arrested former Scranton Police Officer Thomas James McDonald on 7-1. He's charged with making terroristic threats after being terminated from the Scranton Police Department and sending threatening text messages to former co-workers. PSP-D

took him into custody without incident, then to arraignment. He's now in the Lackawanna County jail, held on \$100,000 straight bail.

Just before 7 p.m. on 6-26, PSP was called to a home on Patten Circle in Penn Forest Twp. due to a mother-daughter fight. Police arrived to sort things out, and found a very intoxicated mother, who become angry and aggressive towards the Troopers during their interview of her. The 52 y/o talked herself into being charged with harassment and disorderly conduct charges. The daughter, 36, is charged with harassment for her role in the fight.

A 27 y/o Brooklyn, NY, driver didn't stop when police tried to make a traffic stop on Interstate 80 east. PSP-F Troopers followed until he did stop, and he was ticketed for fleeing and eluding, 6:15 p.m. 6-25.

A 20 y/o Pittsburgh-area driver on Interstate 80 west in Kidder Township wasn't paying attention to the pickup truck in front of her — rear-ending it as it slowed due to traffic, 8:20 p.m., 6-26. PSP-F sent her along with a ticket for following too closely.

There was a rear-ender accident at 2:48 p.m. on 6-20 at the STOP sign at the east off ramp of I-80 at exit 284, Blakeslee. The two cars involved met a PSP Trooper at the Liberty Burger King, just a block from PSP-F HQ. The hitting car thought the car in front of her had left the intersection.

A traffic stop of a car driving Nathan Trail in Albrights-ville led to an arrest on drug possession charges. The 51 y/o local man had 25 little bags of heroin in his pocket, 8 p.m., 6-23, PSP-F.

On a report of cats with no care at a property, PSP sent Troopers to a Tamarack Terrace, Indian Mountain Lakes, Penn Forest Twp. home on 6-5. The homeowner was "un-

available" to care for the cats. Several cats were removed from the home and turned over to area animal rescue groups for care. Assisting PSP at the scene was the officer from the Carbon County Humane Society.

PSP will be out over the July 4 week with extra patrols looking for aggressive drivers, and looking to remove drugged and drunk drivers from area roadways.

A Sky High Terrace, Valley View, Effort Mountain homeowner was cited on 6-25 after his home generated the eight false burglar alarm soundings since October.

PSP-F also reports searching for a runaway teen the afternoon of 6-24, and investigating their usual batch of identity thefts.

Stealin'

A 54 y/o man with a home in the Sun Valley area of Effort agreed to buy a Sony Play-Station 4 from a Hanover, PA woman through the Facebook Marketplace. A price of \$250 was agreed to, and he sent the money... and then, nothing. He tried multiple times to find her, getting no response. He then reported this fraud to PSP-F and they filed theft charges against the woman, and she was arrested.

Monroe County small businesses approved for Covid-19 Loans

The Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corporation (PMEDC) in conjunction with the Monroe County Commissioners, announced the approval of 59 loans to Monroe County small businesses recently. Loan amounts are ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000.

PMEDC received a total of 80 applications for over \$1.1 million in requests. The program was oversubscribed by over \$510,000, demonstrating the devastating impact of the COVID-19 virus and the tremendous need in the business community.

"The program was conceived to assist COVID-affected Monroe County businesses that have not received financial assistance from other sources therefore, businesses who received assistance from one of these programs were not eligible to receive funds through this program," commented Sharon Laverdure, Chairperson of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

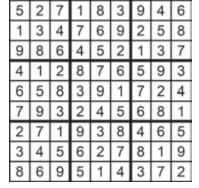
Chuck Leonard, PMEDC Executive Director added, "This has been a very complex process. We wanted to help as many businesses as possible, so it took some time to evaluate all the applications. We certainly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding. The loan closings will happen as quickly as possible."

PMEDC anticipates that there likely will be additional funding for businesses that are still in need. Any interested for-profit small businesses can visit www.pabusinessgrants. com for more information.

Information on available assistance will also be available on PMEDC's website at https://www.pmedc.com/covid-19-business-resources/.

PMEDC is the certified economic development organization serving Monroe County and is responsible for business attraction and retention, business financing, industrial park development and infrastructure projects with the goal of supporting the retention and creation of jobs for Monroe County citizens.

Puzzle Answers



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Hariprasad is SJLA grad

Austin J. Hariprasad of Tobyhanna was among 39 members of The University of Scranton's class of 2020 who graduated from its Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program (SJLA), which is one of Scranton's programs of excellence. Students in

SJLA pursue a rigorous education designed to develop enhanced writing, oral and critical-thinking skills through specially designed courses in philosophy, theology and literature.

Hariprasad majored in criminal justice.

ESU confers 1,101 degrees

A total of 1.101 students received degrees from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania on May 9. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, traditional ceremonies could not take place, but all degrees will be conferred upon completion of coursework. A total of 905 bachelor's degrees, 185 master's degrees and 11 doctoral degrees were awarded.

Plateau students receiving degress were: Antonina Andreyeva, of Long Pond; April Arenas, of Long Pond; Deanna Baker, of Pocono Summit; Bryson Boes, of Pocono Lake; Aaron Calilap, of Pocono Summit; Noel Campbell, of Blakeslee; John Casanas, of



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Graduates from DeSales University

DeSales University celebrated the Class of 2020 and all of its contributions with a virtual conferral of degrees ceremony. Christine Samuel-Maynard, Pocono Summit, received a B.S. in Psychology, Magna cum laude.

The University conferred degrees upon 497 students, including undergraduates, graduates, and ACCESS students. Additional students, who have either already received their degrees or who will be receiving them in the next several months, were also recognized.

Graduates from Muhlenberg

The Muhlenberg College 2020 Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremonies have been rescheduled for October 17 and 18. However, to commemorate this important milestone, the College hosted a Virtual Senior Week which culminated May 17 with the Conferral of Degrees by President Kathleen Harring. During the presentation, 518 students were awarded their undergraduate degrees.

Heather Chapman of Blakeslee graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a minor in German Studies.

Brady is UVM graduate

Courtney Brady of Blakeslee graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics during commencement ceremonies at the University of Vermont on May 17.

The university conferred degrees this year on some 3,183 graduates, including 2,415 bachelor's, 533 master's, 114 doctoral and 121 medical

degree recipients. The Class of 2020 includes graduates from 39 states and 30 countries.

The class's academic achievement was saluted online with remarks from UVM President Suresh Garimella, Vermont Governor Phil Scott, and university and state lead-

Graduates from Wilkes U

Wilkes University awarded 720 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees at a virtual degree conferral ceremony on May 16. Samantha Lisk of Pocono Summit earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management.

Because Wilkes University could not hold its 73rd spring

commencement ceremony, an in-person graduation ceremony is planned for Sept. 12, in the McHale Athletic Center of the University Center on Main on the Wilkes campus. Individuals completing degrees in both spring and summer will be individually recognized at the ceremony.

Delk receives Pharmacy degree

Jasmine Delk of Pocono Summit was among the graduates recognized during University of the Sciences' 199th Commencement celebration,

a virtual ceremony, held on Wednesday, May 20.

Delk graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Local grads from Kutztown U

Nearly 1,300 Kutztown University students have received their diplomas following the conclusion of the 2020 spring semester. While KU will not hold its traditional spring commencement, originally scheduled for May 8-9, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a formal on-campus commencement ceremony will be held at a later date.

Nearly 1,100 students are slated to receive their bachelor's degrees, while 177 students will receive their graduate degrees, including 11 doctorate degrees.

From the Plateau are Chelsea Lynn Fadio of Blakeslee, and Jon Giuffrida of Tobyhanna. Ibnkalif Church Cathey of Tobyhanna received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology/ Clinical Counseling for completion of the winter 2020 session.

Graduates from Ohio University

Lindor Gelin of Tobyhanna, graduated with Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Ohio University.

More than 5,000 students graduated with bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees from Ohio University for spring semester 2020.

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Dean's List Roster

Editor's Note: Because of page limitations during the COVID-19 situation, this is a hybrid list of fall and spring Dean's Lists. As a result, it is somewhat confusing. If your name was missed, please let us know and we will print it in the next issue, along with the lists from East Stroudsburg *University and Northampton* Community College.

Bloomsburg University

Matthew Hay from Pocono Summit; Ashley Oliva from Long Pond; Keynna Bobcomb from Long Pond; Jondi Harley from Tobyhanna; Kaylah Jones from Tobyhanna; Kiera Wadsworth from Blakeslee.

Bucknell University

Reagan Withey, class of 2021, from Tobyhanna

Clarion University of PA

Patrick Ritchie of Pocono Lake

DeSales University

Theresa A. Albright, Pocono Lake; Gabrielle L. Drivon, Pocono Pines

Fairleigh Dickinson U **Metropolitan Campus**

Monica Miranda, of Toby-

Hofstra University Gerro Lorenzo of Tobyhanna

Kutztown University

Chelsea Lynn Fadio of Blakeslee, Anna Fazekas of Pocono Summit, Laura Elizabeth Gale of Blakeslee, Jon Giuffrida of Tobyhanna, Rebecca R Hofving of Long Pond, Matthew D Kennedy of Pocono Summit, Taiya M Miller of Tobyhanna, Suyapa D Ramirez-White of Tobyhanna, Kayla K Ramsey of Blakeslee, Nicole Lauren Stabile of Blakeslee, Breanna Adalia Sylvester of

Blakeslee, Kevin J Walsh of Pocono Lake.

Lackawanna College

Rochelle Johnson-Havnes. Tobyhanna; Carly Kelly, Pocono Lake; D'Anna S. Smith, Tobyhanna.

Lebanon Valley College

Norbert Sowul of Tobyhanna is pursuing a bachelor of music in audio and music production and German. Sowul is a graduate of Pocono Mountain West High School.

Limestone College

Lexie Power of Tobyhanna.

Miami University

Rvan Kiehl Price, from Pocono Pines, is majoring in International Studies, Global & Intercultural Studies.

Muhlenberg College

Heather Chapman of Blakeslee

Pensacola Christian Michele Cronin of Blakeslee.

Plymouth State University

Christine Lambert of Blakeslee. Lambert is an Art major.

Rutgers University

Devin Natyshin of Pocono Pines, a 2017 graduate of Pocono Mountain West High School.

Seton Hall University

Faith DeJesus of Blakeslee, Camile Teajman of Long Pond.

Slippery Rock University

Colin Kennelly from Tobyhanna.

Susquehanna University

Alexis King, of Tobyhanna, a History - Secondary Education major of the Class of 2023 and a graduate of Pocono Mtn West High School; Emily Carroll, of Pocono Pines, an education major in the Class of 2021 and a graduate of Commonwealth Connections Academy; Michael Brown, of Blakeslee, a finance major in the Class of 2022 and a graduate of Pleasant Valley High School.

University of Delaware Katherine Fisher of Pocono

Pines

University of Hartford

Michael Scardigno of Long Pond

University of New Haven

Jessica Swithers, of Pocono Summit, a student in the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences of the University of New Haven. Swithers is working on Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

University of the Sciences

Jasmine Delk of Pocono Summit.

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University of Scranton

Lasha G. Basadzishvili of Pocono Lake, a junior neuroscience major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences; Daniel A. Tartaglione of Pocono Summit, a senior mathematics major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences; Jacob J. Ariza of Tobyhanna, a freshman accounting major in the University's Kania School of Management: Katherine T. Denig of Tobyhanna, a senior criminal justice major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences; Austin J. Hariprasad of Tobyhanna, a senior criminal justice major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences: Bravan O. Ortiz of Pocono Summit, a senior computer science major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

University of Vermont

Lucia Donicova, Class of 2022, from Pocono Summit, is in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Widener University

Martin Bohdan of Tobyhanna, is majoring in Informatics.

Wilkes University

Samantha Lisk of Pocono Summit; Tionni Nixon Knight of Tobyhanna.

York College of Pennsylvania

Elena Galioto of Tobyhanna; Morgan Benner of Pocono Lake

