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Despite a touch of rain toward the end, graduation ceremonies for Jim Thorpe High School class of 2020 were well attended and well received at Pocono Raceway on June 3. More photos inside. JPK: Seth Isenberg

Penn Forest Township advances safety volunteers' benefits

by Seth Isenberg

A public hearing at the start of Penn Forest Township's June 1 supervisors reviewed credits for active public safety volunteers. Supervisors then voted unanimously to offer an earned income tax credit to the qualified volunteers to the maximum allowed by law of 20%. It was also agreed to waive the garbage fee at the transfer station for these volunteers. The credits program will be written into an

ordinance, to be presented at July's or August's meeting for a vote. Lists from the two fire companies and ambulance of volunteers who qualify will be presented for approval.

The June meeting was held in the township's regular meeting room, socially distanced, in front of four citizens, two staff and this reporter, with supervisor Judy Knappenberger phoning in. Two of those citizens, representatives of the Bear Creek Lake development, came to

the meeting to get guidance on how to proceed to erect a pavilion at their North Beach. Plans for the 12' by 18' open structure are stuck in paperwork. After discussion and a call to codes officer Kathryn Forry, the project is moving ahead. A plans professional used by local contractors was recommended to be hired to finish the steps so the project can be approved.

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In other business, supervisor Christian Bartulovich was

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Kidder Supervisor Franzosa resigns, **Gluck returns to board**

JUNE-JULY 2020

by Seth Isenberg

At Kidder Township's municipal building on June 18, supervisors held their June meeting in person, socially distanced, with four supervisors, four staff and 17 citizens spread out through the room, plus solicitor Casey Gillespie by telephone.

At the start of the meeting, it was announced that supervisor Barbara Franzosa had sent a letter of resignation due to family obligations. She had served four and a half years on her term.

This was accepted with regret. Former supervisor Ray Gluck, who said he was there when the borough needed him... was. The vacancy board chairman was tapped again to serve as a supervisor – for his fourth time as a supervisor. Gluck will serve through the end of 2021. The seat will be on the 2021 ballot for a full 6-vear term.

Gluck was present at the meeting in the audience, and stayed in the audience for the rest of the meeting.

Roadwork for 2020 will be underway for the Kirk Street drain and Kresge Lane and north Moseywood Road paving projects as soon are bids are received (Kirk St. on June

25, the paving on July 1). A grant came in from Carbon County for \$55,000 to be used for some drainage work alongside the Kresge Lane project.

Roadmaster Bruce Berger reported that the area of Laurel Lane and Henning Road took damage after the 5" downpour last week. That will need repairing. Schiffer Bituminous did the leaf and inlet cleaning around the township during May. With the old leaf vacuum sitting, no longer needed, Berger got approval to offer it for sale on MuniciBid.

Police have started to get busy again with noise and fireworks complaints. Supervisors approved the police agreement with the Jim Thorpe School District when officers are needed to attend basketball games or other activities. The department received a \$2,400 matching grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, to be matched with department funds to buy new bulletproof vests. These have been bought. Kidder Police reported 117 calls for May including 12 disturbing the peace calls, 6 domestics and 6 fights.

The fireworks display by Split Rock Resort has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend.

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Kidder...

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With Ray Gluck now back as a supervisor, the township needs someone to fill the Vacancy Board position. It is also noted that there's an open position on the township's Planning Commission. If interested in either, please send, e-mail or drop off a note of interest to the township office. E-mail to *Kidder.secretary@ atlanticbbn.net*

The Lake Harmony Rescue Squad reports making 20 calls in May. Two more new people were added for the crew.

Both township fire companies are looking for answers on improving radio reception. There was an incident this past weekend where radios were not working in the incident area. Lake Harmony VFD fire chief Ralph Lennon explained that the radio signal barely works at the fire station. Gene Getz of the Albrightsville VFC also asked supervisors for them to consider allotting more funds to that company, given the added expense of operating the Tannery station. LHVFD reported 11 calls for May including a vehicle fire on the Interstate, and a dwelling fire. AVFC reported 19 calls, including 7 quick medical responses, 7 with LHVFD, a brush fire, a dwelling fire and a search and rescue.

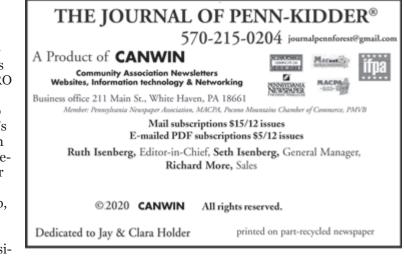
Fire chief Lennon also noted that the access road from Route 940 into the Frances Walter Dam will be closed starting June 22, through October, for reconstruction of the roadway. This leaves the area around the dam that's in Kidder Township cut off from normal emergency response. He gained permission from supervisors to ask the White Haven Volunteer Fire Company to be put on the 911 call list for any calls for that area during the road closure.

Building permits for May included carports, sheds, decks, fences, a hot tub, and re-roofing -18 in all.

Supervisors approved bills totaling \$494,767. \$391,329 of this went to emergency services and the fire equipment fund; \$53,610 is for bills like taxes, insurances, and pensions; \$26,920 was paid to County Waste for trash hauling; and \$21,799 went to bills starting with \$10,552 to ARRO for engineering fees, \$2,678 for equipment repair, \$1,500 in payments to the township's solicitors; \$1,450 for uniform replacement, gasoline and diesel for \$1,159; and 20 smaller bills.

As the meeting wrapped up, residents of Tannery made complaints about a firewood-making and selling business that has set up at a property in that section of town. Residents say that it is noisy, with traffic and truck and customer noise at all hours, seven-days-a-week. Chief of police Matt Kuzma will send officers out to cite them if there's noise after 11 p.m. He said the landowner has been cited already, and has a month to resolve the issues. The township's declaration of emergency continues to be in effect as long as the state declaration holds.

The next regular supervisors meeting will be July 16 at the municipal building in Lake Harmony, socially distanced, starting at 6:30 p.m.



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step out of the heavy shadows of the Coronavirus Pandemic that has made us feel shutin for so long. As our Native American culture followers of both native and non-native peoples have been deprived by the cancellation of so many other events, we feel that it is time to come together once again in the spirit of our old ways.

"Since many of us of the first nations are geographically separated by great distances, Pow-Wow has always been a way for us to come together to visit with one another, share our cultures, not only with one another but also with the general public so they may better understand our wavs as we strive to hold onto the old ways of our past, while we must live with one foot on each side of a line that separates two very different ways of life. It is also a very spiritual time for us, as much prayer is involved in our dance, song, and drum. Many of the vendors who are set up at our

Pow-Wow depend on the sale of their wares, as it is their only means of income, and as we mentioned, most Pow-Wows for this summer have been cancelled.

"We will, however, be making every attempt to practice all safety measures possible during this event, and we hope that you will also, and above all, afford the respect of those around you.

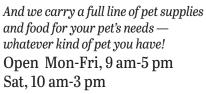
"As we of Native American heritage are a very spiritual peoples, we will be looking to the Creator to bless us and keep all who attend safe. We hope that you will join us for these two days of festivities and activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the tribal office at 570-427-8723, or

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PAGE 4-THE JOURNAL, JUNE-JULY, 2020 Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

I write this at the end of the week of high school graduations. This past Saturday, Ruth and I covered the last of the locals, the second of the two Pocono Mountain School District graduations. There were five in total, not counting the private schools, so we've had our fill of *Pomp and Circumstance*, and if we don't hear it again until next June, we'll be happy.

The last of the graduations had 400 in their class, which made it like the entire borough of White Haven turned out to see off their young folks. Where Weatherly's graduation was well under an hour, this took three.

Our reward is going to be a sedate couple of weeks leading up to the Fourth of July. Most every area event has been cancelled, or closed to the public. For example – June 26, 27 and 28 were to be Pocono Race Weekend here at Long Pond, with tens of thousands of people coming to our area. In the age of COVID-19, the races will be held with no fans in the stands, so our area misses out on a big economic boost at a time we could really use it.

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This same weekend, Ruth and I had hoped to attend at least one day of the annual Celtic Fling at the site of the PA Renaissance Faire. As you'd guess, it's postponed. So it's going to be a literally uneventful few weeks.

Ruth and I are reaching out to our friends to see if we can create our own fun. One couple is thinking of a trip to Gettysburg in July – they've not been before. Perhaps we'll hire a guide. We're also thinking a winery trip with a meal – short drive, maximum fun.

Sightings included a couple of times when turkeys crossed the road, making me stop to wait. This happens more with deer – it has become second nature there. The last of the turkeys was on the Francis Walter Dam Road, and starting Monday the 22nd, that road will be closed for reconstruction, a project which will last the entire summer and into late fall. As for the deer, I'm sighting fawns, and the velvet covered horns that on some of-age males that will become nice antlers in due time. One of the neater sightings

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this past week was when we joined my uncle Slater for lunch at the Bear Creek Café off Route 115 on Saturday after the final Pocono Mountain High School graduation. A large bald eagle had set up across the stream from the

café, perched atop a dead tree directly. She – it was a big bird – was there for the better part of an hour before deciding to fly off to a place where there would likely be food. Ruth joked that she was there people-watching.

Our old Subaru has now been driven over 222,000 miles. It has a variety of elderly car problems, some typical for a car of this age, and some not. But... for one brief 15 minute time period last See SIGHTINGS, page 5



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- 5. Blue
- 8. Instinctive motive
- 12. Barbershop supply
- 13. Cover with asphalt
- 14. Twist and distort
- 15. Dismounted
- 16. Tiny particle
- 17. Like smell of burning rubber
- 18. *King of Great Britain when America won independence
- 20. Same as pleaded
- 21. "Well- machine" 22. *Abigail Adams _
- Smith 23. *Preferred cooking device on the 4th
- 25. They play dead
- 29. Tiller's tiller
- 30. Santa's reindeer
- 33. Dwarf buffalo
- 34. Smart ones?
- 36. "_____ the hills and far awav"
- 37. Penicillin holder, e.g.
- 38. Part of both levorotary and levorotatory
- 39. *Like 4th of July
- 41. Choler
- 42. Egg dishes
- 44. Actress Close
- 46. *Jefferson was three and Washington was
- 47. Medal of Honor word
- 49. Castle material
- 51. *Roman Candles and Fountains, e.g.
- 55. Manuscript sheet
- 56. Dirty money
- 57. Dire fate
- 58. Type of wrench
- 59. Charitable contribution
- 60. Genesis twin
- 61. Dad's lads
- 62. General Services Administration
- 63. Job for a body shop

DOWN

- 1. Without a date
- 2. *American Revolutionary War spy, Nathan
- 3. Miscellany
- 4. Type of local tax
- 5. French composer of "GymnopÈdies" fame

- 6. Steer clear
- 7. Prefix for half
- 8. *U. S. personified
- 9. Steak choice
- 10. Power system
- 11. Former times
- 13. Saffron-flavored rice dish
- 14. Stares
- 19. Decorates with gold leaf
- 22. Negative conjunctio
- 23. Jewish folklore crea
- 24. "Superman" star
- 25. Machu Picchu country 26. Remove from Pinterest
- board
- 27. Grieve

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- 28. *Many retailers hold one
- for the 4th of July

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- 29. Sign of a saint 31. * ____ of Liberty

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on	47. Viola da Gamba, pl.
ature	48. Wafting pleasantness
	49. Aria, e.g.

43. "

e.g. 50. Comrade in arms

Contest

51. *It should never touch

32. Rooster's girlfriend

37. Give a green light

40. Ends of shoe laces

35. *13 of these at the start

39. *What contestants did at

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating

a high note"

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- 52. Official flower of the Ken-
- tucky Derby
- 53. Riddle without solution
- 55. Like The Beatles

THE JOURNAL, JUNE-JULY, 2020-PAGE 5 Sightings...

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it performed like it was young. The car had a hiccup and all the lights went on, then they went off. The computer re-set and for a short time, all that hadn't worked started working again. The cruise control was back. The air conditioning was back. Sadly, the next time the car was turned on, the problems returned – except that the air conditioning started to blow cold air again. I thought it stopped working this winter.

We had the Subaru on the road to Bethlehem on Sunday, feeding it oil and coolant. There was a trip to the Lehigh Valley Mall (department stores are open), and then a meal outdoors at The Red Stag (lamb stew and chicken tika masala, with a huge homemade banana walnut bread pudding dessert with homemade ice cream). Then we shunpiked our way home.

It's worth a note that the mountain laurel flowers hereabouts are gorgeous this year. Drive through Hickory Run State Park for the best display. There are also nice individual trees near the Francis Walter Dam.

Wrapping this up... welcome summer and welcome to being in the Green zone when it comes to COVID-19 rules. Ruth and I are finding that our masks, keeping out distances, and using in-car hand sanitizers are doing the job, keeping us safe. We're glad to mask up in order to be able to go out to eat, to shop, etc. If we all continue to be careful, we can have a reasonably normal summer, and still keep ahead of this thing. Keep yourself safe, and see you out there ...



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Open Letter from Pocono Mountains United Way

There has been an ache in our hearts and tears in our eyes...and now, a proverbial pen in my hand. The recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery have exposed the stark reality of racial injustice and racism that has plagued our nation since its birth.

Now is not the time to be silent. Indifference and passivity are our greatest enemies. Waiting is a luxury of the privileged. Our community needs leadership. Leadership that stands up for justice. Leadership that links arms with those who are oppressed and protects the vulnerable with policies and systems reform. Leadership that uses its privilege to give voice to the unheard. I believe we have leaders like this in our community that equally want justice and fairness. I invite these leaders to join us in this fight.

We need education, and it

starts with a history lesson. Understanding and confronting our past will "unite us in our responsibility to do things not only for ourselves and for

future generations, but also for those who were there and are no longer with us." (Fred Smith Jr., 2020)

Training. Yes, we need cultural competency training. Recognition of the overlay and intersection of poverty, trauma, and racism will serve our community well. It will help us appreciate the burden of each and the avalanche of all when compounded.

So, where to begin??

Lament. Let us lament with groaning too deep for words. Our tears and heartache tell a story that can be read in any language.

Listen. One of the greatest strengths of any leader or community is to listen. Listen to learn. Listen to love. Listen to gain the perspective of someone that does not think, act, or look like you.

Lean in. It is easy to turn away from the injustice that we see. It is uncomfortable to unpack the history of systemic oppression. It is challenging to look at your own heart and mind. Do not give up. If we were to give up, it would mean that we did not act appropriately in the time of adversity.

It would mean that we did not challenge the status quo. Let us address these issues of racial injustice on three levels: individually, interpersonally and institutionally. As individuals, I implore you to search your own heart and beliefs. Interpersonally, connect with others to pursue fairness, equity, and a sense of belonging for all. Institutionally, we are all a part of the systems that could use reform. Curiosity will help us to see the areas of our lives and these systems that can be improved.

We can do this, together. **Michael B. Tukeva President/CEO Pocono Mountains United Way On behalf of the Board of Directors**

Game Commission to present program on wild turkey

The Pennsylvania Game Commission will be providing a family-friendly educational program on wild turkey at the Northeast Region Office in Dallas on Wednesday, July 22, at 6 p.m.

Game Commission Wild Turkey Biologist Mary Jo Casalena will take participants on a short walk along an easy trail, interpreting wild turkey sign, discussing the life of turkeys and their management. The walk will take place on the office grounds.

This program will be held outdoors rain or shine. Participants will be required to follow all PA state mandated COVID 19 safety protocols in place on the date of program.

The Game Commission Northeast Region Office is located at 3917 Memorial Hwy. in Dallas, (570) 675-1143. No reservations required.



Wild turkey with poults. Photo Courtesy of Jacob Dingel





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Penn Forest

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appointed as liaison between supervisors and the office employees. Supervisors agreed to pay for the new zero-turn mower for the park using Liquid Fuels money, and extended the township's declaration of emergency to July 20.

An ordinance will be advertised that authorizes fire companies and ambulances to recover costs for certain services, supplies used, and equipment. The ordinance is modeled after Kidder Township's. The fire and ambulance companies will need to supply a schedule of fees and costs.

Fire escrow funds will now be kept as a separate account at Mauch Chunk Trust. \$35,450 was then placed in it.

To improve security at the township park, supervisors agreed to add more cameras, and a 16 port switch, at a cost of \$5,090.

Barletta Materials & Construction was the low bidder of eight contractors for the Stoney Creek Road drainage work, and road reconstruction. Supervisors then accepted their add-on bid for additional paving to have the entire 8,000' of that road paved this summer.

Roadmaster and supervisor Roger Meckes reported that the new mower attachment for the township's tractor is working well — clearing roadside growth. He's looking to have the township crew install the drain pipe crossings on Forest Street leading to Beltzville Lake Estates. That road will go on the paving list once the pipes are replaced. Paving this summer includes parts of Stony Mountain, Schoolhouse and Old Stage Roads.

Meckes reported that contractor Schiffer Bituminous

And the local party states

will be on township roads with their pothole patching truck early in June.

On the Transfer Station, Meckes stated that "it's just slammed" every day. Because of the Covid-19 crisis, the population of the township has practically doubled. The packers on site are filling up quickly, so towards the end of a weekend, lines start backing up.

A letter by the Penn-Kidder Library Center thanked the township's for its generous donation.

In the sole public comments, both fire companies offered thanks to supervisors for their help and support. The fire companies plan to draft a letter to send to ask the property associations in the township to also give qualifying volunteers some kind of discount (since their members who live in certain developments don't use the Transfer Station). Town-

ship solicitor Thomas Nanovic agreed to look at the letter, and supervisors will be asked to support it.

The next regular supervisors meeting will be Tuesday,

Dean's List Roster

Bloomsburg University

Hannah Mordaunt from Albrightsville; Michal Szlagiewicz from Albrightsville; Emma Gavornik from Jim Thorpe; Savannah Shumbris from Jim Thorpe; Lauren Gimbor from Jim Thorpe; Dana Rodriguez from Jim Thorpe.

Cedar Crest

Saige Sterner of Jim Thorpe.

DePauw University

Serena Rodriguez from Albrightsville

East Stroudsburg U.

Jasmine Aue, a Middle Level Ed. (4th-8th) from Jim Thorpe, Kaitlin Feller, a Integrated Art and Design from Jim Thorpe, Samantha Ford, a Public Health from Albrightsville, Aislinn Galvin, a Business Management from Albrightsville, Kaitlyn Hardgrove, a Nursing from Albrightsville, Zebulon Kleintop, a Political Science from Albrightsville, Jacob Lippincott, a Criminal Justice from Albrightsville, Jade Martino, a Environmental Studies from Jim Thorpe, Christopher Pisarczyk, a Criminal Justice from Albrightsville, Skylar

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The township offices are open. People must wear their masks to enter the building.

Rutan, a Integrated Art and Design from Jim Thorpe, Julian Valentini, a History from Albrightsville

Emerson College

Christopher Williams, a native of Albrightsville, is majoring in Journalism and is a member of the Class of 2021.

Kutztown University

Eric Fischer of Albrightsville, Ruina G Gentile of Jim Thorpe, Takumi Alexander Hawes of Albrightsville, Caitlin Patricia Holt of Albrightsville, Derek Richard Joyce of Jim Thorpe, Allison Leigh O'Brien of Albrightsville, Zachary M Searfoss of Jim Thorpe, Jeffrey Colin Tews of Albrightsville, Rachel Nicole Walck of Albrightsville, Shane C Williams of Jim Thorpe,

Lebanon Valley College

Kailee Romanchik of Jim Thorpe, a graduate of Jim Thorpe Senior High School, who is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy in physical therapy.

Moravian College

Derek Scott of Jim Thorpe

Muhlenberg College

Christopher Brazezicke of Albrightsville, Ryan Malarkey of Jim Thorpe, Sarah Rosenberger of Albrightsville, Erin Shigo of Jim Thorpe, and Tim Whitehouse of Jim Thorpe.

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Christopher Widdicombe of Albrightsville is in the electrical engineering technology program.

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Scenes for Jim Thorpe Area High School graduation, June 3, Pocono Raceway



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Carbon County property transfers through June 16

Kidder Township

Michele Antonacci to Nicholas Delisse, New Hyde Park, New York, House 20, Snow Ridge Village, Section A, \$1.

Betty J. Manwell to Peter S. Springer, 644 W. Oak Lane, White Haven, property at 644 W. Oak Lane, \$217,000.

Raymond Motto to Thomas V. Macchia, Long Island City, New York, property at 5 Hazelwood Drive, Lake Harmony, \$325,000.

Glenn Votek to Scott T. Harvey, Allentown, property at 360 Wolf Hollow Road, Lake Harmony, \$787,500.

Thomas J. Brown to Thomas J. Brown, Paramus, New Jersey, property at 45 Kent Clarke Road, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Catherine Ann Hall to Rich-

ard I. Oakey, West Chester, property at 41 Pineknoll Drive, Lake Harmony, \$175,000.

Stephen Benigni to Eric L. Carbone, Little Silver, New Jersey, property at 129 Estates Drive, Lake Harmony, \$244,000.

Michael L. Principe Sr. to Kevin O'Connor, Crownsville, Maryland, Lot 8, Section H, Split Rock, Wolf Hollow Road, Lake Harmony, \$386,000.

Timothy Oetzel to Frank McMonigle, 109 Kresge Lane, Lake Harmony, property at 109 Kresge Lane, \$390,000.

Elena MacCario to Triple G Properties, LLC, Newtown, property at 5 Midland Drive, Unit 302, Lake Harmony, \$215,000.

Daran Properties, Inc., to

Andrew Howard Wasserman, 18 Hazelwood Drive, P.O. Box 653, Blakeslee, property at 18 Hazelwood Drive, \$1.

Tax Claim Bureau of Carbon County to Glen R. Kleiber Jr., 25 Placid Lane, P.O. Box 1977, Albrightsville, property on Woodlands Road, Holiday Poconos, \$712.

John W. Noonan to Noonan Family Trust, Copiague, New York, property at 59 Lakeview Drive, Lake Harmony, \$1.

Margaret N. Whitacre to **RMW Enterprises**, LLC, Hopelawn, New Jersey, Lot 908, Section C-II, Lake Harmony Estates, \$160,000.

Wavne I. Pesaresi to William E. Malone Jr., Wayne, property at 502 Moseywood Road, Lake Harmony, \$215,000.

Roselie Rueda to Roger Gravatt, Allentown, New Jersey, property at 2 Sasafrass Road, Lake Harmony, \$270,000.

Catherine M. Sikorski to Daniel Hahn, Landenberg, Lot 7, Section G-1, Split Rock, \$53,000.

Robyn Esposito to Yin Yin, Forest Hills, New York, property at 511 Estates Drive, Lake Harmony, \$188,000.

Penn Forest Township

Jean A. Swiezak to Ralph George Schoch Jr., 1893 State Rt. 534, Albrightsville, Lot 1686, Section III, Towamensing Trails, \$3,200. Kenneth C. Hoffman to Karl Hoffman, 167 Behrens Road, Jim Thorpe, property at 167 Behrens Road, \$1. Felicita Gaston to Felici-

ta Gaston, 17 Beaver Drive, Albrightsville, property at 17 Beaver Drive, \$1.

Richard H. Kibler to Diane Roldan, 647 Rockport Road, Weatherly, property at 911 State Rt. 903, \$20,000. Robert G. Minnichbach to Raymond W. Attewell, 927

Old Piney Road, Jim Thorpe, property on Behrens Road, \$34,000.

Theresa M. Davis to Michael A. Parse, Savreville, New Jersey, Lot 245, Section 2, Bear Creek Lakes, Penn Forest Streams, \$14,000.

Ryan Krueger to Jared Keller, 58 Hummingbird Drive, Jim Thorpe, property at 58 Hummingbird Drive, \$197,500.

James D. Turner Jr. to Anthony Beck, 115 Unionville Road, Jim Thorpe, property at 115 Unionville Road, \$215,500.

Dale W. Cooley Jr. to Felix M. Malconado, Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, property at 78 Buckhill Road, Albrightsville, \$57,000.

Atilano Fernandez to Edward A. Fernandez, Portland, Oregon, property at 146 Drakes Creek Road, Albrightsville. \$1.

Robert Augustyn to Robert Augustyn, Philadelphia, Lot V1755, Section V, Towamensing Trails, \$1.

Chad E. Wasilewski to Joshua L. Roderick, 65 Poho Circle, Lehighton, lots 656 and 67, Section A, Stoney Creek Acres, \$25,000.

James Kegelman to Iordanis Fetfatzis, Williamstown, New Jersey, property at 96 Hawthorne Drive, \$219,900.

Kay L. Clausen to Joseph Mancini, Old Bridge, New Jersey, property at 48 Kindsay Mews, Albrightsville, \$505,000.

Boris Chiporikha to Boris Chiporukia, New York, New York, property at 9 Whitman Lane, Albrightsville, \$1.

Marie Betty Pean to Kenneth L. Tout, Stroudsburg, property at 120 Lipo Way, Albrightsville, \$76,000.

Tax Claim Bureau of Carbon County to Land Trustings, LLC, Clarks Summit, property

on Iowa Road, Mount Pocahontas, \$659.

Paul Donnelly to Michael T. Perno, 249 W. White St., Summit Hill, Lot 246, Section A, Marty Axman in the Poconos, \$5,934.

Timothy Graves to Timothy Graves, 15 Orange Lane, Jim Thorpe, lots 564 and 565, Section A, Hickory Run Forest, \$1.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, Anaheim, California, property at 12 Larch Lane, Albrightsville, \$78,948.

Calogero Messina to John Dewitt, Waldwick, New Jersey, property at 341 Towamensing Trail, Albrightsville, \$88,000.

Reuben Heydt to Real Estate Establishment Structure, LLC, 127 Indian Trail, Jim Thorpe, Lot 413, Section 4, Bear Creek Lakes, \$8,000.

Gary L. Green to Michael J. O'Toole, 196 Unionville Road, Jim Thorpe, property at 196 Unionville Road, \$20,000.

Celina L. Wytrwal to Walter F. Martel, P.O. Box 1257, Albrightsville, property at 24 Van Doren Mews, Albrightsville, \$167,000.

Audrey J. Wargo to Alexandra W. Bartulovich, 44 Wargo Drive, Jim Thorpe, Bear Creek Lakes Lot 136, North Lake Area, \$1.

Audrey J. Wargo to Barbara W. Griffith, 44 Wargo Drive, Jim Thorpe, two transactions, Lot 7, Section B, Hickory Run Forest, and Lot 365, Section 5, Penn Forest Streams, \$1 each.

Martha W. Donaldson to Leroy Wenrick, 93 White Birch Drive, Jim Thorpe, Bear Creek Lakes Lot 6, Section 6, Laurel Hill Area, \$122,000.

Leroy F. Wenrick to Jamie Lescher, 44 Seneca Road, Albrightsville, property at 44 Seneca Road, \$137,000.



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Troy A. Capone to Troy A. Capone, P.O. Box 367, Albrightsville, property at 14 Shelley Court, Albrightsville, \$1.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, property at 8 Larch Lane, Albrightsville, \$10.

Dawn Antignani to Kevin Ahner, 510 Jefferson St., Lehighton, property at 252 Smith Road, \$118,000.

Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., to Lets Invest Corporation, Fair Lawn, New Jersey, property at 4 W. Cherokee Trail, Albrightsville, \$50,500.

Joseph R. Paretta to Christian Renfrew, 2 Locust Drive, Jim Thorpe, property at 22 Locust Drive, \$186,000.

Tatiana Evdokimova to Alexei Grigorian, Brooklyn, New York, Lot 707, Section B, Indian Mountain Lakes, \$500.

Edward F. Twesten to Steven Martin Jr., 112 Susquehanna Drive, Jim Thorpe, property at 112 Susquehanna Drive, \$225,000.

Trust Bank to Henry Lee, Manhasset, New York, property at 90 E. Cherokee Trail, Albrightsville, \$83,000.

Henry K. Lui to John J. Capaldi, 138 Old Stage Road, Albrightsville, property at 138 Old State Road, \$132,500.

Ronald Bandock to Soonuk Kwon, 66 Hunter Lane, Albrightsville, Lot 120, Section L-I, Indian Mountain Lakes, \$65,000.

Linda L. Windt to Guillermo Jose Quinones Lozada, 76 Old Stage Road, Albrightsville, Lot 1525, Section4, Old

Stage Road, Mt. Pocahontas, \$5,250.

Concetta Lupo to Concetta Lupo, Lansdale, property at 17 Recreation Court, \$98,040.

Yakov Levitsky to Akmal Abdul, Huntingdon Valley, property at 500 Towamensing Trail, Albrightsville, \$255,000.

Felice L. Ferrauti to Robert F. Bitondo, Staten Island, New York, property at 6 Van Doren Mews, Albrightsville, \$125,000.

Meena Ramnauth to Rookmin Mahadeo, Hollis, New York, three transactions, properties at 1619 MacCauley Road, 1559 Caedman Drive and 1560 Caedman Drive, all in Albrightsville, \$5,160 each.

Alice L. Herbine to Alice L. Herbine, 50 Cold Spring Drive, Jim Thorpe, two transactions, Penn Forest Streams lot 506 and 507, Section 7, \$1 each.

Ronald Yeity to Donna Bethman, P.O. Box 1535, Albrightsville, property at 329 Parker Trail, Albrightsville, \$137,000.

James H. Melber to James H. Melber, 220 Meckesville Road, Albrightsville, parcel No. 11-51-A10.15, \$1.

Christine Andrews to Lidziya Luhauskaya, 33 Talbot Lane, Albrightsville, property at 33 Talbot Lane, \$155,000. Frances Martin to Frances

G. Martin, Philadelphia, property at 230 Bear Creek Lake, \$1.

Millicent Wegener to Edward Ehmke, 117 Buckhill Road, Albrightsville, property at 121 Buckhill Road, Albrightsville, \$10,000.

Paul P. Dickes to BCLD 75, LLC, Audubon, property at 75 Bear Creek Lake Drive, \$351,000.

Lucille D. Fritzinger to Jessica Brooke Medina, 7 Clubhouse Road, Jim Thorpe, property at 7 Clubhouse Road, \$106,000.

Harry F. Boger Jr. to Ryan J. Poeldnurk, 110 Susquehanna Drive, Jim Thorpe, property at 110 Susquehanna Drive, \$195,000.

Daniel Armalay to Edward James Boess Jr., Philadelphia, property at 156 Longfellow Circle, Albrightsville, \$160,100.

Paul Huggins to Rodger Meckes, P.O. Box 223, Long :Pond, Mt. Pocahontas Lot. 1434, Section 4, \$4,515.

Allan J. Vollmer to Jesse Brennan, 36 Mountain Road, Albrightsville, Indian Mountain Lakes Lot 812, Section A, \$1,750.

Eric D. Clark to Brian Washburn, 111 Mohawk Trail, Albrightsville, property at 111 Mohawk Trail, \$116,000.



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Split Rock Resort reopens to public

Split Rock Resort reopened on June 11 following COVID Social Distancing temporary closures. Split Rock's Director of Facilities, Chuck Dickinson states, "We're very excited to welcome guests back. Our team has worked hard to install the necessary protocol measures to ensure the safety of our guests and employees.

"We're welcome our area friends and neighbors to our open-to-the-public miniature golf and bowling. And our H2O Indoor Waterpark is set to open July 1."

The reopening of the beautiful Lake View Tavern & Patio at Split Rock Lodge is underway and starting to take reservations later this week.

Guests returning to Split Rock can find their "Commitment to cleanliness" details posted online at *SplitRockResort.com*. "Ensuring a safe, clean and inviting environment is the core of our commitment to providing the highest level of hospitality.



Mike Mooney of Pocono Organics directs the ribbon cutting, conducted by (from left) Jeff Moyer of Rodale Institute, Ashley Walsh of Pocono Organics with the shears, and Senator Mario Scavello.

Pocono Organics holds grand opening

Photos and story by Seth Isenberg

The new Pocono Organics building had its public debut on June 18 with an official ribbon-cutting and grand opening tours. Ashley Walsh, the founder and president of Pocono Organics, introduced the facility, and the VIPs including Jeff Moyer, chief executive officer of Rodale Institute, PA Senator Mario Scavello, and State Representatives Maureen Madden and Jack Rader. The VIPs also made speeches of welcome.

Walsh proudly introduced Pocono Organics as "a global center for research and development." In addition to growing organic produce, the facility will be training people to grow organically, and offering teaching and wellness programs. "We know that using food as medicine is so important to human health," she said, adding the food grown here will make for a healthier community.

Jeff Moyer of the Rodale Institute, research partner in the project, spoke of research to be done, and training for organic farmers and home gardeners, education opportunities including classes on cooking organically, and more.

Scavello, in his remarks, noted that "this is the future, (where) we know how this food is grown." To Walsh, he added, "We wish you much success in the years ahead."

After the ribbon cutting, tours of the indoor facility were given. There are rows and rows of beautiful plants growing in the large greenhouses located behind the main building. My tour guide,



Tim Wilson, manager of greenhouse operations, shows a beautiful eggplant near ready for harvest in a mixed planting greenhouse. Tim Wilson of Jonas, greenhouses manager, showed off the work of his team. In one of the greenhouses, that team was busy adding plants to rows fed by drip irrigation.

The 30,000 square-foot building and greenhouse complex also features a market for Pocono Organics' produce and other featured products such as organically raised pork and chicken. The facility has a café where organic meals will be offered by Lindsay McClain, Executive Chef of Pocono Organics' Farm Market and Café. Then there are fields of organic produce planted this spring, some near ready for their first harvests.

Right now, there are 25 employees, with another 25 who will work seasonally. As the business grows, those employee counts are projected to double. Construction of the facility, by The Jacob Companies general contractor, of West Palm Beach, Florida, employed 130

Pocono Organics is located at the intersection of Route 115 and Long Pond Road. The Market and Café are open daily—check *poconoorganics.org* for details.



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"As an organization dedicated to helping others, the Red Cross is pleased to provide more information about COVID-19 to our valued donors," said Dr. Erin Goodhue, executive medical director of direct patient care with the Red Cross Biomedical Services. "If you are feeling healthy and well, please schedule an appointment to not only help saves lives but also learn about your potential exposure to COVID-19."

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Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

There were two domestics in Penn Forest Twp. on 6-23, one in Penn Forest Streams, the other in Bear Creek Lake, PA State Police-Lehighton.

A 75 y/o Albrightsville man is charged with disorderly conduct for continuously sounding his car horn while driving on Whitman Lane and Teddyuscung Trail in Towamensing Trails, Penn Forest Twp. at 9:17 p.m. on 6-20, PSP-Fern Ridge.

A 43 y/o Blakeslee area man is charged with criminal mischief for vandalizing the toilet at Valerio's Restaurant in Albrightsville at 11:08 a.m. on 6-14, PSP-F.

PSP-L conducted a death investigation of an elderly male on 6-14, finding the nothing

suspicious and so reporting it as natural.

A traffic stop on a westbound auto in Interstate 80 found 1.5 pounds of marijuana and three Kingston / Wilkes-Barre area men are charged with possession with the intent to deal, 6-13, PSP-F.

A welfare check on a woman found that she had taken "an excessive amount" of medicines in an attempt at suicide. Police took her to the hospital for care about the drugs, and also a mental health evaluation, 6-12, PSP-L.

A continuing neighbors' dispute that started in late May on Unionville Road resulted in harassment charges against the neighbor who was continually reporting noise to PSP-F.

Troopers responded numerous times, finding no basis for the complaints each time. The serial complainer is charged with harassment and disorderly conduct of 6-8, and will appear in District Court on the incidents.

A FedEx driver arrived at a Long Woods Dr., Chestnuthill Twp. home to make a delivery just after 1 p.m. on 6-4, and was bitten on the leg by the property owner's loose dog. There was another dog bite incident on Kathy Ct. in Penn Forest Twp. at 8:30 p.m. on 6-8, PSP-F.

Several DUI incidents are in the reports for these weeks.

Also on the lists were crashes into deer or because the driver swerved around deer, fender-benders, harassments (many of these with a wide variety of incidents), and vandalism including an egging, and

damaged mailboxes, plus in an incident in Jackson Twp. of smashed windows on logging equipment.

There was a citation issued to a business who has had four false alarms in a short period.

Stealin'

Someone stole a two-piece tan-colored composite glider and bench from the deck of Zurn Realty on Route 903 is south Penn Forest Twp., called in the afternoon of 6-22. Call PSP-L if you may have seen anything that can help solve this.

There were a handful of incidents where locals had their debit or credit card numbers stolen, or in one incident, there was forgery in a local's checking account, and a Pay-Pal account opened in their name. PSP-F is investigating. There is a suspected porch

pirate incident at a South

Lane, Reeders home on 6-5 with a FedEx package reported delivered, but never received.

A white Chevy Suburban, '03, was stolen from the parking lot of Kost Tire in Brodheadsville between 6-14 and 20. It was there for service, PSP-F.

PSP-F and PSP-L seek information and witnesses. Call them at 570 646-2271 PSP-F or 610-681-1859 PSP-L if you can help.

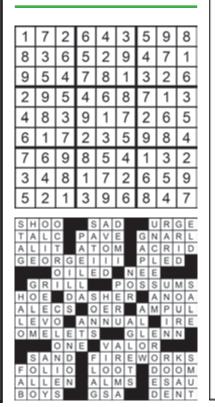


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Resource for stopping spread of Spotted Lanternfly

A printable checklist developed by Penn State Extension and the state Department of Agriculture can help citizens tick all the boxes when it comes to preventing the spread of the spotted lanternfly, an invasive insect that is threatening the agricultural, timber and ornamental industries.

The Spotted Lanternfly Checklist for Residents, now available on the extension website, contains a list of items that should be inspected before traveling or transporting them. These items include vehicles, recreational or camping items, outdoor furniture, building materials, and yard and garden items.

"The arrival of summer and the lifting of shelter-in-place orders have people traveling across the commonwealth," said Heather Leach, spotted lanternfly extension associate in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences. "With that comes the potential for travelers to unknowingly spread the spotted lanternfly to other regions. We need citizens to be aware of their role in preventing the insect's spread, and this checklist is a great guide-

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line to help."

The document also features photos of the planthopper's life stages and information on potential egg mass locations. "People might be surprised about the places lanternflies will lay eggs, including camping chairs and outdoor lightbulbs," Leach said.

If found, egg masses should be scraped off using a plastic card or putty knife and placed in a bag or container with rubbing alcohol. They also can be smashed or burned. Nymphs or adult spotted lanternflies can be destroyed using a fly swatter.

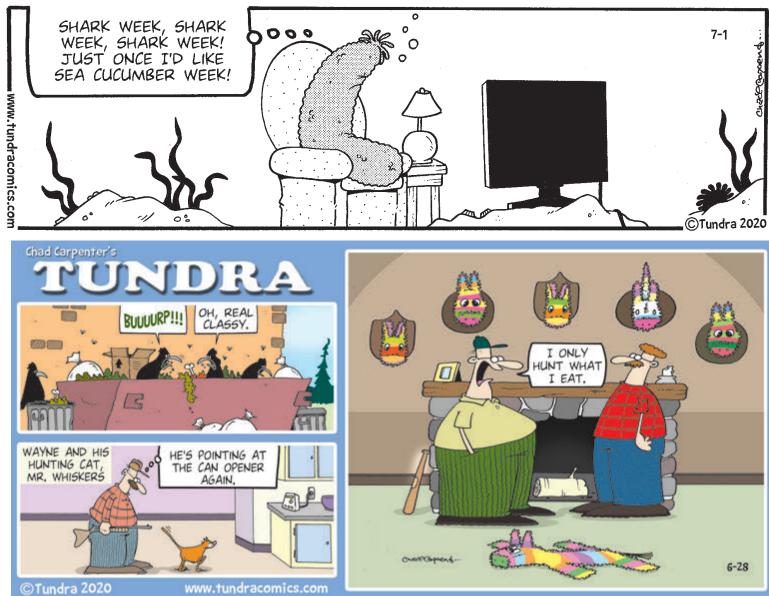
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture State Plant Regulatory Official Dana D. Rhodes recommends having the compliance checklist on hand for use when traveling, most notably to and from the 26 counties in the state-imposed spotted lanternfly quarantine: Allegheny, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York.

"Keeping a checklist in your car is a great reminder to look before you leave to keep from taking spotted lanternflies with you," said Rhodes, who added that it is unlawful to move living stages of spotted lanternfly outside of the current quarantine zone. "The last thing you want to do as a traveler is transport this destructive pest to a new home."

To download the checklist,

visit the Penn State Extension website at https://extension. psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly and click on the box titled, "Quarantine Compliance for Residents." Information on how to identify the spotted lanternfly, how to report an infestation and how to comply with quarantine regulations also can be found on the website.

More information on how to reduce populations of spotted lanternfly is available at https://extension.psu.edu/ spotted-lanternfly-management-for-homeowners.



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CCAL cancels July meeting

With great regret, the upcoming July meeting of the Carbon County Art League, normally held every second Wednesday of the month, has been cancelled. Based on CDC continuing recommendations for social distancing, the monthly workshops and artist presentations will not be available as scheduled, postponed until it is safe to do so.

The Carbon County Art

League is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that supports local artists of all ages, working in all mediums. Any artist in need of assistance, or interested in joining the league, can contact us here: info@carboncountyart.com. For more information and updates visit https://carboncountyart.wixsite.com/carbon-county-art.

Stay well, stay safe, stay creative!

Graduates from Muhlenberg

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 under-

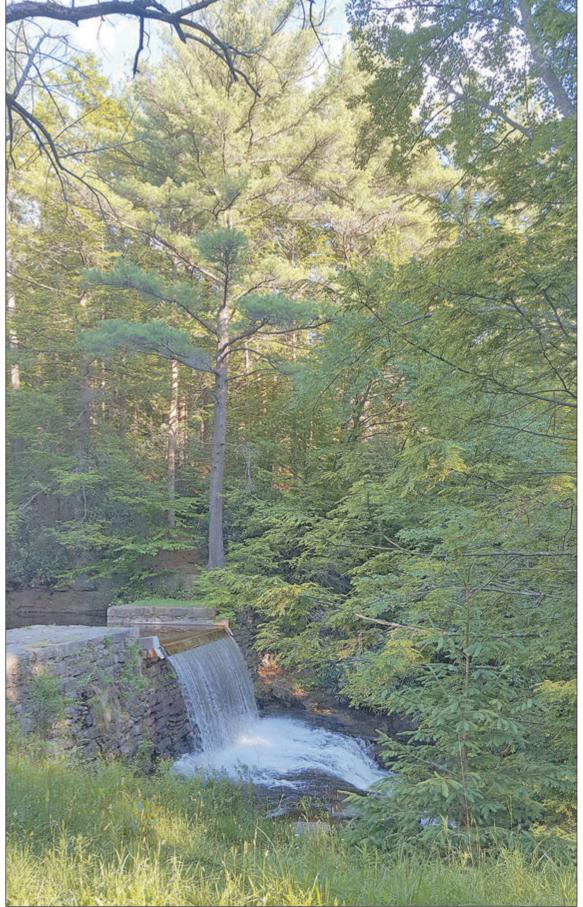
graduate degrees.

Emily Layden of Jim Thorpe graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Spanish.

Ryan Malarkey of Jim Thorpe graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and a minor in Mathematics.

Erin Shigo of Jim Thorpe graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health and a minor in Religion Studies and Business Administration.





Hickory Run State Park is lush and lovely this time of year.

JPK: Seth Isenberg