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## Penn Forest Supervisors look for better returns on CDs, summer roads and improvements projects underway

by Seth Isenberg

With the certificates of deposit in Mauch Chunk Trust and Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Banks due for rollover, with a total amount invested of \$3,385,332, it was decided to take a new look at the Pennsylvania Local Government

Investment Trust. PLGIT's posted return rates are higher than the local banks. During discussion on the topic, it was noted that PLGIT's fees cut the return substantially, which is why the township switched to the locals. It was agreed to open a new PLGIT account, and speak to the local banks to

compare numbers to determine who has the best return.

Supervisors voted to extend the declaration of disaster another 30 days, until the next meeting.

There was some unhappiness with the 2019 audit, and after lengthy discussion, supervisors approved it on a

vote of 4 to 1, supervisor Judy Knappenberger opposed.

Bills of \$80,563 from the General Fund were approved after a reimbursement for a dinner of \$6.10 was removed from the petty cash request. This turned out to be the extra cost of a meal after a holiday certificate given to staff as a

gift by a vendor, was used — so was not a township expense. Knappenberger led a go-around on the extra \$6.10, and \$14 spent on mums for the office. The \$14 stayed in, so Knappenberger voted no on the revised bills, to 4 yes votes.

This month, the big pay-

**See PENN FOREST, page 8**

## Kidder Supervisors hear complaints about fireworks and renters

by Seth Isenberg

The July 16 meeting of Kidder Supervisors heard verbal fireworks as complaints were launched from all sides, it seemed. There was an overflow crowd due to Covid-19 social separation rules — with a substantial part of those wanting in — out in the parking lot. A system started where, once people spoke, they vacated their place inside so that those in the parking lot could come in to speak. Citizen after citizen got up to offer stories of bad behaviors, and some offered constructive ideas. The upshot is that the township is working hard to hire a code enforcement officer to go out and enforce the rules, includ-

ing those about fireworks.

Resident Tom Davis was back — he had brought samples of fireworks cases that were used at neighbors' homes last year, and this newspaper ran a photo. He said that fireworks have been "every single night...sometimes well into the early morning, as late as 4:30 a.m." He added that the fines for shooting fireworks, upwards of \$100, are "not much" for someone renting a home for perhaps thousands. He and other rental property owners said that they see to it that their renters understand the township rules, and follow them.

Properties owner Joe Arking declared that "You have a lack  
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**SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING at Lake Harmony, with lots of people out enjoying the beautiful weather. Masks are required in public places, and mid-month restrictions limit the numbers in indoor dining settings. Full-time residents had some complaints about fireworks and short-term renters at the July Kidder Township Supervisors' meeting.**

*JPK: Ruth Isenberg*



# Kidder Township...

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of control.”

Winnie Kee complained about living next to a “mini-hotel” next door. She’s concerned about heavy use of services, including trash and sewers.

This led to a discussion about whether metering sewer use would be a fairer way to pay for sewers.

A workshop meeting of the township planning and zoning commissions with supervisors and interested citizens was agreed to.

Supervisors were unanimous in agreeing to a sugges-

tion by chief of police Matt Kuzma to add an officer on overtime hours to work Fridays and Saturdays to work the quality of life issues, at least until the new code enforcement officer is hired and up to speed.

Roadwork contracts were awarded to Wayco, Inc. for the Kirk Street project, at a cost of \$39,813; and to Barletta Materials and Construction for the paving of Kresge Lane and the short stretch of Moseywood Road, at a total of \$296,688. Wayco, Inc. also was the low quote on emergency repairs work on Henning Lane—to remove a tree and install catch basins and a pipe, at a cost of \$14,794.

Look for more about the meeting in the August LAKE NEWS and in *The Journal-Herald* on July 23.



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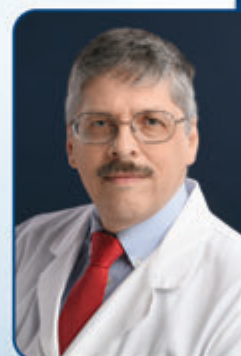
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# Developer proposes Kidder distribution center, looks for tax assistance LERTA

by Seth Isenberg

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

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

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



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

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

largest taxpayers.

A LERTA is put in place to encourage large investments

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# Seth's Sightings by Seth Isenberg

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

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

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

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

We sure had a bunch of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Mid-summer update from The Garden of Giving

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

July is always a busy month

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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# LERTA...

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

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

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

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

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



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

## BWA Webinar

# The big deal about rain barrels

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Garden of Giving...

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

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

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

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

The Garden is located just

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

### Contact information

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# Penn Forest

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ments out of the General Fund were two of \$13,750 to each fire company for the 2nd quarter, and two bonds from H. A. Thomson — \$10,342 for the township secretary and \$8,423 for the treasurer. Of the rest, two payments totaling \$6,096 to the U.S. Treasury, a total of \$7,899 for engineering and zoning work by staff of Barry Isett & Associates, and a total of \$9,280 to Highmark for health and vision premiums.

A resolution to transfer back from the Sanitation Fund to the General Fund \$517,823 for wages and related expenditures that were paid out of the Sanitation Fund led to a heavy discussion, noting that issues go all the way back to 2012 and 2013. Having this issue audited was proposed, as was doing a fresh new look at the books, which led to more discussion. It was decided to continue this discussion in August.

The June numbers for the Treasurer's report shows \$3,685,498 in the General Fund, and \$848,842 in the Sanitation Fund, with a total of \$5,320,381 for all the accounts — plus the money in the CDs.

Ordinances discussed in June providing credits on taxes and township garbage fees to emergency services volunteers, and permitting fire and ambulance crews recoup the costs of items used in calls — absorbent, fire foam, single use items, and the like for fire responses, were passed unanimously. For the emergency volunteers, a list of eligible volunteers will be provided to the township so they can receive the credits. For the emergency response items, a list of materials, fees and costs was provided.

Uniform Construction Code Joint Board of Appeals member Allen Starr has moved from the township and resigned. The township now has a vacancy for its seat on the UCC Board of Appeals. Anyone interested is asked to send an e-mail to Dana Vitale at [ptfsec@ptd.net](mailto:ptfsec@ptd.net).

In other business, the township will buy an Apple iPad, at a cost of \$330, for secretary Vitale to help reduce paperwork. This was unanimously approved.

Shiffer Bituminous was awarded bids for repairs to 37 pipe crossings in the northern part of the township, for \$39,913; for rebuilding parts of the walking trail at the township park, then putting a quarter inch finish coat over the whole 2,600 feet, for \$22,693; and to do base repair on a short stretch of Forest Street leading to Beltzville Lake Estates that has come apart, at a cost of \$5,499. There will be a pipe replaced on Forest Street, and when that's done, the rebuilt stretch and the area where the new pipe is laid will be repaved. The township is looking to also do paving on Stony Mountain and Schoolhouse Roads later this summer.

The township's crew will replace the drainage pipe

across Forest Street, as well as ones on Meckesville and Stony Mountain Roads. Materials costing \$3,801 were approved to get these jobs done. The township will look to hire a full-time laborer to add to that crew.

The Transfer Station has "been super busy," said roadmaster Roger Meckes, due to a whole lot more people being in the homes that normally would have been vacation or occasional use homes. After some debate about how to handle the work, supervisors decided to hire a weekend helper at the transfer station, per diem for 16 hours.

For the park, it was agreed to buy \$1,800 of infield mix to complete work on the softball field. In a related decision, supervisors approved buying an attachment to the New Holland loader — a front bucket — for \$6,566 (including installation), to use the bucket to finish the moving of the infield mix, then do other work in the park. The bucket's cost will be paid for from the park and recreation fund. It was noted that even without the additional infield mix, that Jim Thorpe's girls softball was already using the softball field.

WB Electric's proposal to install electricity and lighting

to the park pavilion, at a cost of \$2,650, was accepted.

There was debate over Blue Ridge Cable's price to install internet service into the park. Costs were \$1,536 for a survey, then \$4,509 for the wiring materials and labor. This was approved, grudgingly.

The park will soon host tackle football. Owners of the Carbon County Savages semi-pro football club asked supervisors for permission to use a field at the park for two home games in August. The team had played in Palmer-ton and Leighton in the past. They were directed to provide a hold harmless agreement to the township, as well as name the township as an additional insured on their liability policy. Township solicitor Thom Nanovic will draft the agreement. (Nanovic was absent this meeting.)

The township will proceed to advanced collections on properties that owe garbage bills, and to take to court six properties not responding to zoning violation notices. Supervisor Scott Lignore noted that one of the listed properties has been cleaning up these past few weeks, so he asked for zoning officials to take another look there. He voted to abstain on that property. The motion to proceed passed 4-0-1.

Supervisors approved 5-0 the Taylor's reverse subdivision, combining two lots in Towamensing Trails.

Electronics recycling will be held July 18 from 9 to 3 at the Transfer Station — or until the trucks are full.

The next meeting will be August 3, in person, socially distanced, starting at 7 p.m. at the township building on Route 903.

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But of course, this growth and the increase of services

wouldn't be possible without community support. We are so excited to be able to help this library flourish by inviting in new patrons, new library users and anyone wishing to use the increased library services. We welcome any new

volunteers from the Library Center and invite all interested parties to come meet with us.

There are so many ways you can lend your support: as an in-library volunteer, as a member of the Friends fundraising group, as a patron, and as a community advocate. We would love to hear your ideas about how we can all make this library a growing source for information, community activities, and services within the community.

Help us help you, and show us how we can best serve you and your community. We can only become your preferred library if you let us know what you want and need.

Come out to meet us as we grow this library center as a state-supported branch. We can't wait to meet you!

## PKLC notes and happenings

On Tuesday, June 30, Penn-Kidder Library Center reopened its doors after a three month+ closure due to Covid-19. The library, now a branch of Dimmick Library, is happy to be open and looks forward to a safe return of our patrons. Masks must be worn in the library.

Schedule is Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2-6 p.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The date for the second annual golf tournament at Jack Frost National is Monday, August 17. Call the library center if you would like information

about playing, or about becoming a sponsor.

A book sale is scheduled at the library center on Saturday, August 8. Look for lots of your favorite authors included: Brown, Child, Cussler, Grisham, Nesbo, Patterson, Preston & Childs, Woods and more!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# THEME: DR. SEUSS

## ACROSS

1. On a cruise, 2 words
6. Horse poker
9. Deadly slitherers
13. Way to curl hair
14. \*Today is gone. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another \_\_\_\_.
15. Islam's Supreme Being
16. Subway coin
17. Salve for Tin Woodman
18. Grim Reaper
19. \*\*A \_\_\_\_'s s Fine-Something-That-All-People-Need."
21. \*\*Christmas Day will always be, Just as long as we \_\_\_\_.

23. Structure named for 31st President

24. Indoor allergy trigger

25. Ship pronoun

28. H. H. Munro's pen name

30. Something or anything

35. Madam, to a cowboy

37. Dr. Jones, to his friends

39. Best not mentioned

40. Not in favor of

41. Myths and legends, e.g.

43. Mav/Etre d's list

44. France's longest river

46. \*\*I Can Read \_\_\_\_ My Eyes Shut!"

47. Use a beeper

48. In direct line of descent

50. Italian car maker

52. Equinox mo.

53. Coral barrier

55. Not a friend

57. \*\*From there to here, From here to there, Funny \_\_\_\_

are everywhere."

60. \*\*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. \_\_\_\_.

63. Canine foe

64. However, poetically

66. Full

68. Up and about

69. Porridge grain

70. Say something

71. Start of a conclusion

72. Parental involvement org.

73. Popular garden flower

3. Punjabi believer

4. Correct

5. Pause in breathing, pl.

6. \*\*If you never did, you should. These things are fun and fun is \_\_\_\_.

7. "Wheel of Fortune" request, 2 words

8. Indian metropolis

9. Sheltered, nautically

10. BBQ side

11. Toupee spot

12. "Zip it!"

15. Countdown to Christmas

20. Inbox item

22. Chowd down

24. Middle of a torso

25. \*\*A person's a person, no matter how \_\_\_\_.

26. Capital of Vietnam

27. Dine at home

29. \*\*You're on your own. And you know what you \_\_\_\_.

31. Pipe smoker's tool

32. Letter-shaped girder

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33. Polynesian kingdom

34. \*\*Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is \_\_\_\_ than you."

36. Bog down

38. Sasquatch's Himalayan cousin

42. Elevator passage

45. Breadwinner

49. Race part

51. 50-50

54. Bar by estoppel

56. Related on mother's side

57. Baloney

58. Rwanda's majority

59. a.k.a. The Islamic State

60. Itty-bitty bit

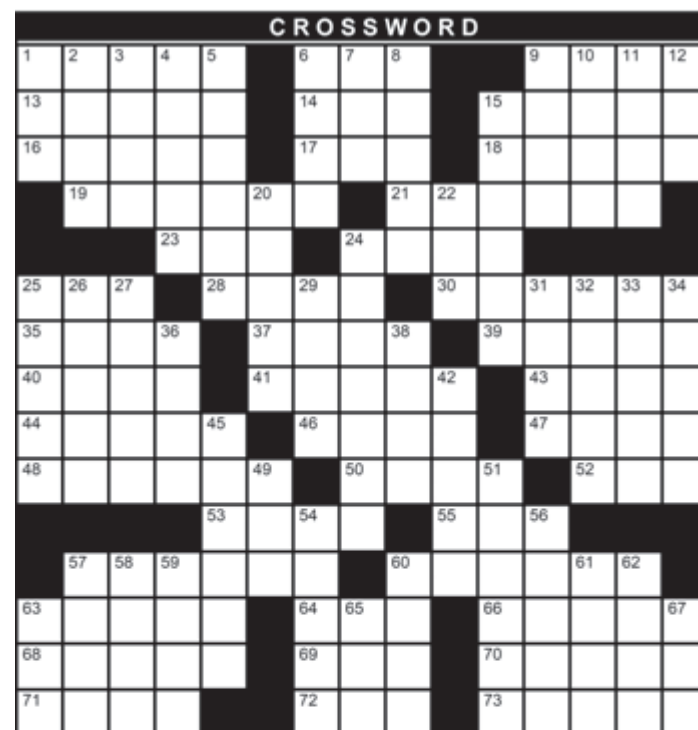
61. \_\_\_\_ von Bismarck

62. Not quite an adult

63. Latissimus dorsi, for short

65. \*\*It's a shirt. It's a sock. It's a glove. It's a \_\_\_\_.

67. Wine quality



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2. Turkey dance

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# Police Beat by Seth Isenberg

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

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

Richard Claypool in the Pocono Pines courtroom.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

broken windows and glass doors.

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

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

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

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

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

by Fernando Nunes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Police Beat

Continued from page 11

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

### Stealin'

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

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

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

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

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

### Keeping the Rubber Side Down

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

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

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

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

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

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## COVID-19 Inspired Art

### NCC student spreads awareness

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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# Minimum contribution for college savings program lowered

Pennsylvania State Treasurer Joe Torsella lowered the minimum contribution for the PA 529 College and Career Savings Program (PA 529) to \$10. Previously the minimum contribution amount for the Guaranteed Savings Plan

(GSP) was \$15, and the Investment Plan's (IP) was \$25.

"In good times and hard times, the biggest barrier to saving for a future is knowing how to start," said Torsella. "Now, Pennsylvania families need just \$10 to begin saving

for their child's future. Pennsylvania graduates carry some of the highest student debt loads in the nation. By starting early with just \$10, families can grow those savings over time and reduce the amount of debt their children may have to carry."

The PA 529 GSP is a lower-risk savings option where returns are based on tuition increases. GSP account owners save for future tuition rates at today's prices, by purchasing tuition credits in real-time.

The PA 529 IP includes 17 different investment options, including 3 age-based options,

through Vanguard. This variety allows families to choose the level of investment risk they are most comfortable with. The IP also has some of the lowest fees when compared with similar plans in other states.

The PA 529 IP recently earned a top-ten ranking by SavingForCollege.com for one-year performance. Additionally, in 2019, the IP was recognized with a Morningstar Bronze Rating. This rating puts the IP plan among an elite group of Top 529 College Savings Plans for 2019 analyzed and rated by Morningstar.

Account owners also receive numerous tax benefits including federal and Pennsylvania tax-free growth and tax-free withdrawals for qualified expenses, contributions that are deductible from PA state income taxes and account balances that are exempt from state inheritance tax. Assets in PA 529 accounts do not count against families when determining state financial aid eligibility, a benefit that is exclusive to PA 529.

In addition, all babies born or adopted to a PA family after December 31, 2018, receive a \$100 starter deposit to a PA 529 account, as part of Treasurer Torsella's Keystone Scholars program.

Families currently have more than \$5.5 billion in assets invested in PA 529 accounts. Over the life of the PA 529 program, it has paid out more than \$4 billion in qualified education expenses.

For more information about the PA 529 College and Career Savings Program visit [www.pa529.com](http://www.pa529.com) and follow all of the department's news on Facebook and Twitter.

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# Dean's List Roster

## Albright College

Caitlyn Basenese of Albrightsville, a graduate of Pocono Mountain West High School, Basenese studied Psychology during the spring semester.

## Moravian College

Derek Scott of Jim Thorpe.

## LCCC

### (Lehigh Carbon Community College)

Albrightsville: Shadow Alphonse, Ashley Cole, Victoria Defazio, Maille Galvin, Andrew Gilliar, Alexander Gretzinger, Sara Javorka, Kaylyn Joseph, Carol Keefer, Jessica Kowar, Dylan Letcher, Thomas Monboussin, Anastasia Nieves, Kaitlyn O'Neil, Raymond O'Neil, Dakota Schriner and Penina Vitulli.

Jim Thorpe: Kristy Berger, Makena Boger, Cody Buchanan, George Dugan, Kylee Dulski, Diane Feller, Tessa Ferguson, Corbin Frisvold, Christian Gould, Amanda Green, Gwen Haines, Alexis Hill, Carly Kuzan, Dominic Madera, John McCabe, Shannon McHugh, Kenneth Melber, Jr., Samantha Miller, Julianne Pheiffer, Nolan Rehrig, Sailyn Rodri-

guez, Emily Rohlfing, Andrew Rusbarsky, William Schwartz, Stephanie Sehenuk, Anna Shigo, Holly Skrimcovsky, Noah Snisky, Sean Soden, Natalie Terpstra, Angelo Testa and Amber Wirth.

Lake Harmony: John Healey, Jr.

## Susquehanna University

Leanne Van Essendelft, of Albrightsville, is an international business and chemistry major in the Class of 2023 and a graduate of Jim Thorpe Sr. High School; Ava Lowin, of Albrightsville, is a biology major in the Class of 2020 and a graduate of Jim Thorpe Sr. High School.

## University of Scranton

Jillian H. Saltz of Albrightsville, a freshman occupational therapy major in the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies; Ian P. MacDonald of Albrightsville, a senior accounting major in the University's Kania School of Management; Emily R. McVeigh of Albrightsville, a senior biochemistry, cell, molecular biology major in the University's College of Arts and Sciences.



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