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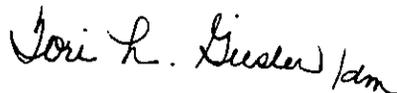
Re: *Joint Petition of Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company For Approval of Their Default Service Programs*
Docket Nos. P-2017-2637855, et al.

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Due to an error in the original filing on January 26, 2018, Metropolitan Edison Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Power Company and West Penn Power Company resubmit for filing the Proofs of Publication indicating that formal complaints and petitions to intervene were to be filed with the Commission with regard to the above-captioned matter. Please date stamp the extra copy of this transmittal letter and return it in the postage-prepaid envelope provided.

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Wolf vetoes bill to add abortion restrictions

By Marc Levy
Associated Press
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf on Monday vetoed a bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature that would have limited abortions to the first 20 weeks of pregnancy and, according to opponents, outlawed the most common method of second-trimester abortion.



—AP Photo

Wolf, who supports abortion rights, rejected what Planned Parenthood said would have been the nation's most restrictive abortion law.

He signed the veto paperwork in a public ceremony in Philadelphia City Hall, calling the bill "a disingenuous and bald-faced attempt to pass the most extreme anti-choice legislation in the country."

"This legislation is an attempt to criminalize the decisions that

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf speaks before vetoing a bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature to limit abortions to the first 20 weeks of pregnancy at City Hall in Philadelphia, Monday.

women must be allowed to make about their own health care," Wolf

told the crowd. "This legislation is so extreme it does not even include exceptions for women and girls who are victims of rape and incest."

The primary feature of the bill would have banned elective abortions after 20 weeks from a pregnant woman's last menstrual period compared with 24 weeks in current law.

The 20-week limit would have kept in place exceptions under current law for when a mother's life or well-being is at risk, but it had no exceptions for rape, incest or fetal abnormalities. Nineteen states have a similar ban, according to the nonprofit Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

The Pennsylvania bill's sponsor, state Sen. Michele Brooks, said a baby can survive outside the womb before 24 weeks, thanks to

advances in technology, and laws must catch up.

Brooks, a Crawford County Republican, said she was disappointed the state "will be unable to protect so many babies in the future, who will never know the joy of living."

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reports that delivery before 23 weeks of gestation typically results in death and, among the rare survivors, practically all have significant morbidity.

Statistics published by the state Department of Health show there were 330 abortions done after week 20 in 2015, the latest year for which data is available. There were 31,818 abortions in total that year in Pennsylvania.

The bill also would have effectively banned dilation and curettage, the most common method of

second-trimester abortion, opponents said. Two states have similar bans, while laws in six other states are on hold in courts, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Brooks contended that the bill does not ban the procedure, but rather, the fetus must first be injected by saline to cause its death. There were 1,589 dilation-and-curettage abortions in Pennsylvania in 2015, according to state statistics.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is no evidence that inducing fetal death makes second-trimester abortions safer, and opponents question whether such an injection makes it less safe for the mother.

The bill was opposed by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Lawmaker to 'step back' from reelection bid; won't resign

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Pennsylvania state senator who is the subject of allegations published by The Philadelphia Inquirer that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides said Monday that he will "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat.

Sen. Daylin Leach, a lawyer and a Democratic state lawmaker since 2003, did not immediately clarify whether he was ending his U.S. House campaign or not.

He said he planned to continue serving in the Senate, despite a call by Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, for Leach to resign.

Leach said he will cooperate with state Senate leaders to address the allegations and said it is "heart-breaking" to him that he made someone feel uncomfortable or disrespected.

"In the future I will take more care in my words and my actions, and I will make it my top priority to protect those who I speak up to help change the culture around us," Leach said.

Earlier this year, Leach announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to challenge fourth-term Republican U.S. Rep. Pat Meehan, who represents a district in Philadelphia's closely divided suburbs.

Leach has been among the Legislature's most prominent liberals, leading the fight for the legalization of same-sex marriage and medical marijuana. He also ran unsuccessfully for another congressional seat in 2014.

In the story, the inquirer quoted former party, campaign and legislative aides some anonymously, who accused the 56-year-old of behavior ranging from making sexualized jokes and comments to touching they considered inappropriate.

Audrey Montgomery, a finance director for Leach's 2008 state senate campaign, told the newspaper that Leach labeled her a

prude and ratcheted up the intensity after she complained to him about a sexualized tone in the office.

In a statement on Facebook after the inquirer published the story, Matt Goldfine, a 2008 campaign aide, said he could confirm Montgomery's account. He also cited Leach's routine tickling and hugging of female interns.

"This did not happen once; there was a pattern of behavior that I believe was totally inappropriate," Goldfine wrote.

In an earlier statement, Leach blamed the accusations on a whisper campaign mounted by an unnamed political opponent and denied ever inappropriately touching women.

He also said Montgomery was "as racy as anyone else" in the office, and this week was the first time he had ever heard that she had a problem.

Montgomery has worked for a man running in the next year's Democratic congressional primary, Dan Muroff.



—AP Photo

In this May 1, 2015, photo Pennsylvania State Sen. Daylin Leach, D-Montgomery, takes part in a May Day demonstration in Philadelphia. Leach who is the subject of allegations published by The Philadelphia Inquirer that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides said Monday, that he will "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat.

State briefs

Is responder recover fisherman's body
PROSPECT, Pa. (AP) — Emergency crews have recovered the body of a fisherman who fell through the ice on a lake in western Pennsylvania.

The Butler Eagle reports that crews were dispatched at about 10 a.m. Monday to Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park in Butler County.

Members of the Unionville Dive Team recovered the body of the victim, who has been tentatively identified as a man from the Pittsburgh area.

Park manager Dustin Drew said a visitor called 911 to report seeing someone in distress in the lake about 60 yards from an access road. Drew said "The caller just saw an arm waving."

Officials found fishing gear near a hole in the water. Drew estimated the depth at the site to be eight feet and the water temperature at about 32 degrees.

Police look for info on fatal hit-run driver
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Authorities say a person was struck and killed by a vehicle that fled the scene in suburban Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported that the accident happened Sunday night in Rose Township. Police didn't immediately provide further details.

The Philly Pretzel Factory said in a Facebook post that the hit-run happened shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday and the person who died was the father of an employee.

The company posted pictures of a white car that it said may have been involved, asking anyone who recognized it to call township police.

The firm called the death "the most despicable thing that could possibly happen to any family, a week before Christmas."

Authorities haven't released the name of the person killed.

Information from: Tribune-Review, <http://triblive.com>

Double-murder convict seeks 4th trial
CLAREFIELD, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania man convicted three times in the killing of a teen romantic rival two decades ago is seeking a fourth trial.

Andrew Callahan is serving life without parole in the November 1997 death of 16-year-old Miriah Pollock in Becraft Township.

The case is on appeal again following a ban on mandatory life without parole terms for juveniles.

The (Altoona) Mirror reports that the 36-year-old defendant's current attorney, Shawn McGraw, is challenging a previous attorney's decision not to seek a voluntary intoxication defense in his 2010 Clearfield County trial.

Callahan and Pollock were classmates at Glendale High School in Plintan, about 80 miles northeast of Pittsburgh. Callahan has said a gun accidentally discharged as the two were hunting, but prosecutors say he was jealous that Pollock was dating his ex-girlfriend.

Man who burned estranged wife with lye dies in prison
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20 honored by Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A brush that bordered the passenger side of the vehicle, complicating the escape of a 70-year-old museum owner who pulled a semiconscious man from a burning car following a crash in rural Pennsylvania is one of 20 people being honored with Carnegie Hero Fund Commission awards for heroism.

The Pittsburgh-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission announced the award winners on Tuesday.

James Raymond Garvey Sr. was driving with his wife in November 2016 when he saw the burning wreckage of Ryan Hindinger's SUV, according to the commission.

Garvey ran to the vehicle, which had rolled over and landed upright after the crash, and urged Hindinger to get out. But the 20-year-old was semiconscious and couldn't open the driver's side door because it was jammed shut. Flames ignited patches of

Orange City, Florida, saved a man from the scene of a burning car crash in August 2016.

Courtesy Baynes Dorsey, 16, of Georgetown, South Carolina, died while trying to save his brother from a strong rip current in the Atlantic Ocean in July 2016.

Demetrius T. Johnson, Sr., 24, of Buffalo, New York, died of smoke inhalation while attempting to save his son from a fire in February 2016.

Terryann E. Thomas 40, of Topeka, Kansas, helped fight off a man who attacked a woman in a police station waiting room in July 2015.

Austin Craig Welch, 18, of Bartow, Florida, drowned while helping his mother and sister escape from the strong currents of a fast-flowing river in September 2016.

Jason Allen Williams, 32,

Davis Ian Zinsenheim, 22, of Marietta, Georgia, died when he tried to stop a friend from falling off a cliff in May 2016.

Thomas M. Petruszak, 57, of Manteno, Illinois, drowned while trying to help a man who fell into a Lake Michigan bay in September 2016.

Noah Hill King, 38, of Panama City, Florida, saved a man from a burning car wreck in October 2016.

Frank B. Conselman, 45, of Rockwall, Texas, saved a man from drowning in Florida in July 2016.

James Edward Giles, 40, of Terrace, British Columbia, twice braved a burning building to save two young siblings in October 2016.

Mark Rich, 52, of Randleman, North Carolina, rescued a 9-year-old girl from

drowning at Atlantic Beach in July 2016.

Joshua J. Owen, 33, of Kansas City, Missouri, fought off an assailant and saved a mother and baby after being shot in the face in September 2016.

Hilton Quintana, 59, and Kyle Van Nute, 33, both of Pennsylvania, saved a man after a car crash.

Angel Darlene Fiorini, 32, and Matthew Paul Burson, 45, both of Washington, helped pull a seven-year-old girl from the scene of a raging mobile home fire in October 2016.

Justin William Schrepper, 24, of Rhineclander, Wisconsin, died as he tried to save two women from drowning in June 2016.

Dmitriy A. Bondarenko, 39, of Shakopee, Minnesota, drowned saving a man who was trapped by currents in the Gulf of Mexico in August 2016.

Gene therapy for rare form of blindness wins US approval

By MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health officials on Tuesday approved the nation's first gene therapy for an inherited disease, a treatment that improves the sight of patients with a rare form of blindness. It marks another major advance for the emerging field of genetic medicine.

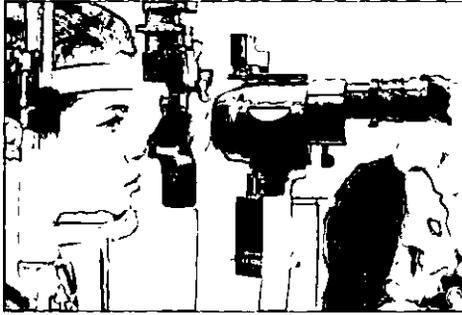
The approval for Spark Therapeutics offers a life-changing intervention for a small group of patients with a vision-destroying genetic mutation and hope for many more people with other inherited diseases. The drugmaker said it will not disclose the price until next month, delaying debate about the affordability of a treatment that analysts predict will be priced around \$1 million.

The injection, called voretigene, is the first gene therapy approved by the Food and Drug Administration in which a corrective gene is given directly to patients. The gene mutation interferes with the production of an enzyme needed for normal vision.

Patients who got the treatment have described seeing snow, stars or the moon for the first time.

"One of the best things I've ever seen since surgery are the stars I never knew that they were little dots that twinkled," said Mistie Luvette of Kentucky, one of several patients who urged the FDA to approve the therapy at a public hearing in October.

Patients with the condition generally start losing their sight before age 18, almost always progressing to total blindness. The defective gene that causes the disease can be passed down for generations undetected before suddenly appearing when a child inherits a copy from both parents. Only a few thousand people in the U.S. are thought to have the condition.



In this Oct. 4, 2017, file photo, Dr. Albert Maguire, right, checks the eyes of Misa Kaebal, 6, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Misa was 4-year-old when he received his gene therapy treatment. On Tuesday the Food and Drug Administration approved the therapy which improves the vision of patients with a rare form of inherited blindness, another major advance for the burgeoning field of genetic medicine.

Luxturna is delivered via two injections, one for each eye — that replace the defective gene that prevents the retina, at the back of the eye, from converting light into electronic signals sent to the brain.

The FDA has approved three gene therapies since August, as decades of research into the genetic building blocks of life began translating into marketable treatments. The previous two are custom-made treatments for forms of blood cancer. Novartis' Kymriah is priced at \$475,000

for a one-time infusion of genetically enhanced cells. Gilead Sciences' similar treatment, Yescarta, costs \$373,000 per treatment.

The Philadelphia-based Spark Therapeutics said it will announce its price in early January, but suggested its own analysis put the value of the therapy in the \$1-million-dollar range. Key to the company's reasoning is the assumption that Luxturna will be given once, with lasting benefits. To date, the company has tracked patients enrolled in a key study for as long

as four years and hasn't seen their vision deteriorate.

"All the data we have today suggests a long-lasting, if not lifelong," said Spark CEO Jeffrey Marzocco.

Given Luxturna's FDA approval and strong study results, many experts expect U.S. insurers including both the federal government and private plans, to cover the treatment.

The spate of new genetic therapies marks a boom for a field once plagued by safety concerns. Gene therapy research suffered a setback in 1999 with the death of a patient treated for a rare metabolic disorder at the University of Pennsylvania. In another case, patients treated for an immune disorder later developed leukemia.

Dr. David Valle said initial excitement about the wide-ranging possibilities for genetic medicine has given way to a more deliberate approach focused on individual diseases. He applauded researchers at the University of Pennsylvania for decades of work that led to the treatment.

"The hope for gene therapy has been without many successes and actually a few failures, so chalk this one up in the win column," said Valle, a geneticist and pediatrician at Johns Hopkins University, who was not involved in Luxturna's development.

University of Pennsylvania researcher Dr. Jean Bennett said she and her husband, Dr. Albert Maguire, first imagined using genetic medicine to treat retinal blindness in the mid-1980s. But it took decades to develop the science and technology, with the first animal tests in 2001 and the first human trials in 2007.

"We didn't know what genes caused the disease, we didn't have animal models with those genes, we didn't have the ability to clone genes and deliver them to the retina — so it took time to do that," said Bennett, an eye specialist.

Board games get messy with squirting toilets, soggy dogs

By JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Katie Cogliano has learned to keep the Toilet Trouble game her kids love on top of her fridge, out of their sight. Her 6-year-old and 8-year-old love to play with the poop-shaped toy — but for Cogliano, it can be a pain.

As part of the game, players take turns flushing a nearby 11-inch plastic toilet before water sprays out, which is supposed to hit a player's face. But Cogliano's kids tend to dodge it, and water ends up on the floors or chairs. Cogliano likes that Toilet Trouble keeps her kids off their screens, so long as they're allowed to play it as they're at the table.

But when friends come over, it definitely does not come down from the fridge. "They're not going to clean it up," says Cogliano, who works in corporate education and lives in New York. "That, I can tell you."

It's not just Toilet Trouble. Board games are getting messier as toy makers try to match the popularity of Pie Face, a game that flings whipped cream at faces. The latest entries, such as Toilet Trouble and Soggy Doggy, splash spray or shake water onto players. Videos of players getting wet or smacked with whipped cream are popular on YouTube, Facebook or Instagram, and help to fuel sales.

"Kids like to get messy," says Richard Gottlieb, a consultant at Global Top Experts. He says the games "gives them permission to act out a little bit."

Some parents say they don't mind wiping off whipped cream or water spills so much because the games are entertaining enough to pull kids away from their iPads or video games. "It's just pure, basic fun," says Brandi Reuters, who

plays Pie Face with her family of four. "They can go through half a tub of Cool Whip in an hour, says the stay-at-home mom from Nebraska City, Nebraska. But Pie Face is not that messy, she says, just some stickiness on their skin and dribbles of Cool Whip if it starts to melt.

What she likes about the game is that it requires no skill or strategy. Each player puts their head on a mask and take turns turning a handle until one of them gets smushed. Unlike other board games, there is no arguing between her 8- and 9-year-old sons over who cheated, she says. "It's just fun and you laugh."

Made by Hasbro, Pie Face became a hit after it was released in 2015. There are now several versions, including one that's 3 feet tall. Pie Face also



This Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2017, photo shows the Soggy Doggy game from Ideal on display at the 2017 TTPM Holiday Showcase in New York.

helped launch a new category of games for Hasbro, says Jonathan Berkowitz, who oversees the company's portfolio of games, including Monopoly and Operation. Hasbro followed Pie Face

then cracked over a person's head. More of these types of games will come next year, says Berkowitz.

The games can become viral sensations online, and kids who see videos or pictures of people getting wet or hit with whipped cream then ask their parents to buy the games.

"I call them social toys because it's a toy that you have to take a picture, says Jim Silver, the editor-in-chief of toy review website TTPM. "It's the social channels that are driving the great sales."

Toy maker Spin Master, whose best-known brand is the egg-tossing Hatchimals, rushed to release Soggy Doggy in time for the holidays. Francesco Letran, a vice president of marketing at spin, said in comparison, the company, Soggy Doggy features a dog in a bathtub that's filled with water

Players turn a faucet and the dog shakes quickly at one point, splashing water off of its rubbery fur. The game was on several hot holiday toy lists and was a best-seller on Amazon.com.

When Marilynn Alt brought Soggy Doggy to her parents' home for Thanksgiving, there was less love for it. She and her 4-year-old son were asked to play on the tiled kitchen floor.

"It gets you a little wet," says Alt, a legal assistant who lives in Arlington, Virginia. "It's like walking by a sprinkler."

She was happy the game was able to keep the attention of her son. Other board games, without shaly dogs, splash water, might be fun, but she says, "I don't know if I can play Candy Land with him at this point."

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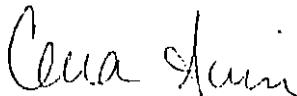
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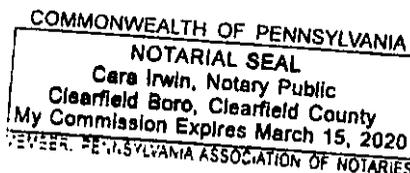
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This site along West Main Street in Mahaffey was the scene of a fire in November that destroyed two vacant homes. One of those properties has been cleaned up by the owner and the other has not.

Mahaffey Boro hopes of resolution for clean up of burned out property

By Dianna Byers
dbyers@theprogressnews.com

MAHAFFEY — Mahaffey Borough Council hopes to come to terms with Clearfield County that would allow the borough the freedom to get rid of an eyesore.

At Monday's meeting, council approved sending Council Enforcement Officer Roy "Dutch" Markle and Councilman John Brunker to visit the Clearfield County Commissioners to discuss what can be done about a property that was mostly destroyed in a fire — and make

an offer to purchase the property so that the blighted property that is along U.S. Route 219 and state Route 36 can be cleaned up.

On Nov. 19, 2016, at approximately 2:45 a.m., volunteer firefighters from Community Volunteers Fire Department of Mahaffey were dispatched to 215 W. Main St., Mahaffey, for a report of a structure fire in a two-story wood-frame home.

The property, part of an estate that was not opened or settled after the owner died, has not been cleaned up following the fire. At a

meeting earlier this year, council approved removing the debris from the property, but has been unable to secure permission to enter the property. The property has also been listed for several Clearfield County property tax sales.

The fire burned most of the home and spread to a neighboring house at 205 W. Main St., completely destroying that home as well. That property was cleaned up by the owners.

"We just want to clean the mess up," Councilman Frank Sherwood said.

Gas prices see slight dip ahead of holiday season

Average retail gasoline prices in Pennsylvania have fallen 1.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.71/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 5,269 gas outlets in Pennsylvania.



This compares with the national average that has fallen 3.3 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.41/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in Pennsylvania during the past week, prices yesterday were 28 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 8.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 12.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands at 17.3 cents per gallon higher than that day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on Dec. 18 in Penn-

sylvia have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.43/g in 2016, \$2.21/g in 2015, \$2.72/g in 2014, \$3.41/g in 2013 and \$3.44/g in 2012.

Prices in Progressland and their current gas price climate:

- Clearfield — \$2.65/g at Soap Bros.
- DuBois — \$2.69/g at GetGo
- Philipsburg — \$2.75/g at Sheetz

"As we approach Christmas, average gas prices

in the US have fallen to their lowest point in 110 days, just as Hurricane Harvey began causing prices to spike, not exactly the Christmas gift some hoped for, but it's about time nonetheless," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"As long as demand for gasoline continues to weaken, gasoline inventories will continue growing and it'll be the gift that keeps on giving.

In addition, the gap between prices today and a year ago is also at its narrowest in months, highlighting that prices are moving in the right direction for many. As we look towards our annual Fuel Outlook being released just after the New Year, there are some bright spots along with some concerns that lay ahead for 2018."

For LIVE fuel price averages, visit <http://FuelInsights.GasBuddy.com>

Mahaffey Municipal Authority tentatively makes plans to apply for grant funds

By Dianna Byers
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MAHAFFEY — Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority tentatively approved submitting an application to the state's Commonwealth Financing Authority's upcoming grant program.

Engineer Travis Long of Gwin, Dobson and Foreman Inc. of Altoona, the authority's consulting engineer, informed members at Monday's meeting of an upcoming grant round for small water and wastewater systems infrastructure.

Authority members said the treatment plant has a number of components that have outlived their life expectancy, naming the pumps, blowers and aeration system.

Municipalities and municipal authorities can submit applications for projects totaling \$30,000 to \$500,000, Long said. Applications are due Feb. 28. Successful applicants will be notified later next year. Grant funding would be received in 2019.

Long said he would draft a project list for approval at the authority's Jan. 15 meeting. "It's worth a stab. It won't do any harm to apply," Chairman Ed Depp said.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

BURNSIDE BOROUGH COUNCIL

By Dianna Byers
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BURNSIDE - Highlights from Sunday's rescheduled Burnside Borough Council meeting include:

1 Council revised its policy on service calls for streetlights.

The general fund's spending plan proposes revenue of \$44,801 and expenses of \$41,509.

- The state road fund's income is \$17,100 and expenditures are \$13,700.
- The borough's wastewater department fund projects revenue of \$13,190 and expenses of \$13,112. The water department fund estimates income of 445,001 and expenditures of \$40,578.

3 Council set Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. as the date and time for its reorganizational meeting.

4 Council adopted the 2018 budget with no increase in taxes, water or wastewater rates at Sunday's rescheduled meeting.

MAHAFFEY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

By Dianna Byers
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MAHAFFEY — Highlights from Monday's meeting of Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority include:

1 The authority reminded customers it has mailed the 2018 monthly payment coupon booklets. Any customer who did not

receive a booklet should call Secretary Barbara Markle at 277-6666.

2 2018 meetings have been scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 9 a.m. at the municipal building's conference room. The dates are Jan. 15, Feb. 19, March 13, April 16, May 21, June 19, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

Serve Continued from A1

night's meeting that the WHMA board consists of five members — three from Boggs Township and two representatives from Wallaverton Borough. Currently, Wallaverton is having trouble filling one of its two positions, with Dickson stating Wallaverton has informed Boggs that a person from the township could serve as a Wallaverton representative since they have been unable to find anyone.

Dobo said she also brought up the idea months ago and feels it would be a good idea. She stated when it was proposed at that time, she "heard some grumbling" because she is currently one of the three Boggs Township representatives on the board.

"But I'm willing to resign from the (WHMA) board so that the board members that are currently there can be paid," Dobo

said. "I don't want people thinking I'm doing it just for myself because I'm not. I believe these people need compensated for the time they put in."

Dobo made a motion allow WHMA to pursue the possibility of paying its board members, which she said Wallaverton Borough had already done. Dickson agreed and the motion passed by a 2-0 vote. Supervisor Rickey Drull was absent.

Exam Continued from A1

He ran to nearby Brown Street, stole a car at 37 Brown St., accelerated it at full speed and used it to strike and kill Betty Andryka, 61, of DuBois, formerly of Clearfield, who was mowing her lawn at 32 Brown St.

Covered in blood, Nelson then ran down the street to 28 Brown St., and attacked two women at the residence where a Bible study group was being held.

Nelson attacked the first woman outside of the residence, striking her several times and he tried to pull her into the basement when they were spotted by a second woman inside the home. When Nelson saw the second female, he entered the

home and attacked her as well before being restrained by neighbors.

When seen by a taser on Nelson several times to subdue him Nelson was handcuffed, placed in leg shackles strapped into a bed and placed in an ambulance.

While en route to the hospital, Nelson freed his legs from the bed restraints. He then attempted to strangle DuBois City Police Officer Sgt. Rodney Fairman with the leg shackles. Fairman was able to free himself and Nelson was removed from the ambulance by police at the hospital.

Nelson is currently incarcerated in SCI Houtzdale without bail.



Photo courtesy of Rescue Hose & Ladder Station 8 of Curwensville.

Two people with their three grandsons narrowly escaped this blaze at their home in Kellytown. More than 35 firefighters from numerous area fire companies battled the 3 a.m. blaze on Monday. The structure, owned by Dale and Patricia Barnett, is a total loss.

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Several animals, including numerous chickens, dogs and a rabbit, did not make it out the burning structure. A variety of animals outside the home — a turkey, ducks, and chickens — were able to be saved, and could be seen around the burned-out home on Monday afternoon.

A State Police Fire Marshal was called to the scene and the exact cause of the

fire is still under investigation, DeLattre said. He noted the house is a total loss. He estimated property damage at more than \$30,000 and more than twice that amount to rebuild.

Red Cross was contacted to aid the family in recovery efforts. A GoFundMe account has also been established for the family. That account can be found at www.gofundme.com/ty-wjh-rebuilding-my-parsonis-home.

In addition to Curwensville and Madera fire companies, about 35 firefighters assisting on scene were from Lawrence Township, Hyde, Glen Hoxey, Glen Hope, Irwona, Ramsey, Houtzdale and Glendale. Other emergency responders included Madera Ambulance and R1&1 Ambulance.

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KETTLE

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Donations so far include five \$3,000 checks from the Employee Community Service Fund at GE Transportation, for a total of \$15,000 from that group. That fund donates money that employees at GE Transportation voluntarily have withheld from their checks.

By contrast, the 2016 campaign had collected \$114,000 by mid-December, including a \$10,000 Community Service Fund donation from GE, Myers said.

"So overall we're about \$2,000 behind last year," Myers said. "My big concern for this year is that the Salvation Army doesn't collect on Sunday, and this year, December 24 is a Sunday. We had \$11,243 in donations come in on Christmas Eve last year. And we will not have that kind of this year."

Erie-area Salvation Army officials decided

that they would adjust fundraising expectations this year because of recent layoffs at GE Transportation and what Myers called "donor fatigue" after local residents were called on, in recent months, to help victims of hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The Salvation Army's fundraising goal was \$200,000 in 2016; they collected just shy of \$149,000. That was nearly \$10,000 less than what was collected during the 2015 drive and the least given since at least 2008.

The primary goal of the red kettle drive is to provide Christmas food and toys for needy families. Myers said between 1,400 and 1,500 local families will be assisted this Christmas season.

Families receive gift cards to shop for food, and the Salvation Army provides at least one and usually two toys for each child served by the program.

Between 1,200 and 1,300 children received gifts through the program in 2016.

Additionally, Myers said, the local Salvation Army has had trouble keeping all of its 26 local red kettle locations staffed with volunteers, who work either a daytime shift between 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or an evening shift from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We certainly have openings. If someone wants to help us," Myers said.

Erie's Stan Gajewski, 60, has tried to do his part when it comes to recruiting.

Gajewski, a former school psychologist, has been a volunteer Salvation Army bell ringer for four years. He works various Erie-area locations at least three times a week.

"I've talked to people about it," Gajewski said while manning a kettle outside Tops Friendly Markets, 1702 W. 38th St. "I enjoy the people, saying 'good morning,' watching them smile and make a donation. Plus the Salvation Army helps so many people. You never know when you might need that kind of help."

the red kettle campaign can call 454-6497. "After it picks up, hit zero and the first available staff member will help," he said.

Besides making a red kettle donation, the public can contribute to the campaign in other ways:

•Text "Erie" to 101990 to make a donation of at least \$10.

•Donate via the organization's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ErieTempleCorps.

•Mail a donation to the Salvation Army, P.O. Box 737, Erie, PA 16512.

Myers said he hopes Erie's generosity and compassion will boost the campaign in its final days.

"One of the things we never really know about are the folks who are last-minute givers. Generally, checks come in between Christmas and New Year's Day," Myers said.

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Donations pour in after Meadville Salvation Army fire

By Sarah Grabekl
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don't believe was significant. The problem is that smoke, soot and water damage made all of the contents a total loss," she said. "We will definitely have to take care of the damages done to the building. I'm not quite sure, but I think the estimates are between \$10,000 and \$15,000 of damage."

The Salvation Army said in a statement that the fire started in the kitchenette area as the result of a faulty refrigerator.

No one was injured in the fire, which snuffed itself out, Meadville Fire Department officials said.

Donations are being accepted online at <http://bit.ly/2yuuuW>.

Donations will be distributed as gift cards and vouchers, "because collecting and sorting toys will not allow enough time for actual food collection, sorting and distribution."

The donation page will be open through the end of December, Fenick said.

Sarah Grabekl can be reached at 870-1776 or by email. Follow her on Twitter at twitter.com/ETNSGrabekl.

The Meadville Salvation Army continues to receive donations after an early-morning fire Thursday destroyed food and toys meant for distribution to nearly 200 families for Christmas.

"I don't have an exact dollar amount, but I can tell you we have been extremely blessed by the generosity of the community," said Donna Fenick, divisional director of marketing and public relations for the Salvation Army Western Pennsylvania division.

"There have been donations from outside the community, as well."

Fenick said the organization hopes to raise at least \$25,000. "I am pretty sure that we've gotten close to that amount, if not exceeded that," she said.

A trailer and warming tent have been set up in the parking lot of the damaged building, 1037 Park Ave., where people have been dropping off toys. The fire was contained to a small part of the building, Fenick said.

AWARDS

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Sinnott also presented a commendation to Ptl. Daniel Shields, who also played a role in the incident.

Tate was charged with offenses including two counts of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer. He is scheduled for trial in February, according to court documents.

Also honored Monday was Erie police Cpl. Tom Lenox, who received a proclamation on behalf of the citizens of Erie for his leadership in the reestablished Erie Police Athletic League. An after-school program for students at Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary School during the 2016-17 school year was expanded over the summer when Lenox and others created a weeklong day camp hosted by Gannon University that dozens of city children attended in early August.

The Police Athletic League branched out this fall to include a weekly program at McKinley Elementary School and a Saturday program at the Trinity Center, Lenox said.

Lenox recognized the efforts of Cpl. Curtis Waite and patrolmen Jason Weismiller, Chris O'Connell and Michael Caccione,

who also participate in the Police Athletic League programs.

Shnott and Dacus additionally recognized the efforts of detectives in the Major Crimes Unit of the police bureau's Criminal Investigation Division in clearing, through arrest, two homicide cases from 2016 and all the homicides that occurred in 2017.

"The major crime detectives do tremendous work solving very difficult cases. They make great sacrifices to accomplish this," said unit commander Lt. Jon Peters, who accepted the commendation on behalf of the unit. "It's nice that they are being recognized today for their accomplishments."

Detectives opened 2017 by continuing their investigation into the fatal shooting of 28-year-old Erie resident Darrin Germany Jr. on the early morning of Dec. 31. Detectives would charge the accused shooter, 26-year-old Grover H. Lyons, in early February.

Three other homicides occurred over three weeks beginning on Jan. 15, when 26-year-old Erie resident Marcell Flemings was fatally shot in the lot of the Shell gas station at East Sixth and Parade streets. Erie resident Merle A. Page Jr., 27, was charged in the shooting.

Also charged with homicide in early February was

15-year-old Erie resident Keyan Lucas, whom detectives accused of fatally shooting 24-year-old Lavelle Beason in an east-side neighborhood on Jan. 23, when Lucas was 14.

In late March, detectives charged 35-year-old Erie resident John E. Poole Jr. in the stabbing death on Feb. 4 of 42-year-old Robert McCarthy at an East Ninth Street residence.

The other homicide cases cleared by detectives occurred:

•On April 30, when 28-year-old De'Andre Carter was shot inside a West Fourth Street tavern and later died. Shawn E. Smith, 33, was charged.

•On June 2, when 26-year-old Anita Jones was fatally strangled inside her Holland Street apartment. Justin E. Glover, 27, was charged.

•On June 29, when 28-year-old David Tate was fatally shot in the 1200 block of East 20th Street. Charged in the case are Jalen D. Keynolds, 24; Tasha L. Santiago, 26; Lashonta L. Dade, 25; and David A. Dalton, 30.

In late October, detectives charged 19-year-old Jay-C.O. McClumphy, of Danville, with homicide and other offenses in the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Isiah Wiley in the 1000 block of Lincoln Avenue on June 6, 2016. Investigators said they linked McClumphy to the crime

in part through the recovery of a firearm in another police investigation.

Tim Hahn can be reached at 870-1731 or by email. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/ETNHahn.

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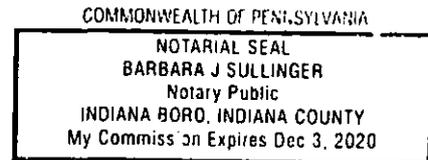
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Airlines inch back to normal after Atlanta airport fire

By BOB SCARACHE JR. and TOM KRASNER
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines and other carriers that operate out of Atlanta's busy airport say they expect to be running normally by Tuesday after a fire and blackout there forced the cancellations of over 1,500 flights days before the start of the Christmas rush.

A spokesman for Delta, by far the biggest airline at the world's busiest airport, said most of its delayed passengers had been booked on flights scheduled to leave Monday. Spokesman Michael Thomas said the airline should be "largely if not completely" back to normal today, well before the huge travel weekend ahead of Christmas Day.

But no matter how fast Delta and other airlines move, it will take a few days to get the hundreds of thousands of grounded passengers to their final destinations, said Robert Mann, president of an airline consulting firm in Port Washington, N.Y. In rare cases, some passengers won't arrive until Thursday, he said.

There are just a few seats available during a peak holiday week, that's just going to take a lot of flights with four or five seats apiece," Mann said.

The nation's air-travel system was snarled after the underground blaze knocked out electricity Sunday and crippled Harts-



ZARON McWILLIAMS looked over luggage Monday at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta. She was stuck on the tarmac for eight hours on Sunday during the power outage.

field-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for about 11 hours.

Southwest, the airport's second-largest airline, said Monday it was back on a normal schedule, but a spokesman could not say how long it would take to clear the backlog of stranded travelers.

American Airlines, which is much smaller, said that it, too, booked many of its passengers on new flights but that some will have to wait until later in the week to fly.

The fire broke out Sunday after many travelers stuck for hours in Atlanta. They spent Sunday night on a carpeted floor outside an elevator at the airport. He usually was told it could be Tuesday before he would get a flight home, but later he said he was able to get on a Monday flight.

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College student Joe Ryan had planned to fly home to Chicago with his father on Sunday on

Atlanta after a four-day seminar in Atlanta. He spent Sunday night on a carpeted floor outside an elevator at the airport. He usually was told it could be Tuesday before he would get a flight home, but later he said he was able to get on a Monday flight.

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Calm days allow gains on Southern California wildfire

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and ANDREW BAXTON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Firefighters took advantage of calm winds in Southern California to reach 50 percent containment of a massive wildfire, officials said Monday. "We've had a very productive day," said Deputy Chief Mark Brown of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "The weather conditions were just right for us."

Monday was the first of a two-day window of calm winds in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties where the so-called Thomas Fire has burned for two weeks.

The fire northwest of Los Angeles has now spread to about 423 square miles, making it the third biggest since accurate records were kept starting in 1932.

The largest, the 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County, burned about 427 square miles.

Officials estimate the Thomas Fire will grow to become the biggest in state history before full containment, which is expected by Jan. 7.

It was still threatening communities northwest of Los Angeles, where thousands remain under evacuation orders.

The hot, gusty winds that caused a huge flare-up and forced more residents to flee over the weekend are expected to come back Wednesday.

The fire burning through

brush in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties has burned more than 1,000 structures, including at least 750 homes. Some 18,000 more residences are still threatened.

Michael and Sonia Behrman told KABC-TV they fled their hillside home when heavy smoke blew in and returned to find it in ashes.

"It's just hard to put into

words," Michael Behrman said.

"It's where we live, it's just smoke and ruin right now."

Everything about the fire has been massive, from the scale of destruction that destroyed neighborhoods to the people attacking it.

More than 4,000 firefighters from nearly a dozen states battled the third-largest wildfire in state history.

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THREAT

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The student council member who monitors the high school's Twitter account read the message Thursday morning and immediately reported the threat to school officials, who in turn contacted Hess. Upper Yoder police and Cambria County detectives quickly began investigating, Hess said.

Investigators were able to obtain a court order obligating Twitter to turn over the IP address and email address associated with the account that made the threat. By cross-referencing that information with school records, they were able to identify the suspect, according to Hess.

After talking with the suspect's father and getting permission to talk with the suspect, they obtained a written confession, Hess said. Even after that confession was obtained, however, the suspect's motive remained partially unclear, he added.

The closure of school on Dec. 11 was part of the investigation, he related, but he suspected all of that it gave them the idea, if that's what spawned the idea," Hess said.

Investigators are confident that no Westmont Hilltop student was ever in any real danger.

"There were no means. He never took any steps in fur-



Dan Hill (right), president of Westmont Hilltop school board, speaks during a press conference on Monday. Westmont Hilltop Schools Superintendent Tim Williams is at left.

therance of that threat. There was no plan and no weapons involved," Hess said.

When asked if he worried that students might be inspired to use fake threats of violence as a way to get out of having to go to school, Hess emphasized that investigators took the threat seriously, that they were able to identify a suspect quickly and that the charges the suspect is now facing are "very serious."

"I would like to point out that, from the beginning, we took this investigation very seriously," he said.

"Obviously, the person has been stressed, and they are facing felony charges, which are obviously very serious. ... If there is anything else out there who's thinking of doing something like this, as a joke or as a way of getting out of school, this is a very serious matter

and we will treat any following incidents the same way."

Erin Dominick, the juvenile court prosecutor for the Cambria County District Attorney's Office, said that the suspect's young age means that she is legally prohibited from discussing many aspects of his situation.

Speaking in general terms, though, Dominick said a juvenile facing a terrorism threat charge would, if convicted, likely be given a sentence that focuses on rehabilitation, rather than punishment, and that includes a community service component.

The school days the district canceled last week will be made up later in the school year, Superintendent Timothy Williams said.

Mark Pato is a reporter for The Tribune-Democrat. Follow him on Twitter @markpato

Trump doctrine: Economic security is national security

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Tuesday his strategy envisions nations in constant competition, brushing aside Obama-era warnings on climate change and affirming that the United States will unilaterally defend its sovereignty, even if that means risking existing agreements with other countries.

In a speech at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Trump faulted previous U.S. leaders for failing to look out for the nation's citizens. He promised to seek openings to cooperate with rivals, but added that "we will stand up for ourselves and

we will stand up for our country like we have never stood up before."

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Revisiting many of his campaign themes, the president argued that he has already seen improvements since tak-

ing office, pointing to the economy's strong performance, his withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership on trade and his intent to exit the Paris climate accord.

"America is coming back and coming back strong," he said.

The strategy from the Republican president could sharply alter U.S. international relationships if fully implemented.

It focuses on four main themes: protecting the homeland, promoting American prosperity, demonstrating peace through strength and advancing American influence in an ever-competitive world.

ABORTION

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known as "dilation and evacuation." Instead, it would require the doctor to tell the fetus by some other means before performing the abortion with the procedure.

"The people who say this legislation is 'radical' and 'cruel' are the same people who believe it is acceptable to tear the arms and legs off a six-month baby in utero," Brooks said. "That's cruel and radical. I find it radical and cruel for the governor to protect someone on death row who has raped and murdered women, but not protect the life of an innocent baby."

Wolf set the bill in a ceremony at Philadelphia City Hall, joined by Mayor Jim Kenney.

Prior to passing in the state House, the measure was approved in February by the Senate in a 33-18 vote.

"I fully support the governor's decision to veto this bill," Kenney said. "The state should not be telling women — particularly women who become pregnant by rape or incest — that they don't have the right to decide what to do with their body."

"These women are victims and they should not be victimized again by this law," Brooks said.

Monday's move was Wolf's third veto this year and his 21st since becoming governor in 2015.

Wolf is a Democrat. Both chambers of the Legislature are controlled by Republican majorities.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life group that focuses on supporting pro-life women candidates, said that despite Wolf's move, the effort to ban abortions after 20 weeks has momentum nationally.

"The U.S. is one of only seven countries that allow abortion on-demand after five months, putting us in the company of China and North Korea," Dannenfelser said.

Similar 20-week abortion bans have already passed in 20 other states, she said, and a national version of the law could pass Congress in 2018, she said.

"President Donald Trump has pledged to advance and sign into law the Fair-Capable Uniform Child Protection Act, and we expect a vote on this in the Senate early next year," she said.

Planned Parenthood cheered the governor's move and criticized lawmakers for forcing the governor to take out his veto pen to thwart the legislation.

"The audacity of the lawmakers who pushed this bill through without holding any hearings or seeking input from qualified medical professionals is almost unfathomable," said Lindsay Mauldin, deputy director for Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates.

"What's somehow even worse is that they undertook this legislation knowing full well that if enacted, it would promptly be vetoed by the governor and struck down by the courts."

Critics say the 20-week abortion limit wouldn't stand up in courts because it violates earlier Supreme Court decisions about when a fetus is viable.

Mauldin called the General Assembly's passage of the bill a callous attempt to score political points through needless cruelty toward women.

Earlier this year, Wolf vetoed a bill that would have banned local governments from banning plastic shopping bags. He also vetoed a bill that would have created work requirements for able-bodied adults who get health care coverage through Medicaid.

The Legislature didn't try to override either of these vetoes.

No decision has yet been made on trying to override the abortion bill veto.

Stephen Miskin, a spokesman for House Majority Leader Dave Reed, said legislative leaders will review the governor's veto message before making a decision about whether to try to override his veto on the abortion bill.

Jennifer Kocher, a spokeswoman for Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman, said the path forward in the Senate isn't clear either.

"It's something we will have to discuss with our caucus," she said.

TASTY

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The Christmas Eve dinner centers on a roast duck or goose.

Although all his grandparents emigrated from the Hungary-Austria region of Europe, Kovak says she has little more than the traditional foods to recall her family's roots.

"They didn't talk about the homeland," Kovak said. "I am sorry now that I didn't ask more questions."

She does remember her grandfather saying how much the Laurel Highlands reminded him of the hills on his homeland.

Another tradition is being carried on by her husband, David Kovak. Although his family was not from Hungary, he adopted the Easter tradition of making kielbasa. He learned from his wife's family.

"My grandmother and my uncle taught my husband and me to do it," Alexis Kovak said. "He's carrying on their tradition. He gets phone calls all the time. 'When are you going to make your kielbasa this year?'"

Randy Griffith is a reporter for The Tribune-Democrat. Follow him on Twitter @phillygriff.

Csiga noodles

Ingredients

- 4 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 4 eggs
- 1/3 cup water

Noodle preparation

1. Combine flour and salt and place in bowl of mixer fitted with a dough hook.
2. Lightly beat eggs and add to flour mixture.
3. Knead for approximately 10 minutes or until the dough is shiny.
4. Let the dough rest for 10 minutes.
5. Divide into baseball-sized sections and place under a lower.
6. Working with one section at a time, roll the dough through a pasta rolling machine starting at setting 1 and stopping at setting 6. Flour as needed in between passes through the pasta machine.
7. Cut into squares and roll on a csiga board to produce csiga.
8. Dry completely before storing.
9. To cook, drop into boiling water and cook approximately 5 minutes or until tender.

Chicken soup

Ingredients

- 1 chicken, about 5 pounds
- 4 or 5 carrots, whole
- 1 whole parsley root with greens
- 1 or 2 onions
- 2 or 3 ribs of celery
- 1 small whole tomato
- 4 quarts of water
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. fresh ground black pepper

Soup preparation

1. Cook chicken in pot with water, skimming the scum off when starting soup to boil.
2. Place all the vegetables and spices in the pot.
3. Cook under a low flame until the chicken is tender. Remove as much fat as possible.
4. Strain soup and serve with noodles.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUTURE ELECTRIC RATES

On December 11, 2017, Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed), Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), and West Penn Power Company (West Penn Power) filed a petition with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) requesting approval of their Default Service Programs for the period June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2023. This filing is in accordance with the Pennsylvania statute and the PUC's rules and orders establishing the terms and conditions under which the Companies will continue to procure power for their customers who are not shopping with alternative electric generation suppliers.

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to review the filing, which can be found at www.hrsintergroup.com. You may visit the Companies' business offices to examine copies of the documents filed with the PUC, located at 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania (Met-Ed); 5404 Evans Road, Erie, Pennsylvania (Penelec); 2939 North Hermitage Road, Clark, Pennsylvania (Penn Power), or 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania (West Penn Power).

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ABUSE

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He was joined by Marel Hamilton, a leading national advocate for the prevention of child abuse, who discussed multiple subjects, including a widely rumored — but officially unconfirmed — grand jury investigation by Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General into alleged abuse within multiple dioceses.

"My feeling — at this point — is I really want to see how this works in New York. I think this is a pilot model that has a real chance," Hamilton said. "Right now, in Pennsylvania, the momentum died down, unfortunately, but I think it's partially because I think everybody is waiting to see what happens with the grand jury report."

Hamilton is the founder of Child USA, a Pennsylvania-based organization that, according to its website, "identifies the laws and policies that harm our children and

then conducts relevant evidence-based legal, medical and social science research."

Child USA is, according to Hamilton, "now stepping forward to lead the way" for groups and individuals looking to eliminate the state's statute of limitations — an issue the Legislature is expected to address again in 2018.

Daugherty is concerned that, in his opinion, if the commonwealth does not change its laws, while other states strengthen theirs, a risk exists of "pretty much turning Pennsylvania into a sanctuary state for pedophiles."

Alleged victims of childhood sexual abuse in Pennsylvania can file civil claims until they turn 30 and criminal claims until age 50.

Opponents of retroactivity believe it would violate the Pennsylvania General Assembly's remedies clause that states "all courts shall be open; and every man for an injury done him in his lands, goods, person or reputation shall have remedy by course of law, and right and justice administered without sale, denial or delay." It has been opposed by the Catholic Church and Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania.

Last week, the commonwealth law once again played a role in a case involving the Allegheny-Johnstown Diocese. Blair County Judge John Koprivka dismissed a lawsuit brought against the Rev. Charles Rodziak, stating the statute of limitations had been reached. Schnell was accused of providing Brother Stephen Baker assignments in which he had access to children even though, as the state contends, the minister providing such services had been accused of abuse.

The statutes prevented charges being brought against any priest as a result of the grand jury report. Also, in October, counts of conspiracy and endangering the welfare of children were dropped against the Rev. Anthony "Giles" A. Schnell, minister provincial for the Third Order Regular, Province of the Immaculate Conception from 1986 until 1994, because the statute of limitations had been reached. Schnell was accused of providing Brother Stephen Baker assignments in which he had access to children even though, as the state contends, the minister providing such services had been accused of abuse.

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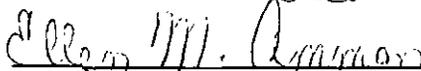
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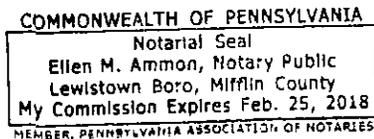
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Tuesday, Dec. 19

•Coffee time — 8:30-11 a.m., McVeytown United Methodist Church, the tan church on Queen Street, Check McVeytown UMC Facebook page for cancellations of updates.

•Dormians — 9 a.m., Derry Township Senior Center, Yeagerstown.

•Homeschooling meeting — 10 a.m.-noon, community room, Millfin County Library, 123 N. Wayne St., Lewistown. For homeschooling families and families considering homeschooling.

•Juliana County Head Start open house — 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the new main office of Juliana County Head Start, Early Head Start and Pre-K Counts, 538 E. Industrial Drive, Mifflintown.

•Kish High School Class of 1958 luncheon — 11:30 a.m., Burnham OIP, 11:30 a.m., Burnham OIP.

•Bereavement support group — noon, Dimeson Manor, All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided.

RSVP for event at (717) 242-5000.

•Junata Valley Quilting Guild meeting — 6:30 p.m., Rhodes Memorial Church, Lewistown. This is the group's Christmas program. Bring a covered dish and your own place setting. Bring your own needle and DMK Boss.

•Benjamin's Spectacle of Dancing Lights — 7-9:30 p.m., 155 Roy L. Road, Belleville. Donations collected to purchase toys, DVDs and pay for other activities at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

•Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group — 1-2 p.m., Junata County Library, Community Room, 62-09 Jefferson Avenue, Mifflintown. Anyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call (717) 667-9380.

•Chief Logan High School Class of 1967 class meeting — 5 p.m., Sal Lee's Restaurant, Strodes Mills. All class members, spouses and guests welcome.

•Free spaghetti dinner — 5:30-7 p.m., Trinity United Church, Oak and Central Avenue, Spaghetti, salad, bread, cookies and coffee available. Everyone welcome.

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•KeyStone Gamers — 6-9:30 p.m. in Moose Family Center, 80 Brady Lane, Lewistown. Do not have to be a Moose member to join. More information: gamer191@comcast.com.

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•Benjamin's Spectacle of Dancing Lights — 7-9:30 p.m., 155 Roy L. Road, Belleville. Donations collected to purchase toys, DVDs and pay for other activities at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

•Bariatric surgery support group — 3:30-4:30 p.m., 310 Electric Ave.,

Accused state lawmaker to 'step back' from US House bid

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Pennsylvania state senator who is the subject of allegations published by The Philadelphia Inquirer that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides said Monday that he will "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat.

Sen. Dayin Leach, a lawyer and a Democratic state lawmaker since 2003, did not immediately clarify whether he was ending his U.S. House campaign or not. He said he planned to continue serving in the Senate, despite a call by Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, for Leach to resign.

Leach said he will cooperate with state Senate leaders to address the allegations and said it is "heartbreaking" to him that he be made someone feel uncomfortable or disrespected.

"In the future I will take more care in my words and my actions, and I will make it my top priority to protect

those who speak up to help change the culture around us," Leach said.

Earlier this year, Leach announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to challenge fourth-term Republican U.S. Rep. Pat Meehan, who represents a district in Philadelphia's closely divided suburbs.

Leach has been among the Legislature's most prominent liberals, leading the fight for the legalization of same-sex marriage and medical marijuana. He also ran unsuccessfully for another congressional seat in 2014.

In the story, the Inquirer quoted former party, campaign and legislative aides, some anonymously, who accused the 56-year-old of behavior ranging from making sexualized jokes and comments to touching they considered inappropriate.

Aubrey Montgomery, a finance director for Leach's 2008 state senate campaign, told the newspaper that Leach labeled her a "pride and narcissist."

Leach complained to her about a sexualized tone in the office.

In a statement on Facebook after the Inquirer published the story, Matt Goldfine, a 2008 campaign aide, said he could confirm Montgomery's account. He also cited Leach's routine "tickling and hugging of female interns."

"This did not happen once; there was a pattern of behavior that I believe was totally inappropriate," Goldfine wrote.

In an earlier statement, Leach blamed the accusations on a whisper campaign mounted by an unnamed political opponent and denied ever inappropriately touching women.

He also said Montgomery was "as racy as anyone else" in the office, and this week was the first time he had ever heard that she had a problem.

Professor builds intricate nativity scene

PHILADELPHIA — If you happen to be walking west on West Eighth Street by the Gannon University bookstore on your left, huddled inside your coat, watching your feet on the ice, take a second to look up.

There in the window, you'll find a little bit of Christmas magic.

A handmade, tiny nativity scene, complete with flying angels, is nestled into a "barn" with all the requisite items — a manger, Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, animals, Magi and a bright star that might make you feel a bit warmer inside.

The scene was created by Michael DeSanctis, a fine arts, pastoral studies and theology professor at Gannon.

DeSanctis, 61, has spent countless hours making nativity scenes since 1999 but has been displaying a new one each year at the bookstore since either 2012 or 2013. No one can quite remember.

"To me, it's not so much a hobby as a ministry," DeSanctis said about making the scenes.

Displaying his newest nativity scene became a Christmas tradition at the bookstore after a conversation with manager Amber Cook.

"He's a professor and we had an Advent wreath of his and we got to talking about his nativity scenes," Cook said. "And we had this great window space" in the 100 block of West Eighth between Peach and Sasparito streets. "It just made sense."

Each year it's something different and I get excited to see whatever he'll come up with this year," Cook said. "People love to see it when they walk by."

Several of DeSanctis' past nativity scenes are also on display in a small gallery inside First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, 250 W. Seventh St. They include posters that describe how he built them.

DeSanctis said he works on one nativity scene all year, sometimes several hours a day, built around figurines he salvages from churches that close or replace older scenes. He tries to make as much of each scene as possible from recycled materials.

The shell of this year's nativity scene started life as a Nubucco display box at Giant Eagle, he said, with a laugh. "You'd never know. It's been painted and shaped and advanced and added onto until it resembles an intricately detailed gilded stable (complete with a DeSanctis crew) you might expect to see in "Game of Thrones."

Inside, he rigged a small motor that makes the angels

spin. The angels themselves are made from toy Army men, "suggesting parading soldiers into POWs areas," DeSanctis said.

Each of his nativity scenes is vastly different. He sets the scenes in various regions of the world, such as Palestine with mud walls, baskets, blankets suggesting the Middle East; a woodland cave, in which he said some interpretations hold that Christ's birth took place, a tropical island complete with a hand-made palm tree; and a northern tundra, including stick huts covered with icicles made from melted plastic forks.

"Part of the fascination for me is that every culture, at times, the birth of Christ is its own setting," DeSanctis said. "So they aren't attempts at historical representation, but I consider them symbolic at points beyond themselves."

"I usually begin with an idea that I draw," he said. "Then I go from sketches to the conceptual," where he has to figure out how to create what's in his head. "Then I go from conceptual to fabrication."

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By MARG LEVY The Associated Press

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The primary feature of the bill would have banned elective abortions after 20 weeks from a pregnant woman's last menstrual period, compared with 24 weeks in current law.

The 20-week limit would have kept in place exceptions under current law for when a mother's life or well-being is at risk, but it had no exceptions for rape, incest or fetal abnormalities. Nineteen states have a similar ban, according to the nonprofit Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

The Pennsylvania bill's sponsor, state Sen. Michele Broks, said a baby can survive outside the womb before 24 weeks, thanks to advances in technology, and laws must catch up.

Brooks, a Crawford County Republican, said she was disappointed the state "will be unable to protect so many babies in the future who will never know the joy of living."

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The bill also would have effectively banned dilation-and-evacuation, the most common method of second-trimester abortion, opponents said. Two states have similar bans, while laws in other states are unhold in courts, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Brooks contended that the bill does not ban the procedure, but rather, the fetus must first be injected by saline to cause its death.

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The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to review the filing, which can be found at www.puc.state.pa.us. You may visit the Companies' business offices to examine copies of the documents filed with the PUC, located at: 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania (Met-Ed); 5404 Evans Road, Erie, Pennsylvania (Penelec); 2939 North Hill Road, Clark, Pennsylvania (Penn Power); or 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania (West Penn Power).

A PUC Administrative Law Judge will review the Companies' proposal and recommend a decision to the Commission. If you wish to intervene or file a formal complaint concerning the filing, please contact the:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Post Office Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

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Advertisement for 'The Sentinel' featuring a nativity scene. Text includes 'Hand-Crafters of Fine Nativity Figurines', 'Made in the U.S.A.', and contact information: 'Call for a free brochure! 717-463-3480 800-884-2638'. At the bottom, it says 'Nov 8 AM - 5 PM; Sat 10 AM - Noon'.

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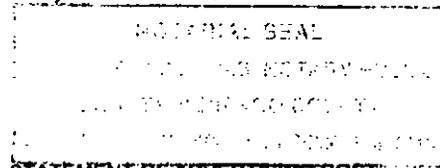
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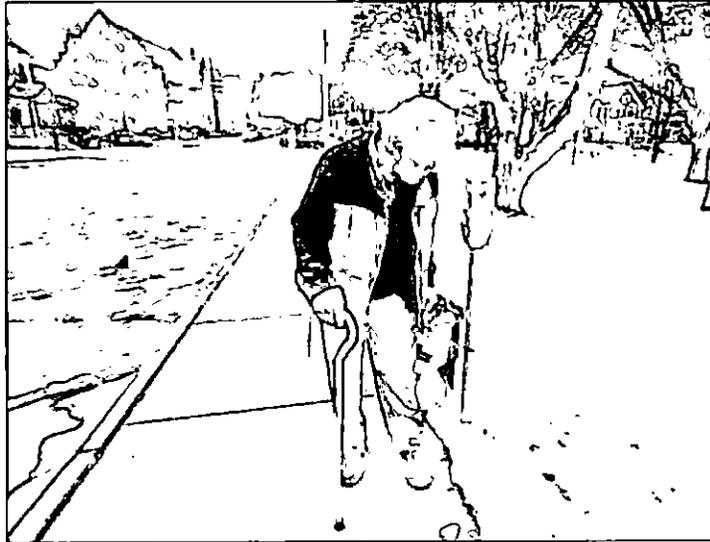
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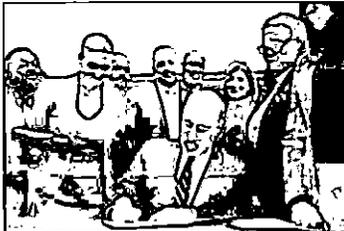
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By Richard Bayer

'She's all I have'

Bill Maher says to his dog Maggie "not that way, the other way" as she got stuck during their daily walk in Franklin on Monday. "She's all I have, my wife passed away five years ago today," Maher said as they were heading back to his car. Without much coaxing, Maggie turned and went around the parking meter post. Maher said he likes to walk around Fountain Park because the sidewalks are clear.



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Climate change hits Winter Olympic preparation

By Eddie Pella and John Leicestor
AP Sports Writers

SAAS-FEE, Switzerland (AP) — The athletes' half-hour commute in the Swiss Alps — up two gondolas, then through a tunnel in the world's highest ever cable car — to a glacier at 11,000 feet — served up daily grim reminders that global warming is threatening their line of work.

After exiting the train, they squelched through a field of grayish mud to reach shrinking snowfields scarred by new crevasses. Occasionally, they heard the sharp roars of glacial ice breaking off in mawny chunks, then trailing across the peaks where they trained jumps, tricks and turns for the Pyeongchang Olympics. Most days, they hiked in brilliant, snow-melting sunshine that bathed the whole scene in deceptive beauty.

Another subtle but telltale indicator of climate change's disruptive impact on winter sports: Many athletes — here 5,000 miles away from the Rockies and 3,500 miles from the Green Mountains of New England — had the letters "USA" emblazoned on their jackets. Americans once had little need to swap continents to guarantee off-season access to snow. But warming is forcing athletes to hunt farther from home for wintry conditions, particularly just months away from an Olympics.

"Without the snow and the cold in the places in the States, it's normally cold, we have to travel over there and find a place on a glacier to get a couple of jumps off," said Jon Lillis, world champion in aerials skiing. "Something that terrifies every winter athlete daily is the fact that the conditions are not good, they used to be. You see videos of people skiing on glaciers back in the '80s and '70s, and half of that glacier doesn't even exist anymore."

Last year, the aerials team stopped winter training in the ski resorts in Park City, Utah, in mid-October, then sat and waited a month for snow that came late to the mountain that hosted the Winter Games 15 years ago. The World Cup season began in China, and the Americans were forced to travel there not having set foot on snow in months. The results, not surprisingly, were dismal: not a single podium and only one finish in the top 5.

Lesson learned: This season, they uprooted to glaciers at Saas-Fee, Switzerland, and Ruitan, in northern, for autumn training needed to be completed at February's Winter Games in South Korea.

The hunt for off-season training spots like these is increasingly a scramble, and not just for the Americans. The heavily named "Lacifer" heat wave that baked Europe in July and August wreaked havoc on teams' schedules. Canadian skiers' racers had to cancel plans to train on Italy's Stelvio glacier that turned a ski day, returning to Mount Hood, Oregon, instead. Canadians ended season elsewhere, scrubbing a planned summer training trip to Argentina because of hostile weather and extreme winds.

France's moguls team cut short a July training camp on its home glacier in Tignes after a crevasse opened under the camp, which this year had just one jump instead of the usual two because of a shortage of snow, said team member Ben Cavet.

He was shocked by the visible deterioration of his regular venue for summer training.

"It's crazy, you know? I always thought global warming was like your granddad going, 'Oh, I used to go and ski here 20 or

30 years ago and there was more snow,'" Cavet said in an interview. "But now we really are talking eight years. I can see a huge difference. Up on the glacier, now there's this huge cliff, you know like a big rock, that you could never see before."

"It is worrying, very worrying," he added. "What scares me about global warming is that you can see that the world is suffering in some of the most beautiful places on Earth."

Other glaciers suffered, too: — Austria's Moelltaler Glacier closed from Aug. 15-Sept. 7 because of what its operators said were "water gutters in the ice" and other safety concerns.

The Stubai Glacier, also in Austria, is deteriorating, U.S. coach Mike Jankowski, who brought some of the snowboarders and freeskiers there after the Saas-Fee trip, said there are concerns that some of the big buildings, drilled into the permanent snow on the glacier, might not be stable for much longer.

Italy's Stelvio, billed as the Alps' largest summer skiing area, shut for 21 days in August, a sobering first since the opening of its lifts in the 1950s. Italian athletes who still came to train were handed up on snowcats.

"Partly it was because of the heat," said Umberto Capitani, in charge of the ski area. "But it's also been three years that we've had very little snowfall."

The Horstman Glacier in Whistler, Canada, near the 2010 Olympic Alpine venue, has deteriorated so badly that a renowned recreational snowboard camp was canceled, and other activities curtailed.

"There used to be like nine lanes for different camps, then it went down to six," said U.S. moguls skier Troy Murphy. "We still go there. It's still pretty good. But the amount it's shrunk, the snow is so much lower."

Glaciers of the French Alps lost an average of 25 percent of their surface area between 2003 and 2015, and the rate of shrinkage nearly tripled, according to a study being readied for publication early next year.

French researcher Antoine Rabatel said it is highly probable that the same trends will show up at glaciers elsewhere in Europe, as winters get shorter and summers hotter.

Winter sports training, he said, is "going to become harder and harder." The quest for reliable sites is becoming more competitive, and securing training locales is increasingly using up coaches' time and budgets.

"I need to be progressive and search out new spots," said Jankowski, who has had to add more reliable European venues to a global travel schedule that already includes trips to New Zealand and other locations in the Southern Hemisphere.

In October, skiing and snowboard athletes from the U.S. and dozens of other nations ended their season, doing warmup exercises in the dark as they waited to squeeze aboard the first gondola up to Saas-Fee's glacier. It also is in retreat, no longer reaching down to above the no-cars-allowed resort town, as it did in the 1930s.

Environmentally minded athletes are wrestling with the moral dilemma of contributing to atmospheric pollution when their widening search for snow.

"We take planes to go overseas. We take cars every day to go to training," said French snowboard-cross racer Pierre Vaultier, gold medalist at the 2014 Sochi Games. "We are not examples about how to decrease global warming."

U.S. gold-medal snowboarder Jamie Anderson said it's easy to get "sucked into the system, whether you want to or not."

"It's hard to get out until you consciously make the decision," Anderson said. "With snow, I mean, I am about snowboarding, it's hard to make that shift."

Well aware of the impact snow sports are having on the environment, Burton Snowboards recently announced a series of changes aimed at diminishing its environmental footprint.

The growing frequency of warm winters has, indeed, hurt the financial health of the industry, including ski resorts that form the backbone of the recreational side of the sport. A study commissioned by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the athletes' group Protect Our Winters found that skier visits in New Hampshire were 17 percent lower and ski resort revenue was \$54 million less in the "low-snow" winters of 2001-02 and 2006-07, as compared with higher snow-fall winters of 2007-08 and 2008-09. The differences between low- and high-snow seasons in Colorado were 8 percent in visits and \$154 million in revenue.

The increased frequency of warm-weather race disruptions on the pro circuit also is causing alarm. Mild temperatures and lack of snow in Germany, Croatia and Michigan hit the 2015-16 season with multiple cancellations and venue changes. Last season began with events in Colorado and Alberta scrubbed because of lack of snow. This season's early Alpine event in Beaver Creek, Colorado, was run on almost all man-made snow that turned glassy in the warming sunshine.

But not all events, such as Ruhpolding in Germany and Ostermund, Sweden, commonly now make thousands of cubic yards of snow at the end of winter and store it through summer beneath tarps and wood chips for early-season races the next winter.

"We used to have relatively reliable conditions at all biathlon venues around the world," said Max Cobb, the president of U.S. Biathlon. "You can't count on it anymore."

Temperatures in the 40s and 50s greeted freestyle skiers and snowboarders at their world championships in Spain last March, creating mushy conditions like those that took some of the shine off the 2014 Sochi Games and the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver.

"It's a scary thing right now for winter sports. There's fewer and fewer places, and all the glaciers are melting," U.S. aerials coach Matt Saunders said in Saas-Fee. "It's definitely getting harder and harder to get on snow early for sure. We are having to travel farther and further."

Scientists warn that worse is to come for winter sports, and that more warming will render proven Olympic venues unusable, even with greater use of artificial snow. Much has been said about the scarcity of snow in Beijing and surrounding areas, which will host the 2022 Winter Games, though officials have frequently brushed off the problem and promised to make enough artificial snow.

Park City is in the mix for the 2026 and 2030 Olympics. The irony is not lost on Olympians who live there but had to travel the globe to train for Pyeongchang.

"In my career, a lot of times, it's been really easy to chalk things up to it being a bad winter," said U.S. aerialist Jay Bohannon. "But (warming is) undeniable. And the more I've traveled, the more I've seen that it's a pretty common theme wherever you go."

Vetoes

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the most extreme anti-choice legislation in the country." This legislation is an attempt to criminalize the decisions that women must be allowed to make about their own health care." Wolf told the crowd. "This legislation is so extreme it does not even include exceptions for women and girls who are victims of rape and incest."

The primary feature of the bill would have banned elective abortions after 20 weeks from a pregnant woman's last menstrual period, compared with 24 weeks in current law. The 20-week limit would have kept in place exceptions under current law for when a mother's life or well-being is at risk, but it had no exceptions for rape, incest or fetal abnormalities. Nineteen states have a similar ban, according to the nonprofit Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

The Pennsylvania bill's sponsor, state Sen. Michele Brooks, said a baby can survive outside the womb before 24 weeks, thanks to advances in technology, and laws must catch up. Brooks, a Crawford County Republican, said she was disappointed the state "will be unable to protect so many babies in the future, who will never know the joy of living."

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reports that delivery before 23 weeks of gestation typically results in death and, among the rare survivors, precociously all have significant morbidity.

Statistics published by the state Department of Health show there were 380 abortions done after week 20 in 2015, the latest year for which data is available. There were 31,818 abortions in total that year in Pennsylvania.

The bill also would have effectively banned dilation-and-occlusion, the most common method of second-trimester abortion, opponents said. Two states have similar bans, while laws in six other states are on hold in courts, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Brooks contended that the bill does not ban the procedure, but rather the fetus must first be injected by saline to cause its death. There were 1,588 dilation-and-occlusion abortions in Pennsylvania in 2015, according to state statistics.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is no evidence that inducing fetal death makes second-trimester abortions safer, and opponents question whether such an injection makes it less safe for the mother. The bill was opposed by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Talents

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each act with a bit of commentary that ran from self-deprecating to prescient.

The individual acts treated the audience to a true spectacle, with varied numbers performing songs — both original and previously done — among them included a Christmas tribute to Abbot and Costello, dance numbers, poetry, a skit from *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* and much more.

At the end of the show, the judges deliberated, and once they reached their decision, they had all of the contestants come up to stage.

Judges announced the winners, with Michael Wiggins, Maline Brandt and Gracie Kocik taking third place for their *Rocky Horror Picture Show* skit, Tyler Dyson taking second with his tumbling routine and Erika Sytkich taking the number one spot with her dancing routine.

Kettle

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the emergency food pantry "It's what keeps our lights on, phones ringing and how they get everything done," Carter said.

He said that the Red Kettles are located at Walmart, SHOP 'n SAVE, Shoe Sensation, Dollar Tree and Family Dollar.

Carter said that so far, they've raised \$15,750 out of their \$45,000 goal, with the bell ringing season coming to a close soon.

If you'd like to volunteer, call the Pottsville Salvation Army at (610) 938-5530 for more information.

Smiley claims PBS made mistake in ouster, but PBS fires back

By Mark Kennedy
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Tavis Smiley has defended himself from allegations he had sexual relationships with women, counting and created an abusive workplace environment, denying any wrongdoing and saying PBS made a mistake by suspending him from his talk show. PBS almost immediately fired back, saying he "needs to get his story straight."

He told ABC's "Good Morning America" Monday that he's never coerced anyone into a relationship but has had consensual relationships in the workplace. He said those relationships weren't forbidden by the company he owns and he claims he never promoted or fired anyone based on their relationship with him.

"I've never groped I've never coerced I've never exposed myself inappropriately to anyone in 30 years," Smiley said. "I've made mis-

takes — I'm human, I'm not perfect. But it doesn't rise to the level of wrongful termination."

Smiley said Monday that he applauds women counting forward to share their sexual assault and harassment experiences "to lead us in a conversation about how to create healthy workplaces."

At the same time, he said "I want to make sure we don't lose all sense of nuance and proportionality in this conversation, because if we do then people end up being guilty simply by accusation."

PBS responded in a matter of hours, saying Smiley's acknowledgment of multiple relationships contradicted his previous statements.

"Tavis Smiley needs to get his story straight," it said in a statement, which also promised more accusations: "Additional allegations are continuing to come to light since last week's announcement."

PBS also denied Smiley's claim that he applauds women who have come forward, pointing out that Smiley's company hinders such actions by requiring former and current employees to sign non-disclosure agreements. "Witnesses who have bravely come forward to speak with the independent investigators retained by PBS request a feat of retribution for speaking out," it said.

Smiley's career took a huge hit last week when PBS said it was suspending him following an independent investigation by a law firm that uncovered "multiple, credible allegations of conduct that is inconsistent with the values and standards of PBS."

Then fallout was swift: Walmart, a sponsor, cut ties with him and live producer Mads Entertainment pulled out of backing Smiley's upcoming theatrical show that was to focus on the last year of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life. Jay House, which distributes the Smiley Books imprint, said all

Smiley projects were "on hold" pending an internal review.

As to accusations he created a verbally abusive and threatening work place, Smiley employees to sign non-disclosure agreements. Many of his TV and radio projects are intense at times but said "I'm not an angry black man, and this notion of a hostile environment doesn't mean a fit."

Smiley's suspension comes weeks after PBS cut ties with anchor and talk show host Charlie Rose, citing "extremely disturbing and unprofessional behavior" toward women at his PBS talk show.

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The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to review the filing, which can be found at www.firstenergycorp.com. You may visit the Companies' business offices to examine copies of the documents filed with the PUC, located at: 2800 Pottsville Pike, Reading, Pennsylvania (Met-Ed); 5404 Evans Road, Erie, Pennsylvania (Penelec); 2939 North Hermitage Road, Clark, Pennsylvania (Penn Power); or 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania (West Penn Power).

A PUC Administrative Law Judge will review the Companies' proposal and recommend a decision to the Commission. If you wish to intervene or file a formal complaint concerning the filing, please contact the:

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Post Office Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

Prompt filing of a formal complaint may entitle you to participate in a hearing where you may present testimony and question Company witnesses.

Alleys

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Kerr, Jefferson County GIS coordinator, to facilitate the changes.

Porada said she also met with S. Thomas Curry, local historian, who brought in a map of Pottsville in 1892. Bianco, Public Works chair, made a motion to change the alley names, which was seconded by Jaime Sherry, council member, and carried 7-0.

These are the new names: Orange Alley to Blackberry Alley; Lemon Alley to Teaberry Alley; Peach Alley to Strawberry Alley; Pleasant

Alley to Rola Alley, and Levi Alley to Coal Alley. The motion carried 7-0.

Engineer's Report — Kyle Fritz, borough engineer, said that progress is being made with the design of the PennDOT HOP and E&S plan, and requests for proposals from local banks were received back on Nov. 14.

He said the RFPs specifically requested a fixed-rate proposal.

The DCE's small water and sewer grant is available again.

Fritz said the applications are due Feb. 28, 2018, for projects between \$30,000 and

\$500,000 with a 15 percent match.

Council approved a motion to apply for the grant once again.

Railroad Street — Fritz said that project has been closed out.

NPEES Permit — Fritz said it was submitted to DEP following the November meeting.

Level/Army Corps — The borough did not receive funding through the DCE's grant program.

Check future editions of The Spirit for more news from Pottsville Borough Council.

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Emergency personnel were called to the scene of a structure fire at the 6000 block of Curwensville-Tyrone Highway shortly after 3 a.m. on Monday morning. Madera Volunteer Fire Company were in charge of the scene with assistance from numerous other departments.

Two hospitalized after blaze in Knox Twp.

By Mitchell Ross

OXLEY — A structure fire in the early morning hours Monday resulted in the hospitalization of two medical aids.

Approximately 03:00 a.m., emergency personnel were called to the 6000 block of Curwensville-Tyrone Highway, State Route 453 in Knox Township in the village of Keltown.

Responders found the residence of Dale and Patricia Barnett, both medical assistants. The home is located near the Bloody Knox Civil Historical site.

Rescue Hero and Ladder Station 8 of Curwensville was the first engine on scene. The Madera Volunteer Fire Company was the lead department on scene.

According to Madera Fire Chief Deane Delatite, both the homeowners and three grandchildren escaped safely from the fire. Dale and Patricia Barnett were transported to the Centennial Hospital because of smoke inhalation. Patricia was transferred to UPMC Altoona in what the family believed was a possible cardiac incident. The Delatites believed the fire started in a chicken coop attached to the house. Based on

the burn pattern,

Several animals, including two hamsters, three dogs, cats and a rabbit, did not make it out of the burning structure. A variety of animals outside the home — a turkey, ducks, and chickens — were able to be saved and could be seen around the burned-out home on Monday afternoon.

A State Police Fire Marshal unit was called to the scene and the exact cause of the fire is still under investigation. Delatite said he noted the house is a total loss. He estimated property damage at more than \$100,000 and more than twice that amount to rebuild.

Red Cross was contacted to aid the family in recovery efforts. A GoFundMe account has also been established for the family. That account can be found at www.gofundme.com/25wh4z6d on its parent home.

In addition to Curwensville and Madera fire companies, firefighters assisting on scene were from Lawrence Township, Hyde Glen, Ryden, Glen Hope, Ivyton, Ramer, Houtzdale and Glendale. Other emergency responders included Madera Ambulance and UPMC Altoona. In all, Delatite estimated there were approximately 15 fire fighters on scene.



Photo courtesy of Rescue Hero & Ladder Station 8 of Curwensville. Two people with their three grandsons narrowly escaped this blaze at their home in Keltown. More than 35 firefighters from numerous area fire companies battled the 3 a.m. blaze on Monday. The structure, owned by Dale and Patricia Barnett, is a total loss.

Psychiatric exam to be performed on Houtzdale man accused of murder

By Jeff Corzine

CLAREFIELD — Judge Paul Cherry granted the commonwealth's motion to have a psychiatric exam performed on Joshua Nelson, 22, of New Milport, who is accused of killing a DuBois woman while she was sleeping her lawn in the city in 2015.

Nelson is charged with criminal homicide, three counts of aggravated assault, burglary, theft by receiving, child larceny, receiving stolen property, three counts of simple assault, receiving or just and summary charges of driving with suspended license and reckless driving.

According to Assistant District Attorney Joseph Schuch, some Nelsons plan to use a diminished capacity defense to argue that the commonwealth has the right to require a

psychiatric examination.

Nelson said he would be willing to undergo the psychiatric examination.

When asked by Cherry what the examination would take place, Schuch said she doesn't know but said she believes it would occur next week.

Cherry approved the psychiatric examination but ruled that the commonwealth must turn over the results to the defense by no later than Jan. 15, which would give the defense two weeks to review it prior to the start of the trial.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, on Aug. 12, 2015, Nelson went to Penn Highlands DuBois with his girlfriend for a doctor's appointment. While there, he began acting erratically and fled.

He ran to north Brown Street, made a turn at 43 Brown St., accelerated at full speed and used it to

strike and kill Betsy Andry, 41, of DuBois, formerly of Clarfield, who was wearing her lawn at 42 Brown St.

Controlled in blood, Nelson then ran down the street to 25 Brown St. and attacked two women at the residence where a Bible study group was being held.

Nelson attacked the first woman outside of the residence, striking her several times and he tried to pull her into the basement when they were spotted by a second woman inside the home. When Nelson saw the second woman, he entered the home and attacked her as well before being restrained by neighbors.

Cherry used a Taser on Nelson several times to subdue him. Nelson was found

cliffed, placed in leg shackles, strapped into a bed and placed in an ambulance.

While on route to the hospital, Nelson tried his best to get out of the bed restraints. He then attempted to strangle DuBois City Police Officer Sgt. Rodimo. Freeman with the leg shackles. Freeman was able to free himself and Nelson was removed from the ambulance by police at the hospital.

Nelson is currently being detained in SCI Houtzdale without bond.

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Thompson named 'Health IT Pioneer' for work to expand telemedicine to vets

WASHINGTON — U.S. Representative Glenn "GT" Thompson was recently presented with a Health IT Pioneer award for his bill, H.R. 2124 the VETS Act, which expands access to telemedicine in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical system.

Rep. Thompson introduced the VETS Act with Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA) earlier this year and the House passed the bill in November.

Health IT Now is a health-based coalition of patient groups, providers, organizations, employers, and payers supporting health information technology to improve patient outcomes. It recently presented its annual Health IT Pioneer award to Thompson, the organization's highest honor, to select Members of Congress.

"I am pleased the VETS Act, which will allow our veterans greater access to care, especially those in rural areas," Rep. Thompson said. "The VETS Act will ensure that our veterans receive the best health care possible where they live. I thank Health IT Now for its on-going support of the legislation and for presenting me with the Health IT Pioneer award."

Health IT Now, an industry coalition, recognizes the transformative potential of health IT to empower patients, support providers, and lower overall health care costs — and so heralds this year's Health IT Pioneer award recipient, said HITTN Executive Director Joe White. "These legislators are truly our Congressional champions pushing for a future focused on the health care system that leverages the power of technology to improve care coordination, simplify administrative burdens, reduce unnecessary testing and other enhanced clinical decision support. Each of this year's recipients has shown a commitment to the full integration of technology in health care that is inspiring and worthy of

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Honorarium presented: North Star School District received a \$500 honorarium from the Pennsylvania State School Board Association at the annual state meeting in Hershey for Cooper Trefler's musical performance and master of ceremony duties during the Showcase of the Stars. Shown with Cooper are Renee Lepley, elementary principal; Lou Lepley, superintendent; Cindy West, board member; Rhodessa Kiesznowski, high school principal; and Dana Duval, administrative secretary.

Toys and food for area families

More than 100 family members received toys and food at the Somerset Area Food Pantry Dec. 13. The toys were collected by Trinity Lutheran Church members under the direction of Ann Voytish and some volunteers. Those who received the gift toys were able to choose the ones they wanted for their family members from three rooms filled with hundreds of toys. The toys were then taken to another room to be wrapped and ready to put under the Christmas tree. Those who assisted helped shop, set up the toys, wrap and helped parents choose toys for their children, and accomplished many other tasks were: Michael Beeman, Connie Bowers, Sue Cents, Peggy Egloff, Doug Farnale, Janet Petteroff, Mitch Petteroff, Becky Hersh, Aimee Jacobs, Matthew Jacobs, Sarah Jacobs, Lisa Bursty-Kaltenbaugh, Judith Klunk, Frank Kyle, Inez Kyle, Cyndi Pryce, Iona Sisco, McKenna Shaffer, Trevor Shaffer, Wendy Shaffer, Betty Sloan, George Stein, Barbara Swanson, the Rev. Linda McElroy Thomas, Tara Twardy, Ann Voytish, Dan Voytish, Tina Weaver and Shirley Wilson. Because of very cold temperatures, Somerset Food Pantry Toy Drive will again be open from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday for those who could not attend on Dec. 13.

Dively is Lioness of the month

Kaitlin Dively from Somerset Area High School, was selected as the Stoytown Lioness student of the month for November. Dively is the daughter of Aaron Dively and Karen Carr. She is in Somerset school's Spanish Club, Interact Club and FBLA. Outside of school she also works at McDonald's. Dively is planning to attend the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in the fall to study mathematics.



Kaitlin Dively

Powell is Boswell Lions December student

Sadie Powell, daughter of Ronald and Jennifer Powell of Hooverville, has been selected as the Boswell Lions Club Student of the Month of December. She is a senior at North Star High School and is enrolled in the advanced placement and dual enrollment programs. Powell is active in school and community programs such as the lead in the high school musical, president of the Chemistry Club, student of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, gifted program, Remembering Adam, North Star Youth Outreach, Boswell Day Camp counselor, girls Bible study, mission trips, yearbook staff, Red Cross blood drives, and Key Club member. She is a member of Kantner United Methodist Church. Her future plans are to attend Duquesne University to major in the physician assistant program and forensic chemistry.



Sadie Powell

Local IUP student honored at commencement

A local student graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania was honored at the university's December commencement ceremony for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average during her academic career. Angel Steinkirchner, from Listie, an art studio major with a minor in art history, was honored during the Dec. 16 ceremony. Steinkirchner, daughter of Ed Steinkirchner and Cheryl Steinkirchner, is a 2015 graduate of Somerset Area High School. While at IUP, she was a member of the Jewelry and Metals Society, Student Art Association, received the Robert Alton Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Jean Sienker Scholarship, the Dean's Merit Award and the Ralph Reynolds Art Emphasis Award.



Brooke Kemp

COLLEGE NOTES

Students completing degrees in December and January are invited to participate in the December commencement ceremonies, which includes a total of 727 students. Of this number, 625 were bachelor's degrees, 163 were master's degrees, 38 were doctoral degrees, and there was 1 associate degree. Twelve tristate-area residents are recipients of Allegheny College of Maryland scholarships for study in the 2017-18 academic year. The ACM Foundation announced from Somerset County, Brooke Kemp of Rockwood, received an ACM Returner Association Scholarship. A general studies major, she is a 2016 graduate of Salisbury-Elk Lick High School.

COLLEGE NOTES NEWS
The Daily American prints items of news interest about county residents at an institution of higher learning. News items submitted for the college notes are accepted only from the college and not from individuals. If your school sends notices to you, we will accept a copy if it's on the university letterhead.

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Today's weather

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LOCAL BRIEF

Troy Thursday Study Club meets

The Troy Thursday Study Club met on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Cynthia Esbert's home in Torow's Valley. The home was beautifully decorated for the holiday season.

A member of the club reports:

Study Club members enjoyed this month's program, "A Christmas Special." It was presented by the Troy High School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Sydney Blake McDonald. The IHS Chamber Choir is a select ensemble of choral singers. Their program included a variety of different genres/songs giving the members an unforgettable musical experience. The cookies and punch committee had prepared a special treat for the singers at the end of their presentation prior to their departure back to the Troy Area Junior/Senior High School.

President Carol Lane thanked Cynthia Esbert for opening her home up for this month's meeting. She shared a poem, "Christmasting," written by Richard Dow, that focused on the delight of the holiday season.

The business meeting was then called to order by President Lane. The members began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. The November meeting minutes and treasurer's report were given and approved.

The remembrance committee chairperson, Barbara Jasko, reported that there were eight members with birthdays this month, and that

cards were being sent to them to honor their special day. The members then joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to them. Numerous gift certificates were sent to members that were mentioned. Members were encouraged to send cards.

Linda Nicholson spoke for the town board education committee. She mentioned that the bridge was adorned with holiday decorations. She remarked how nice the snowman and garland look, and added that, "Many hands make light work."

President Lane thanked this month's remembrance committee who had prepared a delicious cranberry Christmas cake, as well as the committee that helped serve treats to the Troy Chamber Choir. The hostess committee was also commended on the festive holiday table displays.

An announcement was made by Cynthia Smith that she appreciated all of the Troy Thursday Study Club members in attendance at the Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony honoring our Troy Thursday Study Club President Carol Lane. President Lane thanked members for all of their support and cards that she received. She then adjourned the December 2017 meeting with thoughts of hope, peace, and love during the holiday season and upcoming new year.

The next meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, 2018. It will be held at the Troy Baptist Church and the program will be "Now or Show Judging."

COLLEGE NEWS

Elizabeth Reid graduates from Coastal Carolina University

CONWAY, S.C. — Elizabeth Reid, of Athens, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in business administration in December during commencement exercises held Dec. 15 at Coastal Carolina University. More than 700 students were candidates for graduation in the ceremony held at the HTC Student Recreation and Convocation

Center on campus. Reid and became an independent Coastal Carolina University in 1993. It was founded in 1954 as Eastern Carolina State College. <http://www.coastal.edu>.

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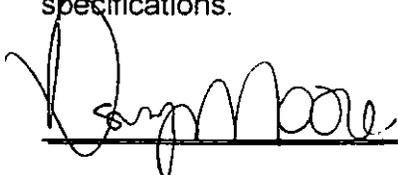
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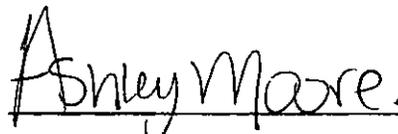
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Julie A. Panetta

Julie A. Panetta, 74, of Adams, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Manassasville. She was under the care of Hospice of Jefferson County. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, December 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Paddock Funeral Home in Adams. The funeral service will be Wednesday, December 20 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with her sister, the Rev. Cathy Hamilton, officiating. There will be no burial.

Julie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Michael Parish of Manassasville, a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Wendy Panetta of Adams Center, and a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Linda Panetta of Athens PA; five grandchildren, Jeffrey Parish, Melissa Parish, Michael Parish, Victoria Panetta and Abigail Panetta. Also one great-granddaughter Ava Rose Parish and another great-grandchild is expected in June. Also surviving are one brother and his

wife, Mike and Mary Townsend of Syracuse, four sisters and their husbands, Sharon and Ed Higgins, Cathy and Tom Hamilton all from Adams Center, Rebecca and Craig Wagner of Adams; and Sarah and Albert Smith of Buffalo. There are also many nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents, Rosina Townsend and Harold Claude Townsend.

Julie was born in Watertown, N.Y. on May 26, 1944. She attended Adams Center School and graduated in 1962. She married and had three wonderful children. The marriage ended in divorce.

After the divorce, she went back to school and earned her associates degree in bookkeeping. She got a job working for Bradley Hardware and worked there many years before moving over to Cheney Tire, where she worked until she retired in 2013.

Julie loved many things, but her family is what mattered most to her. She spent

most of her time with her children and grandchildren. She especially loved spending time with her great-granddaughter.

She was an avid crafter, painting, knitting, crocheting and wood working. She also loved to read. Julie loved her Thursday lunches with her friends, the Kuzio Cakes. She also loved her Friday night dinners with her sisters and brother-in-law.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Jefferson County, 1398 Gotham St., Watertown, NY 13601. Condolences may be made at www.paddockfuneralhome.com



FUNERAL NOTICES

Cecce services held

Louis Cecce, 78, of South Waverly was born on September 9, 1939 in Corning, New York to Albert and Angelina Cecce. He departed this life on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in the comfort of his own home with his loving wife by his side after a battle with a long illness.

A time of calling was held on Monday, December 18, 2017 from 10 to 12 p.m. at Blauvelt Funeral Home, 625 Broad Street, Waverly. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 12 p.m. at Blauvelt Funeral Home, 625 Broad Street, Waverly where a moving video tribute began the service with Lou's favorite

version of Amazing Grace followed by kind words of remembrance by Rev. Linda Rogers officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in Louis's name to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, or Ronald McDonald House Charities Inc., 26345 Network Place, Chicago, IL, 60673-1263. Those wishing to send a message of sympathy to Louis's family may visit our Facebook page or in "Obituaries" at www.blauveltfuneralhome.com

Eva Michelle Childs

On November 30, Eva lost a courageous 12-year battle with Lupus. Eva was filled with love and compassion for all she knew. She had a smile that was infectious and brought joy to all who knew her.

Eva was a 2006 honor graduate of New York Military Academy in Cornwall-on-Hudson, N.Y. Upon graduation, she attended Penn State University. She was employed with Diane Street and spent her free time with family and friends.

She touched the lives of many in her short life and will be missed immensely.

Eva is survived by her mother, Kimberly Caswell; brother and sister-in-law, Chad and Jennifer Childs; sister, Valerie;

her husband, Andy Baulerud; children, Kai, Sadie, Jacoy and Olin; sister, Kelly and her husband Ryan King; son, Kelly; sister, Judy McMahon; children, Oakley, Thatcher, Wren and Delaney; brothers, Scott Voorhees, Dustin Voorhees and daughter, Maliya. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins — special to her Aunt Honey (Margaret) Childs and Sharon Childs.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Peggy Childs and Grandpa Red.

She is also preceded in death by her best friend and father, MUR Craig Childs. A mass of Christian burial was held at

St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 407 South 33rd Street, Fort Pierce, Florida on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements are under direction of Haisley Funeral and Cremation Services, Fort Pierce, Florida.

An online guest book may be signed at www.haisleyfuneralhome.com



Joseph D. Kovarik Jr.

Joe Kovarik, 75, of Waverly, was born on December 1, 1942 in Manhattan, N.Y. to Joseph Kovarik Sr. and Elizabeth Bohan Kovarik. He departed this life on Saturday, December 16, 2017 unexpectedly after declining health in his own home, with his wife and son Todd by his side.

Joe moved to Lockwood, N.Y. in 1950 and then went on to be a Spencer Van Ethen graduate in 1963. He then worked a few various jobs until becoming a route salesman for Stroehmanns for 30 years until his retirement in 2007.

He always enjoyed volunteering for the fire police and all area school games and events. Joe loved and got along with everyone, he was always one to be full of questions and if you didn't have the answer he wanted — look it up on your mobile device, he'd say.

He was always one to make people feel at home and loved it.

There was only a mistake in life that could

not be forgiven, as long as you learned a lesson from it, he'd say.

On April 18, 1964 Joe married the love of his life, Sharon Tappan, at the North Waverly Chapel. They later had two children.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Joan Koban, niece, Joann Koban, mother-in-law, Marion Tappan and several brother-in-laws.

Joe is survived by wife Sharon, sons, Todd (Tam), Joey (Rita), all of Waverly; grandchildren, Taylor, Devan, Jordan (Jasha), Shantel, step grandchildren Courtney, Troy, and Alexandra, great grandchildren, Braya, Arria, Nolan, Raygin, Cameron, Preston, Marcella, Allia, and several nieces and nephews.

A time of calling will be held on Dec. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at Luckner's Funeral Home, 449 Park Ave., Waverly. A funeral service will immediately follow at same location with Rev. Matthew Mack-

svitch of North Waverly Chapel officiating.

Burial will immediately follow at Torgs Point Cemetery. A time to gather and remember Joe will be held at North Waverly Chapel immediately following the burial.

Any flowers or cards of sympathy may be sent to the family at 95 State Route 34 Waverly, N.Y. 14892.

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roads and even offered a community movie night open to public during the 2016 Holiday Season.

Other clubs recognized were: Desperadoz Comic Tenney, Pauline Beard, and Cheryl Hummel; Scandia Trail Blazers - Jolene Ferne, Stephanie Arthers, Sonya Anthony, Josh Schwenker, Diana Sleeman, and Kristy Turner; Pittsfield Bronc Busters - Barb, Jim, and John Emehizer, Heather Eckstrom, Terry Stover, Katie Jukes, and Melissa Morse; and Ham Handlers - Jason and Michelle Enos; All About Art - Virginia Loizeaux and Amy Bennett; Sugar Grove Ruff Riders - Virginia Loizeaux, Becky Dawns, and Kelly Bennett; Elder Club - Carrie Ludwig, Melinda Johnson, Heather Wilcox, and Mark Blair.

Members that participated in the horse drill team for grand entry at the county horse show were recognized by Connie Teaney for their dedication and devotion to training. Bryceon Malle, Robert Richards of Sugar Grove, Marisa Deah and Kayann King of Spartansburg, Shelby Ordway of Sheffield, and Haleigh Stanton of Russell each received a certificate and shirt. Breille Whitney of Sugar Grove received the club president trophy for her work with the Scandia Trail Blazers. The other presidents received a plaque and pin and included Audrey Ferne, Ami Jackson of Russell, Sabrina Long and Nick Gourley of Sugar Grove, and Katie Downs of Bear Lake.

The vice president's trophy went to Megan Gourley of Corry and a member of the Kinzua Cowpoke. Additional club vice presidents recognized included Keesy Turner of Pittsfield and Cassandra Dalrymple.

The secretary's trophy went to Samantha Gourley of Sugar Grove. Additional members recognized for their secretarial work included Chloe Labowski of Sugar Grove and Josey Campbell of Spring Creek.

The treasurer's trophy was awarded to Eliza Brook of Russell and a member of the Sugar Grove Ruff Riders. Garrett Proper of Columbus was also recognized for his work as treasurer for the Ham Handlers.

"Project Pins" were awarded to individuals submitting complete, accurate books with a story on "What I Learned from My 4-H Project." Categories were five or more entries received a trophy for the top book.

Receiving the trophy for her dairy project work, Tristen Wilcox was honored. Sixteen additional members received dairy project pins: Anel & Veronica Ludwig, Keeley & Anna Alcorn, Jacob & Madison Sleeman, Laury Belsler, Minnie & Mackenzie Gates, Nevaeh & Savannah Gamble, Carissa & Brett Hirschbeck, Ciara Sherwood, Dilyn Moore, and Sabrina Long.

Taking top honors with her science project book, Kaitlin Sleeman was honored. Additional pins were given to Faith Donnell, Owen Schott, Jackson Seigberg, Kahllyne May, Ami

Jackson, Hailey Graham, and Katharine & Isaac Smith.

The horse category had four entries. Pins were given to the following horse members: Bryceon Malle, Hailey Cass, Hailey Graham and Katie Downs.

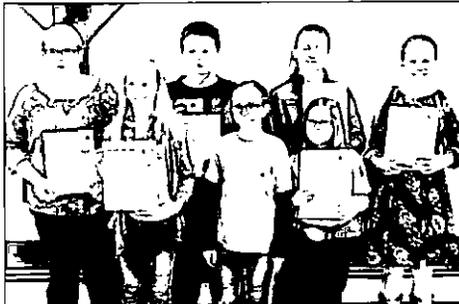
Two goat project books were recognized with pins for completion. Pins went to Katharine and Isaac Smith. One beef pin was awarded to Katie Downs, one leadership pin was awarded to Hailey Cass, and one robotics project pin went to Josey Campbell.

Warren County 4-H Scholarship recipients were Sabrina Long, Madison Hultman and Cody and Lindsey McMillen. The scholarship applications are made available yearly to past and present 4-H members pursuing degrees in higher education.

The Wright Fund Scholarship was awarded to Alexis Titch. The scholarship is given in honor of former Family Living and 4-H Educator Phyllis Wright. Congratulations to all Warren County 4-H members and leaders for participating and supporting the local clubs and communities. To learn more about the Warren County 4-H program, go to <http://extension.psu.edu/warren>. 4-H in Pennsylvania is coordinated by Penn State Extension through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. 4-H programs are open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 18 regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability.



Jessy Taylor and Cassandra Dalrymple received the I Dare You awards from 4-H Board Vice President Melinda Johnson.



Members of the Ham Handlers received project completion pins. Recognition went to, from left, Faith Donnell, Katharine Smith, Owen Schott, Kahllyne May, Isaac Smith, Hailey Graham, and Kaitlin Sleeman took home the top trophy.

Amtrak train hurtles off overpass in fatal crash

DUPONT, Wash. (AP) — An Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass west of Seattle on Monday and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least three people, injuring more than 100 and crushing two vehicles, authorities said.

Attention quickly turned to the train's speed. A website that maps location and speed using data from Amtrak's train trackers app showed the train was going 81.1 mph about a quarter of a mile from the point where it derailed, where the speed limit is significantly lower.

Seventy-seven passengers and seven crew members were aboard when the train derailed and pulled 13 cars off the tracks. Authorities said there were three confirmed deaths and more than a dozen injuries with critical or serious injuries.

About two hours after the accident, a U.S. official who with others was briefed on the investigation said he was told at least six people were killed. No additional briefings were provided by late afternoon, and the official said he had no new information to explain the discrepancy in the numbers.

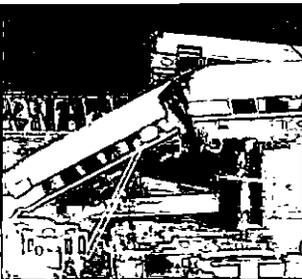
The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

A track chart prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation shows the maximum speed drops from 79 mph to 30 mph for passenger trains just before the tracks curve to cross Interstate 5, which is where the train went off the tracks.

The chart, dated Feb. 7, 2017, was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration in anticipation of the start of passenger service along a new bypass route that shaves 10 minutes off the trip between Seattle and Portland.

It was not clear how fast the train was moving at the precise moment when it derailed.

Kimberley Reason with Sound Transit, the Seattle-area transit agency that owns the tracks, confirmed to the AP that the speed limit at the point where the train



Cars from an Amtrak train that derailed above lay spilled onto Interstate 5 alongside smashed vehicles Monday in DuPont, Wash.

derailed is 30 mph. Speed signs are posted two miles before the speed zone and just before the speed zone approaching the curve, she said.

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was going around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over Interstate 5 when it derailed.

Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer sur-

vived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

"I'm still figuring that out. We've got cars everywhere and down onto the highway," he tells the dispatcher, who asks if everyone is OK.

Aleksander Kristiansen, a 24-year-old exchange student at the University of Washington from Copenhagen, was going to Portland to visit the city for the day.

"I was just coming out of the bathroom when the accident happened. My car just started shaking really, really badly. Things were falling off the shelf. Right away, you knew that this was not something minor," he said.

The back of his train car was wide open because it had separated from the rest of the train, so he and others were able to jump out in safety. He was at about the middle of the train, either the sixth or seventh car, he said, and was "one of the lucky ones."

Emma Schafer was headed home to Vancouver, Washington, on winter break from the Central California College at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, said he and his son drove through the accident scene while traveling north to visit Seattle.

The doctor asked if he could help and was ushered to a medical triage tent in the highway median.

The most seriously injured had already been whisked away, but the patients he helped appeared to have open head wounds and skull, pelvic or leg fractures, as well as small cuts and thrown around. It was very quiet. Then there was people screaming," Schafer said.

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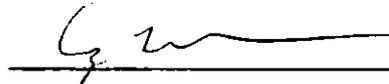
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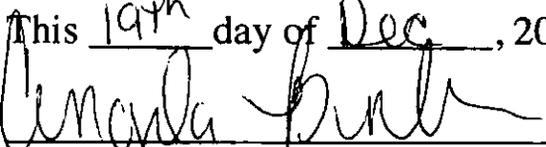
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one hand and a picture frame in the other as they argued in their apartment. She says Mitchell tried to strike her with the picture frame as they both fell to the floor.

The woman says she tried to hold Mitchell on the ground, but Mitchell stabbed her once in the leg. Mitchell left the apartment shortly afterward. It was unclear Tuesday if Mitchell has retained an attorney.

Judge: Man who killed wife cannot collect life insurance

YORK (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a Pennsylvania man convicted of killing his wife cannot col-

lect on her \$500,000 life insurance policy. The judge has determined that the money should instead go to the couple's two teenage daughters.

Police say Joseph Fitzpatrick III had searched the internet for information on life insurance policies five days before he killed his wife, Annemarie Fitzpatrick. Investigators say

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McCray worked with Peach Street Lowe's in Erie, which delivered materials for free. And, Corry Lumber & True Value Hardware also donated the use of some of its construc-

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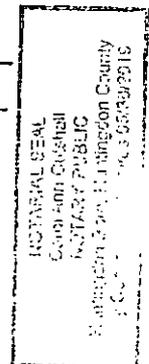
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Springfield supervisor thanked for service Saxton Borough leaders approve budget

By MICHAEL KANE
Daily News Staff Writer
Springfield Township Supervisors thanked Kevin Detweiler for his years of service to the township, as he attended his final meeting as a supervisor Monday night.

Also in attendance for the meeting was supervisor-elect Randall Anderson. The supervisors advised Anderson to attend the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs' boot camp. The boot camp is a two-day course that will teach the fundamentals of running a municipality, including codes, laws and their new role. Anderson will also learn public engagement, labor and personnel, the role of a council, setting a agenda and parliamentary procedure, as well as managing budgets and tax collection. The township will pay the cost for Anderson to take the class to become acquainted with the position.

The supervisors approved last month's minutes, and went into to new business. The primary piece of business for the evening was the delivery of the new truck. The truck is slated to be delivered today by Keystone Ford. One of the major points of discussion was the attachment of the existing spreader box to the new truck. The supervisors discussed the topic at length and devised a game plan as to how it will be attached. It was resolved to purchase chains for the spreader for the truck and winter plowing much easier.

Township secretary Holly Anderson received a call from PennDOT regarding a meeting they want to have with supervisors regarding resurfacing a bridge on Walnut Grove Church Road. PennDOT will also host a public meeting to discuss the resurfacing with community members at the township building Tuesday, Jan. 30. The time will be determined at a future meeting. PennDOT will make the formal announcements for the meeting at a later date.

The supervisors approved and adopted the 2018 budget, as well as the bills as presented. The reorganization meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, Springfield Township Supervisors meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of every month at the township building.

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By ADAM WATSON
Daily News Staff Writer
At its recent December meeting, Saxton Borough Council unanimously agreed to adopt the borough's 2018 operating budget with no real estate tax or water rate increases anticipated. The borough's 1.1 real estate tax mill rate will remain at 4.1 mills.

The budget was tentatively adopted at council's November meeting and was open for public display. Secretary James Foster reported no one came to inspect it. Council president Lester Meck reported the borough's general account is higher than usual for the end of the year due to \$4,000 coming in. Budget wise, he said the borough is doing well and it is believed this is the first time within 10 years the borough is in the "black."

Meck said the savings in part are due to fewer chemicals being used to treat the community's drinking water since more time was spent utilizing water from the Putz's Hollow Reservoir than its river water system. Mayor Alan Smith said it is also because of good leadership on the part of Meck and Foster and good fiscal management by council.

Another reason there are

Council authorized Penn Forestry to put a bid package together for the harvesting and removal of trees from the area suggested by Bennett Penn Forestry is to also make plans for the cutting and removal of trees around the reservoir fence.

Meck said the borough received a check in the amount of \$2,140 from Sight & Stream to cover a bid bond from an erroneous bid for completion of work on the borough's proposed Kelly Row water line replacement project. Council, according to Meck, is waiting on Gwm, Dobson & Foreman (GDF) engineers to complete a new bid package for the project that will likely be let out and opened at council's March 12 meeting.

In regards to the future hiring of an individual to begin training for a water treatment plant operator's position, councilman John Hoffner said the borough does not have a standard job application form. He said he'd like to see an applicant's high school grades and attendance records. "This is a very serious position and I don't want to see us hire someone not capable of doing the work, let alone not showing up to do it," he said. Meck said he will be making inquiries with borough solicitor Brad Allison. Foster reported that furniture the borough ordered for a proposed upcoming office renovation project may increase if it is not paid for when ordered. It was agreed to pay for the furniture when ordered with half the cost

being borne by the water committee. Council also received an estimate of what it would cost to replace the roof on its former water plant building. Borough engineer Gwm, Dobson & Foreman (GDF) estimated it would cost \$40,000 to replace the roof with a rubber roof while another bid is expected. Concern was also expressed about the number of items being left in the middle of the sidewalk in front of a local business. Council authorized Foster to send the owner of the business a letter stating that anything dropped off at the business must be taken inside within 24 hours.

Council also expressed concern at the appearance of a building at 710 Main St. The property owner removed the porch and made the building very unattractive. Smith said attempts to contact the property owner have been unsuccessful. Council agreed something needs to improve the looks of the building.

Council agreed to hold the borough's annual reorganization meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2. The borough's regular January meeting will follow. A 25-minute executive session was held during the meeting to discuss personnel matters. Also present were council members Dennis Clawson, Adam Runk and Phil Johnson.

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Classes

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online setting, although Carol Braceband, DUI school coordinator for Huntingdon County and deputy supervisor for Huntingdon County Probation, suggests those who are required to take the course complete it in a classroom setting. "The program is designed for anyone with a DUI offense, but both first- and second-time offenders are required to complete it," she said. "Third-time offenders are not required by law but can be court-ordered. I prefer those who are mandated to complete the program to complete it in the classroom setting because of the group dynamics. Only someone who is granted special permission under special circumstances is able to complete the program online."

Each county court runs and organizes its highway safety course a different way, and in Huntingdon County, Braceband is in charge of its development and organization. The Huntingdon County Probation Department provides three instructors, including Braceband, trained through the PA DUI Association, to teach the class.

The class itself costs \$200 and includes four sessions. Each participant must attend four class sessions, each held once a month from 6-8:15 p.m. on a weeknight. Individuals can also complete 1900 all-day sessions on Saturdays if there are scheduling conflicts during the week. On average, around 100 to 150 participants complete the program in Huntingdon County each year.

"Class curriculum is standard but we develop different classroom experiences through PowerPoint, group work, journals, informational presentations, handouts and exercises," said Braceband. "We provide the participants with as much information we can on how to change and improve their behavior."

Braceband described how the class is more of an educational program than it is a treatment program and is split into four sessions, each session focusing on a specific topic. "The first session they go through focuses on state DUI countermeasures, so basically providing them with an overview on the legal approach and consequences of a DUI, then the second of the class and their court order," said Braceband. "It informs them more on why they are here in the first place."

"The second session focuses on drugs in the human body, including topics such as understanding one's blood alcohol tolerance, understanding the effects of drug abuse and addiction on one's body and family. The third session focuses on drugs and driving skills, including warning signs of substance and drug abuse and how to get help for one's addiction. The fourth session focuses on future lifestyle decisions, how to prevent future DUIs and other risky behavior."

All class participants take a 30 question pretest before and after the class to see if they retain what they have learned," added Braceband. "I've been told by some people who go through the class how much they benefit from the information, how they appreciate the experience and the way in which it was presented to them."

Although the class has the words alcohol highway safety in its title, another aim of the class is to focus on drug-

related DUIs. According to Braceband, drug-related DUI arrests have increased 30 percent within the county in the past year, and they have increased on a drug-related DUI complete the class alongside alcohol-related DUI offenders.

Individuals who fail to complete the program will have their probation revoked, and the class must be completed under the time length of their supervision. Completion of the class is also required in order for one to receive his or her license back and is often followed by one year with an ignition interlock device.

Repeat DUI offenders are subject to completing the class again if mandated by the court, however, repeat offenders who reoffend with a higher blood alcohol content are most likely battling an addiction and need further drug and alcohol counseling.

"A lot of times the DUIs are a combination of alcohol and drugs," said Braceband. "I think the courts will continue with us seeing more drug-related DUIs, especially with the introduction of medical marijuana and the opioid addiction within the county."

"Nevertheless, the class is aimed to prevent offenders from reoffending," she concluded. "We don't judge, we don't preach. We aim to educate others on how the combination of two legal behaviors can turn into an illegal one. Our goal is to prevent them from reoffending in the future."

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Counterfeit

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or burnt to provide deceased loved ones with funds in the afterlife. "This was actually a printed bill, you could tell by looking at it that it was fake," Malliband said. "It didn't have a watermark or any of the security features you would normally see on the bill."

Malliband said that as the incident took place at a school, it would be likely that School Resource Officer (SRO) Adam McBride would follow up the investigation within the school, although it is quite possible the bill was passed innocently and had been received just given in the belief it was legitimate currency.

"A lot of times when these are passed around, they can be passed around for a while before it is caught," he said. "It all comes down to vigilance."

As the discovery of the counterfeit bill is an isolated incident to date and no other fake money has been found, Malliband indicated police will continue with an investigation but there is no reason for alarm.

"Just be sure to look for the safety features common in bills, like the watermark. The main one most people know about is the security thread that looks like a line going through the bill," said Malliband. "Call the local police department where the bill is found and they will investigate."

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Police Log

Crashes

CROMWELL TWP. — State police at Huntingdon investigated a one-vehicle crash on Croghan Pike at 41-c. 13 on Dec. 14. Aziel Stevenson, 22, Daversport, Florida, was operating a 2008 Honda Fit south when she failed to maintain her lane of travel and struck a guide rail. The vehicle was disabled. Stevenson was not injured as a result of the crash. She was wearing a seat belt. She will be cited for driving at safe speeds.

WARDHORS MARR TWP. — State police at Huntingdon investigated a one-vehicle crash on Birmingham Pike north of Baby Road at 9:24 p.m. Dec. 13. Lynn Peachey, 41, Huntingdon, was operating a 2015 Chevrolet Sonic north at approximately 40 mph while there was heavy snow on the road and lost control of the vehicle and struck an embankment, causing the vehicle to spin. Peachey was transported by Tyrone Ambulance to Tyrone Hospital for minor injuries. She was wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash and will be cited for driving a vehicle at safe speeds.

About an hour after the first crash, state police at Huntingdon responded to a two-vehicle crash, also on Birmingham Pike. The unnamed driver of a Chevrolet Silverado was traveling north at an excessive speed for road conditions and lost control on a left curve. As a result, the Silverado hit Peachey's disabled Chevrolet Sonic. The operator of the Silverado fled the scene of the crash. The Sonic was unoccupied at the time of the crash.

SHIRLEY TWP. — State police at Huntingdon investigated a three-vehicle crash at the intersection of Croghan Pike and Miller Street at 7:44 a.m. Dec. 13. A 16-year-old Shirleysburg male was operating a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt north and failed to stop and, as a result, struck a 2005 BMW 330 operated by a 17-year-old Shale Gap male. Subsequently, the BMW rear struck a 2015 Toyota RAV4 operated by Kiley Beam, 34, Shirleysburg. The operator and a 14-year-old passenger in the Chevrolet were not injured. The operator of the BMW and a 17-year-old male passenger and a 11-year-old passenger, both of Shirleysburg, were not injured. The Chevrolet sustained disabling damage, while the other vehicles sustained moderate damage. All operators and passengers were wearing seat belts. The 16-year-old male operator of the Chevrolet will be cited for following too closely.

WAYNE TWP., MIFFLIN CO. — State police at Lewisburg investigated a one-vehicle crash at the intersection of Ryle Road and Route 103 South at 7:20 p.m. Dec. 16. A motorist was traveling west and failed to observe a stop sign at the intersection. As a result, the driver went across the north and south travel lanes and struck a guide rail on the west side of the road. The vehicle left the scene in an unknown direction. No description of the vehicle was provided.

WAYNE TWP., MIFFLIN CO. — State police at Lewisburg investigated a one-vehicle crash on Ferguson Valley Road at 1:31 a.m. Dec. 16. Kaitlyn Walk, 18, McVeytown, was operating a 2013 Chevrolet Malibu and was negotiating a right-hand curve when she lost control of the vehicle and struck a tree. Walk and two passengers, a 16-year-old female of Meade Union and Hunter Hasinger, 18, McVeytown, were not injured and were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. The vehicle was disabled as a result of the crash. Walk will be cited for driving on roadways lined for traffic.

Burglary

ALEXANDRIA BORO. — State police at Huntingdon report someone removed items from Hope United Methodist Church between Dec. 15-17. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact state police at Huntingdon at 627-3161.

DUI

BRUSH CREEK TWP., FULTON CO. — Brett Grinsinger, 22, Alexandria, has been charged with DUI and other related charges by state police at McConnellsburg for an incident on Interstate 70 near mile marker 159 at 6:02 p.m. Sept. 2. Police report Grinsinger was stopped for speeding and was found to be operating a vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance. A subsequent search by police revealed he was also in possession of a small amount of marijuana, pills not prescribed to him and paraphernalia.



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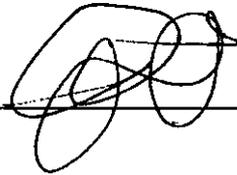
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GAEDC awards loans, grants for two downtown projects

By William Kubler
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The Greater Altoona Economic Development Corp on Monday approved \$65,000 in facade loans and grants for two adjacent buildings on the 1400 block of 11th Avenue.

The awards went to J.J. Hadley Building Co. Inc. of Altoona, which plans to start commercial businesses in buildings recently occupied by Shirley Shoes and Circa Squared.

The corporation allocated a \$30,000 loan and a \$5,000 grant for the Shirley's Shoes building. It allocated a \$25,000 loan and a \$5,000 grant for the Circa Squared building.

Patrick Miller, CEO of GAEDC, declined to identify the principal or principals behind J.J. Hadley.

The corporation isn't listed on the state corporation website.

Miller also declined to specify what kind of commercial businesses would

locate in the stores.

Unlike many downtown buildings, they are one-story, so there is no opportunity for upper-floor apartments.

The two buildings, which are on the corner of 14th Street across from Heritage Plaza, were once part of a single structure that also included a third building, which is being renovated to become the 1482 1/2 Bakery and Lunch Room.

Based on a picture supplied at the meeting and dating from perhaps the 1940s, the three components of the original building housed — starting from the corner — Nevins drug store, in the spot most recently occupied by Shirley's Shoes; Shirley's Shoes, in the spot most recently occupied by Circa Squared; and Beverly's clothing store, based on a window display visible in the picture.

Sam Scheinberg, who

owned the buildings recently sold to the Hadley firm, continues to operate his shoe business out of his home, servicing "preferred clients," including area nursing homes and the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home.

Tracy Kimmen, who operates Circa Squared with her boyfriend, Todd Miller, also has relocated, according to Miller.

Kimmen previously was considering whether to keep her merchandise at home and sell online.

Circa Squared recycles planks and trim from houses being demolished in town and planks from barns being taken down in the area to create furniture and home accessories like shelving, mantels, boxes and knickknacks.

GAEDC is a division of the Altoona Blair County Development Corp.

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ROADS: Annual survey helps set projects

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"That's excellent," Borden stated, when she heard.

It means the worst block — 11th Avenue between 13th and 14th streets — will be done, she said.

The city schedules paving for the streets in the worst condition each year, based on a survey that takes into account the street-out repairs, cracking and other issues, Kissel said.

The city confers with the Altoona Water Authority and Peoples Natural Gas Co. to minimize the damage caused by those street cuts, he said.

Each side compromises, according to Kissel.

The city postpones paving projects until the utilities complete major line replacements, while the utility companies try to schedule service line repairs in troublesome areas before paving jobs take place, Kissel said.

One downtown business owner said the worst block — 11th Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets — will be done in 2018.

Logan Township officer joining state police

By William Kubler
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The Logan Township Police Department has lost an officer to the state police.

Gary Roland was the first member of the department to administer naloxone to someone who had overdosed on opioids, thereby saving the life of a 25-year-old woman, Chad Tim Mercer said.

"He is one of the finest young police officers I've had the privilege to know," Mercer told the Logan Township supervisors recently.

He was physically fit, and — in keeping with a demand of Mercer — compassionate, Mercer said.

There were no complaints about him from the public, Mercer added.

He was hired in April 2012, according to information previously obtained by the Mirror.

Roland's family has a history with the state police, Mercer said.

His brother has been a trooper, his cousin has been a corporal and his uncle is retired from the force, Mercer said.

"It's the state police's gain and a loss for Logan," Mercer said. "He'll be difficult to replace."

That replacement should take about a month, Mercer predicted.

Roland saved the woman who'd overdosed in September 2016.

He was setting up for speed enforcement on the Oak Avenue neighborhood when a call came in from the Blair County 911 center about a possible overdose, according to previous information given to the Mirror.

He found the woman on the floor, unresponsive, with her mother giving CPR.

Roland called the 911 center, found that an ambulance was still four minutes out, then followed department protocol and administered the drug, according to the previous information.

The woman revived within a few seconds.

The incident led to a letter of commendation from Mercer.

One after another, the supervisors echoed Mercer's praise for Roland.

"I agree 100 percent," said Chairman Jim Petersen.

His being hired by the state police speaks well of the "nurturing" he received in the township department, said Supervisor Ed Frontino.

Blair planning commission OKs plan for autism center

Blair County Planning Commission members have given a favorable review for plans to convert the Family Christian Book Store building on Byron Avenue into the Journey Center, an educational facility for children with autism.

According to the project proposal, proposed site improvements include reconfiguring the parking area at the rear of the site, extending the existing sidewalk along Byron Avenue, installing an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramp, removal and replacement of lighting and planting of new landscaping features.

The proposed amount of

vehicle parking will total 11 spaces, including a single ADA accessible space.

The 11 spaces are less than the 25 spaces reserved under Altoona's code, but because of site constraints, planning commission members do not oppose the amount of parking spaces at the site, said Jamie L. Klink, community planner.

Klink also said the project should not have any negative impacts on the local transportation system but in order to mitigate negative impacts on the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata River watershed, the developer should ensure compliance with Altoona's stormwater management requirements.

BOARD: Losing bids confidential

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It is designed to safeguard against bid-rigging and collusion among bidders, said Kevin O'Toole, the gaming board executive director.

A bidder is to provide two sealed envelopes prior to the auction. One envelope will contain the bid amount and the other the "selected location" of the mini-casino. This will provide the long-time bidder with a view of the center of the location and the county and municipality where it would be located.

A winning bidder must pay the bid amount by

4 p.m. of the second business day after the auction.

They then have up to six months to submit an application for a Category 4 slot license.

At each auction, the board will announce the name of the winning bidder, the amount and the selected location.

The board won't disclose the identity of the losing bidders and the amount of their bids in order to ensure that future auctions are competitive and minimize the potential for collusion, officials said.

The map of potential loca-

tions for mini-casinos is currently being determined as individual municipalities decide whether to opt out from hosting one.

Municipalities have until Dec. 31 to adopt an opt-out resolution at a public meeting.

More than 400 municipalities have approved such resolutions so far, according to ILSA posted by the board.

A high bidder will not participate in auctions for the remaining licenses in the first round. The law provides for a second round of auctions if not all licenses are auctioned off in the first

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

Blood drives announced

WILKES BARRE — The American Red Cross is urging eligible donors to give more life to patients now and into the new year by giving blood or platelets. Donations decline during the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day when busy holiday schedules cause regular donors to be less available to give and many blood drives may be canceled due to severe winter storms. Last year, nearly 64,000 fewer blood and platelet donations were given through the Red Cross during the seven weeks from Thanksgiving through the first week of January than the average during the rest of the year.

"By taking just about an hour of time today, you can help save someone's life within a few weeks or even days of your donation," said Alana Mauger, communications manager of the Red Cross Northeastern Pennsylvania Blood Services Region.

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Region. "We're asking donors to give now to help ensure blood is available when patients need it most." Blood is perishable and can only be replenished by volunteer donors.

Red blood cells, the most transfused blood product, must be transfused within 42 days. Platelets, the tiny cells that form clots and help stop bleeding, must be transfused within just five days.

More than half of all platelet donations go to cancer patients who may need platelet transfusions to prevent life-threatening bleeding during chemotherapy.

"Platelet donors don't

have to wait a few weeks to make a difference in a patient's life," said Mauger. "Someone could donate platelets on Monday, and by Friday, those same platelets can help someone's fight to kick cancer."

Kelly Ellison certainly knows that. Twenty-eight weeks into her third pregnancy, she was raced to the hospital with uncontrolled bleeding and received a doubly devastating diagnosis.

Not only did she have aplastic anemia — a rare blood disorder in which the body's bone marrow does not produce enough new blood cells — doctors also detected kidney cancer. Kelly received 43 units of

blood and platelets.

Five weeks later, she gave birth prematurely to her son, who also needed blood transfusions to survive.

"Our lives have been forever changed because of lifesaving blood and platelet donations," said Ellison. "Every breath I take is a blessing!"

All blood types are needed this winter. Platelet donations are especially encouraged the first week of the new year, which is among the most difficult to collect enough platelets to meet patient needs. Donation appointments can be quickly and easily scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a special thank-you for taking the time to donate, those who come to give Dec. 21 through Jan. 7 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

LOCAL BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

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1/16/2018: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Beach Lake Free Methodist Church, 107 Milanville Road

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12/28/2017: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., Ledgedale Fire Department, 583 Goose Pond Road

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4-H Explorers



On Nov. 28, members from the Explorers 4-H Club did their fall best cleanup of the cemetery. Members raked up leaves and picked up sticks. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/CALLA SHAMPER, LIPSIGERS NEWS REPORTER)

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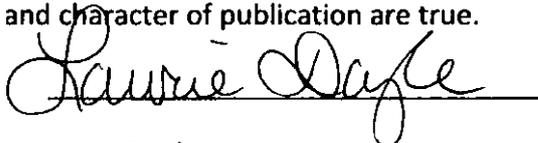
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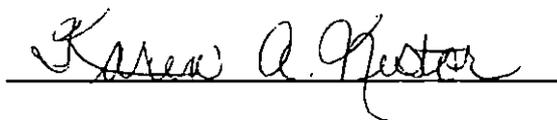
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Body of fisherman recovered at Marston

PROSPECT — Emergency crews have recovered the body of a fisherman who fell through the ice on a lake in western Pennsylvania.

The Butler Eagle reports that crews were dispatched at about 10 a.m. Monday to Lake Arthur at Marston State Park in Butler County.

Members of the Unkleville Dive Team recovered the body of the victim, who has been tentatively identified as a man from the Pittsburgh area.

Park manager Dustin Drew said a visitor called 911 to report seeing someone in distress in the lake about 60 yards from an access road. Drew said

"The caller just saw an arm waving."

Officials found fishing gear near a hole in the water. Drew estimated the depth of the site to be eight feet and the water temperature at about 32 degrees.

Ski lift glitch injures five at Tussey Mountain

BOALSBURG — A ski lift malfunction at a ski resort in central Pennsylvania stranded some people and reportedly left at least five with injuries described as minor.

WJAC-TV reports that first responders were called to Tussey Mountain ski resort in Centre County on Saturday morning.

Police told the station that at least five people were injured but the injuries were considered minor.

Tussey Mountain said in a tweet that its ski patrol, emergency medical personnel and staff members were "working on evacuating anyone on the lift."

Headline trial goes to jury

PITTSBURGH — Jurors begin deliberations Monday in a trial stemming from a shooting that killed one man and wounded another in the Pittsburgh suburbs last year.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports that closing arguments were delivered Friday in the first-degree murder trial of 30-year-old Deacon

Plowden. He's charged in a May 2016 shooting in Brentwood that killed 26-year-old Tamar Taylor.

Fallen tree pins, kills man cutting firewood

ARMAGH — Authorities say a man cutting firewood near his Penn-

sylvania home died after he was pinned under a fallen tree.

Police: Woman's murder 'not random'

SPRING GROVE — Police say a Pennsylvania woman was killed but three young children who were home at the time were unharmed. No arrests were announced.

Southwestern Regional Police said 24-year-old Samantha Stern was found dead in her Spring Grove home by her boyfriend on Saturday morning.

Sgt. Jamie Stalcup said three children under the age of 13 were home at the time and are currently with other relatives.

Stalcup declined to release the circumstances of the slaying but said the death "was not random." He said there's no reason for other residents to be concerned.

Chase

Youngstown man caught at truck stop

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vehicle head-on in Shenango Township about several hundred yards from the Ohio border, according to a press release from the Hermitage Police Department.

Queener then left his car and fled the scene on foot, while police saw his passenger was taken by ambulance to a local hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Two people in the other car were taken to an area trauma center and are now in stable condition.

Taking part in the search efforts were police from Hermitage, Shenango Township, Farrell, Mercer County Sheriff's Office and a Pennsylvania State Police helicopter in Pennsylvania. State police also oversaw the accident investigation.

In Ohio, police from Hubbard, Hilliard Township and Ohio State Highway Patrol assisted in the search. Local police K-9 units from both states also helped search for Queener.

At the time of the chase, officers warned the public that Queener might be armed and dangerous.

"Initially we had information that said the suspect might be armed, but the source of that in-

GED

Students set sights on goals, futures

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school principal called her into his office to talk about her below average grades.

"He looked at me and said, 'You have two kids and not enough time for your homework or your studies. There's no way you're going to graduate.' He told me that," Baumgardner said.

She left the principal's office, signed some papers to drop out, and then cried to her mom.

"When you get some feedback from someone who is supposed to be a supporter, it takes a lot out of you," Baumgardner said. "And I walked away."

Now she is walking back to what she left unfinished 13 years ago.

It all comes back to her grandfather, who saw her as more than the family's black sheep, the girl who always seemed to be doing the wrong thing, Baumgardner said.

"Besides my mom, he's the only one who believed I could do something," she said. "In his words, 'I was put on this world for greatness.' Is what he would say. And I would just laugh about it like 'all right, Gramps.' But it's his words of encouragement that got me from where I used to be to where I am now."

Baumgardner said she gets emotional today when she thinks about her grandfather because he would be proud to see her coming to class every day on time and leaving with an arsenal of books to study at night.

She attempted to go back for her GED once before, but became frustrated with the material and quit.

"This time is different. This time, she is going to finish... for her grandfather."

Guiding her through the process is her teacher, Edward Underwood, a tutor coordinator for the Mercer County

Adult Education Program

offered through Mercer County Intermediate Unit IV

Underwood teaches in Sharon above the Pennsylvania CareerLink.

Underwood said it motivates him to hear stories like Baumgardner's because it means that someone is in the right place to continue his or her education. Underwood said he teaches differently than what people might be used to in school.

"I have a system to teach people how to learn based on their learning style," he said.

In the public school system, teachers chunk the information and tell the students to learn it, but Underwood said he walks his adult students through the learning process.

Instead of simply providing the material, Underwood said, he shows people the techniques and the strategies that will help them to learn.

"Because learning how to learn is way more important than being told what to learn," the tutor said.

Underwood began his career as a "wrap-around" or over-prepare staff supporter, where he sat at the back of the classroom and helped students stay on track. From that vantage point, he saw all the deficiencies of classroom instruction.

He went back to school and became a teacher and then began his own tutoring program.

Now, Underwood said his career has come full circle. The adults he tutors are the results of the school system's deficiencies.

One of Underwood's students from his time as a wrap-around recently came to him to get his GED. When that student told Underwood that his tutoring kept

him out of jail, Underwood told him that there was still a lot of work to do.

The first step might be a GED, but it's not the end goal, Underwood said. The goal, he said, is employment.

"If you're here, it means you're trying to do something differently," he said. "Don't be afraid to meet with your goals, because I'm going to push you. There's no such thing as doing nothing. You have got to do something."

Once his students obtain their GEDs, he works with them to fix their resumes, helps them search for jobs and sends them to the CareerLink, which is just below his office.

Whatever his students need, he is there for them, Underwood said.

One of the biggest challenges of his job is unlearning the minds of students who think they can't learn. That's what they have been told their entire lives.

Stories like Baumgardner's are not uncommon, Underwood said, which is why it's his job to help them believe in themselves.

In his classrooms, it's a community where everyone supports each other, he said.

Baumgardner isn't embarrassed to be getting her GED.

"I'm 30 years old and I'm coming to a class and I'm not ashamed about it, not one bit," she said.

"I'm OK to not know the answers Baumgardner said, because that's why people are there — to learn."

Mr. Underwood teaches you and breaks it down so you understand it a lot better," Baumgardner said.

"That's what I would tell people. Come here. Come see Mr. Underwood."

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Crash

Trooper injured in vehicle accident

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the median and head to ward him, according to a press release.

Police said the other car, driven by 25-year-old Leah Bono, of West Middlesex, was allegedly traveling erratically and at high speed, went to pass the trooper's car when it swerved to the right. The unmarked police car's front driver's side was struck by the front passenger side of

Bono's vehicle

Bono's car continued right until it hit the concrete barrier, then the guard rail and eventually came to a rest in the right lane.

No charges were immediately filed against Bono but her passenger, William Peyton, 21, also of West Middlesex, was arrested on multiple warrants and taken to Mercer County Jail. Bono was released to family members, and the trooper is recovering at home, the release said.

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Amtrak train hurtles off overpass



Cars from an Amtrak train that derailed in Seattle on Interstate 5 on Monday afternoon smashed vehicles in DuPont, Wash. (STEVE BLOOM/THE OLYMPIAN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

At least six killed and 50 injured in early morning derailment south of Seattle

By Rachel La Costa and Gillian Flacco
The Associated Press

DUPONT, Wash. — An Amtrak train making the first-ever run along a faster new route hurtled off an overpass at an estimated 80 mph Monday south of Seattle and spilled some of its cars onto the highway below, killing at least six people, authorities said.

Seventy-seven passengers and five crew members were aboard when the train derailed. At least 50 people were hospitalized, more than a dozen with critical or serious injuries, authorities said.

An official briefed on the investigation told The Associated Press that

preliminary signs indicate that "Train 501 may have struck something before going off the track about 40 miles south of Seattle. The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Office said several vehicles on Interstate 5 were struck by falling train cars and multiple motorists were injured. No fatalities of motorists were reported.

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was coming around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over Interstate 5 when it derailed. Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer survived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

"I'm still figuring that out. We've got cars

everywhere and down onto the highway," he tells the dispatcher, who asks if everyone is OK.

Aleksander Kristiansen, a 24-year-old exchange student at the University of Washington from Copenhagen, was going to Portland to visit the city for the day.

"I was just coming out of the bathroom when the accident happened. My car just started shaking really, really badly. Things were falling off the shelf. Right away, you know that this was not something minor," he said.

The back of his train car was wide open because it had separated from the rest of the train, so he and others were able to jump out to safety. He was at about the middle of the train, either the sixth or seventh car, he said, and was "one of the lucky ones."

Airlines attempt normalcy after blackout

By Don Schenkel Jr. and Tom Krisher
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The nation's air-travel system struggled to get back on schedule and re-book stranded passengers Monday after a fire and blackout at the world's busiest airport forced the cancellation of over 1,500 flights days before the start of the Christmas rush.

Travelers sat on the floor, slumped in chairs or stood to long lines at ticket counters a day after the

underground base knocked out electricity and crippled Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for about 11 hours.

A spokesman for Delta, by far the biggest airline at the airport, said most of its delayed passengers were booked on other flights scheduled to leave Monday. Spokesman Michael Thomas said the airline should be "largely if not completely" back to normal by Tuesday, well before the busy travel weekend ahead of Christmas Day.

But no matter how fast Delta and other airlines move, it will take a few days to get the hundreds of thousands of grounded passengers to their final destinations, said Robert Mann, president of an airline consulting firm in Port Washington, New York. In rare cases, some passengers won't arrive until Thursday, he said.

"These are just so few seats available during a peak holiday week, that's just going to take a lot of flights with four or five seats apiece," Mann said.

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Drug Companies Fear Release of the New AloeCure

Big Pharma stands to lose billions as doctors' recommend drug-free "health cocktail" that adjusts and corrects your body's health conditions.

By David Wexman
Seattle, Washington
Drug company execs are nervous. That's because the greatest health advance in decades has hit the streets. And analysts expect it to put a huge crimp in "Big Pharma" profits.



So what's all the fuss about? It's about a new ingredient that's changing the lives of people who use it. Some call it "the greatest discovery since penicillin." And others call it "a miracle."

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Dr. Leal should know. Many patients come to her with bone and joint complaints and the doctors prescribing the pills to help them. One way for digestives to help avoid possible risk of major joint and bone fractures is by increasing the amount of digestive drugs to take the AloeCure.

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Analysts expect the AloeCure to put a huge crimp in "Big Pharma" profits.

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RAIL: Train hurtles onto highway

FROM A1

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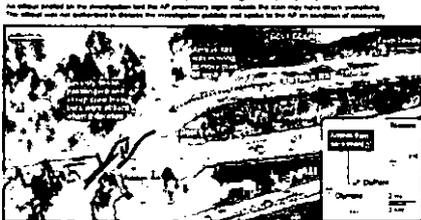
About two hours after the accident, a U.S. official who with others was briefed on the investigation said he was told at least six people were killed. No additional briefings were provided by late afternoon, and the official said he had no new information to explain the discrepancy in the numbers.

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The chart, dated Feb. 7, 2017, was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration in anticipation of the start of passenger service along a new bypass route that shaves 10 minutes off the trip between Seattle and Portland.

It was not clear how fast the train was moving at the precise moment when it derailed. Kimberly Reason with Sound

Amtrak Train 501 hurtles off overpass taking multiple people



Transit, the Seattle-area transit agency that owns the tracks, confirmed to the AP that the speed limit at the point where the train derailed is 30 mph. Speed signs are posted two miles before the speed zone and just before the speed zone approaching the curve, she said.

Positive train control — the technology that can slow or stop a speeding train — wasn't in use on this stretch of track, according to Amtrak President Richard Anderson.

He spoke on a conference call with reporters, said he was "deep

ly saddened by all that has happened today."

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was coming around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over Interstate 5 when it derailed. Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer survived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

"I'm still figuring that out. We've got cars everywhere and down into the highway," he tells the dispatcher, who asks if everyone is OK.

ABORTION: Wolf vetoes bill

FROM A1

same people who believe it is acceptable to tear the arms and legs off a six-month baby in utero," Brooks said. "That's cruel and radical. I find it radical and cruel for the governor to protect someone on death row who has raped and murdered women, but not protect the life of an innocent baby."

Wolf vetoed the bill in a ceremony at Philadelphia City Hall, joined by Mayor Jim Kenney. Prior to passing the measure in the state House, the measure was approved in February by the Senate in a 32-18 vote.

"I fully support the Governor's decision to veto this bill," Kenney said. "The state should not be telling women — particularly women who became pregnant by rape or incest — that they don't have the right to decide what to do with their body. These women

are victims and they should not be victimized again by this law."

Monday's move was Wolf's third veto this year and his 21st since becoming governor in 2015.

Wolf is a Democrat. Both chambers of the Legislature are controlled by Republican majorities.

Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life group that focuses on supporting pro-life women candidates, said that despite Wolf's move, the effort to ban abortions after 20 weeks has momentum nationally.

"The U.S. is one of only seven counties that allow abortion on-demand after five months, putting us in the company of China and North Korea," Dannenfelser said.

Similar 20-week abortion bans have already passed in 20 other states, she said, and a national

version of the law could pass Congress in 2018, she said.

"President Donald Trump has pledged to advance and sign into law the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act and we expect a vote on this in the Senate early next year," she said.

Planned Parenthood cheered the governor's move and criticized lawmakers for forcing the governor to take out his veto pen to thwart the legislation.

"The majority of the lawmakers who pushed this bill through without holding any hearings or seeking input from qualified medical professionals is almost unfathomable," said Lindsey Mauldin, Deputy Director for Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates. "What's somehow even worse is that they undertook this legislation knowing full well that if enacted,

it would promptly be vetoed by the governor and struck down by the courts."

Critics say the 20-week abortion limit wouldn't stand up in courts because it violates earlier Supreme Court decisions about when a fetus is viable.

Mauldin called the General Assembly's passage of the bill "a callous attempt to score cheap political points through needless cruelty toward women."

Earlier this year, Wolf vetoed a bill that would have barred local governments from banning plastic shopping bags. He also vetoed a bill that would have created work requirements for able-bodied adults who get health care coverage through Medicaid. The Legislature didn't try to override either of those vetoes. No decision has yet been made on trying to override the abortion bill veto.

CARD: Penguins pick Union student's design

FROM A1

Foundation Holiday Card Competition."

Munnal noted that Union has many talented student artists who submitted card designs from each of the grades, and she looks forward to collaborating with homeroom teachers again and submitting student art work next year.

The foundation sends out a "call for artists" to area school districts for the annual holiday card competition. From all the submissions, 10 winning ones were selected. Each school district that participated could submit up to two designs.

The designs, which were selected, will be displayed on the foundation website and social media sites.

The foundation's official holiday cards will feature the art work, and will be mailed to foundation supporters and fans. It may appear in future Penguins print materials, too.

Superintendent Mike

Ross encouraged teachers in grades 4-6 to participate and create designs for the competition.

Munnal, the elementary art teacher, presented the competition to students and homeroom teachers who were interested in making a card design and selected the final two card designs to represent the Union Area School District.

Those were later sent to the Pains Foundation. The cards were created in homeroom sessions and at home with each teacher encouraging stu-

dents to participate. Janelle Cassano, Carter's teacher, encouraged her students to design cards and gathered all of the students' art work

for sixth grade Cassano also photographed Carter with his winning design.

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MONDAY EVENING

Pick 2: 9-2

Pick 3: 6-9-8

Pick 4: 6-7-2-1

Pick 5: 5-8-4-4-1

Cash 5: 7-16-32-37

Match 6: 10-19-22-28-35-38

MONDAY MIDDAY

Pick 2: 8-6

Pick 3: 3-5-9

Pick 4: 4-6-9-5

Pick 5: 0-2-0-7-2

Treasure Hunt: 1-8-23-25-30

OHIO

MONDAY EVENING

Pick 3: 6-6-7

Pick 4: 8-9-7-0

Pick 5: 1-6-1-0-6

Rolling Cash 5: 2-24-27-29-31

Lottery: 2-7-8-15-16-33

Kicker: 4-7-6-4-4-8

MONDAY MIDDAY

Pick 3: 3-9-5

Pick 4: 0-1-0-4

Pick 5: 1-3-2-5-0

District Judges

MELISSA A. AMOKE

New Castle police charged the following:

-Devon M. Johnson, 19, of New Castle, four counts of intent to possess a controlled substance, three counts of manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver and one count of use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

-Scott E. Kurtz, 26, of Sharon, simple assault and harassment.

-Alexander Magwood, 42, of New Castle, simple assault and harassment.

-Shannon Lee Haswell, 44, of Ellwood City, improper sunscreens, intent to possess a controlled substance and use/possession of drug paraphernalia.

-David A. Gallo, 36, of New Castle, two counts of driving under the influence and one count of reckless driving.

-Lisa Marie Wishon, 30, of New Castle, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness and similar misconduct.

-Jennifer P. Reed, 32, of New Castle, disorderly

conduct and public drunkenness and similar misconduct.

-Esther R. Wilson, 29, of New Castle, disorderly conduct.

-JERRY G. CARTWRIGHT, Jeffrey Dean Winger, 35, of New Castle, charged by New Castle police with possession of an instrument of crime, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property.

-EMERIL L. NICHOLSON, The Pennsylvania Game Commission charged the following:

-Walmart, of Union Township, two counts of assisting person not entitled to obtain license.

-Christopher A. Lindsay, 19, of New Castle, violation of the rules and regulations of the game commission.

New Castle police charged the following:

-Shawntelle Spring Johnson, 42, of New Castle, aggravated assault, flight to avoid apprehension, trial or punishment, simple assault and resisting arrest.

-Otis C. Smith Jr., 20, of New Castle, retail theft.

Union Township police charged the following:

-Destiny J. Maton, 18, of New Castle, retail theft.

-Rhonda L. Matthews, 42, of New Castle, disorderly house.

-Alex D. Caldaramo, 31, of New Castle, disorderly conduct.

-SCOTT A. MCGRATH, The Pennsylvania Game Commission charged the following:

-Christopher C. Donaldson, 20, of Wampum, taking/killing big game beyond daily/season limits.

-Norris G. Winters, 62, of New Wilmington, failure to attach tag to big game.

-Corey M. Shoup, 31, of New Castle, violation of the rules and regulations of the game commission.

-Nelda A. Desantes, 25, of Pittsburgh, taking possession of game or wildlife and exercising private permit without obtaining permit.

-Gregory D. Colosimo, 38, of Slippery Rock, recreational spot search for wildlife/game.

-Stephen M. Gardner, 31, of Grove City, two counts of violation of federal laws.

-Joseph Dantico IV, 20, of New Castle, littering while hunting/furtaking and control of property regulations.

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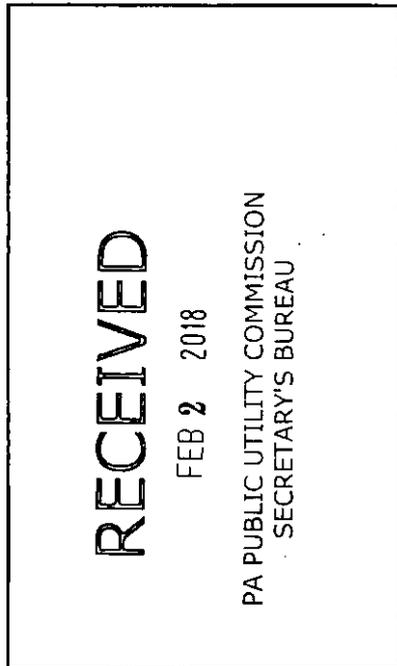
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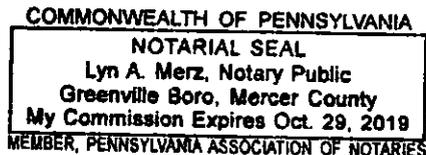


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Not fake news: 'Whatever' tops annoying word list, literally

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. (AP) — The shoulder-slugging reply "whatever" continues to annoy Americans more than other words or phrases, but "fake news" is coming on strong. The annual Marist College poll of most annoying words and phrases found "whatever" topping the list for

the ninth straight year. It was the pick of one third of poll respondents, who were given five choices. The recent addition "fake news" was slightly ahead of "no offense, but" for second place, 23 percent to 20 percent.

About one in 10 found "literally" to be most grating, as did a similar number for "you know what I mean." The telephone survey of 1,074 adults conducted Nov. 6-9 has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Lakewood. City officials asserted the state transportation department's environmental review of the new route was inadequate and failed to consider traffic, neighborhood and other impacts.

In March 2014, a judge dismissed the lawsuit and the \$181 million track upgrade moved forward. Until now, the route was used by freight trains.

Early Monday, during the first run of the new passenger service, 13 of the 14 cars went off the tracks at an overpass, some tumbling onto Interstate 5.

Even people who tried to stop the new route on safety grounds said a derailment wasn't a concern.

"These are new, upgraded tracks — that's what is so surprising about this," said John Miles with the Coalition for Effective Transportation Alternatives, which joined local elected officials in opposing the project. "They weren't worried about a train derailling."

At least three people on board were killed, local authorities said, contradicting a U.S. official briefed on the investigation who earlier told The Associated Press that at least six were



DuPONT, Wash. — Cars from an Amtrak train lie spilled onto Interstate 5 below alongside smashed vehicles as some train cars remain on the tracks above Monday.

dead. No additional briefings were provided by late afternoon, and the official said he had no new information to explain the discrepancy in the numbers. The U.S. official was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. The track is owned by Sound Transit, the public

transit system for the Seattle area, which oversaw the upgrades and did extensive testing prior to Monday's public opening, agency spokeswoman Kimberly Reason said. While it will take investigators months to determine the precise cause, speed may have been a factor. Moments before the derailment the train was

going 81.1 mph, according to transidocs.com, which maps train speeds using data from Amtrak's train tracker app. The maximum speed drops from 79 mph to 30 mph for passenger trains just before the tracks curve to cross Interstate 5, according to a track chart prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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sheriff's refusal to stock naloxone. "I think it's tough love. ... The rest of us shouldn't have to pay for it."

An AP survey of Ohio's 88 sheriffs found that at least 68, or a little more than three-fourths, equip deputies with naloxone. Of those, a half-dozen have begun within the past six months, and most others have less than two years' experience.

It's hard to say what effect naloxone is having on overdose death rates.

Accidental overdose deaths in at least 11 Ohio counties where sheriffs have used the antidote for more than two years went up last year. Butler's did, too, and is on track for another record toll this year. In Clermont, where sheriff's deputies carry naloxone, the death toll went down last year. Statewide, the overdose death toll soared 33 percent, to 4,050 people, in 2016.

Naloxone is also widely distributed to families and friends of people with addiction. Its availability to police and sheriffs dates back only a few years. And attempts to gauge its effectiveness are hindered by variables including geographical variation in drug potency.

Amy Parker, a native and resident of Butler County, was saved twice by naloxone. She doesn't know whether it was police or paramedics who administered it when she overdosed on heroin in Indianapolis a few years ago. She eventually ended her drug use and now is a peer drug counselor, leading group meetings for those in rehabilitation.

The talk by the sheriff and residents of her county against police use of naloxone, she said, adds to the stigma of



Amy Parker, a native and resident of Butler County and a peer drug counselor, bristles at the claim by Sheriff Richard Jones and others that naloxone enables; she says, is that the only thing naloxone "enables" is breathing.

those battling drugs and to their reluctance to seek help. She bristled at the claim by Jones and others that naloxone enables; the saying among advocates, she says, is that the only thing naloxone "enables" is breathing.

"I don't care how many times it takes," Parker said. "As long as that person is alive, there is hope."

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"We have to do what's best for the citizens of this borough," Councilor Janet Earle added. "And that's providing more police coverage."

With the borough accepting a \$10,000 cut, it may have to make cuts to the department down the road, she explained, but if the contract fell through, the borough would have had to cut four shifts.

While Greenville councilors had been hoping for at least \$85,000 — and many were pulling for the \$92,000 the borough had been charging — Shipley said \$82,000 was likely the best Greenville would see.

"I think 82 is as close as you're going to get to 85," he said, of his talks with the township. "My gut feeling is you're not going to get 92. If we hold out for that, the contract will expire."

The contract would have died at the end of the year.

"I'm just glad it's over with," said Ken Sherbondy, chairman supervisor for West Salem.

West Salem still has to give final approval of the contract, but Sherbondy said the supervisors plan to do that when they meet Jan. 2, making the deal retroactive to the beginning of the year.

Shipley said the borough doesn't have an issue with that arrangement.

As for the other details of the agreement:

■ The cost will increase 1 percent in the second and third years, and two percent in the fourth and fifth.

■ While Greenville officers had been patrolling the township two times a day, now they'll patrol only once.

■ The pact offers the option to reopen the contract if the state requires municipalities without their own police force to pay for state police coverage. While the agreement didn't previously include an out for Greenville, the council approved the deal contingent upon adding an exit clause, should circumstances change.

Before voting on the deal, Shipley polled the newly-elected councilors taking their seats in January, all of whom said they supported the deal, with reservations.

Tom Walsh, for example, said he would have preferred to see larger increases in each year of the contract.

While the final bottom line represents a \$10,000 cut for Greenville, the borough won't have to cut any police shifts, Shipley said, but it will have to make a few smaller cuts.

To make up for the \$10,000, the borough will cut crossing guards at East Elementary and St. Michael

school starting in the second half of 2018; it will cut its paid cleaning service for the borough building; and its yearly contribution to Heritage Days.

For sitting councilors, concerns with the deal focused on its bottom line and its five-year length.

"I feel like we've been underpaid for the service for a while now," Councilor Jonathan Bailey said. "But I think we all need to be good neighbors if we want this to work from a regional standpoint."

For Councilor Paul Hamill, the deal should have been shorter.

"This is keeping us providing services for less than they're costing us," he explained.

If the contract started at where it had been — \$92,000 — at the end of the contract, West Salem would have been paying roughly \$98,000, he said. With the contract starting at \$82,000, it will rise to only \$87,000.

While the borough will be accepting less, "we are benefiting from economies of scale, even if it doesn't feel quite equitable," Earle said.

But, she continued, "It's actually a shame, that we in western PA, in blue collar towns, pride ourselves of being so supportive of first responders, but ... when it comes time to pay for those services, people aren't stepping up to the plate."

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tions were made."

The borough suspended him Oct. 21 and fired him just days later on Oct. 26. Thompson was still within his one-year probationary period with the department, having been hired Nov. 2, 2016.

Although Greenville police first fielded the allegations against Thompson, the department turned the investigation over to the state police Organized Crime Task Force.

Thompson was arraigned on the three felony charges, as well as two misdemeanor counts of corruption of minors, at around 10 a.m. Monday before Magisterial District Judge Brian Arthur, and was released on an unsecured bond of \$50,000. He is currently scheduled for a Jan. 17 prelimi-

nary hearing at 10 a.m.

According to state police, Thompson is accused of making unlawful contact with two 16-year-old Greenville girls between April and October.

The first incident began in early April, when police allege Thompson first contacted a 16-year-old girl on both Instagram and Snapchat.

In May, police said Thompson "made requests for [the victim to send] nude photos about 20 times."

He is also accused of making "several" requests to meet the girl in person so the pair could engage in sexual intercourse — which police said the victim declined — and sent the girl "a full-frontal nude photo of himself." Police said the girl

stopped communicating with Thompson after refusing to send him any photos or meet him for sex.

A second 16-year-old girl approached police in early October, telling officers that she had also been contacted by Thompson via Snapchat.

Although the conservation in nature, police said over a three- or four-day period, Thompson sent the victim remarks about her figure, allegedly telling her "he wished she was 18 years old so he could do things to her."

Thompson is accused of again making several requests for the girl to send him nude photos, and when she declined, police said he stopped communicating with her.

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the foundation began.

"It's a long, long process," said Mike Stabile, business manager for the district.

From the time the process began, Stabile said the board has been working to write the foundation's bylaws and articles of agreement, which determine the policies focused on commitments and donations.

The current timeline has the foundation ready for fund-raisers and donations by spring/summer 2018.

"We'll be raising

money for technology for our students," Stabile said. "We're always thinking of ways to enhance our students' education, and technology is a huge part of that."

"We figured the foundation would be the best way to raise money, with the school district's budget getting tighter every year, and our increase in funding from the state being very minimal," he added. "We're looking at every possible way that we can bolster the education experience offered here at Mercer."



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No 2018 tax increase in Butler Township

Commissioners approve \$11.4M budget

By Steve Ferris
Eagle Staff Writer

BUTLER TWP — Township commissioners adopted a 2018 budget that maintains the 2017 tax rate.

Commissioners unanimously adopted the \$11.4 million budget Monday.

At the real estate rate of 11.25 mills, taxes on a typical township home with an assessed value of \$14,667 and a market value of \$152,827 will be \$165.

Combined with Butler County taxes of \$465 and Butler School District taxes of \$1,481, total real estate taxes on that home in 2018 will be about \$2,051.

From the tax millage, 7.4 mills go to the general fund, 2.7 mills go to fire protection and 1.01 mills go to debt service.

The budget includes a \$7.8 million special revenue fund and a \$2.3 million general fund that includes the \$1.1 million highway fund, \$378,180 park development fund, \$461,309 debt service fund, \$108,199 capital equipment fund and \$51,282 stormwater pond maintenance fund.

The 2018 general fund will be \$224,456 less, or 2.8 percent, than it is in 2017.

Township Manager Edward Kirkwood said many significant cost in-

creases were absorbed into the 2018 budget. Those costs include two new police vehicles, additional street lighting, insurance premiums and pension plan contributions.

In unrelated business, the commissioners approved an agreement to allow the Butler County parks and recreation department to run the township dek hockey rink, pay utilities and keep the revenue.

In the past the township received 12.5 percent of the registration fees from the operator, but spent far more than that on utilities and maintenance, Kirkwood said.

He said the county plans to grow the operation and possibly expand the facility.

In addition, the commissioners approved several amendments to the zoning ordinance.

Many of the amendments are clarifications and corrections, but some address telecommunications towers and antennas, and "cluster" residential developments. A cluster development is a group of attached single-family homes with permanently open green space under the care of a homeowners association.

The commissioners voted for the township to opt out as a possible location for a category 4, or mini, casino.

The commissioners also extended approval of the land development plan for a new Burger King on New Castle Road until March 18.



Travelers sleep in the atrium at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Monday, the day after a massive power outage brought operations to halt. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Airlines inch back to normalcy after Atlanta airport blackout

By Associated Press

ATLANTA — The nation's air-travel system struggled to get back on schedule and rebook stranded passengers Monday after a fire and blackout at the world's busiest airport forced the cancellation of more than 1,500 flights days before the start of the Christmas rush.

Travelers sat on the floor, slumped in chairs or stood in long lines at ticket counters a day after the underground blaze knocked out electricity and crippled Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport for about 11 hours.

A spokesman for Delta, by far the biggest airline at the airport, said most of its delayed passengers were booked on other flights scheduled to leave Monday. Spokesman Michael Thomas said the airline should be "largely if not completely" back to normal by Tuesday, well before the huge travel weekend ahead of Christmas Day.

But no matter how fast Delta and other airlines move, it will take a few days to get the thousands of grounded passengers to their final destinations, said Robert Mann, president of an airline consulting firm in Port Washington, N.Y. In rare cases, some passengers won't arrive until Thursday, he said.

"There are just so few seats available during the peak holiday week, that's just going to take a lot of flights with four or five seats apiece," Mann said.

Southwest, the airport's second-largest airline, said it was back on a nor-

mal schedule, but a spokesman could not say how long it would take to clear the backlog of stranded travelers.

American Airlines, which is much smaller, said that it, too, booked many of its passengers on new flights but that some will have to wait until later in the week to fly.

The fire broke out Sunday afternoon next to equipment for a backup system, causing that to fail, too. Power wasn't fully restored until about midnight.

The control tower did not lose power because it has a separate electrical feed, and planes that were in the air and close to Atlanta when the blackout hit were allowed to land. Other incoming flights were diverted, and outgoing flights were halted.

Anthony Foxx, who was transportation secretary under President Barack Obama, was among many travelers stuck for hours in a plane on the tarmac. He blasted airport officials, saying the problem was "compounded by confusion and poor communication."

"Total and abject failure here at ATL Airport today," he tweeted, adding that there was "no excuse for lack of workable redundant power source. NONE!"

Georgia Power CEO Paul Bowers issued an apology and blamed the fire on a failure in a switch gear. He said the utility is considering a change in the setup of the main and backup systems to prevent a similar blackout.

Around noon Monday, stranded travelers sat on

the floor, charging cell-phones at the electrical outlets. An Atlanta city employee in a Santa hat gave out candy.

David and Lynn Garden, sitting in soft chairs in the airport's atrium, left London early Sunday for Key West, Fla., but were diverted to Cincinnati because of the blackout. Delta got them a hotel room and put them on a Monday flight to Atlanta. From there, they awaited an afternoon flight to Florida.

"Delta has been pretty good," David Garden said, counting themselves luckier than passengers who spent the night in an airport. "We don't always get this kind of customer service in the U.S."

Delta canceled about 1,000 flights Sunday and 400 more on Monday, in many cases because the pilots and airplanes were in the wrong places. To help clear the backlog, it added flights and found seats for some of its customers on other airlines.

Police: Shoplifter used 'booster bags' to steal

By Jim Smith
Eagle Staff Writer

SPRINGFIELD TWP. Mercer County — Curses. Foiled again.

An alleged shoplifter is headed for trial on charges she used so-called "booster bags" in the commission of her alleged crime earlier this month, at the Premium Outlets in Springfield Township.

State police said Elise M. Burks, 49, of Pittsburgh used shopping bags lined with aluminum foil Dec. 4, when she tried to defeat anti-shoplifting devices.

"She said she came up with the idea from watching videos online," Trooper Alexis McBride, the investigating officer, said Monday.

The scheme, however, didn't go as planned and Burks was subsequently arrested at the outlet mall

— but not before she had purportedly made off with property from two stores.

In all, Burks was found with nearly \$1,000 in merchandise in her foil-lined bags.

This is not her first arrest for the same crime. Court records show she has more than two dozen prior shoplifting convictions.

At Burks' preliminary hearing on Thursday Senior District Judge William Pagley ordered her held for court on a felony charge of retail theft and a misdemeanor charge of possessing an instrument of crime.

The term "booster bag" in police parlance comes from "boost" which is slang for stealing or shoplifting.

The bags are designed to hide stolen merchandise from security devices, theft sensors, and similar units installed by retailers to

thwart the theft of merchandise.

Aluminum foil or metal tape are used in some instances to line the bags, police said.

The modified bags sometimes work, sometimes not. Burks admitted her bags did not work, as it turned out, McBride said.

Still, the defendant was able to make it through two store despite setting off the detectors. Her luck ran out at the Calvin Klein outlet, police said, where an employee saw her taking items.

She had \$285 in suspected stolen merchandise, primarily clothing, in her bags.

Because of her numerous prior shoplifting convictions, Burks is charged with felony retail theft. According to online court records, she has 25 previous retail theft convictions, mostly in Allegheny County.

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Man sentenced to life as teen gets re-sentencing hearing

BY JULIE RAE BICKARD
For the CDT

CLEARFIELD

The son of a man murdered in 1987 stated in Clearfield County Court on Monday that he thinks his father's killer has spent enough time in prison.

His father, David Smith, was hit with a shotgun blast from Timothy Hanson, of Philippsburg, when he arrived at the Hanson home on Dec. 24, 1987, according to court documents. Hanson, then 15 years old, was on the run from a juvenile detention center.

Hanson was found guilty of first-degree murder in June 1988 and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In 2012, a decision by the Supreme Court deemed juvenile sentences of life in prison without the possibility of parole as cruel and unusual punishment and therefore unconstitutional.

Once a procedure was designed for these cases prior cases in June, Hanson was one of three cases returned to Clearfield County Court for re-sentencing.

In order to receive a life without parole sentence, the Commonwealth must now prove the

defendant is unable to be rehabilitated.

According to the Supreme Court opinion, the guidelines for a first-degree murder committed by someone 15 to 18 years old is to serve a minimum of 35 years.

In a status conference scheduled for this case Monday morning, Dustin Smith, David Smith's son, sat through several hours of testimony before he made a statement in favor of Hanson's release.

"We do not wish to see him incarcerated any more," he said, on behalf of the family. He added that they want Hanson to be able

to contribute to society and believe "he deserves a second chance."

Centre County Senior Judge David Grine, who's specially presiding over Hanson's case, had previously heard from three state Department of Corrections employees who have dealt with Hanson.

Corrections employees detailed Hanson's progress in prison and explained how he has become an asset to the law library. They described Hanson as thoughtful, calm, courteous and a big help to other inmates looking for legal help.

Clearfield County District Attorney William A. Shaw Jr. questioned whether the witnesses were aware that Hanson has yet to take responsibility for his crime. Matthew Grimes, a counselor at the prison, noted that Hanson has maintained his innocence.

Although Grimes said he was in favor of Hanson being paroled because he feels he is unlikely to commit another crime, he said that part of any rehabilitation is being accountable for the crime.

The hearing will be continued until next year.

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an alternative site. But we're very much willing to keep the discussion going to say: 'Could it become an alternative site? Yes.'"

The "land swap" doesn't seem to be moving forward, and the coalition doesn't believe that Penn State has responded appropriately to Toll Brothers' letter of intent, which is part of the impetus for preparing a lawsuit, Terry Melton, a coalition member, said.

The coalition remains willing to negotiate with Penn State and Toll Brothers.

"It hurts us (that) we have to be in this situation," David Stone, a water coalition member, said. "I don't understand, I really don't understand... I think (Penn State) thinks that somehow this all goes away if they can just dump this land on Toll Brothers... These are good people there. I hate to see them miscalculate this way."

But the lawsuit would be much more than just this one land sale. The coalition hopes, if it comes to it, that through the lawsuit the courts will be able to answer one question definitively: Is Penn State public or private for the purpose of real estate

transactions?

Those agreements that if Penn State is public, then it's subject to heeding the Environmental Rights Amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution, as well as the environmental bill of rights passed in Ferguson Township in 2012 and the community bill of rights passed in State College borough in 2011 (both by referendum).

And if it's private, "then they need to be paying a hell of a lot more taxes than they are right now," said Kelli Hoover, president of the coalition.

Penn State operates as a public-private hybrid. It's a state-related university, like Lincoln, Temple and Pitt, and as such receives a small portion of its funding from the state government.

At the same time, it's not subject to dislosure under Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law like public entities are.

Penn State is also exempt from real estate taxation — such as property taxes — as an instrumentality of the state, said Mark Kellerman, chief tax assessor for Centre County.

But, he said, the university has agreed to make payments in lieu of taxes on properties it leases to third parties — and those payments are an equal amount to the real estate tax that would be collected on the assessed value of

the land.

Those agreements are set with Benner, College, Ferguson and Patton townships, State College borough, Bellefonte and State College area school districts and Centre County government, Kellerman said.

Penn State property that is not leased to a third party is not covered under those agreements, he said.

Sometimes Penn State pays the realty transfer tax on properties, and sometimes it claims the exemption of the state, said Joseph Davidson, Centre County's recorder of deeds.

The buyer and seller can negotiate the realty transfer tax, but ultimately the buyer is responsible to pay, he said, adding that Penn State can claim an exemption as buyer or seller.

Ferguson Township has a 2.75 percent realty transfer tax that's split between the state (1 percent), the township (1.25 percent) and the State College Area School District (0.50 percent).

The Whitehall Road property is not currently on the tax roll, Davidson said.

Penn State spokeswoman Lisa Powers said in an email in September that the university considers that property to be private, particularly because it's under contract to be sold.

"The main reason that... the lawsuit is not intended to be a direct challenge to

the transaction is because we've been advised that Penn State would probably demand... a security bond," said Katherine Watt, coalition vice president.

And the coalition can't put down a \$12.5 million bond to get an injunction to prevent the sale from happening, Hoover said.

That's why, Watt said, the coalition will wait to file the suit until the sale goes through and focus it on the public/private issue.

The coalition said it would take a few weeks to draw up and file the lawsuit.

Watt said the main case that the coalition will look to build on is Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation v. Commonwealth.

The state Supreme Court decision on the case came in June and reversed 40 years of precedent, she said.

In the majority opinion, it was written that the Commonwealth must act as a trustee of public natural resources, not as a proprietor.

"We feel that it's real important for the courts to rule on how Penn State makes decisions in the context of this new Supreme Court precedent and in the context of the charter bill of rights," Stone said.

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ABORTION

lar ban, according to the nonprofit Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

The Pennsylvania bill's sponsor, state Sen. Michele Brooker, said a baby can survive outside the womb before 24 weeks, thanks to advances in technology, and laws must catch up.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reports that delivery before 23 weeks of gestation typically results in death and, among the rare survivors, practically all have significant morbidity.

Statistics published by the state Department of Health show there were 380 abortions done after week 20 in 2015, the latest year for which data is available.

There were 31,818 abortions in total that year in Pennsylvania, according to the bill.

The bill also would have effectively banned dilation-and-evacuation, the most common method of second-

trimester abortion, opponents said. Two states have similar bans, while laws in six other states are on hold in courts, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

State Sen. Brooks, a Crawford County Republican, contended that the bill does not ban the procedure, but rather, the fetus must first be injected by saline to cause its death. There were 1,588 dilation-and-evacuation abortions in Pennsylvania in 2015, according to state statistics.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is no evidence that including fetal death makes second-trimester abortions safer, and opponents question whether such an injection makes it less safe for the mother.

The bill was opposed by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

FROM PAGE 1A

AMTRAK

A track chart prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation shows the maximum speed drops from 79 mph to 30 mph for passenger trains just before the tracks curve to cross Interstate 5, which is where the train went off the tracks.

The chart, dated Feb. 7, 2017, was obtained by the Federal Railroad Administration in anticipation of the start of passenger service along a new bypass route that shaves 10 minutes off the trip between Seattle and Portland.

It was not clear how fast the train was moving at the precise moment when it derailed.

Kimberly Reason with Sound Transit, the Seattle-

area transit agency that owns the tracks, confirmed to the AP that the speed limit at the point where the train derailed is 30 mph.

Speed signs are posted two miles before the speed zone and just before the speed zone approaching the curve, she said.

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was coming around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over Interstate 5 when it derailed. Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer survived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

Aleksander Kristiansen, a 74-year-old exchange student at the University of Washington from Copenhagen, was going to Portland to visit the city for the day.

"I was just coming out of the bathroom when the

accident happened. My car just started shaking really, really badly. Things were falling off the shelf. Right away, you know that this was not something minor," he said.

The back of his train car was wide open because it had separated from the rest of the train, so he and others were able to jump out to safety. He was at about the middle of the train, either the sixth or seventh car, he said, and was "one of the lucky ones."

Erinna Schafer was headed home to Vancouver, Wash., on winter break from the Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle and was napping when the crash occurred.

She awoke to find her body at a 45-degree angle and her train car dangling from the overpass. Someone behind her was pinned by the legs, she said, and she and others who could walk exited the train by crawling onto a car underneath theirs that had been crushed.

"It felt oddly silent after the actual crashing. There was a lot of metal, a lot of screaming, a lot of being thrown around. It was very quiet. Then there was people screaming," Schafer said. "I don't know if I actually heard the sirens, but they were there. It was like, 'Hey, I'm Robert. We'll get you out of here.'"

Man dies in Bradford Township crash

State police at Clearfield reported a fatal crash early Monday in Bradford Township, Clearfield County.

According to a state police news release, one man died at about 5 a.m. at the intersection of Exit 123 off Interstate 80 and the Shawville Highway. A tractor-trailer was reportedly traveling east along the ramp when the driver pulled straight onto Shawville from a stop sign.

A Hyundai sedan traveling north on Shawville hit the trailer on the right side, police said. On impact, the tractor-trailer reportedly pulled the sedan for about 140 feet before coming to a rest.

The man driving the

sedan was pronounced dead at the scene, police said. Police are withholding the identity of the driver pending notification of next of kin.

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out go shopping to buy other health insurance companies.

Neither side is excluded from doing business with other entities, however. Highmark is permitted to work with other hospitals and Penn State is not limited in working with other insurance companies.

"This is a game changer," Highmark President and CEO David Hainburg said. "We want to collaborate with forward-thinking partners who, like us, are committed to creating a positive health care experience for members and patients. Penn State Health shares this vision and, together, we're going to lead the change for a better model of health care in the

heart of Pennsylvania."

The move comes just a month after Penn State President Eric Barron told his board that he wanted to see the university expand in health and medical research.

In 2016, Penn State and PinnacleHealth were moving toward a merger, but that fell apart and faced opposition from the Federal Trade Commission and the Pennsylvania attorney general. Pinnacle has since signed an agreement to be acquired by UPMC.

Meanwhile, in May, Highmark and Geisinger announced a joint venture.

— Lori Falck: 814-235-3910, @LoriFalck

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Details shed new light on Spring Grove killing

Kaitlin Greenockle
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A man accused of stabbing a Spring Grove woman to death Saturday told investigators he had wanted more than a friendship with her and that he had gone to her home to steal items, according to charging documents filed by police.

Southwestern Regional Police were dispatched to the first block of North Main Street in Spring Grove at 7:14 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, for a report of a deceased woman, identified as 24-year-old Samantha Stein.

Stein's house found her - stabbed multiple times and unresponsive - when he returned home from work, according to an affidavit filed with District Judge Thomas Reilly.

Raymond William Heck, 59, also of

the first block of North Main Street, has been charged for killing Stein, the affidavit states.

Police made contact with Stein's fiancé at the scene, where they observed Samantha Stein with traumatic injuries, deceased and in the home.

Through the investigation, police discovered Stein had befriended Heck, but she started to limit their communication and he persisted contacting her, police said in the affidavit.

Nearby surveillance footage showed a person entering Stein's home in the early morning hours Dec. 16. The person was wearing dark clothing, gloves and light colored shoes with a stripe on the side, the affidavit states.

The person was also seen on the footage exiting the home carrying a black bag and a large trash bag.

On Dec. 16, police spoke with people who know Heck and they told police he



Ray Heck

has lived near Stein for about 8 months to a year and that they had a friendship.

Heck allegedly indicated to Stein that he hoped for something more than just a friendship with her, police said in the affidavit.

On Dec. 16 and 17, police searched the area and found a knife, items from Stein's home and a bag of blood-stained clothing, which matched the clothing found in the surveillance footage, the affidavit states.

Heck was taken into custody on Dec. 17 and he agreed to talk with police. He gave police a statement about his friendship with Stein and told them he did enter her home early in the morning on Dec. 16, police said in the affidavit.

Heck also told police he had a knife with him and went into her home to

steal property. Heck said while he was in the house, he inadvertently woke up Stein, which ended in a scuffle, and he cut her with the knife.

Heck told police he took items from the home, and he told them where he discarded them. Police recovered the stolen items and the bloody clothing where Heck said he left them, the affidavit states.

Stein's autopsy Monday morning revealed her cause of death was multiple sharp force trauma and her manner of death was homicide, according to the York County Coroner's Office.

Heck was charged with criminal homicide, burglary, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property, according to online court documents. He is in York County Prison without bail, documents state.

Heck's attorney information is not yet listed.

POLICE LOG

Area man allegedly defrauded out of \$8,000 in telephone scam

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CHAMBERSBURG - A man was defrauded out of \$8,000 after Chambersburg Police said he received several calls in which the caller threatened to arrest him.

On Dec. 15, police received a report from the man who said another man claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service threatened to arrest him if he failed to pay back taxes worth about \$2,000. According to the report, the man was escorted into driving to Best Buy where he purchased \$5,000 in gift cards, and provided the information to the caller.

The caller shortly called the man back and, once again, threatened to arrest him, the report shows. Police said the man then went to CVS and purchased \$2,000 in Google Play gift cards.

A few hours later, the man received a call from a different man claiming to be a Chambersburg Police sergeant. This call appeared to come from the Chambersburg Police Department, and the man was able to provide the station's address. He, too, threatened to arrest

the man, the report shows, as the man went and bought \$1,000 in Google Play gift cards, this time from Walgreens. He gave the card information to the caller.

Washington Township Police also received a report in which someone claiming to be from the Washington Township Municipal Authority called a woman on Dec. 15 about an "insurance matter" that needed to be taken care of right away. The woman immediately disconnected the call before the caller obtained any information.

The police department also said scammers are now using computers to make calls, which can use any phone number to make it look like a legitimate call.

Chambersburg Police remind the public that no local, state or federal law enforcement agency will request money, by any means, to execute a warrant or investigation. They also say the best way to stop this type of crime is to disconnect, and immediately report the activity to local law enforcement.

Washington Township Police are available at 717-762-1447 during normal business hours, or at the station's non-emergency dispatch number 24-hours a day at 717-762-1145, for area residents to

ask questions if they are unsure about a call.

Franklin County

DUU/CRASH: Derek E. Shaffer, 31, Waynesboro, is accused of driving under the influence of alcohol after he allegedly crashed into two trees, according to Pennsylvania State Police, Chambersburg. Shaffer was driving a 2012 Chevrolet Sonic north on Pine Grove Road at about 2 a.m. on Dec. 2, when police said he crossed into the oncoming traffic lane and drove off the road on a slight right turn. According to the report, Shaffer struck two trees before stopping. Shaffer suffered injuries to his head, and was cited with traffic violations. The vehicle was towed.

(Incident PA2017-1302174)

PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS: Charles Albert Poole, 31, Chambersburg, was cited with public drunkenness after Pennsylvania State Police assisted Chambersburg Police with a possible robbery on East Liberty Street at about 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 17. Police said during the investigation, Poole was allegedly highly intoxicated, caused a disturbance and refused to follow officers' in-

structions. The citation was filed through the district court.

(Incident PA2017-1352763)

PEDESTRIAN CRASH: Waynesboro Police are seeking information in a hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian, which occurred at about 2:50 p.m. on Dec. 15 near the intersection of East Main Street and Clayton Avenue. The driver is described as being bald and wearing glasses, and the passenger is described as having long, black curly hair, being 5-feet 6-inches tall and in their 40s. The car is described as a gray or silver Chevrolet sedan. Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 717-762-2333.

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FLEEING: Larrten Andrew Park, 20, was taken into custody after Pennsylvania State Police, McConellsburg said he fled officers on a pursuit. At about 10 p.m. on Dec. 16 near Pa. 855 and Pa. 913, Park fled as police activated their sirens and lights after he allegedly ran a stop sign, the report shows. Park then stopped his car after leading officers on a 15-minute chase.

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CMU team reveals secrets of its poker-playing AI

Researchers publish paper on bot that beat top players

by AARON ALPPERLEE

Poker players rarely reveal their secrets or strategy. But that's just what Libratus, possibly the best poker-playing artificial intelligence, did.

Thomas Sandholm, a Carnegie Mellon University professor of computer science, and Noam Brown, a Ph.D. student in computer science at CMU, published a paper in Science that detailed how Libratus managed

to beat four of the best no-limit Texas Hold'em poker players in the world this year.

In January, Libratus squared off against Jason Les, Dong Kim, Daniel McCauley and Jimmy Chou, four of the top professional, no-limit Texas Hold'em poker players in the world, during the 20-day, 120,000-hand Brains vs. AI challenge at Rivers Casino on Pittsburgh's North Shore. Libratus crushed the humans.

The humans over led, and they came close on the sixth day of the challenge, but then the computer opened up a huge lead and never looked back. At the end of 20 days, Libratus

had nearly 1.8 million in chips. The top-performing human, Dong Kim, lost about 86,000 chips.

So how did Libratus do it? First, the AI made the game easier to understand.

There are 100(61) potential outcomes in the game of poker that's one followed by 161 zeros, potential outcomes in a game of poker. Libratus grouped similar hands, like a King-high flush and a Queen-high flush, and similar bet sizes to cut down that number.

Libratus then created a detailed strategy for how it would play the early rounds of the game and a less-

refined strategy for the final rounds. As the game neared the end, Libratus refined the second strategy based on how the game had gone.

A third strategy was at work as well. In real-time, Libratus created another model based on how its play stacked up against the play of the humans. If the humans did something unexpected to Libratus, the AI accounted for it and built it into the strategy.

Instead of trying to exploit weaknesses in the play of the human, Libratus focused on improving its play. Libratus wasn't just fun and games. It was serious science. The

AI isn't poker-specific. Sandholm and Brown wrote.

"The techniques that we developed are largely domain independent and can thus be applied to other strategic imperfect-information interactions, including non-recreational applications," Sandholm and Brown concluded. "Due to the ubiquity of hidden information in real-world strategic interactions, we believe the paradigm introduced in Libratus will be critical to the future growth and widespread application of AI."

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Pittsburgh company promises flying taxis, groceries by drone

by AARON ALPPERLEE

Near Earth Autonomy, a Pittsburgh autonomous drone and aircraft company, moved into a new facility Monday to cap a momentous 2017.

"The company's new space on North Lexington Street in Point Breeze has room for it to double in size — something Near Earth could do quickly," said CEO Satvir Singh. Self-flying technology is advancing rapidly as new applications for it are being discovered, Singh said.

"I cannot tell you how soon drones will be delivering groceries or how soon they will be inspecting bridges at the touch of a button," Singh told a crowd gathered the large, empty office for what the company termed its re-launch Monday. "I cannot tell you when you'll be able to fly from one side of Pittsburgh to the other in a self-piloted taxi."

"But if that is what you are here for, I can tell you: you are in the right place."

The 23,000-square-foot building was once a laundry.

Now, Near Earth will build inside of it an electronics lab, a flight operations center, a staging area for aircraft, a cafeteria and offices and conference rooms for its ever-growing staff.

The 55-person company grew by 50 percent last year, Singh said. He thought their new space could accommodate more than 100 employees.

But Singh isn't stopping there. He envisioned Near Earth outgrowing the building and establishing other offices nearby.

Singh hopes the technology and partnerships Near Earth produces could lure or give

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SATVIR SINGH
CEO OF NEAR EARTH AUTONOMY

rise to other autonomous aerospace companies in the same area.

"You know how we have Robotics Row down there in the Strip District," Singh said, referencing the cluster of robotics companies with offices in the Strip District and spreading into Lawrenceville and Downtown. "We could start Aviation Alley."

Near Earth makes hardware and software for self-flying drones and aircraft. Martial Hebert, director of Carnegie Mellon University's Robotics Institute, compared the work that Near Earth Autonomy is doing on autonomous flight to the pioneering work on self-driving cars by the DARPA Grand Challenge teams a decade ago.

"Near Earth is essentially spearheading a new industry of autonomous aviation here in Pittsburgh," Hebert said. "The accomplishments are not just demonstrating cool new autonomy technology, though it is that, too."

"It is opening up new possibilities that couldn't be imagined previously." Near Earth is a CMU spinoff company.

The company had a big 2017, landing deals with Boeing and Airbus

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Speed at time of crash unknown

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81.1 mph about one-quarter mile from the point where it derailed, where the speed limit is significantly lower.

A track chart prepared by the Washington State Department of Transportation shows the maximum speed drops from 79 mph to 30 mph for passenger trains just before the tracks curve to cross Interstate 5, which is where the train went off the tracks.

The chart, dated Feb. 7, 2017, was submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration in anticipation of the start of passenger service along a new bypass route that shaves 10 minutes off the trip between Seattle and Portland.

It wasn't clear how fast the train was moving when it derailed.

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was coming around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over Interstate 5 when it derailed. Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer survived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

"I'm still figuring that out. We've got cars everywhere and down onto the highway," he tells the dispatcher, who asks if everyone is OK.

Aleksander Kristiansen, a 24-year-old exchange student at the University of Washington from Copenhagen, was going to Portland to visit the city for the day.

"I was just coming out of the bathroom when the accident happened. My car just

started shaking really, really badly. Things were falling off the shelf. Right away, you knew that this was not something minor," he said.

The back of his train car was wide open because it had separated from the rest of the train, so he and others were able to jump out to safety. He was at about the middle of the train, either the sixth or seventh car, he said, and was "one of the lucky ones."

Daniella Feneclon, a 19-year-old from Southern California, was on the train taking a cross-country trip as part of her winter break. She said she was asleep when the accident happened.

"Suddenly there was just a jolt, and I didn't know what was happening," Feneclon said. She slammed into the seat area in front of her, and the windows exploded, said Feneclon, who was treated and released from a hospital with a possible concussion.

Dr. Nathan Sriden, a neurosurgeon at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, said he and his son drove through the accident scene while traveling north to visit Seattle. The doctor asked if he could help and was ushered to a medical triage tent in the highway median.

The most seriously injured had already been whisked away, but the patients he helped appeared to have open head wounds and skull, pelvic or leg fractures, as well as small cuts and neck sprains, he said.

He called it a miracle that an infant child he saw from the scene appeared completely unharmed.

Tips for surviving the holidays while in recovery

by RENATTA SIGNORINI

The holiday season can be stressful for individuals and families recovering from substance abuse or those affected by mental health disorders, according to state officials.

"Strained relationships and triggering environments like celebrations with drinking or drug use can put people in situations with the potential for a relapse, and spending more time with family may bring a loved one's unknown struggles into light," Jennifer Smith, acting secretary of the state department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, said in a news release.

State officials encouraged those who experience extra anxiety or depression to take

care of themselves during the holiday season.

A few tips:

- Have a normal routine.
- Spend time with supportive, caring people.
- Get rest and exercise.

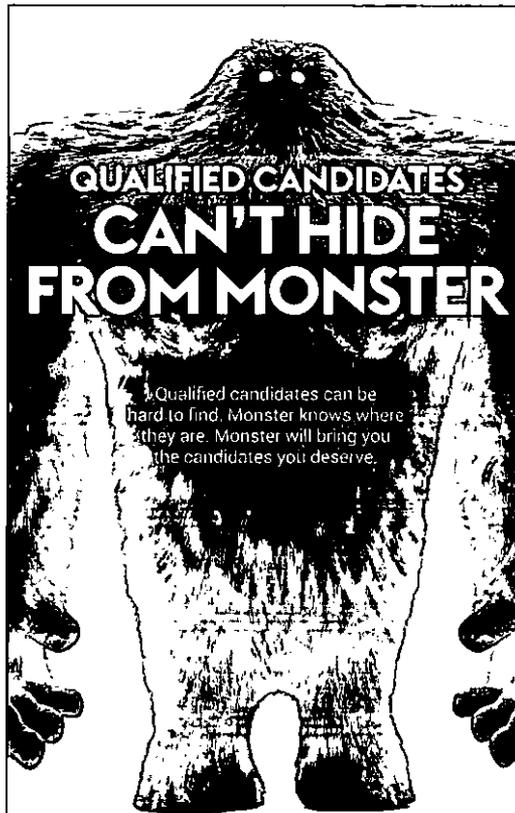
Planning ahead can help those recovering from an addiction to minimize stress during the holiday season while facing situations that could trigger substance abuse, Smith said.

"Remember your support system, and do not hesitate to use them if needed. Whether they are with you at the time or accessible by phone, they can help you work through a situation without jeopardizing your recovery," Smith said.

Various help lines are available for when other supports are not:

- State help line, 1-800-662-HELP (4357), connects callers with substance abuse treatment. The help line is available 24 hours a day, including during the holidays. An anonymous chat service is available at www.ddap.pa.gov.
- Westmoreland County Substance Abuse Helpline, 1-844-897-8297. A staff member answers 3:30-11:30 p.m. daily. Phone messages will be returned.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255.

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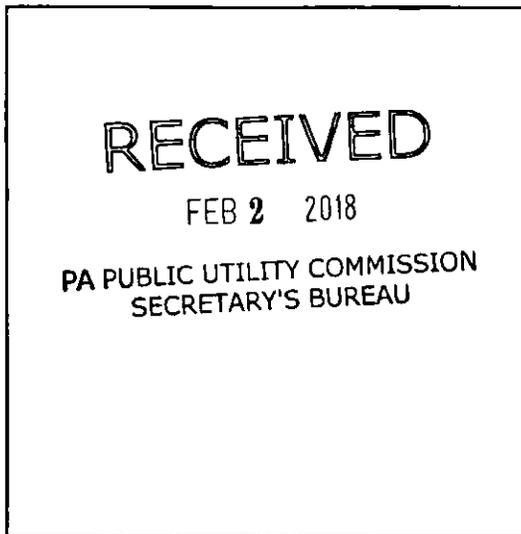
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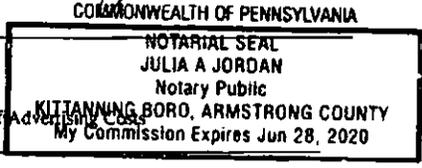
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AP Explains: GOP tax package nearly law; what happens now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cue the accountants — and the IRS rule-writers — the massive Republican tax package is nearly a done deal, soon to become law.

After weeks of drafting, fierce lobbying, horse-trading and cliffhangers from some holdout GOP senators, all that's left is the voting and President Donald Trump's signature. This week Republicans in the House and Senate will whisk through the sweeping \$1.5 trillion GOP legislation on party-line votes. Trump signs it with what's likely to be an elaborate White House ceremony.

The legislation permanently slashes the tax rate for corporations from 35 percent to 21 percent and reduces levies

on the wealthiest Americans, while making more modest tax reductions for most others. The tax cuts for individuals are temporary, expiring in 2026. It doubles the standard deduction used by most Americans, to \$24,000 for married couples, also ending in eight years.

The new law kicks in Jan. 1. It will bring the biggest overhaul of the U.S. tax code in three decades, reaching into every corner of American society and the economy. It will give Trump and the Republicans their first major legislative achievement and political insurance, as they see it, to hold on to their majorities in next year's elections.

A look how this unfolds and when taxpayers will be

affected. When are they voting? Now that concerns of holdout Republican senators such as Marco Rubio of Florida and Susan Collins of Maine have been met, Senate approval of the package is butted. The Republicans' razor-thin margin in the 52-48 Senate left them only two votes to spare, setting off frantic last-minute negotiations behind closed doors last week.

Now, even with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., recuperating from cancer treatment in Arizona and unable to vote, the Republicans still can muster a simple majority of the 99 senators present. And in their back pocket, they've got Vice President Mike Pence ready to break a tie if needed.

Still, taking no chances, Republican leaders are using strategic maneuvers. They've set the vote in the House first, expected Tuesday afternoon, followed by technical ratification of the joint House-Senate conference committee that blended the separate bills into a compromise package. That means when the Senate votes — likely Tuesday evening —

Democrats will be unable to force a series of votes on a so-called "motion to reconsider" the bill to the conference committee. The committee won't exist, so no delay.

No Democrats are expected to vote for the legislation in the Senate. Thirteen House Republicans voted against the House bill last month, all but one from high-tax California, New York and New Jersey in protest of reduced deductions for state and local taxes. But the math clearly will carry the package through Congress.

A huge White House celebration is likely: After final passage, the legislation goes to an eagerly awaiting president Trump, who could sign economic growth with a shot of adrenaline to come from cutting corporate taxes — a centerpiece of his presidential campaign. He predicted this weekend that with the tax overhaul, growth would jump from the current 3 percent to "4, 5 and maybe even 6 percent ultimately."

Many economists doubt that even a sustained 4 percent rate is achievable. And

they've mostly thrown cold water on Trump's prediction that the tax changes will put an additional \$6,000 a year into the pockets of an average family of four.

Trump continues to push back against criticism that the legislation will benefit corporations and wealthy Americans — including the president, his family and big GOP donors — more than the middle class.

Some prompt changes, others not 'til 2019:

Once Trump signs the tax plan into law, it takes effect Jan. 1. Employees could start seeing changes in the amount of taxes withheld from their paychecks — hopefully mostly reductions — as early as February. The IRS says it's taking initial steps to prepare withholding guidance for employers, which it expects to issue next month.

But taxpayers won't file their 2018 returns until the following year, in accordance with normal procedure. That's too late for taxpayers to have refunds in hand, or checks paid to the IRS, under the new law before they vote in the

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Jones: Trump shouldn't resign over misconduct allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Sen.-elect Doug Jones says he doesn't think President Donald Trump should resign over allegations of sexual misconduct, echoing the White House's position that voters have already spoken on the issue.

"I don't think the president ought to resign at this point. We'll see how things go, but certainly those allegations are not new, and he was elected with those allegations at front center," said Jones, who upset win in last week's Alabama special election was due in large part to allegations that his Republican opponent, 70-year-old Roy Moore, had engaged in sexual misconduct with teenage girls as a deputy district attorney in his 30s.

During the 2016 campaign, Trump himself faced multiple accusations of sexual harassment from women he bragged as his "warriors" in the White House. Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has said the women deserve to be heard, and a group of Democratic senators including Kirsten Gillibrand of New

York have called on Trump to resign.

But on Sunday, Jones noted that the accusations against Trump had surfaced before the 2016 presidential election.

"I think we need to move on and not get distracted by these issues," said Jones, a 63-year-old former prosecutor who became the first Democrat elected to represent Alabama in the Senate in a quarter-century. "Let's get on with the real issues that are facing people of this country right now."

Making his first Sunday talk show appearances since his win, Jones said he looked forward to meeting with Trump personally to discuss issues of compromise and "getting things done," even if it meant coming across as "pure peon-to-the-sky" and sometimes disappointing some of his core constituents.

He insists that he'll leave "all the options on the table" when it comes to his votes next year in a politically divided Washington on issues from immigration to infrastructure

"I'm going to consider anything," said Jones, explaining that he doesn't plan on labeling himself a progressive or a conservative Democrat but rather as a "Doug Jones Democrat."

Jones also made clear he's ready to move forward even though Moore has yet to concede the vote.

"Alabama has spoken," Jones said. "I will be ready to go regardless of whether he concedes or not."

Moore, who has denied the sexual misconduct allegations, has been discussing a possible recount even though he appears to have lost by 20,000 votes, or 1.5 percent. Trump, who supported Moore during the race, has also urged him to concede.

Jones' election will cut the Republicans' Senate majority to 51-49, when he takes office in early January. He is filling the seat left vacant by Republican Jeff Sessions' nomination as U.S. attorney general.

White House legislative director Marc Short said the administration was eager to see whether Jones will "actually

work to represent the people of Alabama" in a bipartisan way or side with liberal Democrats.

"We hope that frankly Doug Jones will help us change the climate here in Washington," Short said during the campaign. Trump chastised Jones as a liberal who would be "lucrative" on crime and border security, and a "puppet" for Senate congressional leaders.

Jones said the president called to congratulate him after Tuesday's election. He described the call as "very gracious." On Sunday, Jones downplayed Trump's earlier criticism of him as statements made "in the heat of a campaign."

Pledging to always consider both sides, Jones sided on Sunday with congressional Democrats in expressing a need for safeguards for immigrants brought to the country illegally as children, but without funding for a border wall. The Obama administration program that provided those protections, the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals program, is set to expire in March.

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Judge rules in favor of 2 immigrant teens who want abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge on Monday ordered President Donald Trump's administration to allow two pregnant immigrant teenagers in U.S. custody to obtain abortions.

U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan said the Republican administration can't prevent the 17-year-old girls from exercising their right to an abortion.

The situation is similar to that of a third 17-year-old girl who was able to obtain an abortion in October, following a high-profile court fight.

The current controversy stems from the Trump administration's opposition to abortion and its decision to change the policy of the Obama administration concerning minors who are detained trying to enter the country. Earlier this year, the office in the Health and Human Services Department that oversees the shelters prohibited them from taking steps to facilitate an abortion without its direct approval.

Scott Lloyd, the head of the HHS office that oversees the shelters, said in an email that facilities under HHS "should

not be supporting abortion services pre or post-release," but rather "life-affirming options counseling."

Chutkan said the HHS office continues to claim "ultimate authority" to unilaterally veto the reproductive choices of the unaccompanied minors in its custody.

The judge is giving the administration 24 hours to try to persuade a higher court to block her order. The administration filed a notice of appeal less than an hour after Chutkan ruled.

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Trump outlines new national security strategy

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homeland, promoting American prosperity, demonstrating peace through strength and advancing American influence in an ever-competitive world.

Mr. Trump's doctrine holds that nations are in perpetual competition and that the U.S. must fight on all fronts to protect and defend its sovereignty from friend and foe alike. While the administration often says that "America First" does not mean "America Alone," the national security strategy makes clear that the United States will stand up for itself even at the cost of alienating allies.

As far back as 2011, during George W. Bush's presidency, a report commissioned by the Defense Department said abrupt climate change threatened "disruption and conflict, refugee crises, border tensions and more military conflicts."

The last national security document, prepared by then-President Barack Obama in 2015, declared climate change an "urgent and growing threat to our national security." The Trump plan removes that determination — following the administration's threat to pull out of the Paris climate accord.



U.S. President Donald Trump makes his way off stage Monday after speaking on his national security strategy at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

Paris climate accord. It says that China and Russia "challenge American power, influence and interests, attempting to erode American security and prosperity." Despite international challenges, the document cites emerging opportunities to advance American interests in the Middle East. "Some of our partners are working together to reject radical ideologies and key leaders are calling for a rejection of Islamist extremism and violence," it says. "Encouraging political stabil-

ity and sustainable prosperity would contribute to diminishing the conditions that fuel sectarian grievances."

The strategy document asserts that "for generations the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has been understood as the prime irritant preventing peace and prosperity in the region. Today, the threats from radical jihadists, terrorist organizations and the threat from Iran are creating the realization that Israel is not the cause of the region's problems. States have increasingly found common interests with Israel in confronting common threats."

He noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin called him over the weekend to thank the CIA for help in stopping a terror plot in St. Petersburg.

"They were able to apprehend those terrorists before the event with no loss of life, and that's a great thing and the way it's supposed to work," said Mr. Trump.

World briefs

Uber driver in Lebanon arrested

Compiled from news services

LONDON — A driver for Uber in Lebanon has been arrested in connection with the killing of a British diplomat in Beirut over the weekend, and the ride-hailing company said on Monday that it was cooperating with the authorities.

The body of the victim, Rebecca Dykes, was found on the outskirts of the Lebanese capital on Saturday.

News outlets have reported that the suspect had a criminal record. Uber has come under intense scrutiny in the past for its lax approach to conducting background checks on drivers. In 2014, both Uber and Lyft, which regulates in California, raised the U.S. to background checks on drivers for background checks.

Far-right in Austria

BERLIN — A new coalition government was sworn in on Monday in Austria, and for the first time in more than 10 years it includes the far-right Freedom Party, a watershed for the populist movements that unsettled European politics this year.

The return to power of the Freedom Party, founded by neo-Nazi after World War II, was not enough to end Austria's president, Alexander Van der Bellen, took the exceptional step of electing several promises from the new government before he would formally take the oath of office.

Those included acknowledging Austria's commitment to European Union and its responsibility to a Nazi past that runs apart the Continent's history.

New Nazi war cases

BERLIN — The main federal agency that investigates Nazi war crimes in Germany has turned over nine new cases to state authorities for possible prosecution.

The state newspaper reported Monday that the cases involve guards from the Auschwitz death camp, and the Mauthausen, Buchenwald and Ravensbrück concentration camps.

Under German law, camp guards have been successfully prosecuted for accessory to murder by providing they were present and helped camp functions while killings took place.

American service members fired shots during a 'disturbance' at base in Britain

From news services

LONDON — A British military air base in England used by the U.S. Air Force was locked down Monday after a disturbance, but an emergency measure ended when a man was arrested on suspicion of "criminal trespass," police and Air Force officials said.

American service members fired shots during the incident at the Royal Air Force base in Suffolk, according to county police. No one was injured other than the suspect, a 44-year-old British man who suffered cuts and bruises, police said. Police said the incident was not being treated as terrorism.

The nature of the disturbance was unclear, although British media reported that a car tried to ram the entrance gates at RAF Mildenhall. Police and officials at the air base declined to comment on the reports.

Suffolk Police said they were not looking for any other suspects at the site.

"There is no wider threat to the public or occupants in the base, and no other people have been injured as a result of the incident," they said.

The base is about 80 miles north of London in home-

Foreign policy roundup

Some 3,000 military personnel and their families. The U.S., which has long made extensive use of air bases in Britain, has air-refueling assets stationed there.

The Pentagon initially urged all individuals near RAF Mildenhall to avoid it, but the lockdown was lifted about an hour after the potential threat was reported. Suffolk police said nearby schools and businesses had resumed normal activities because there was no danger to the community.

The Mildenhall base was opened up in 2016 by an Islamic extremist who eventually received a life sentence for plotting an attack against U.S. military personnel.

Pence delays trip

The White House announced Monday that Vice President Mike Pence is delaying a planned trip to the Middle East in case his vote is needed to pass tax legislation — a move that also comes amid tension over the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Mr. Pence was scheduled to leave Tuesday night, arriv-

ing in Egypt on Wednesday.

North Korea blamed

President Donald Trump's administration is publicly blaming North Korea for the WannaCry ransomware attack that infected hundreds of thousands of computers worldwide in May and crippled parts of Britain's National Health Service.

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Rotary donates dictionaries to Fox Township Elementary



The third grade class of Fox Township Elementary School received dictionaries from the Rotary Club of St. Marys. Club member and Project Chair, Dale Lapovsky told the students about the club and Rotary International local and international programs. The club has distributed over 2,660 dictionaries to local third grade classes over the past 10 years.

Clarion named Military Friendly for ninth straight year

CLARION — For the ninth consecutive year, Clarion University has earned the designation of Military Friendly.

Last week, Victory Media released the 2018 Military Friendly Schools list, now in its 16th year, and Clarion again earned a spot. The list provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies, veteran students and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.

Clarion University was evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey. More than 1,300 schools participated in the 2017-2018 survey with 849 earning the designation.

The Military Friendly Schools list is created each year based on extensive research using

public data sources for more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans, and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly Schools survey from participating institutions.

The 2017-2018 Military Friendly Schools list will be published in the December issue of G.I. Jobs magazine and can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Accused state lawmaker, Leach, to 'step back' from U.S. House bid

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Pennsylvania state senator who is the subject of allegations published by The Philadelphia Inquirer that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides said Monday that he will "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat.

Sen. Daylin Leach, a lawyer and a Democratic state lawmaker since 2003, did not immediately clarify whether he was ending his U.S. House campaign or not.

He said he planned to continue serving in the Senate, despite a call by Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, for Leach to re-

sign. Leach said he will cooperate with state Senate leaders to address the allegations and said it is "heartbreaking" to him that he made someone feel uncomfortable or disrespected.

Earlier this year, Leach announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to challenge fourth-term Republican U.S. Rep. Pat McCrory, who represents a district in Philadelphia's closely divided suburbs.

Leach has been among the Legislature's most prominent liberals, leading the fight for the legalization of same-sex marriage and medical

marijuana. He also ran unsuccessfully for another congressional seat in 2014.

In the story, the inquirer quoted former party, campaign and legislative aides, some anonymously, who accused the 56-year-old of behavior ranging from making sexualized jokes and comments to touching they considered inappropriate.

Aubrey Montgomery, a finance director for Leach's 2008 state senate campaign, told the newspaper that Leach labeled her a prude and retorted up the intensity after she complained to him about a sexualized tone in the office.



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Tree

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annually cut down one of the trees and not only decorated it for the holiday season but also welcomed guests to add their own ornaments as well. While staff members were initially unsure how the idea would go over with the public, it has continued to grow each year.

"We hoped it would be because it's always fun to see what other people bring in," Wehler said. "Some bring in things that mean something as far as their hobby. It might be fishing or hunting. Some send in something that is a relationship to their home or their state. We have stuff from Florida. Other ones were maybe from when they got engaged or something. It's just cool to see things that relate to the giver."

Individuals are able to place their ornaments on the tree themselves, though for those creating their own ornament, nothing perishable may be used. People are also cautioned against placing ornaments that are particularly fragile on the tree.

All of the ornaments

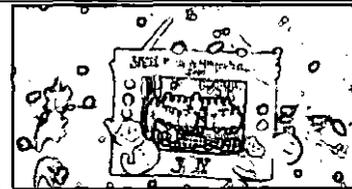


Photo by Becky Polaski
An ornament depicting Miss Herr's fourth grade class from 2010 is among the collection placed on the community Christmas tree at the Elk County Visitor Center each year.

are saved and reused year after year.

"Some we've had since the beginning, since our very first year," Wehler said. "We put them on again and again."

She added that the tree is always big enough that there is more than enough room for new ornaments each year as well.

Along with being able to add an ornament to the tree, youngsters stopping by the visitor center this holiday season have the opportunity to receive a special gift as well.

"This year we had

some toys left from Light Up Night, so they're under the tree in case any kids come in," Wehler said. "They're able to get a present from under our Christmas tree, so that's kind of fun. It's mostly for the younger kids, so that's been nice. The kids that have come in we've been able to direct over here and let them pick something out."

The visitor center is currently open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Monday until the end of December. However, it will be closed on Christmas Day.

Funeral Notice

SEDUSKI — A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Farmington, Friday, December 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. with Fr. Mark Mastrian as celebrant.

There will be no public

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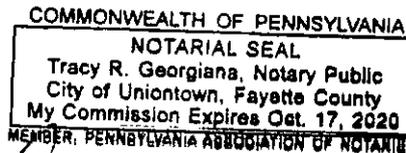
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Boucher, to serve a one-year term on each the Southwest Regional Tax Bureau Executive Committee and the Fayette County Tax Collection Committee. Teravaccchia will serve as the alternate representative for the tax bureau committee and director R.W. "Rocky" Brashner for the tax collection committee.

Directors reappointed Richard Gates to the Fayette County Career & Technical Institute joint operating committee for a three-year term.

The board also reappointed Davis and Davis Attorneys at Law of Uniontown as board solicitor with a \$250 a month retainer. The Herald-Standard was again named the designated newspaper of record for the district.

The board will continue to meet in regular session on the third Thursday of each month in the auditorium of the Brownsville Area High School but has changed the meeting time to 6 p.m. Work session meetings will be held in the high school library at 6 p.m. on the Monday prior to the voting meeting.

California
California Area School District's board of education reappointed Barry Nicolai as president and John Bitoni as first vice president. It also named Steve Martin as second vice president, John Bitoni as legislative representative and Barry Nicolai as PSBA representative.

Andrews & Price LLC will be retained as solicitor for a \$250 monthly retainer plus hourly costs.

Board meetings will be held the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the high school library. In addition, the board will hold committee-of-the-whole meetings, at 6 p.m., the Monday of the week prior to board meetings in the school library.

Carmichaels
The Carmichaels Area School Board retained Thomas Ricco as president and Edmond McIntire as vice president.

Davis & Davis of Uniontown will stay on as district solicitor.

School director Ron Ferek was selected district legislative representative and Cheryl Voytek as strategic plan representative. The board

welcomed new director Dr. Jason Matysa. The board welcomed the board's schedule will remain the same, meeting on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the middle-senior high school media center.

Charleroi
The Charleroi Area School District's board of education unanimously reappointed Kenneth Wiltz as president and Adele Hopkins as vice president.

The board also named Barbara Pepper as treasurer and appointed Charles Yakich as Mon Valley Career and Technology Center (MVCTC) representative and Antonia Pellegrini as MVCTC alternate.

Bassi, Vreeland & Associates P.C. will be retained as solicitor for \$175 per hour plus an annual retainer fee of \$7,500. Charleroi Federal Saving Bank will serve as the school depository.

The board will hold informational meetings the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (the meeting is scheduled for July while November's meeting will be held the second Tuesday). Regular meetings will be held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. All meetings will be held at Charleroi Area High School.

Cornellsville
Directors at Connellsville Area School District appointed Francis Mongell as president and voted Michael Omatick to the vice-president position.

Newly elected school directors Donald Grenaldo, David Martray, Omatick and David Panzella joined the board this month.

The district will have new legal counsel this year. In a 6-2 vote, directors hired Proden & O'Brien of Uniontown as district solicitor and retained former solicitor Dodaro, Matta & Cambest of Pittsburgh as special counsel for ongoing legal matters and for any other matters as directed by the board.

The board will conduct regular monthly voting meetings in the auditorium of Connellsville Area High School at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month, with agenda meetings to take place on the Monday prior at the same time and location.

Frazier
The Frazier School Board voted unanimously to keep its current officers in place. Thomas Shetterly was reappointed as president and

Deborah Vargo-Aleksan as vice president. The board welcomed new school directors Jill Devine and Stacey Erdely.

District business manager Kevin Mildren was appointed to represent the district for one year on the Southwest Regional Tax Bureau Executive Committee and the Fayette County Tax Collection Committee.

The board retained Davis & Davis law firm of Uniontown as district solicitor at a rate of \$500 per month and an hourly billing rate of \$115.

The board also set its slate of board meetings to be the third Monday of each month, beginning with a work session at 6 p.m. and the regular voting meeting immediately following. The board will divert from that schedule in January, February and June when they meet on the fourth Monday of the month.

Jefferson-Morgan
Longtime school director Mark Pochron takes over as president of the Jefferson-Morgan School Board, a seat he has held previously during his 26-year tenure on the board.

Bob Mitchell was re-elected vice president, and Donna Brown was named secretary, a position vacated by Pochron. The district retained the services of solicitor Ernest DeHaas of Radcliffe & DeHaas of Uniontown.

Brown was appointed to another term as a district representative to the Greene County Career & Technology Center joint operating committee, with Deborah Phillips named an alternate.

Board meetings will remain the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school library, with the exceptions of January and February (third Tuesday) and May (second Monday).

Laurel Highlands
Many of the positions and committee appointments will remain the same for Laurel Highlands School Board. Melvyn Sepic was chosen to serve another term as president, with Debra Boritz serving another year as vice president.

Gary Frankhouser of Davis & Davis in Uniontown will continue as solicitor at the same rate as last year.

The board voted to name Jamie D'Andrea as representative to the Fayette County Career &

Technical Institute for a three-year term. Boritz was named as the representative to the Southwest Tax Bureau for one year. New board member Randy Raymond was voted in as the alternate.

Boritz will also serve as representative to the Fayette County Tax Collection Committee and D'Andrea the alternate.

The board's other newcomer, Brandi Kalich, was appointed to serve as the PSBA's governmental relations contact and representative. Alicia Santore was named the alternate.

Meetings will be held the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m., with a meeting held in July if needed. Work sessions will be held at 5 p.m. the Tuesday before the regular meeting.

Monessen
Despite not running for another term on the Monessen City School Board, Donna Fantauzzi will remain board president after she was appointed for a two-year term to fill a vacated seat and unanimously approved for the position.

Roberta Bergstedt declined a nomination to serve as president and was subsequently approved to continue serving as vice president.

The board welcomed new member Frank Rapsky and also retained John Toohey as district solicitor for one year at a retainer of \$10,000.

All meetings will be held at the elementary center board room — a public information meetings at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and regular meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ringgold
Ringgold School

District's board of education elected Carol Flament as its new president, Sherrie Garry as first vice president and Maureen Ott as second vice president.

Ott was also appointed as a one-year SHASDA representative and Timothy Berggren was reappointed as solicitor at a rate of \$100 per hour.

The board will continue to hold its regular monthly meetings the third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Administrative Building in New Eagle.

The board also voted 6-2 to appoint former president William Stein Jr. to fill a vacant at-large region board seat. Larry Mauro, who recently was reelected to a four-year term in two categories, decided to accept the Region 1 seat instead of the at-large seat because he lives in that region.

Southeastern Greene
School board leadership remains intact with Janet Pennington and Gary Moser continuing to serve as president and vice president, respectively.

Joe Spiker was appointed a district representative to the Greene County Career & Technology Center joint operating committee. New school director Sheri Garlick to her seat on the board. Attorney Timothy Berggren of Washington was retained as district solicitor.

The board will continue to meet the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Mapletown Jr. Sr. High School cafeteria, with the exception of January and February, when the board will the fourth Monday.

Uniontown
The Uniontown Area School Board leaders will swap places, with

Dorothy Grahek taking over as president and Terry Dawson moving to the vice president position. Susan Clay will continue to serve as assistant secretary to the board.

School directors will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month with the exception of January, which will be held the second Monday; June, when the board plans to meet on the last Thursday of the month; and September, when the board will meet on the first Tuesday due to Labor Day. The board will not hold a July meeting.

Work sessions will be scheduled by Grahek as needed. All meetings will be held in the high school band room.

Don Rugola and Pam Neill were reappointed to serve on the Uniontown City Recreation Commission for a one-year term, and Clay was reappointed to serve on the Fayette County Career & Technical Institute joint operating committee for a three-year term.

Clay will again serve as district chairperson and Grahek as representative on the PSBA legislative policy council.

The board reappointed William Ruff to serve on the executive committee of the Southwest Regional Tax Bureau and the Fayette County Tax Collection committee for one year, with Bill Gerke to serve as alternate for both.

The board voted to retain the legal services of Maitello Brungo & Masella of Pittsburgh as district solicitor.

Staff members Alyssa Choiniere and Mike Tony and freelance writers Amy Faith and Mark Soroka contributed to this article.

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POLICE BEAT

AMWELL

Harassment charges: Tammy Helle Dean, 55, and Tracie Beth Goldmyer, 29, both of Washington, will both be charged with harassment by state police after they allegedly assaulted each other during an incident Sunday at 65 Laurie Lane, Amwell.

Bad check charge: Gregory R. Greedy, 1707 Amity Ridge Road, Washington, was charged last week in a private criminal complaint with writing a bad check after he allegedly wrote a bad check to Tom's Equipment of Washington. The charge was sent by summons from the office of District Judge Ethan Ward.

BLAINE

Permitting charges: Carr Lynn Anderson, 27, of 306 E. Maiden St., Washington, was charged last week by state police with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and not having insurance stemming from an incident Friday in the 200 block of Neely School Road, Blaine. The charges were sent by summons from the office of District Judge Ethan Ward.

CANONSBURG

Assault arrest: Jovontal Jivish Graham, 25, of 722 Champlain Drive, Houston, was arraigned Monday before District Judge David Mark on charges of aggravated assault, strangulation, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and public drunkenness after he allegedly assaulted a woman Saturday on Morganza Road. He then refused to stop for Canonsburg police who had to use a Taser to take him into custody. Bond was set at \$30,000 on Graham, who was placed in Washington County jail on a probation detainer.

Vehicle flip: Brian Gratzka, 37, of 718 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon, refused treatment after his vehicle crashed into a parked vehicle and flipped over Friday in the 100 block of East Police Street, Canonsburg, police said. He was taken to Can-

onsburg Hospital, where blood was drawn to determine if he was intoxicated.

Lock box stolen: Diane Perkins of Valley View Terrace told Canonsburg police Saturday a lock box was stolen from her home.

MCDONALD

Theft charges: Dale J. Boris, 56, of 119 W. Lincoln Ave., McDonald, was arraigned Friday before District Judge Joshua Kamalis on two counts of retail theft for allegedly stealing from thorough businesses last month. He was placed in Washington County jail on \$10,000 bond.

NORTH FRANKLIN

Crash: Travis Allen Marshall, 27, of 259 Harvey Hill Road, Graysville, was charged by North Franklin Township police with accident involving damage attended and careless driving after he allegedly left the scene of two crashes he caused Dec. 3. Police said he was driving north on Franklin Cross Road near Sylvan Drive that evening when he crossed the center line, struck a southbound driver and fled. Police said he later allegedly struck another vehicle at Franklin Farms Road and West Chestnut Street. Police said he and the other driver in the second crash pulled into a Wendy's parking lot and exchanged information, but Marshall allegedly fled that scene before police arrived.

NORTH STRABANE

One injured: One person was injured in a four-vehicle, chain-reaction crash Saturday night on Washington Road (Route 19) at Zeman Drive, North Strabane, police said. Clayton A. Evans, 23, of Sycamore Lane, Washington, failed to stop, striking a vehicle driven by Jacob Persinger, 25, of Chesnic Drive, Can-

onsburg, pushing it into a vehicle driven by Dina K. Siamante, 17, of Eastpointe Drive, South Strabane Township. Her vehicle then struck the rear of a vehicle driven by Jerome Ayers, 33, of Bayberry Drive, Canonsburg. A passenger in the Persinger vehicle, Dina K. Machin, 29, of Chesnic Drive, Canonsburg, was taken to Canonsburg Hospital for treatment. Evans will be charged with careless driving.

PETERS

DUI, theft arrest: Jennifer Matlack, 44, of 113 W. McMurray Road, McMurray, was arrested Friday by Peters police on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, theft and retail theft. Police were called about 6:15 p.m. for a report of a woman who was driving a motorized shopping cart from Giant Eagle on West McMurray. Police charged her with stealing the cart along with \$403 in items from Giant Eagle and \$280 in items from TJ Maxx. She was arraigned before District Judge Joshua Kamalis and placed in Washington County jail on \$10,000 bond.

Theft arrest: Yvonne M. Corunara, 57, of 159 Cateshead Drive, McMurray, was arrested Saturday by Peters police on a charge of felony retail theft after she allegedly stole more than \$100 in items from Hessler's Market, 601 E. McMurray Road. She was arraigned before District Judge Tracy McDonald and released on \$5,100 unsecured bond.

WASHINGTON

Child endangerment: Joseph Charles Baughman, 34, of 1410 Sheridan Ave., Brownsville, was charged by Washington police in two separate cases, one with forgery and eight counts of theft, and the other with two counts of

child endangerment and two summary traffic violations. Both cases stem from Dec. 9, when Baughman allegedly opened a false line of credit with AutoZone on Jefferson Avenue. Police said he used a false business name, Veribody and Social Security number to open the credit before he used it to purchase \$638 worth of merchandise over the next few days. Police said AutoZone reported the activity Dec. 15. When police arrived, Baughman was leaving the parking lot in a car that didn't have working brake, according to the criminal complaint. Police said the car was full of garbage, and the two small children in the back seat did not have jackets on in the 28-degree temperature. Police said one of the children had a dirty diaper, and Baughman didn't have spare diapers with him. Police said Baughman also didn't have a valid license.

Motorist arrested: Michelle Fowell, 44, of 425 Baird Ave., Washington, was arrested Saturday by Washington police on a charge of simple assault after she allegedly struck her daughter on the neck, head and face while the two were in the 700 block of Broad Street. Her daughter reportedly told police she was trying to stop her mother from going into a crack house. She was arraigned before District Judge Tracy McDonald and placed in Washington County jail on \$10,000 bond.

Father arrested: Brian Jackson Sr., 45, of 510 Jefferson Ave., Washington, was arrested Sunday by Washington police on a charge of simple assault after he allegedly assaulted his 21-year-old son during a confrontation at their home. He was arraigned before District Judge Joshua Kamalis and released after posting \$2,500 unsecured bond.

Trespass, disorderly arrest: Megan Marner, 33, of 281 Roosevelt St., North Franklin Township, was arrested Sunday by Washington police on charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct after she allegedly forced her way into a home on East Harlem Avenue. She was arraigned before District Judge Larry Hopkins and released from Washington County jail after posting \$35,000 bond.

Door damaged: Washington police said a handle on the front door of Citicoma Bank, 40 S. Main St., was damaged by vandals Saturday. The damage was reported Thursday.

Items stolen: Kristen Latta, 1290 Michigan Ave., told Washington police Thursday a binder containing court documents, cologne and a bracelet were stolen from her home.

Door damaged: China Henderson, 114 Maple Terrace, told Washington police Sunday the storm door on her home was damaged by vandals.

WEST BROWNSVILLE

Theft arrest: Andrea Dawn Fritik, 40, of 1317 Sheridan Ave., West Brownsville, was arrested Friday by state police on a charge of retail theft after she allegedly stole items from Walmart, West Brownsville. She was arraigned before District Judge Joshua Kamalis and placed in Washington County jail on \$1,000 bond.

GREENE COUNTY

CUMBERLAND

Simple assault charge: Brian Eugene Rush, 46, of 336 Kowalichs Road, was charged Monday with simple assault and harassment, Cumberland

Township police responded to a domestic dispute Saturday between Rush and his wife, Margo, at their home. Margo told police her husband grabbed her face and busted her lip, according to court documents.

Check kapers: Tiffany Lynn Wilson, 38, of 694 Craybrite Road, Rice Landing, was charged Dec. 7 with forgery, identity theft, theft by deception, receiving stolen property and bad checks after Cumberland Township police said she used a deceased woman's check to purchase six purses and two shirts from a township resident in July. Police said the Allegheny County woman died in June and her bank account had been closed shortly after.

MORGAN

Simple assault charge: Tiffany Ann-Marie Harrington, 26, of 16 Circle St., Mather, was charged Sunday with simple assault, terroristic threats and harassment. State police said an argument between Harrington and Ryan Paul Baxter became physical when Harrington asked him to leave Sunday afternoon. Baxter told police Harrington grabbed two knives from the kitchen and he locked himself in the basement.

FRANKLIN

Theft charges: Jessica Jade Raulerson, 34, of 263 E. High St., Waynesburg, was charged Friday with felony access device issued, theft by deception and 14 counts each of theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property. A district attorney's office detective investigated an incident where Raulerson allegedly misused the debit card of a woman, who relies on Raulerson's home care. Court documents said Raulerson used the card to make multiple purchases totaling \$875.37.

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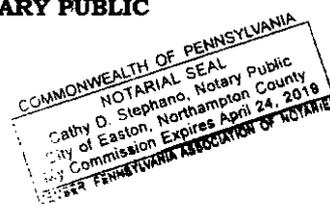
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BETHLEHEM



Adams Outdoor Advertising wants to build a similar digital billboard on the other side of the Hill-to-Hill Bridge in Bethlehem. Express-Times file photo

Bridge would be 'wrong location' for another billboard, mayor says

Sara K. Satallo For The Express Times

Bethlehem Mayor Bob Donchez opposes a proposed 616-square-foot digital billboard alongside the Hill-to-Hill bridge.

Donchez wrote a letter this month to the Bethlehem Zoning Hearing Board outlining why he thinks the large billboard proposed by Adams Outdoor Advertising has no place at the western gateway to South Bethlehem.

"It is just the wrong location for a sign," the mayor said Monday.

Adams Outdoor already has a digital billboard on city property alongside the bridge's southbound lanes. The company is asking for multiple variances to erect another billboard at 213 Union Station Plaza.

City ordinance allows for a maximum billboard size of 100 square feet. Billboards along Airport Road, Route 22 and Interstate 78 can be larger.

The mayor notes in his letter that the area abuts three National Register historic districts.

"Bethlehem is very proud of its heritage and historic preservation efforts," the letter states. "A large digital billboard at this location would have a detrimental effect to the historic character of this area."

The area has seen private investment through the restoration of the Sayre Mansion and the Chabad building and two forthcoming projects — the Gateway office building and redevelopment of the Wilbar Mansion — all within Bethlehem's City Revitalization and Improvement Zone, Donchez said.

In its variance requests, Adams Outdoor challenges the validity of the city's 100-square-foot billboard size limit, saying it is "unreasonable and not substantially related to a legitimate purpose."

Adams Outdoor Lehigh Valley General

Manager Tony Cioffi declined to comment on the mayor's letter Monday.

Donchez also said Monday that the Hill-to-Hill bridge may be reconstructed or completely replaced in 2024-25. No final decision has been made on the bridge design, but Donchez would like to see the lanes widened. Locating a new billboard in a potential expansion area is "premature and irresponsible," Donchez writes.

The existing billboard alongside the Hill-to-Hill bridge sits on city property and is subject to a 20-year lease between the city and Adams Outdoor, according to The Morning Call.

The zoning hearing board is scheduled to review the application Jan. 24 after several postponements.

Sara K. Satallo, NJ Advance Media, satallo@lehighvalleylive.com

BUSHKILL TWP.

'Sovereign citizen' facing charges

Sarah Cassi For The Express Times

A wanted man who told officers he was a "sovereign citizen" and gave them three fake names is facing more serious charges of pushing an officer, Bushkill Township police said.

Shane Grant, 43, was arrested early Tuesday morning and charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest, proving false identification, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana and public drunkenness.

Grant, of Henderson, North Carolina, was sent to Northampton County Prison in lieu of \$35,000 bail.

Police allege Grant was driving drunk when an officer spotted a car traveling erratically on West Morrestown Road. A minor in the car told police Grant was driving and, when he spotted an officer following him, he quickly pulled over on a side street and switched seats with a passenger, according to police.

When the officer stopped the car, Angela Best was driving, Grant was in the passenger seat, and the minor was in the backseat, police said.

Grant initially refused to give his name and claimed he was a "sovereign citizen," police said. So-called sovereign citizens say government statutes and laws, including paying taxes, do not apply to them.

Grant reportedly told police the license plate on the car was from his pickup truck, and they had just purchased the car in New Jersey.

The plate belonged to a truck registered to Grant's late stepfather, police said.

Police said the car could not be driven without current insurance or registration, and that the vehicle would be towed.

Grant then allegedly gave officers a fake name. Officers learned his first name was Shane, and Grant reportedly gave them two different last names before confirming his real, full name when Cpl. David Marino told him he was under arrest.

Grant confessed to driving when the officer spotted him, but that he wanted to switch seats because he had been drinking, according to police.

As Marino took Grant out of the car, Grant stood up, pushed Marino and took off, police said.

Grant fell, and was seen trying to take out a baggie of marijuana, police said. After he was handcuffed, police said they learned Grant has warrants in North Carolina and California.

Sarah Cassi, NJ Advance Media, scassi@lehighvalleylive.com

READING, PA

Pastor cleared in pneumonia death of grandchild

Associated Press

The pastor of a congregation that avoids modern medicine was cleared of a charge that he should have alerted authorities of possible child abuse when his 2-year-old granddaughter was dying of pneumonia.

A judge on Monday dismissed the charge of failure to report suspected abuse against Rowland G. Foster, 72, of Lebanon, in the death of Ella Grace Foster last year.

Berks County Judge Theresa Johnson ruled in a pretrial hearing there wasn't sufficient evidence to support the allegation, The Reading Eagle reported.

Foster is pastor of Faith Tabernacle Con-

gregation, which instructs members to avoid doctors and pharmaceutical drugs. A forensic pathologist had testified that Ella would have almost certainly survived if she had been given antibiotics.

The newspaper said Foster did not make any statements during the hearing. Phone messages were left at his home and his lawyer's office were not immediately returned on Tuesday.

The girl's parents, Jonathan D. Foster, 35, and Grace A. Foster, 33, are accused of involuntary manslaughter and endangering children. Their trial is set for March.

Under Pennsylvania law, Foster had a duty as a pastor to report her illness as a case

of suspected abuse, prosecutors said.

According to police, Rowland Foster was summoned to the girl's home and anointed her head with oil.

A funeral home notified police, who found her fully dressed and partially covered with a blanket.

Rowland Foster told an investigator he has never been to a doctor.

HARRISBURG

Legislature paid nearly \$250K for sex misconduct settlement

Associated Press

Pennsylvania House Democrats and a state agency authorized payment of about a quarter-million in taxpayer dollars two years ago to settle a sex harassment claim against a longtime state representative, two newspapers reported Tuesday.

The 2015 payments settled an employee's complaint against Rep. Thomas Caltagirone of Berks County, a member of the Legislature for 40 years, The Philadelphia Inquirer and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported. Gov. Tom Wolf on Tues-

day called on Caltagirone to resign.

In a sharply worded statement, Wolf said, in part: "Verbal and physical harassment is flat-out wrong, whether towards an employee or any other person. Rep. Caltagirone should resign."

On Monday, Wolf called on another member of the Democratic party, state Sen. Daylin Leach, to resign in the wake of inappropriate comments and touching involving young female staffers.

The newspapers cited a document prepared by the state's Bureau of Risk and

Insurance Management that said House Democrats authorized paying \$165,500 to the unidentified woman and \$82,500 to her lawyer.

The Associated Press on Tuesday obtained a Department of General Services "sovereign immunity-tort claims settlement memorandum and invoice" on the matter.

The document was signed by House Democratic chief counsel Nora Winkelman and the state's risk and insurance management director.

Caltagirone did not respond to messages seeking comment.

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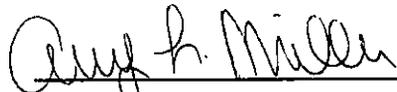
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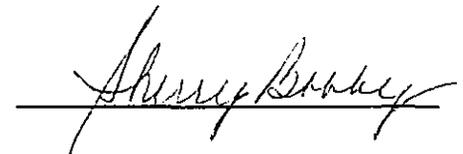
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Doctors added to medical marijuana list

Rick Lee
Staff Daily Record
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The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued an updated list of doctors who are authorized to prescribe medical marijuana.

Doctors are expected to begin writing scripts for medical marijuana in spring of 2018. Under Pennsylvania's medical marijuana laws, both the doctor and the patient must register with the state Department of Health.

New to the list are two doctors in the Hanover area and one in Franklin County, which previously had no practitioners on the approved list.

Here is the updated list of the practitioners in the central Pennsylvania area who are authorized to prescribe medical marijuana.

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NEW — Christine Daecher, D.O.
 Adult Medicine and Aesthetics

2101 Market St., Camp Hill
NEW — Jordan Klein
 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 175 Lancaster Blvd., Mechanicsburg

NEW — Julianne Rich, M.D.
 Internal Medicine
 2005 Technology Parkway, Suite 350,
 Mechanicsburg

Gregory Khan-Arthur, D.O.
 Family Medicine and Pain Medicine
 25 North 32nd St., Camp Hill

Jean Santo, M.D.
 Pain Management
 2005 Technology Parkway, Suite 255,
 Mechanicsburg

John Neely, M.D.
 Functional Medicine
 390 Landis Gap Road, Mechanicsburg

Theresa Burick, D.O.
 Internal Medicine
 2005 Technology Parkway, Suite 350,
 Mechanicsburg

DAUPHIN

NEW — John Neely, M.D.
 Pediatric Hematology/Oncology
 500 University Dr., Hershey
NEW — Richard Magill
 Family Practice
 3400 Derry St., Harrisburg

NEW — Michael Flahman, M.D.
 Interventional Pain Medicine
 460 Creamery Way, Suite 102, Exton
Daniel Kambic, D.O.
 Family Medicine
 225 North Front St., Steelton

FRANKLIN

NEW — Marianne Herr-Paul, D.O.
 Family Medicine with Osteopathic
 Manipulative Medicine
 1408 Buchanan Trail West, Greenscas-
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None

LANCASTER

NEW — Heather Harle, M.D.
 Neurology
 2150 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster
David Simons, D.O.
 Pain Management
 1575 Highlands Dr., Suite 204, Lattitz
Livia Baublitz, D.O.
 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
 805 Estelle Dr., Suite 212 Lancaster

LEBANON

NEW — Dan Lorenzo, M.D.
 Pain Management
 918 Russell Dr., Lebanon
Gregory Khan-Arthur, D.O.
 Family Medicine and Pain Medicine
 1700 South Lincoln Ave., Lebanon

PERRY

None

YORK

NEW — Christine Phillips, M.D.
 Internal Medicine and Rheumatology
 3130 Grandview Road, Hanover
NEW — Michael Peck, D.O.
 Family Practice
 250 Fame Ave., Suite 206A, Hanover
NEW — Quincy Harberger, M.D.
 Family Medicine
 1410 Roosevelt Ave., York
Gary Nalavany, M.D.
 Anesthesiology
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Derailment

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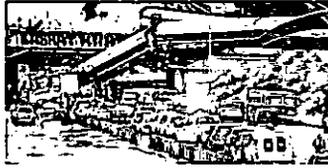
Administration had monitored the work.

"Today was the first day of public use of the tracks after weeks of inspection and testing," the department said in a statement.

Anthony Rainolds, a retired Amtrak employee, was riding in business class and suffered a bruised leg. He said the train rounded a curve when it began to wobble. Then it fell on its side.

"It just seemed to be going around the corner very fast and tipping over," he said.

The lights went out, and another passenger kicked out a window. He said most people in his car weren't hurt. "I feel very lucky," he said.



Cars from an Amtrak train lay spilled onto Interstate 5 after a derailment Monday in DuPont, Wash.

ELAIN THOMPSON/AP

President Donald Trump weighed in on Twitter, saying the crash shows the crucial need for infrastructure improvements.

"The train accident that just occurred in DuPont, WA shows more than ever why our soon to be submitted infrastructure plan must be approved quickly," Trump tweeted. "Severa trillion dollars spent in the Middle East while our

roads, bridges, tunnels, railroads (and more) crumble! Not for long!"

Later, he tweeted condolences to those involved and thanked first responders for their efforts.

Trump proposed a \$630 billion cut in Amtrak subsidies for long-distance service — nearly half the \$1.4 billion provided the previous year — by arguing the trains are often late and operate at a loss.

"Amtrak's long distance trains do not serve a vital transportation purpose, and are a vestige of when train service was the only viable transcontinental transportation option," according to his

budget plan

Interstate 5 southbound near DuPont, about 50 miles south of Seattle, was closed after the derailment "and will be for some time," Troyer said. He said the derailment took place about 7.40 a.m. local time.

Amtrak said 78 passengers and a crew of five were on the train.

Scott Claggett, a software salesman, was taking the train to Portland for a business meeting. He reported feeling the train start to lean to the left. The train "kind of buckled," he said, windows started to shatter, and "people started flying left and right."

"I crawled underneath a table, and at that point, I was wishing and praying that it was going to stop because I'm still alive — I think — you know, because it's just so surreal," Claggett said.

Gov. Jay Inslee declared a state of emergency and urged commuters to avoid the area during the "ongoing and serious situation." An investigative team was being assembled at the scene, said Bella Dumb-Zaur, a National Transportation Safety Board member.

Contributing: Bart Jones

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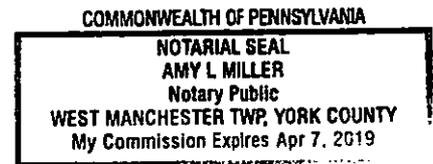
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Minimum coverage buyer beware

Law forum
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A common subject of television and radio advertisement is the competition to provide the lowest cost automobile insurance. However, is it really wise to purchase the cheapest automobile insurance?

In Pennsylvania, all automobile insurance policies are legally required to contain certain minimum levels of insurance coverage. Therefore, if you purchase the cheapest automobile insurance, you will most likely receive the minimum required levels of insurance coverage.

Unfortunately, these minimum levels of coverage can leave a person with little or no insurance in some very critical situations.

For example, people are often surprised to learn that the minimum levels of coverage do not include any coverage for lost wages you suffer as a result of an automobile accident. Therefore, if

you purchase a minimum policy, and have lost wages as a result of an automobile accident, your auto insurer will not be required to make any payment to you for your lost wages.

In the area of medical expenses, Pennsylvania law does require that every automobile insurance policy contain coverage for medical expenses you incur as a result of an automobile accident. However, the minimum required coverage is only \$5,000.

Therefore, unless you have minor injuries, the minimum required coverage will quickly be consumed, and will leave you uninsured for your extra medical expenses, unless you have a group or supplemental medical insurance.

Likewise, this column previously discussed the importance of underinsured and uninsured motorist coverages. These coverages insure against injuries you sustain because of the negligence of the other driver.

Unfortunately, the minimum required coverages, do not include any underinsured or uninsured motorist

coverage. Conversely, the minimum required coverages do include \$15,000 of liability coverage. Liability coverage protects you in the event that you are sued for injuries which you carelessly cause another. However, unless these injuries are minor, \$15,000 will not be an adequate amount of coverage for any claim which is made against you.

Lastly, but quite importantly, a minimum policy simply requires that you carry limited tort coverage, rather than full tort coverage. If you are injured as a result of the fault of another individual, though, your limited tort coverage may prohibit you from making claims for your own pain and suffering, as was recently discussed in this column.

The bottom line is that if you spend the minimum amount for automobile insurance, you may be left with little or no insurance at a critical time. Therefore, buyer beware.

Coyne is an attorney with the Bugnon Davis Law Offices, 525 South Eighth Street, Lebanon.

'Dining with Diabetes' course offered online

From Staff Reports
 Lebanon Daily News
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Individuals who want to learn how to better manage diabetes, may have the opportunity to take an online course offered by Penn State Extension.

"Dining with Diabetes" is a nationally accredited diabetes education program taught by extension educators across Pennsylvania. It is geared toward anyone who has type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, has a family member with type 2 diabetes or is at risk for developing diabetes.

The course is divided into five sections: what is diabetes, meal planning, serving sizes and carbohydrate counting, heart-healthy eating, medications, monitoring and goal setting, and dining out. Each section will provide participants with valuable information designed to help manage diabetes.

The sections are designed to be viewed individually, so participants can choose the order in which they move through the course. Booklets and supplementary handouts can be found in each section and can be viewed as often as needed.

"For many people, making positive changes in eating habits, physical activity and adherence to medication can help improve their diabetes status," said Debbie Griffee, extension educator and program coordinator. "Our curriculum has been shown to help people significantly lower their A1C and blood pressure, along with providing them with skills to make lifestyle changes that increase their overall health."

For more information or to register, visit the Penn State Extension website at <http://extension.psu.edu/dining-with-diabetes-online>.

A variety of online, noncredit courses for the public recently have been unveiled on Penn State Extension's new website, which provides a wealth of educational experiences and resources for the professionals and community members. The new web experience allows consumers to access educational articles, videos, online courses and publications at their convenience, and to register for regional in-person workshops and online webinars on a variety of subjects.

Palmyra Lions, Santa give library patrons gift

From Staff Reports
 Lebanon Daily News
 USA TODAY NETWORK - PENNSYLVANIA

The Palmyra Area Lions Club made a \$1,000 donation to the Palmyra Public Library on Dec. 4 during a Santa appearance and Family Movie Night event for the children.

The Lions Club supports the work that the library is doing to reach those with visual impairment through the purchase of large print and audio book selections. Persons interested in learning more about The Palmyra Area Lions Club may call 717-338-6000.

The library is so grateful to have the support of Palmyra Area Lions Club. Their donation will allow us to purchase 25 audiobooks and 25 large print books so we can continue providing new titles for those in our community with visual impairment to enjoy! What a wonderful Christmas gift for the community!



Accepting the Palmyra Lion's Club donation from the library are Kim Priest and Amy Shaffer-Duong. Presenting the check, in addition to Santa, is Lion's Club President Robin Helm and members Carl Garver and Mack Copeland.

Chelsea Wrenley, library director, said. For more information on the Palmyra Public Library, call 717-338-3347 or online at www.klib.org/Palmyra.

Donations for the Annual Fund Drive and 2018 Children's Program costs are now being accepted. Palmyra Public Library serves residents of Palmyra Borough, North Londonderry Township and South Londonderry Township, and the surrounding area. The library is located at 50 Landings Drive, Annville, in Flightpath Business Park.

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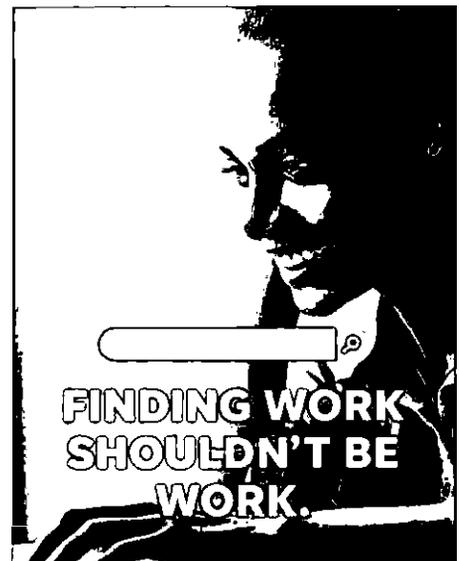
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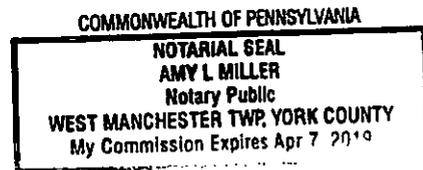
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Spring Grove homicide victim Samantha Stein is pictured in a selfie with members of her family.

► HOMICIDE

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planned attack." Heck wore gloves and disguised his appearance, Bean said. Police said surveillance-camera footage from nearby showed a man walking into Stein's home then later leaving with a bag and a large trash bag.

Befriended neighbor Stein — who has one child and two stepchildren — had befriended Heck months ago, and he would occasionally walk her to a nearby bus stop, charging documents state.

They visited each other's homes and communicated frequently, police said.

But something changed. "At some point Samantha took steps to limit or block communications with (Heck)," documents state. "But he persisted in contacting her."

The two weren't close friends, according to Bean. "She pulled back from the relationship, and then this happened," he said.

An autopsy Monday at Allentown's Lehigh Valley Hospital confirmed Stein died of her wounds, according to York County Coroner Pam Gay, who has ruled the death a homicide.

Stein and Heck were neighbors for about eight months to a year, according to Southwestern Regional Detective Lisa Layden, who is lead investigator in the case.

"Heck liked Samantha and indicated that he hoped for something more than friendship between them," Layden wrote in charging documents.

Evidence seized: A police search of the area near Heck's home yielded a knife and items believed to be stolen from Stein's home during the fatal

attack, police said. Charging documents indicate Heck stole a PlayStation, two cellphones, a laptop and a webcam from Stein's home, items with a total value of less than \$1,200.

"A bag of clothing was discovered further south west than the location where the knife was found," Layden wrote. "The bag contains dark clothing (that) appears to be blood-stained and similar to the clothing observed on the footage of a person entering the victim's home."

After being arrested, Heck told investigators he went into Stein's home to steal property but had to "cut her" after "inadvertently" waking her up, charging documents allege. Heck claimed Stein struggled with him after finding him in her home, police said.

Bean said Heck lived close enough to Stein that he would know her comings and goings and would have known she was home in the early morning hours Saturday, when police said he crept into her home and killed her.

Stein's child and two stepchildren were upstairs when the homicide occurred, according to the chief. All three escaped injury, he said.

Helping the family: Amber McKinsey said she's trying to make the holidays a bit easier for the grieving family. McKinsey said she knew Stein as a customer in Spring Grove's Dollar General store on Thistle Hill Drive, which McKinsey manages.

McKinsey has started two campaigns — one to collect holiday gifts for Stein's children, and the other to raise money to help with funeral expenses.

"It really hit home for me," McKinsey said of Stein's death, adding the two are about the same age.

She said Stein was always polite and energetic, and she clearly loved being a mother.

"We're trying to look out for the children at this point," McKinsey said.

To help with funeral expenses, go to www.gofundme.com/help-for-family-of-samantha-stein, where the fund is hoping to raise \$5,000.

Children's gifts: People who'd like to help Stein's children can donate gift cards and unwrapped new gifts. No weapons or toys of violence, please. Stein's stepsons are 6 and 10 years old, according to Facebook posts.

For more information on the gift campaign, visit www.facebook.com/events/2032804733864984/?active_tab=discussion.

Heck, of 37 N. Main St., remains in York County Prison without bail, charged with homicide, burglaries and receiving stolen property. It is unclear if he has retained an attorney.

Bean said Southwestern Regional Police were familiar with Heck, who walked around the borough quite a bit.

"We would see him and talk to him," the chief said. "He wasn't anyone we suspected of crimes previously."

Other crimes? Police have said it's possible Stein's homicide could be related to several crimes that happened over the past three months. "We had an arson at the residence next to this and several criminal mischief," Sgt. Jamie Stalcup said over the weekend.

That case file includes recent incidents of vandalism to the victim's cars, police said.

— *Reach Liz Evans Scalfaro at lscalfaro@yorkdispatch.com or on Twitter at [LizScalfaro](https://twitter.com/LizScalfaro)*

Business dispatches

ACQUISITIONS

Campbell Soup buys Snyder's-Lance

NEW YORK — Campbell Soup will spend \$4.67 billion in cash for Snyder's-Lance, gorging on a snack market that has grown increasingly competitive.

The soup maker said Monday the acquisition will allow it to expand its distribution channels in the crowded field.

Campbell, based in Camden, New Jersey, is paying \$50 per share, a 6.8 percent premium to Snyder's-Lance's closing price Friday. That's about a 27 percent premium to the stock's close Wednesday, just before rumors of a deal began to circulate.

Snyder's-Lance, based in Charlotte, North Carolina, makes pretzels and chips. Its most well-known brands include Snyder's of Hanover, Kettle Brand and Pop Secret. It will join the Campbell's division that makes Pepperidge Farm and Goldfish crackers.

The Snyder's-Lance purchase marks Campbell's sixth and largest acquisition over the last five years.

Hershey picks up snack maker Amplify

NEW YORK — The Hershey Co. is acquiring Amplify Snack Brands for \$1.2 billion as it ventures into the healthy snack aisle.

The boards of both companies have agreed on the deal in which Hershey will acquire all outstanding stock of Amplify for \$12 per share in cash. The deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2018.

Amplify, which makes Skinny Pop popcorn, Tyrrell's potato chips and Datemag protein bars, was founded in 2014 and is based in Austin, Texas. It has about 600 employees.

Penn National adds Pinnacle Entertainment

NEW YORK — Pinnacle Entertainment is being snapped up by Penn National in a deal worth about \$2.8 billion as the gaming industry seeks to diversify and cut costs.

Penn National Gaming Inc. is spending \$20 in cash for each share, and Pinnacle shareholders will also get 0.42 shares of Penn for each Pinnacle share they own. The stock-and-cash bid is worth an implied \$32.47 per share, the companies said.

As part of the deal, Boyd Gaming Corp. is buying four of Penn National's newly acquired properties. Those include the Ameristar St. Charles and the Ameristar Kansas City, both in Missouri, as well as the Belterra Casino Resort in Florence, Indiana, and Belterra Park in Cincinnati. Boyd will pay \$575 million for those assets.

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more than \$150,000 for an environmental assessment in that city.

The grant will be used to remove debris from the Broken factory's partial demolition in 2010, including tons of debris containing potentially hazardous materials and asbestos, according to a news release from the governor's office.

City officials have said they hope to begin cleanup in early 2018.

Toxic site? The Danskín clothing factory was York City's largest employer for decades before the manufacturer closed in August 2009.

According to county records, 300 North State Street LP bought the property in 2010 for \$240,000, but five years later the Redevelopment Authority stepped in to take ownership of the site.

The authority purchased the property for \$25,000 in July 2015, beginning the multi-year process of clean-

ing up and redeveloping the eyeglass property, which sits next to the Alexander D. Gosde School.

The York City Redevelopment Authority operates under the city's Department of Economic and Community Development, led by acting director Shulovsky Buffalo.

After an anonymous tip raised concerns in February about potential toxic materials at the site, officials from the city and York City School District began conducting a series of environmental tests.

An initial test by EHS Environmental Inc. in March found no evidence of past or current air pollution, but the company's report said there are nearly 40,000 pounds of building and materials that likely contain asbestos at the site.

After EHS issued its report, RDA hired contractors to install gated fencing around the property to deter trespassing and dumping, Buffalo said.

in June

Short-term fixes: Contractors also installed a 500-foot silt sock along the western edge of the property to control water runoff at the site, while basement removal contractors conducted tests on and removed several drums of potentially hazardous material left behind by Danskín, Buffalo said.

A York City school director blasted the RDA in June for not pursuing lawsuits against 300 North State Street LP and leaving sections of the property open to trespassers and chil-

dren at the school next door.

Though the property is surrounded by fencing, sections of the fence were leaning at 45-degree angles and buckling under the weight of debris, while one section along the property boundary with the Gosde school had a 3-foot wall hole.

The silt sock installed in April had numerous holes in its lining, and a section of it sat in a horseshoe shape several feet from the fence, leaving a gap nearly 10 feet wide for potentially hazardous materials to escape through.

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► CHIP

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Ends in night? If Congress fails to act on CHIP funding, Pennsylvania's program is projected to only last into the first quarter of next year.

CHIP provides free or low-cost health insurance options for children in families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but do not have access to health coverage through other means.

Alabama became the first state to notify CHIP parents about a potential end to the program, warning parents on Monday that state officials will no longer enroll new children into the program starting Jan. 1.

Without congressional reauthorization, Alabama's CHIP program will end one month later on Feb. 1, according to the state's notification to parents.

Teresa Miller, acting Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, will soon have to begin sending out notifications telling CHIP parents the program is about to end.

Notifications must be sent out at least 30 days before the program ends

because of lack of funding, according to the department.

"There's a draft letter informing thousands of Pennsylvania parents that their kids might lose their health coverage after the holidays that's sitting on my desk," Miller said at the beginning of December.

In the last nine years, more than 650,000 kids have enrolled in Pennsylvania's Children's Health Insurance Program, according to Miller.

"Despite all the families helped by CHIP and the access to high-quality health care coverage it provides, the program will no longer exist unless Congress acts," Miller said in a statement.

Signed into law in 1992, Pennsylvania's CHIP program served as the model for the federal CHIP program, which has existed since 1997.

A family of four with an income of up to \$61,668 can receive free CHIP insurance for their children, while a family of four with an income of up to \$77,244 qualifies for low-cost CHIP insurance, according to the state Department of Human Services.

Community trying to help family

Dustin B. Levy
Haveret Evening Sun
USA TODAY NETWORK - PENNSYLVANIA

A Spring Grove family suffered an unrepeatable tragedy when Samantha Stein was murdered on Saturday morning.

The community is coming together to make the holidays a little better for them.

Stein's boyfriend found her dead inside her home in the first block of North Main Street just after 7 a.m. on Dec. 16, according to police. She died as a result of multiple stab wounds.

Raymond Heck, 59, of Spring Grove, was charged with criminal homicide on Sunday, according to court documents.

Three children, all under the age of 11, were home at the time of the homicide but were unharmed.

Amber McKinsey, a manager at the Spring Grove Dollar General, wants to give the family a "Christmas miracle."

McKinsey is holding a toy drive for the children on Saturday, starting at 10 a.m., at the store on 2100 Thistle Hill Drive.

"The community is very disturbed by what happened," McKin-

To help

If planning to purchase toys or clothing, here is some information about the children:

• Boy, age 10 - Size 12 clothing and size 6 shoes. Likes the Green Bay Packers and Florida Gators football teams.

• Boy, age 6 - Size 7 clothing and size 11/12 toddler shoes. Likes dinosaurs.

• Girl, age 4 - Size 4/5 toddler clothing and size 10 toddler shoes. Likes Princess Knight and Frozen.

sey said. "They all want to try to help the three children that were involved. Everyone is trying to look out for the children and show that not all people are bad."

McKinsey recalled seeing Stein and the children at the store often. She is collecting Christmas lists from the three children.

The Christmas drive is seeking age-appropriate toys, as well as clothing and gift cards, for two boys, ages 10 and 6, and a 4-year-old girl. McKinsey is asking for pen-

ple to bring the toys unwrapped and for no weapons or violent toys to be included.

Spring Grove Ambulance will also hold a fundraiser for the family, according to its Facebook page. Between 5 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the station on 73 S Main St. will collect donations.

"Due to the magnitude of what occurred, many items and clothing that belong to the children now need replaced," the post states. "These items include some clothing, toys, school bags, school items, etc."

Spring Grove Ambulance plans to present the donations to the family on Friday.

Genova's, a Spring Grove restaurant at 462 N. Main St., will serve as a drop-off to collect cash and toy donations for the family throughout the week. The restaurant's hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday.

Carrie Sena, a friend of the family, started an effort to raise money to help with funeral and other expenses. To donate, visit GoFundMe.com and search "Help for Family of Samantha Stein."

Slaying

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ance at the scene, where they observed Samantha Stein with traumatic injuries, deceased and in the home.

Through the investigation, police discovered Stein had befriended Heck, but she started to limit their communication and he persisted in contacting her, police said in the affidavit.

Nearby surveillance footage showed a person entering Stein's home in the early morning hours Dec. 16. The person was wearing dark clothing, gloves and light-colored shoes with a stripe on the side, the affidavit states.

The person was also seen on the footage exiting the home carrying a black box and a large trash bag.

On Dec. 16, police spoke with people who know Heck and they

told police he has lived near Stein for about 8 months to a year and that they had a friendship.

Heck allegedly indicated to Stein that he hoped for something more than just a friendship with her, police said in the affidavit.

On Dec. 16 and 17, police searched the area and found a knife, items from Stein's home and a bag of blood-stained clothing, which matched the clothing found in the surveillance footage, the affidavit states.

Heck was taken into custody on Dec. 17 and he agreed to talk with police. He gave police a statement about his friendship with Stein and told them he did enter her home early in the morning on Dec. 16, police said in the affidavit.

Heck also told police he had a knife with him and went into her

home to steal property. Heck said while he was in the house, he inadvertently woke up Stein, which ended in a scuffle, and he cut her with the knife.

Heck told police he took items from the home, and he told them where he discarded them. Police recovered the stolen items and the bloody clothing where Heck said he left them, the affidavit states.

Stein's autopsy Monday morning revealed her cause of death was multiple sharp force trauma and her manner of death was homicide, according to the York County Coroner's Office.

Heck was charged with criminal homicide, burglary, theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property, according to online court documents. He is in York County Prison without bail, documents state.

Heck's attorney information is not yet listed.

York man shows handgun in I-83 road rage, cops say

Ted Czech
York Daily Record
USA TODAY NETWORK - PENNSYLVANIA

A Springettsbury Township man allegedly brandished a handgun at another driver and his passenger on Interstate 83 on Dec. 6 after he cut them off, according to charging documents.

Jonathan Alan Carl, 37, of the first block of Jenn-La Way, faces one count each of simple assault, harassment and disorderly conduct, documents state. He was arraigned on the charges on Dec. 7 and was released on \$5,000 unsecured bail, according to online court dockets.

Carl has a preliminary hearing scheduled on Jan. 11 before District Judge Robert A. Eckensville. He could not be reached for comment Monday.

Pennsylvania State Police said that at 4:37 p.m. on Dec. 6, they were sent to the northbound lanes of the Interstate in Manchester Township for a report of a road rage incident. Someone who called 911 said a male driving a gray Toyota Tundra displayed a gun after cutting him off.

Several unidentified phone calls were subsequently received at PSP York regarding the accused's actions, police said of Carl.

Police then spoke with Earl Ray Layton III, who said Carl had been driving erratically on I-83 and had forced him to slam on his brakes as Carl was making aggressive lane changes, documents state.

Layton said that at one point, Carl raised a "square black firearm" at him before accelerating past, documents state.

Police also spoke with passenger Austin Scott Mulhony, who gave police a picture of Carl's license plate and a physical description of him. Police traced the license plate to Carl, although the address attached to it was in Camp Hill, documents state.

"When police found Carl in Camp Hill, he told them that he had pointed his gun straight ahead while driving. He then said he never had the gun with him and that it had been locked in his home all day, documents state.

"Carl provided several different versions of the incident culminating in his admission," documents state.

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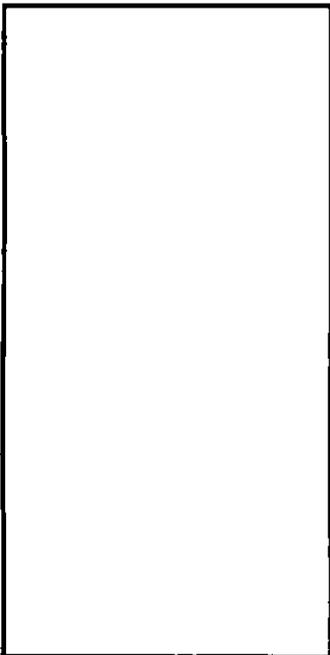
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Police and Fire Vehicle rolls in New Ox

A New Oxford man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence Sunday after his vehicle struck a parked car and rolled, according to Eastern Adams Regional Police.

Christopher Hlesing, 40, "appeared to be heavily intoxicated" and was taken to Gettysburg Hospital to have blood drawn for testing, according to information EARP posted on its Facebook page.

Hlesing declined medical treatment after the crash, which occurred about 7:18 p.m. on Lincoln Way West in New Oxford, according to the post.

Hlesing, at the wheel of a 2005 Chrysler PT Cruiser, was westbound in the 300 block "at a high rate of speed" when he "lost control" and veered into the rear of an unoccupied 2010 Lincoln MKZ, according to the post.

The impact caused the PT Cruiser "to go sideways and roll on its driver side door coming to rest in the middle of the westbound lane" while the Lincoln came to rest on the sidewalks, according to the post, which said both required towing.

Burglaries reported
Someone tried to pry open the door of a residence on Homestead Road, then did enter a nearby residence by force last week.

The incident last Tuesday between 6:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. between Hornesville and New Oxford in Mount Pleasant Township, state police said.

The investigation is continuing, police said.

Hunting gear taken
Hunting equipment valued at approximately \$600 was stolen in Mendenhall Township in northeastern Adams County.

Taken in the area of Creek Road were a Lone Wolf tree stand and clamping stack, state police said.

Investigation of the incident, reported Sunday at 11:24 a.m., is continuing, police said.

Woman lands IPP for stealing from local business

BY VANESSA BELLECHIO
Times Staff Writer

A Spring Grove woman will spend 60 months in the Intermediate Punishment Program (IPP) after stealing \$119,014 from a local business.

Christine Kale, 49, pleaded guilty in September to theft by unlawful taking, Adams County First Assistant District Attorney Roy Kiefer said the charge is graded as a second-degree felony since Kale stole over \$100,000.

Adams County Chief Public Defender Krystal Rice, who represented Kale, said the guilty plea was open with a cap of 11.5 to 23 months of confinement.

Kale was sentenced Dec. 11 to serve 60 months in the IPP program with eight months to be in a restrictive setting, according to Rice. Five months will be served in the re-entry facility at the Adams County Prison, while three months will be on house arrest, Rice said.

Adams County Court of Common Pleas Judge Shawn Wagner told Kale to begin 10 years in jail and \$25,000 in fines since there was no plea agreement in the case.

On April 3, Daniel Hoke of Hoke Mills Inc., contacted police after discovering the company's bank account did not match the numbers in deposit books in March, according to the affidavit of probable cause.

"The Hoke family has been working in the grain and animal feed business for over 85 years," the business's website says. The Abbotswin mill was purchased in 1946, according to the website.

After an audit was performed, "discrepancies in the amount of \$119,013" were found, the affidavit said.

Deposits were handled by two employees, but Kale, the business manager at the time, "always took the deposit to the bank," the affidavit said.

Kale "was extremely distraught and nervous" during an interview with police April 4, following admissions she made to Hoke, according to the affidavit.

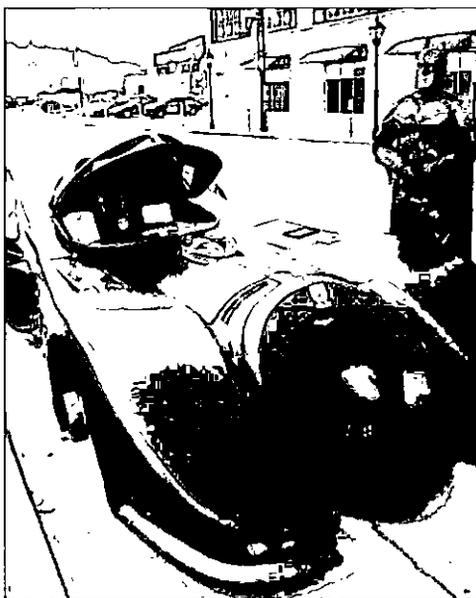
Kale did not know the total amount stolen, but knew it was more than \$100,000, the affidavit said. Kale said the money was used to "feed her (gambling) addiction," according to the affidavit.

Kale must report to the re-entry facility on Jan. 5 at 6 p.m.; online court records indicate she was ordered to pay \$119,014 in restitution to Hoke Mills.

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Batman



BATMAN VISITING - John Backlund, who portrays Batman, will visit Gettysburg in his Detachable Saturday at noon on the square with a message of hope.

(Continued from Page A1) he said Batman and Wonder Woman, Backlund's wife Ronnda, will roll into Lincoln Square Saturday at noon to teach the "four steps to greatness" and how to turn "pain into power." Five-year-old Skylar will accompany his super-parents.

Gettysburg's son, President Abraham Lincoln, inspired Backlund to visit.

"I wanted to do something in the spirit of Abe Lincoln," Backlund said.

Like Lincoln freeing the slaves, Backlund hopes Batman can help people who are "enslaved" to vices and pain.

"It's almost like a way for me to continue what Abe started," Backlund said.

Backlund became a full-time superhero in 2012 after serving as a career firefighter, during which he spent two years in the Fire Service for the Department of Defense in Iraq, according to a release. He will tell the story of the obstacles he overcame, in the hope it will inspire someone, child or adult.

Backlund has been to nearly 600 school assemblies and "cocktail" community outreach events, like the funeral of San Bernardino shooting victim 6-year-old Jacob Hall.

The Batmobile always attracts attention, but it's meant to be a "symbol of hope" and "rolling metaphor" for those who have died.

Batman and Wonder Woman will take photos with visitors on Saturday at the Gettysburg Hotel, gave away signed posters of Batman, offer "Turn Pain Into Power" DVD's, and invite children to check out the Batmobile. The event will conclude about 2 p.m.

"We just want to encourage people through tough times," Backlund said.

If someone is in a good place, Backlund hopes Heroes 4 Higher inspires them to empower others who are struggling. "I think, we heal," Backlund said.

For more information about Heroes 4 Higher West Virginia Batman, visit b4h.wv.gov.

How they voted: Dec. 10-16, 2017

- Pa. House**
Rep. Dan Mead (R-91)
Rep. Will Tallman (R-193)
- Dec. 13**
S.B. 751: An Act amending Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 186-2
- S.H. 728: An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L. 2911, No. 191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescription Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for requirements for prescribers.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 187-0
- H.B. 1821: An Act amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L. 1471, No. 165), known as the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidencer Collection Act.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 187-0
- H.B. 1952: An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sexual offenses, further providing for conduct relating to sex offenders and for general rule.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 188-0
- S.H. 921: An Act authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to grant and convey to TCA Properties, L.P., certain lands and improvements situate in the City of Allentown and the City of Bethlehem, Lehigh County, and authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor, to grant and convey, at a price to be determined through a competitive bid process, certain lands, buildings and improvements situate in the Borough of Kane, McKean County.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 188-0
- S.H. 252: An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in parking authorities, providing for granting of interests and mixed-use projects for authorities in cities of the second class.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 188-0
- S.B. 736: An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, passed 188-0
- H.B. 1139: An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in offenses against the family, further providing for new-born protection, in child protective services, further providing for taking child into protective custody, and, in new-born protection, further providing for definitions and for health care providers accepting newborns, providing for emergency services providers accepting newborns and for incubators for newborns and further providing for reporting acceptance of newborns, for immunity and for duties of department.
Moul - yes, Tallman - yes, concur 188-0
- Pa. Senate**
Sen. Richard Alford (R-33)
- Dec. 11**
S.H. 798: An Act amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in Pennsylvania Military Community Enhancement Commission.
Alford - yes, passed 49-0
- Dec. 12
S.B. 190: An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes.
Alford - yes, passed 50-0
- H.B. 561: An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for administrative subpoenas.
Alford - yes, passed 50-0
- S.B. 764: An Act amending the act of December 22, 1983 (P.L. 306, No. 84), known as the Board of Vehicles Act, providing for preliminary provisions, further providing for short title.
Alford - yes, passed 50-0
- S.B. 848: An Act amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing for standing for any form of physical custody or legal custody and for standing for partial physical custody and supervised physical custody.
Alford - yes, passed 50-0
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Hearing loss leads to calling for student

By Kristin Beaver, Press Enterprise

Bethany Noll's parents knew something was wrong with her hearing by the time she was 3.

Their daughter sat too close to the television, and her speech was delayed. "I wouldn't respond when they said they had candy," she said.

At 4 she was fitted with her first set of hearing aids, purple with pink and purple swirled ear molds. For the first time, standing in the family driveway, she could hear the birds sing.

Twenty years later, Noll is working toward her doctoral degree in clinical audiology at Bloomsburg University in between trips to volunteer at pop-up clinics around the globe. In Haiti, Guatemala and Zambia, she's helped fit children and adults with hearing aids. Sometimes she's shown off her brightly colored hearing aids to patients who are nervous about standing out because of their impairment. Once she even donated the pair she was wearing to help a young woman on the spot.

And she hopes to continue traveling and helping people in developing countries access the high-tech hearing aids that people in the U.S. sometimes take for granted or refuse to take at all.

PATIENT TO VOLUNTEER

After her own diagnosis for bilateral sensorineural hearing loss, Noll's infant brother was found to have the same congenital condition.

At 12, she and her brother became patients of Dr. Kamal Elliot at A&E Audiology in Lancaster. "It was the only pediatric clinic that participated with the insurance my brother and I had at the time," Noll said. "It is funny how it all works out because if I wouldn't have gone there, I don't know if I ever would've considered audiology as a profession."

She feared her own hearing loss could make it difficult to do the job, but she's found that being a patient herself helps her empathize with the people she meets.

After she graduated from Coakley High School near Lancaster, Noll attended BU as an undergraduate, studying Speech Pathology & Audiology with a minor in Spanish.

But on her breaks from school, she returned home to work alongside Dr. Elliot to get a hands-on look at what she was studying in the classroom.

Since joining Elliot on a humanitarian

mission to Haiti in 2015, Noll has made five trips to international clinics through Entheos. She also fit the first patient at a nonprofit audiology start-up in Lancaster. That program asks recipients to perform community service in exchange for their hearing devices.

JOY, JOY, JOY

In Zambia, Noll watched a 4-year-old named Sylvia react as she heard her own voice for the first time. The audiologists later found a sponsor so the girl could go to school.

In Guatemala, a woman named Ines received two hearing aids and broke out into song. "I've got the joy, joy, joy down in my heart!" she sang. It was a big change from the fearful young woman who had told the audiologists that because she couldn't hear she was scared to even leave her house.

"My first fitting in Haiti was a 10-year-old boy named Zacary," Noll said. "He was very shy the entire time, but when we turned the hearing aid on his face lit up with a huge, beautiful smile. I knew I was doing exactly what I am meant to do."

'SISTER'

During another trip to Panajachel, Guatemala, Noll met 16-year-old Esmerelda. The teen was afraid her classmates would make fun of her, but after Noll showed off her own hot pink hearing aids, they fit Esmerelda with a pair of her own in light pink.

When she saw the girl again this January, the ear molds had started to deteriorate. It was the last day the clinic was operating, and supplies were dwindling.

So Noll and Dr. Elliot agreed that the best option was to use Noll's hearing aids, reprogram them for Esmerelda, and send her on her way. "They were some of the best hearing technology on the market, so we were very happy to give them to her," Noll said.

The two have stayed in contact via social media. "We now refer to each other as 'sisters,'" Noll said. They reunited earlier this month when Esmerelda volunteered at another clinic being run near her home. "She was showing people how to take care of their hearing aids. We were able to help Esmerelda, and now she in turn wants to help her community."

DOY! DOY!

Noll isn't shy about her hearing aids. She's always picked bright colors for the



Bloomsburg University Clinical doctorate of Audiology program student Bethany Noll, has traveled to several third world countries through the Entheos Audiology Cooperative, a group that promotes best practices and giving as a part of modern hearing healthcare delivery. *Kath Hauge, Bloomsburg Press Enterprise*

devices, preferring to embrace what makes her different rather than trying to blend in. "It's like glasses," she says. People aren't afraid to pick brightly colored frames. "Why do people wear colorful, fashionable glasses and not think anything of that, but they worry about being seen with a hearing aid?"

But there's still a stigma. On average it takes five to 10 years for someone with trouble hearing to get help, Noll says. Even then it's usually because a family member has intervened or encouraged them to get checked out.

"Some people say hearing aids are expensive, but we know that the primary reason they avoid doing anything is because they worry about what people will think if they wear hearing aids," she said.

Noll tries to be an advocate for people suffering from hearing loss while teaching others about how to interact with them. "Get

their attention," she advises, but don't shout. "Talk in a normal voice."

Her personal background gives her an opening to relate to parents who just learned their child has a hearing condition. "Their child can still be successful and do well in school and live a normal life. Hearing loss does not have to limit them in any way."

Older patients marvel at her. "You're so young!" they tell her when she reveals her hearing aids.

For now, Noll will continue her studies in the hopes of graduating in 2019, and maybe one day opening her own practice. She would like to return to Guatemala, and make trips to India and Africa in the next year.

And she'll continue to volunteer at A&E Hearing Connection, the nonprofit in Lancaster.

To donate to help Noll's volunteer efforts, visit gofundme.com/hearing-the-call

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The bill also would have effectively banned dilation-and-evacuation, the most common method of second-trimester abortion, opponents said.

Two states have similar bans, while laws in six other states are on hold in courts, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

Brooks contended that the bill does not ban the procedure, but rather, the fetus

must first be injected by saline to cause its death.

There were 1,588 dilation-and-evacuation abortions in Pennsylvania in 2015, according to state statistics.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says there is no evidence that inducing fetal death makes second-trimester abortions safer, and opponents question whether such an injection makes it less safe for the mother.

The bill was opposed by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the Pennsylvania section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

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"Just because I'm new doesn't mean that I don't know," she said.

Board member Matthew Krupp said he didn't recall Robinson ever bringing the matter of the superintendent's contract renewal up during her tenure as president.

"You're not giving the board members enough credit," he said. "They are familiar with the issues."

Brian Carter, another new board member, said he believed there were "too many hidden agendas" at play.

"There's a lot of faces that usually don't come to meetings," he said. "We need to be upfront and honest with them."

Aaron Johnson, a Harrisburg native who currently serves as its public works director, brought up the district's history of chaotic leadership during the public comment period.

"Be careful what you wish for," he said. Another controversial agenda item would "provide the district with the option to transition any custodial, grounds or maintenance service employees from the district's payroll to [private contractor] Aramark's payroll on a full-time basis or a part-time basis." That item was tabled and not debated.

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Blooming Grove Passes Controversial Shooting Range Amendments

LORDS VALLEY — To the disappointment of a children's camper and a recused Blooming Grove supervisor, at a township meeting on Monday, the two other supervisors voted for zoning amendments that could ease approval of a shooting range at the Kahr Arms industrial park.

Of three amendments proposed by Kahr Arms attorney John Stach, the most controversial one would allow "radiated noise from the discharge of firearms" on private property that borders state or federal land where firearm discharge noise is allowed.

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Black noted that his camps have existed for several generations and the jobs of numerous employees are at stake.

Supervisor Randy Schmalz assisted that record of the vote.

include his recusal, required because he has worked for the Black family. However, he had other reasons for opposing the amendment. At the amendment hearing, he contended that game lands are a "natural resource" incompatible with bordering shooting ranges, which scare away animals.

Supervisors also approved the two other amendments. Stach proposed:

One amendment would increase the minimum distance requiring shooting ranges to be at least 500 feet from a property line and 1,500 feet from a residential structure or commercial structure.

"This shall not apply to structures on the same parcel as the shooting range, nor to structures or structures owned by the same person or entity... or affiliated persons or entities," according to the amendment, if they have a written agreement before the shooting range use is approved.

The third amendment defines an "entity" as a "natural person, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, joint stock company, trust, or any organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not."

Estimates are "affiliated," when one holds at least 10 percent interest in the other, according to the amendment definition.

Black, son of Mickey Black, speaking after the meeting, "What's disruptive for us is also disruptive for the people next door and across the street."

Mickey Black noted that the sound test was in June when foliage was in bloom. "We heard shots," he said. "With more shooters and louder guns, we're concerned. We'll be back for the conditional use hearing. We hope they'll put reasonable conditions on it. We hope we won't hear it."

However, he pointed out that he is "trying not to make guns the issue," as his camps teach riflery. "It's about noise," he said.

Shohola Explores Alternatives For Ambulance Service

By Ken Bannell

SHOHOLA — Supervisor Keith Raser reported that throughout Shohola Township, people are expressing concerns about ambulance service.

Raser spoke at last week's regular township meeting. He said that the concerns stem from the problem with the Advanced Life Support (ALS, paramedic) vendor that pulled out of Pike in September.

Although there is now no ALS provider in Pike, except for a part-time one in Delaware Township, agencies from outside the area have picked up the slack, noted Raser.

Supervisor Chairman Greg Hoepfer asked Shohola Fire Chief Matt Wiemann on his opinion about Shohola fielding an ALS unit.

Shohola has no ambulance at this time. It depends on whether another corps for service. Wiemann said that Shohola has six department members who are EMTs qualified to ride in a Basic Life Support (BLS) squad, but no one certified as a paramedic.

Since Shohola has no ambulance at this time, Shohola Fire Dept. Chief Matt Wiemann and the department are exploring alternatives to fielding an ambulance, such as an affordable SUV chase car that could ferry a CPR-trained Emergency Medical Technician and a certified paramedic to respond on site in medical emergencies.

Raser said, "People need to know that all 9-1-1 calls from the township in the past few months have been answered."

"We have never had a problem with no pick-ups. We want to thank Dingmans Township ambulance as they have come so many times. We also want to thank the other ambulance companies that answered."

Raser said supervisors and the county are working on how to



From the left, Shohola supervisors Keith Raser, Greg Hoepfer, George C. Fluhr, and township Solicitor Jason Ohliger. Raser reported on the current initiatives in the county on securing Advanced Life Support (ALS) service to fill the gap created this fall when the only full-time ALS provider pulled out of Pike. Delaware Township has a part-time ALS provider and Lehman Township has an out-of-county provider nearby. Municipalities in the rest of Pike are scrambling to find a permanent ALS solution.

resolve the ALS issue. Supervisor George C. Fluhr was a little more cautious about the issue.

He said, "Our township has had this problem for 40 years. We get an ALS provider and they pull out."

Fluhr said that going back to the 1970s, he knows of family members and others who were unable to get timely access to ALS, with resulting dire consequences.

Raser said that since Oct. 23, when county commissioners called for a meeting with municipal officials to discuss ALS, attendees discussed many ideas.

He also said that he raised the issue at a recent Pike County Council of Government meeting.

Raser said that one idea coming out of discussions at meetings he attended was a \$50 flat tax on each parcel in the township, but that would only gener-

ate \$235,000 a year. Raser said that his opinion is that that amount might not be enough to support an ambulance unit for a year.

Township Solicitor Jason Ohliger said, "Pennsylvania law allows a township to assess up to a 1/2 mill in tax, but under the current county assessment formula, that would only generate \$24,000 a year."

"That would also not be enough. To generate \$50 per parcel, we would have to impose a 5-mill tax increase."

A five-mill tax increase might be too much, Shohola might explore funding its own ambulance.

Shohola Assistant Police Chief Don Roa suggested that Shohola research what happens to a portion of every traffic citation written by Shohola police that goes to the Emergency Management Services (EMS) fund.

Perhaps, Shohola might appeal to the state to tap into part of that.

A resident asked about an article last week published in the Pike County Dispatch about county ALS and work-around discussed at a recent Pike County Planning Commission meeting.

Shohola Fire Dept. Chief Matt Wiemann said that for the current, the fly car (chase car or SUV) that ferries an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT, BLS volunteer) and a certified paramedic (ALS) might be the cheapest solution.

Pike Planning Commission member Fred Suljic of Lackawaxen said the fly car issue at this month's commission meeting, attended by Raser and members representing other municipalities.

Wiemann also said, "The average response time for getting

an ambulance to a patient in Shohola the past few months has been 21.48 minutes, is considering the option of becoming an ALS unit."

Wiemann reported that Shohola Fire Dept. and Lackawaxen EMS are discussing that issue. One outcome of that discussion is that Lackawaxen EMS personnel informed Wiemann that the EMS squad is considering the option of becoming an ALS unit.

Fluhr said, "The problem has always been that the ALS system has failed. We just need to keep studying every possible angle until we can solve this issue."

2018 Budget Amendment

Meanwhile, Raser suggested that the township donate \$2,000 each to the two most active BLS units responding to calls in Shohola. Those are Dingman and Milford Fire departments.

Supervisors agreed, but Ohliger advised that supervisors had to amend the 2018 budget, advertise the proposed amended budget, and hold a public hearing on adopting the amended budget.

Supervisors approved a hearing to follow a Jan. 2, 2018 annual Reorganization meeting. Both meetings are at the township building on Twin Lakes Road.

Township Secretary Treasurer Diana Blume said that \$6,000 in unexpended funds is in the 2017 budget regarding the township garage renovation.

Blume noted that the township staff managed to do part of the \$25,000 renovation on a house, which saved \$6,000. Blume said that she could shift the savings to the Donation budget line.

Hoepfer is being sworn in as supervisor on Jan. 2 since he won a re-election bid. His term is six years.

Quick Makes Pitch For Joint Police Program

By Dakota Hendricks

MILFORD — Speaking at the December 18th Milford Township Meeting, Don Quick, a former Township Supervisor and Acting Chief of Police for Milford Borough, requested the Supervisors consider reviving a joint police program between Milford Borough and Milford Township.

Speaking as a resident and not in an official capacity, Quick noted that the program existed between 1984-87 and allowed Milford Township to purchase approximately 20 man hours of policing (per week) by the Milford Borough Police at the cost of \$20,000 a year. In his estimation, the program resulted in much faster response time for residents of the Township as a reasonable cost. Quick said it would be worth reconsidering the program especially if the state begins taxing municipalities that do not operate their own police force.

Chairman Gary Clark said that there are several options they would

Joint Police Program

like to research before taking action on the plan. He said he would like to look into the cost of similar programs instituted by other townships and find out how many Milford Township emergency calls Milford Borough and Eastern Pike police currently respond to.

Solicitor Anthony Magnotta said that they could not add any line items to the budget; however, they can open the budget up for review as early as January 2018. Quick proposed that Milford Township memorandizing his long hours of service to the Township.

Greg Atlas of Atlas Arsenal lodged a complaint with the Board about the slow process of working with the Building Code Enforcement office. Atlas said he needs to open soon and is frustrated by the slow pace of the Building Code officer.

The Supervisors said they have never had a complaint before about the Building Code officer and they would look into the issue.

Emergency Plans Reviewed In Aftermath Of Pipeline Break

By Ken Bannell

LACKAWAXEN — Residents, township supervisors, and the township solicitor discussed how the township is dealing with mass emergencies, specifically gas leaks.

Lackawaxen Township Supervisor Chairman Mike Mancino responded to concerns expressed by residents at a workshop and regular township meeting held on Monday at the township building on Union Road.

The concerns follow a gas pipeline leak that occurred on Oct. 5 in the Fawn Lake community development near Westlodge Road when a Tennessee Gas Pipeline contractor accidentally damaged a pipeline. Residents with homes near the leak were evacuated for a few hours.

A resident, concerned about future emergencies, asked, "Who will pay for the evacuation? Will the gas

company pay?"

Mancino said, "Yes, they told us they are willing to pay anything to cover the issue."

Mancino said that Lackawaxen refers gas leaks or other potential major disasters to Pike County, which handles all such major incidents. He said, "The county is working on a plan for us, but it is not complete yet."

Another resident asked what the county and/or the township would do during an evacuation prompted by a gas leak, if concurrently, a railroad accident involving toxic waste occurred.

Such dual emergencies might force a change in shelters or change in the original path of the mass evacuation.

A resident said, "Maybe you should hold evacuation drills?" Township Solicitor Tom Farley said, "Recently, Kinder Morgan (Tennessee Gas corporate owner) conducted a drill in this area in Lackawaxen County."

"A fire company [contingent] from Lackawaxen Township is meeting with an emergency services company to coordinate [local drills] with the gas company. The company needs to know how to conduct a drill. No use was hurt in that drill."

Kinder Morgan did reply in responding to our township's concerns. We told them they need to inform us immediately in [future] gas-release emergencies. They agreed, but we want to know how long it will take for them to respond."

Resident Marge Wassmer said, "Candlelight Services"

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was in my house [on Oct. 5] when I heard the loud noise. I was wondering what it was. It was like a whodunnit. I am still concerned about what to do and what the township would do in an emergency. But, I think the event was a blessing in disguise. We can be better prepared."

Other residents asked about the siren system used by the township that the township does not own that system. That system is owned by a utility and designed to warn for impending flooding of the Lackawaxen River.

Shook noted that the siren system would not likely work for gas emergencies.

Mancino advised residents to immediately sign up for the Pike County Code Red emergency-notification system (<https://public.coderedweb.com/cse/us/BP42C048CF84>).

Code Red should keep residents informed of any emergency, gas, floods, or toxic spills. Pike County would post notices via Code Red on evacuation plans.

Farley advised that the township is enforcing 9-1-1 signs that allow emergency responders to find a home or building.

Farley said that each residence in the township should have a 9-1-1 sign posted as per township regulation. He said, "You are right Marge, it needs to be done. For various reasons, the township-enforcement process was delayed."

"But, our County emergency response center [Training Center

Review Of Pipeline Break

in Lords Valley) is a state-of-the-art facility. It is among the best in Pennsylvania."

In response to additional questions on an early warning system, Shook said that sirens are not effective for all areas of the township and not areas of the township have cell service. Supervisors are evaluating all concerns and would discuss them with the county.

Mancino said that another problem is that the county is doing their plan but have not contacted the township on a regular basis for progress reports. Supervisors seek additional links with the

county to have more input on plans affecting township residents. A resident asked if the county had all names of township residents under the Enhanced 9-1-1 plan. Mancino said, "Yes."

2018 Budget Adopted

In other matters, the township adopted a no-tax-increase township budget for 2018 and opted out of Pennsylvania's proposed Category 4 Mini-casino plan.

Farley advised that the opt-out resolution adopted by supervisors was no longer needed since the state legislators recently amended their original proposal legislation.

The amendment prohibits mini-casinos from operating in Pike, Wayne, and Carbon counties since Mount Airy Casino in Monroe County was struggling financially and did not need additional regional competition.

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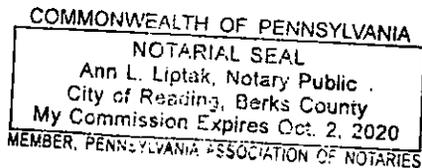
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State senator says he'll 'step back' from campaign

Subject of account accusing him of behaving inappropriately toward former female aides

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PHILADELPHIA — A state senator who is the subject of allegations published by *The Philadelphia Inquirer* that he behaved inappropriately toward female employees and campaign aides said Monday that he will "step back" from his campaign for a congressional seat.

Sen. Daylin Leach, a lawyer and a Democratic state

lawmaker since 2003, did not immediately clarify whether he was ending his U.S. House campaign.

He said he planned to continue serving in the Senate, despite a call by Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, for Leach to resign.

Leach said he will cooperate with state Senate leaders to address the allegations and said it is "heartbreaking" to him that he made someone



Sen. Daylin Leach

feel uncomfortable or disrespected.

"In the future, I will take more care in my words and my actions, and I will make it my top priority to protect those who speak up to help change the culture around us," Leach said.

Earlier this year, Leach announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination to challenge fourth-term Re-

publican U.S. Rep. Pat Meehan, who represents part of Berks. Leach has been among the Legislature's most prominent liberals, leading the fight for the legalization of same-sex marriage and medical marijuana. He also ran unsuccessfully for another congressional seat in 2014.

In the story, the *Inquirer* quoted former party, campaign and legislative aides, some anonymously, who accused the 56-year-old of behavior ranging from making sexualized jokes and comments to touching they considered inappropriate.

Aubrey Montgomery, a finance director for Leach's 2008 state senate campaign, told the newspaper that Leach labeled her a prude and ratcheted up the intensity after she complained to him about a sexualized tone in the office.

In a statement on Facebook after the *Inquirer* published the story, Matt Goldfine, a 2008 campaign aide, said he could confirm Montgomery's account. He also cited Leach's routine tickling and hugging of female interns.

"This did not happen once; there was a pattern of behavior that I believe was totally

inappropriate," Goldfine wrote.

In an earlier statement, Leach blamed the accusations on a whisper campaign mounted by an unnamed political opponent and denied ever inappropriately touching women.

He also said Montgomery was "as racy as anyone else" in the office, and this week was the first time he had ever heard that she had a problem.

Montgomery has worked for a man running in the next year's Democratic congressional primary, Dan Muroff.

Pastor cleared in death of girl, 2

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Foster had told authorities during the investigation that he was called to his son's home to anoint and pray over the girl the night before she died.

District Attorney John T. Adams was not present for Monday's hearing, but has been closely involved in the case. Despite several prior cases of Faith Tabernaec parents charged with not seeking proper treatment when their children died of preventable illnesses, Foster was the first leader in the sect to face charges.

Adams said his understanding of Johnson's ruling was that the judge found there was no evidence Foster observed any symptoms that would indicate the girl was being neglected by her parents. He said the judge reviewed the limited contact Foster had with the child prior to her death, and after comparing it with the autopsy report, cleared him of the offense.

Ferro, the defense attorney, could not be reached for comment after the hearing.

His argument Monday largely resembled the case he laid out during two previous preliminary hearings for Foster, saying Foster was not equipped to diagnose the girl's condition and did not act maliciously, but instead, based on his beliefs, thought he was doing what was best

for his granddaughter.

Adams' office argued the girl's symptoms during Foster's visit clearly showed she was suffering and needed medical attention.

Dr. Neil A. Hoffman, the forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy on Ella Grace Foster, previously testified the girl would have been in agony the day before her death, "fighting to breathe" and coughing uncontrollably. Hoffman also testified that her fatal infections would have almost certainly been cured with penicillin or a similar antibiotic.

Prosecutors could appeal Johnson's ruling, but Adams said they need to review the decision and evidence before they decide if an appeal is appropriate.

The case has been challenging for prosecutors from the start.

They originally charged Foster in March, only to have the case dismissed at the district judge level during a preliminary hearing in April.

Prosecutors refiled the charges two weeks later and successfully had the case held for the Court of Common Pleas in June after a second preliminary hearing before a different district judge.

Adams stressed that this dismissal will not affect the prosecution of Jonathan and Grace Foster.

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Wolf vetoes bill limiting some abortions

Measure would have set term to first 20 weeks of pregnancy

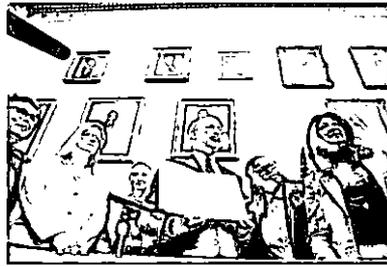
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HARRISBURG — Gov. Tom Wolf on Monday vetoed a bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature that would have limited abortions to the first 20 weeks of pregnancy.

Wolf, a Democrat who supports abortion rights, rejected what Planned Parenthood said would have been the nation's most restrictive abortion law.

He signed the veto paperwork in a public ceremony in Philadelphia City Hall, calling the bill "a disingenuous and bald-faced attempt to create the most extreme anti-choice legislation in the country."

Pennsylvania's current limit is 24 weeks. The 20-week limit would have kept in place exceptions under current law for when a mother's life or well-being is at risk, but it had no exceptions for rape, incest or fetal abnormalities.



Gov. Tom Wolf displays his signature Monday after vetoing a bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature to limit abortions to the first 20 weeks of pregnancy at City Hall in Philadelphia.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Michele Brooks, R-Crawford, said a baby can survive outside the womb at 20 weeks gestation, thanks to advances in technology, and laws must catch up.

Brooks was disappointed, she said, that the state "will be unable to protect so many babies in the future, who will never know the joy of living."

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High-speed train spills onto highway below

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posted two miles before the speed zone and just before the speed zone approaching the curve, she said.

Positive train control — the technology that can slow or stop a speeding train — wasn't in use on this stretch of track, according to Amtrak President Richard Anderson.

He spoke on a conference call with reporters, said he was "deeply saddened by all that has happened today."

In a radio transmission immediately after the accident, the conductor can be heard saying the train was coming around a corner and was crossing a bridge that passed over I-5 when it derailed. Dispatch audio also indicated that the engineer survived with bleeding from the head and both eyes swollen shut.

"I'm still figuring that out. We've got cars everywhere and down onto the highway," he tells the dispatcher, who

asks if everyone is OK.

Aleksander Kristiansen, 24, an exchange student from Copenhagen attending the University of Washington, was going to Portland to visit the city for the day.

"I was just coming out of the bathroom when the accident happened. My car just started shaking really, really badly. Things were falling off the shelf. Right away, you knew that this was not something minor," he said.

The back of his train car was wide open because it had separated from the rest of the train, so he and others were able to jump out to safety. He was at about the middle of the train, either the sixth or seventh car, he said, and was "one of the lucky ones."

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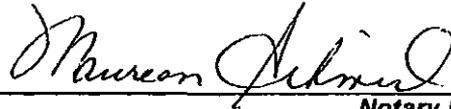
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NEVADA

Heightened security in Las Vegas on New Year's Eve

By Regina Garcia Cano
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - An unprecedented number of law enforcement officers and National Guard members will be on duty when tens of thousands of people gather to ring in 2018 on the Las Vegas Boulevard, just three months after one of the world's most famous roadways became associated with the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department will have every officer working Sunday, while the Nevada National Guard is activating about 350 soldiers and airmen after lawmakers earlier this month approved tripling the state funding for the event's security measures. The federal government is also sending dozens of personnel to assist with intelligence and other

efforts. "I'm confident every available resource is being used to make sure this New Year's Eve will be safe," Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo said during a news conference Wednesday.

Tourism officials expect about 330,000 to come to Las Vegas for the festivities that are anchored by a roughly eight-minute fireworks display at the top of seven of the destination's casino-hotels. The show will start 10 seconds before midnight Sunday at the Stratosphere. The other firing locations are at the Venetian, Treasure Island, Caesars Palace, Planet Hollywood, Aria and MGM Grand.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently upgraded the city's New Year's Eve on its list of special events that due to its economic or social impact, length and attention could be potential targets of criminal activity. For the first time, the celebration was ranked in the highest category, which also includes the Super Bowl.



Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo, left, and Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak respond to questions during a news conference on New Year's Eve security at Metro Police Headquarters in Las Vegas Wednesday. Glass bottles, backpacks and coolers are not permitted on the Strip on New Year's Eve, police said.

Rating 1 leads to a substantial increase in federal resources. Lombardo said the assistance will include intelligence personnel who will analyze social media and other information, medical technicians and helicopters.

The change in rating was not a direct result of the mass shooting carried out by a high-stakes gambler on Oct. 1. The man killed 58 people and injured hundreds more after he shattered the windows of his suite on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel-casino on the Strip and unleashed gunfire on a country music festival below. He then killed himself.

Lombardo said no specific threat to the festivities has been discovered. Snipers will be posted for the first time during the event. Buses and other large vehicles will block key intersections to try to prevent anyone from plowing onto crowds.

Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak said crews have installed nearly 800 steel posts along the Las Vegas Strip. The bollards are capable of withstanding a head-on collision from a 15,000-pound (6804-kilogram) vehicle traveling at 50 mph (80 kph). The county plans to install an additional 7,500.

The number of National Guard soldiers and airmen activated in connection with Sunday's festivities is more than double compared to last year. They will be at several locations, including McCarran International Airport. A legislative committee approved almost \$357,000 to cover the cost.

The control center for the show, located at the Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino, will be staffed by officials from Clark County's building and fire prevention department, fire department, police, Federal Aviation Administration, the fire-works company and organizers. Wind conditions are monitored. Sustained wind speeds that exceed 10 miles per hour can lead to the show's cancellation.

ENHANCED DYNAMIC GEO-SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

School virtual shooter training program aimed at survival

By Curt Anderson
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - The shooter rapidly fires through the front doors of an elementary school with an assault rifle and blasts his way down the hallway. Screaming children are running for their lives or frozen in fear. Teachers quickly try to decide: barricade the doors, or make a run for it with their students?

Police officers arrive with guns drawn, working their way through the school. Finally they confront the shooter and end the threat.



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In this undated frame from video, Tamara Griffith, a chief engineer for a computer-based simulator that can be used to train people on how to react during an active shooter situation, says the goal is to teach teachers to respond as first responders. Using cutting-edge video game technology and animation, the U.S. Army and Homeland Security Department have developed a computer-based simulator that can train everyone from teachers to first responders on how to react to an active shooter scenario.

Using cutting-edge video game technology and animation, the U.S. Army and Homeland Security Department have developed a computer-based simulator that can train everyone from teachers to first responders on how to react to an active shooter scenario. The training center is housed at the University of Central Florida in Orlando and offers numerous role-playing opportunities that can be used to train anyone in the world with a computer.

"With teachers, they did not self-select into a role where they expect to have bullets flying near them. Unfortunately, it's becoming a reality," said Tamara Griffith, a chief engineer for the project. "We want to teach teachers how to respond as first responders."

The \$5.6 million program - known as the Enhanced Dynamic Geo-Social Environment, or EDGE - is similar to those used by the Army to train soldiers in combat tactics and scenarios using a virtual environment.

Originally designed for police and fire agencies, the civilian version is now being expanded to schools to allow teachers and other school personnel to train for active shooters alongside first responders. Homeland Security officials say the schools version should be ready for launch by spring.

Each character has numerous options, including someone playing the bad guy, said project manager Bob Walker. For example,



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This undated frame from the video shows video game play footage of a mass shooting simulation. The game designers listened to real disaster tapes to understand the dynamics of such situations, as part a \$5.6 million government-funded program known as the Enhanced Dynamic Geo-Social Environment.

each teacher has seven options on how to keep students safe, and some of the students in the program might not respond or be too afraid to react. So that becomes another problem to be solved.

"Once you hear the children, the screaming, it makes it very, very real," Walker said.

The program can have the shooter be either an adult or a child.

"We have to worry about both children and adults being suspects," he said. The program's designers listened to real dispatch tapes to understand the confusion and chaos

that goes along with such frightening situations. Griffith said. They also talked to the mother of a child killed in the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, who walked them through everything that happened that tragic day.

"It gives you chills when you think about what's happening on those tapes," Griffith said. "It ture us apart to listen to her and walk the scene through."

But it all serves one main goal: to train educators to save lives when an armed attacker bursts through a school door.

Another EDGE program, which was launched in June, has an active shooter scenario involving a 26-story hotel that includes numerous possible environments for first responder training: a conference center, a restaurant, or office spaces. As many as 60 people can train on the program at once and can be located anywhere.

"It's important that this provides agencies like fire and law enforcement an opportunity to train together," said Matt Neenan, Homeland Security Science and Technology First Responder Group program manager in a recent Justice Department article. "Very seldom do they have the opportunity to train together in real life, and it is hard to get those agencies time away from their regular duties."

School safety advocates say safety training gets pushed to the back burner until a tragedy happens. Amanda Klinger, director of operations for non-profit Educators School Safety Network, said this new program could help change that. "I hope that people will sort of see this simulation as a really cool and engaging way," she said. "to think about school safety."

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SOUTH KOREA

S. Korean president calls sex slave deal with Japan flawed

By Kim Tong-Hyung
The Associated Press

SEOUL - South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Thursday the country's 2015 agreement with Japan to settle a decades-long impasse over Korean women forced into wartime sexual slavery was seriously flawed.

Moon's statement in which he was unspecified follow-up measures to meet the victims' demands potentially throws the future of the deal in doubt, two years after both countries declared it as "final and irreversible."

The statement came a day after a state-appointed panel concluded that South Korea's previous conservative government failed to properly communicate with the victims before reaching the deal.

The panel also said parts of the deal were not in the public, including Japanese demands that the South Korean government avoid using the term "sexual slavery" and

provide a specific plan to remove a bronze statue representing sex slaves in front of its Seoul embassy. South Korea in response said it would formerly refer to the victims as "victims of Japanese military comfort stations" but didn't make a clear promise to remove the statue, according to the panel.

"It has been confirmed that the 2015 comfort women negotiation between South Korea had serious flaws, both in process and content," Moon said in a statement read out by his spokesman.

"Despite the burden of the past agreement being a formal promise between governments that was ratified by the leaders of both countries, I, as president and with the Korean people, once again firmly state that this agreement does not resolve the issue over comfort women."

Under the deal, Japan agreed to provide cash payment for the dwindling number of surviving victims,

while South Korea said it will try to resolve Japanese grievance over the statue in front of the embassy.

The deal came under heavy criticism in South Korea where many thought the government settled for far too less. Japan has been angry that South Korea hasn't taken specific steps to remove the statue and similar monuments in other places in the country, insisting there has been a clear understanding to do so.

The Foreign Ministry said government officials will hold extensive discussions with victims and experts before deciding whether to pursue changes to the deal. Japanese officials have said a renegotiation is unacceptable.

Some experts see it as unlikely that Moon's government will spark a full-blown diplomatic row with Japan by scrapping the deal when the allies face pressing needs to form a strong united front against North Korea's growing nuclear threat.

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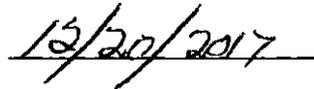
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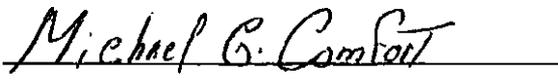
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Leach

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In response to mounting pressure from Democrats and Republicans alike for him to bow out and for an investigation into the allegations to be launched.

"I have watched these allegations hurt my family and supporters, and I specifically ask for privacy for my family. Today, I am taking a step back from the congressional campaign to focus on my family and work with Senate leaders to address these allegations and fully cooperate as they are all vetted."

Leach, of Lower Merion, stopped short of announcing his total withdrawal from the Congressional race or resigning from the state Senate, however.

"I will continue to do all that I can to advance progressive causes in the Senate and represent my constituents with honor," he said.

The 17th Senatorial District covers parts of Montgomery and Delaware counties. The 7th Congressional District covers parts of Berks, Chester, Delaware, Lancaster and Montgomery counties.

"It's the right thing to do and I'm glad he did it," said Delaware County Democratic Party Chairman David Landau, who stepped back or suspended his campaign — I take it that's the same thing — and is evaluating whether he should go forward with congressional race, which I think would be very difficult under these circumstances."

Landau said there are two concerns — the merits of the accusations themselves, but also the viability of a campaign from this point on.

"Politically, obviously, a situation like this will continue to follow him throughout the campaign," said Landau. "There's nothing around it."

Landau said he was glad to see Leach appeared to acknowledge in this statement that he needs to work on himself and change his behavior.

"It's just unacceptable conduct," Landau said. "The accusations came to light in a Philadelphia Inquirer story over the weekend that alleged numerous instances of Leach either inappropriately touching women or making sexually charged jokes that left some feeling uncomfortable."

The paper indicated most of the women who say they saw or heard questionable conduct from Leach said they had been assaulted, were denied a promotion or had their careers threatened. But Au-

brey Montgomery, a former finance director for Leach's 2008 state senate campaign, told the paper she complained to Leach about a sexualized tone in the office that offended her.

"When I expressed my discomfort, Daylin suggested I just didn't get the joke, labeled me a prude and characterized me in my colleagues as the campaign's wet blanket," she said. "The more uncomfortable Daylin made me, the more he would dial up the intensity. The more I expressed my discomfort at his sexual and off-color humor, the funnier it was to him."

Leach has denied the allegations and said in a statement that Montgomery "was at least as provocative as I was when I was made in the office. He said he never heard any complaints from her in the past and that she has been a consistently strong supporter of his campaigns."

Montgomery is working for and contributing to Dan Murf, another Democratic candidate in the 2018 7th District primary.

"I believe the women who have spoken out regarding their experiences," said Murf Monday. "Sexual harassment is wrong, period."

Of two instances of alleged inappropriate touching detailed in the Inquirer story, Leach said he remembers one "not at all, and one only vaguely."

"But they both allegedly occurred in crowded rooms with lots of people and cameras around," he said. "I was never alone with the women involved. And I never, in any way, intentionally or unintentionally, touched them inappropriately. It did not happen."

Leach blamed the accusations on an unnamed political opponent and said such "fishing expeditions" are likely to become standard, which runs the risk of "weaponizing and trivializing a long overdue and critically important movement that is just starting to gain steam."

Leach has been a state senator for nearly a decade and previously served in the state House. He has a record of championing women's causes and announced his campaign for the 7th District earlier this year in an attempt to unseat Republican incumbent Pat Meehan of Chadds Ford.

Once the story broke, both Gov. Tom Wolf and Landau suggested Leach withdraw from the race. Wolf actually called on his fellow Democrat to resign his Senate seat as well.

Wolf called Leach "a leader on important policy issues" but said "this con-

duct cannot be excused." Wolf also lamented that the state lacks an "adequate structure for victims to report this type of behavior" and called on leaders from both parties in Harrisburg to "commit to real reform that protects victims."

Drew McGinty, another Democrat seeking nomination in the 7th District race, said he "vehemently believes Leach's accusers, and called for him to resign and get out of the race."

"This conduct is reprehensible from anyone, but when your job is to serve the good people of Pennsylvania, it is especially heinous," McGinty said. "The 7th District deserves a nominee that will treat all women and men with respect, and it is clear that Sen. Leach is unable to do so."

Meehan's office declined comment and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee issued a less condemning statement.

"Members and candidates must all be held to the highest standard," the DCCC said. "If anyone is guilty of sexual harassment or sexual assault, that person should not hold public office."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Paul Mangione and Democratic 7th District congressional candidate Molly Sheehan also added their names to the chorus calling for action Monday.

"This type of behavior has absolutely no place in government business, or in our society," said Mangione in a statement. "It is my hope that the Pennsylvania state Senate will do a complete and thorough investigation into these appalling accusations and take the necessary measures to ensure perpetrators are held accountable."

Sheehan said she was disappointed that Leach allegedly created an abusive work environment for young women, but was pleased to see Wolf and Landau adopting a "zero-tolerance" stance and hoped other party leaders would follow suit.

"We deserve leaders that respect women and understand the economic, social and psychological damage sexual harassment causes," she said. "Women deserve elected officials that can both advocate for their policies and respect them in their daily lives. This behavior is beneath the office; it puts our policy goals in jeopardy, weakens the Democratic Party, and endangers women throughout Pennsylvania by poor example."

The Associated Press contributed to this story

READERS' VIEWS

Congress must protect Alaska's wilderness

On Nov. 20, a group of Rep. Ryan Costello's constituents joined the Pennsylvania Conservation Organization to urge Rep. Costello to defend our environment against the latest slew of attacks. My topic of interest was the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), which the Senate just voted to open up for drilling. While Rep. Costello has publicly defended the ANWR, he could not make any commitment as to

how he would vote. As I stated to Rep. Costello, "We need to put the economic issues aside and acknowledge that we need to move away from oil and embrace sustainable energy such as solar and wind. On so many fronts it is wrong; despoiling the landscape with a network of pipes that will leak in the future (witness the Keystone Pipeline), the effect on the wildlife, the rights of the native people

residing there whose lifestyle will be disrupted... As John McCain said "This is one of the most precious and beautiful parts of the world." Let's ensure Rep. Costello stands behind his public defense of ANWR. Send him a message to oppose any bill that would allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Mary Ann Mack
Phoenixville

READERS' VIEWS

Tax cuts will increase national debt

Great Job Senate! Your tax cut bill adds over \$1 trillion to the national debt. After delivering crumbs for a couple of years, it will inevitably raise taxes on people making less than \$75,000 a

year. The big breaks go to American wealthiest people and a large increase in interest rates. But at least big donors will be happy.

even Social Security. Most likely, it will spur both inflation and a rise in interest rates. But at least big donors will be happy.

Larry Cohen
Schwenksville

Council

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Council members Sheryl Miller and Dennis Arms voted against both the budget and the tax rate, both arguing for more cuts. Councilman Ryan Proesel voted against the budget as well, but he took the opposite tack, advocating for the latest administration budget that would have raised taxes by 12.99 percent.

Having hung tight at a tax hike of 18.6 percent through several contentious meetings, the administration proposal was revealed only after council members had wrangled for about an hour over ways to cut the budget — including failed motions for an 8-percent tax hike and the full 18.6 percent.

Miller, who has been the strongest voice for further cuts — "there is plenty of fat in this budget" — advocated for a budget that increases taxes by 8 percent, charging the administration with figuring out how to make that work, but only Arms supported her proposal.

That would have required cutting 35 of the 126 borough employees, said Lee. "Borough hall would be empty except for managers" if council voted that way, she warned. Proesel called the impact of Miller's proposal "catastrophic" for government services.

Councilwoman Rita Paez, who has said the matter is too complex to be dealt with in a single meeting, took the oppo-

sition tack. She made a motion to adopt the budget as proposed with the full 18.6 percent tax hike, and use the extra time until Feb. 15 to figure out ways to bring that number down.

But only she and Council President Dan Weand supported that idea. Arms said he had been told by a downtown merchant that if council hiked taxes by 18 percent, the business would close and move out of town.

It was only then that Flanders unveiled a proposal worked out by the administration, and with which Weand appeared to be familiar, that cut the tax hike by not filling vacant positions.

He said most employees who took advantage of a recent retirement incentive were either in the water or sewer departments — whose budget is balanced and unrelated to the general fund shortfall — or police department.

Three civilian police employees, one records clerk and two processor/dispatchers, have retired. Police Chief Rick Drumheller said he would make do by not filling two of those positions — a records clerk and dispatcher — even though they watch the cameras and are back-up for officers who are attacked putting prisoners into lock-up, a common occurrence and which he characterized as compromising officer's safety.

Additionally, by not filling the assistant borough manager's position and the assistant public works director post proposed — and by eliminating all but one contributions to area

organizations like the Visiting Nurse Association and the senior center — the tax hike could be brought down to 12.99 percent, Flanders said.

The one contribution that was retained is the money provided each year to the Potstown Area Industrial Development agency, or PAID, Portstown's chief economic development arm.

Councilman Joe Kirkland — who repeatedly expressed frustration that cost-cutting ideas he had suggested at last week's meeting were not fully explored, saying "it's like I wasn't even here" — then made a motion to push that tax hike down to 12 percent.

It was this motion that attracted three other votes — from Weand, Paez and Councilwoman Carol Kulp.

"It will be up to me to figure out that final 1 percent," said Flanders.

Kirkland and Weand also emphasized that council will take advantage of a quirk in the borough code that, in a local election year like 2017, allows the next council to re-open the 2018 budget and make changes.

Despite the fact that there will be only one new member of council — Donald Lebedynsky, who replaces Miller — Weand pledged to appoint Kirkland and a few others to a task force find a way to drive the tax hike "down to single digits."

Borough Solicitor Charles D. Garner Jr. told council the borough code gives the new council until Feb. 15 to make changes to the budget.

Budget

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than what the salary range will be when the 2 percent increase is instituted. Salary increases could come early next year, however the commissioners may decide to make them part of the employees' annual performance review, county Chief Operating Officer Mark Rupis said.

For now, a hypothetical county clerk makes \$100 a week, the minimum for their position, would see their salary bumped up to \$102, for example. The hypothetical range would increase from a minimum of \$102 a week to \$110 a week.

The vote, which came without comment Dec. 6, followed the commissioners' adoption of the 2018 general budget, which contains \$224 million in expenses and revenues. The budget maintains the county's current real estate tax rate of 4.269 mills. A mill is worth \$36.7 million, or 81¢ for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. That is expected to equal a median tax payment by property owners of \$729.40 on property whose assessed value is \$166,950.

The millage package is broken down into four separate categories: 2.876 mills for the general fund expendi-

tures; 1.222 mills for debt service; .184 mill for library expenditures; and .087 for parks. The debt service millage goes to pay for bonds that were taken out to pay for capital expenses such as building construction and open space preservation.

The county's budget includes a decrease in spending of 5 percent, with drop coming in the level of both general fund expenses the courts, county prison, public safety, human services, parks, etc. — from \$447 million to \$424.5 million — and capital spending — from \$87.5 to \$60.6 million.

In presenting the budget last month, Rupis stressed, as county officials have in the past, that not only is the property tax rate in the county among the lowest in the region, but that its financial stability remains strong. The county has maintained a top rating from each of the three most prominent bond rating services in the country, and will continue to do so, he said.

"The county is in excellent financial shape," he said in response to a question about its health Thursday. "We have never overspent our budget in the years that I've been in the county. Those are the facts."

The 2018 priorities that Rupis pointed to for the coming year include the continuing development of the county's Landscapes effort — the land use planning doc-

ument that sets the tone for urban, suburban, and economic development over the coming 10 years. That plan is expected to be adopted in late 2018 after public comment and steering committee input is complete.

Adding to the county's new expenses will be the operation of the firing range at its Public Safety Training Facility. The range will be finished construction next month and will formally open in January. Rupis said the costs of running the range would be about \$350,000 a year.

Other costs that Rupis said would add to the budget include an increase in spending on health care insurance for employees, which makes up for about 15 percent of all personnel costs. The increase is expected to be \$1.3 million, or 5.6 percent — from \$24.1 million to \$25.5 million.

He noted that the biggest portion of the county's revenues — salaries, comes from state and federal grants, about 41 percent, versus real estate taxes and departmental earnings. Those funds are expected to drop against next year, falling from \$200.8 million to \$19.5 million. On an expense side, human services and the courts make up the largest slices of departmental spending, at 58 percent, followed by debt service on capital projects such as the training center and the county's Justice Center.

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LOCAL NEWS

Skiers hit the slopes

Crews at Shawnee Mountain Ski Area are aiming to have all 23 runs open for Christmas Week, one of their busiest times of year. So far, 12 runs are open. The ski area has been making snow since mid-November.



A skier makes his way down the slope of Shawnee Mountain on Monday, December 18, 2017. The ski area started up their snow guns halfway through November to be open on Thanksgiving weekend.



Everett Wyszczek, 18 months, slides down the beginner slope at Shawnee Mountain on Monday, December 18, 2017. The ski area has 12 of their 23 slopes open for skiers and snowboarders and hopes to have 15 or more open by the weekend. They plan to be open for night skiing on Friday.



Skiers and snowboarders slide their way down the beginner's slope at Shawnee Mountain on Monday, December 18, 2017. According to Jon Rust administrative manager of Shawnee Mountain Ski Area crews are making snow at every opportunity to supplement the natural snow and they hope to have all 23 of their runs open for Christmas Week, one of their busiest times of year. (KEITH R. STEVENSON PHOTOS, POCONO RECORD)

Funds fall into place for Marshalls Falls Park

Township supervisor: construction to start by spring

By Bill Cameron
Pocono Record Writer

Officials have secured the final piece of funding for a proposed \$500,000 park project in Smithfield Township. The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced Dec. 5 it had awarded \$180,000 to help develop a new trail system at Marshalls Falls.

That means construction should ideally start by spring-time, Township Supervisor Brian Barrett said.

"It will be bid out to private contractor," he said. "The scope is going to be well over the threshold for non-bidding."

"We'll have to spec it out, by phases, and hopefully get to the first couple within a year. Then we can go back to see how much money we have and go from there."

Smithfield Township bought the 15-acre property, which is located on Creek Road near the former Mountain Manor Golf Course, in 2008 from private owners Anthony and Diane Migliorico. The \$127,500 purchase was funded by a grant from a Monroe County Open Space bond issue.

The couple sold the property on the condition that it remain in a natural state, according to a 2013 site plan by engineering consultant Barry Iselt & Associates. Developing the location as a park was estimated then to cost \$503,376.75 over the course of three phases.

"We feel we'll pretty much be in the same ballpark as then," Barrett said. "What we're going to do now is sit down with the engineering company that's been helping us, most of it pro bono, with laying out the plan. Then we'll decide how a timetable and how we're going to stage it." Casino revenues will fund



Officials have secured the final piece of funding for a proposed \$500,000 park project to help develop a new trail system at Marshalls Falls Park in Smithfield Township. (POCONO RECORD FILE PHOTOS)

part of the project also. The state Department of Community and Economic Development awarded \$219,000 in April from a Local Share Account. That money will pay to improve and expand parking at the site.

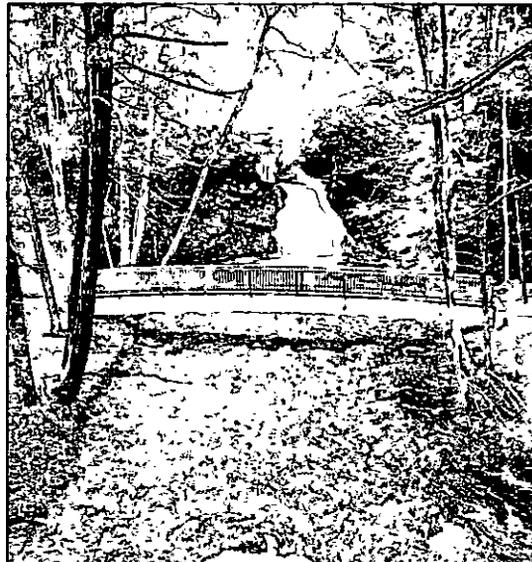
"The existing parking isn't all that bad, but the lot itself needs work," said Barrett. "We've been fortunate enough to get money through various entities that would pay for some of the signage and kiosks. Before that even occurs, we have to make sure we have a parking lot that's practical and easily accessible."

The township, in accepting the LSA grant, committed to matching a percentage of the funds. That amount is about \$30,000, Barrett said. Those funds, along with the recently

awarded DCNR grant, put the township relatively close to its \$500,000 target.

"With this additional funding, we should be able to pretty much complete the entire planned project," he said. "It isn't as much the materials as it is trailblazing and improvements to make it a passive recreation park."

The finished features will somewhat mirror the Cherry Creek Loop Trail, another township-owned site near Minisink Park, Barrett also said. Township supervisors plan to meet with engineers soon to finalize the details.



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Foundations awards \$156K to Bucks nonprofits

Staff report

Nineteen Bucks County nonprofits will share in more than \$156,000 in grants awarded recently by Foundations Community Partnership.

Thirteen grants were made under the partnership's Bucks Innovation and Improvement Grants program, which supports organizations developing innovative ideas to improve the lives of children, youth and their families in Bucks County. Another six grants were made through the Capital Improvement Grants program, which supports organizations' capital building campaigns.

"Our grant program allows us to support the needs of many worthwhile Bucks County nonprofits that are serving young people and their families and working to improve the quality of life in the community," Karen Lasorda,

president of Foundations Community Partnership's board of directors, said in a statement. The grant recipients were:

- Bucks County Audubon Society (New Hope), for the Nature's Healing Powers: Healing Garden Program Development, which teaches stress reduction techniques to special needs youth and young children;
- Bucks County Children's Museum (New Hope), to increase educational programming capacity for STEM-based learning by offering additional educational instruction hours;
- Girls Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (Trevose and Levittown), for their Funded Initiative Program, which provides funding for 400 girls with special needs and those who require financial support to participate in the Girls Scouts program;

- Bucks County Community College (Newtown), for its ACHIEVE! Program, which enhances the transition of college students with special needs to succeed in the college environment;
- Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (Newtown), for its Integrated Physical and Behavioral Health Initiative at BCHIP Adult clinic, which screens for depression and offers mental health services to low income families at the free clinic;
- Conservatory of Music's Kindred Arts program (Doylestown), to support programming for at-risk/low-income youth in Bucks County;
- Baby Bureau (Warminster), for operational support for baby bundles, which provide necessities to low-income families of newborn children;
- YWCA Bucks

- County (Trevose), for its "Empowering Girls from Adversaries to Allies" program, which offers strategies for girls to relate to one another and better understand stereotypical messages that often lead to behaviors such as betrayal, exclusion, rumor mongering, teasing and harassment;
- Lily's Hope Foundation (Coopersburg), for outreach to provide needed items for families with newborns in neonatal intensive care;
- Maternity Care Coalition (Doylestown), to expand the Family Support Group Program, which provides educational support to new parents, especially vulnerable and first-time parents;
- Pearl S. Buck International (Perkasie), for youth programs that explore and appreciate other cultures, including diversity training for Bucks County and

- Philadelphia high school;
- Rolling Harvest Food Rescue (Lumberville), to support collaboration with the YWCA to provide food to families in low-income areas of Bucks County through their "Farm to Families" summer nutrition program;
- Advocates for Homeless and Those in Need (Fairless Hill), support families in need of emergency shelter;
- Access Services (Fort Washington), to purchase computer tablets for improved case management and client interaction for Bucks County clients within their Technology for Transition to Independence Program;
- Bowman's Hill Wildlife Preserve (New Hope), to extend a handicapped accessible path, increasing access to the preserve for visitors with disabilities;
- Bucks County Housing Group (Warminster), to upgrade equipment and

- safeguard IT technology;
- Ivy Hill Foundation (Perkasie), to install a Sure Hands Body Support Lift, which will enable riders with mobility impairments to safely mount and dismount horses to participate in equine therapy;
- Network of Victim's Assistance (Jimbsion), to make website improvements which will improve client access to services; and
- Peace Valley Holistic Center (Chalfont), to expand its Mentor-Work program, which provides work opportunities in a newly launched café in Middletown Township.

Foundations Community Partnership is a philanthropic grant-making foundation supporting the behavioral health and human service needs of children and young adults in Bucks County. Since 2007, it has awarded more than \$4.4 million in grants to Bucks County nonprofits.

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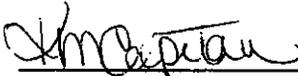
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Expert deems property dispute ruling solid

Decision appears thorough enough to discourage an appeal, professor says.

By SARAH M. WOLCZEK
Of The Morning Call

The opinion issued by a Northampton County judge in the emotional property dispute over the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem appears thorough enough to discourage a drawn-out appeal, according to a scholar on church property law.

The First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem (ECO) — the members who left the mainline congregation to join the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians — has not decided whether to appeal the Dec. 12 ruling, leaders said.

Northampton County President Judge Stephen Baratta sided with the Lehigh Presbytery and congregations following the Presbyterian Church USA, ruling the 2.5-acre church property was held in trust for the denomination. His ruling followed a three-day civil trial in late August.

"This is a really straightforward decision," said Robert Tuttle, law and religion professor at George Washington University. "This would be a really tough hill to climb because this is a fact-based ruling."

Tuttle said Baratta's opinion is sturdy because his ruling is based on what's known as the "neutral principles of law" approach. In this way, he looked at the church as if it were any secular nonprofit and not deferring to the hierarchical structure of the church.

Since the congregation had agreed to follow the outline denomination's Book of Order in its governing documents, the rules of the documents stand, according to Baratta's ruling.

Among those rules is that the property of individual congregations with the Presbyterian USA are held in trust.

The Rev. Martie Crumpler, the lead pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem ECO, said there's not been a decision yet on whether to appeal.

"We're disappointed in the decision and we respect the judge's work but we don't necessarily agree with all the conclusions he came to," she said. "We have to figure out how God's going to call us forward."

Mounting an appeal would add another layer to what's likely been a costly court battle stemming from a theological divide in the congregation of a church founded in 1877.

After the split, congregations aligned with the Presbyterian Church USA created their own group, calling themselves the First



A property dispute at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem was ruled on last week, but it's still unclear whether an appeal will be filed.

Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem PCUSA. Smaller than the ECO parish, this group worshipped in a separate Sunday service at the church and only recently welcomed a full-time pastor in Rev. JC Austin.

As the Presbyterian USA has moved toward more progressive stances, including the ordination of gay ministers and recognition of gay marriage, more and more congregations have left the national denomination in favor of more conservative branches.

The Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians is among the fastest growing of these new denominations, the Bethlehem ECO congregation added 55 new congregations in 2016 and another 88 this year, according to Crumpler.

The breakup dates back to June 26, 2016, when 76.5 percent of congregants who were present voted to leave the mainline denomination. The Lehigh Presbytery disputed the vote, in part, because it never gave permission for the vote to take place after declaring the schism within the congregation recov-

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ellible.

In using the neutral principle approach, judges examine legal documents, such as titles, deeds and charters, to determine property owners.

After litigation was started, the ECO branch reworked the church's bylaws to remove any language that referred to the property being held in a trust by the mainline denomination.

In doing so, ECO followers were likely hoping the neutral principles of law approach would be used in their favor, Tuttle said.

The fact that Baratta used this approach

but ruled in favor of the presbytery does not bode well for the ECO congregations hoping for a different ruling from another court, according to Tuttle.

In the meantime, the two congregations worshipping at Center Street say any changes won't begin until after the holiday season.

Tuttle said it's entirely possible the property's future will be determined in negotiations. In such cases a presbytery will sell the land to the departing congregation. It's not clear yet how all of that will be decided on Center Street, however.

Crumpler said her parishioners are focused on the holy time of year and the work that's most important — caring for their community.

"The church is more than just a building," she said. "We're going to keep doing what we've always done. My prayer was always that [the other congregation] would come along with us once the majority voted. I'm very glad that didn't happen, but I'm still very hopeful for our future."

Stolen state police SUV used in 2 robberies, theft of gas

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. — An unmarked state police SUV stolen from a trooper's home over the weekend was used in two robberies and the theft of gas from a service station, police said on Monday.

The SUV, which was stolen late Saturday night or early Sunday in North Brunswick, contained several uniforms, two issued weapons and other issued equipment.

Someone using the SUV stopped a truck driver on Sunday morning on the southbound New Jersey Turnpike in South Brunswick and stole cash from the driver, authorities said.

About 30 minutes later, they said, the

person fueled the SUV at a gas station in Colonia and left without paying. The person then stopped a cab at the Woodbridge Center Mall in Woodbridge and stole cash from the driver.

No weapons were used in either robbery, authorities said, but they did not say how much money was stolen.

Investigators recovered the SUV late Sunday morning in North Brunswick but did not say if the weapons, the uniforms or the other equipment was recovered. They would not comment on what type of weapons were in the SUV or if the vehicle was locked when it was stolen, citing the ongoing investigation.

Easton gallery accepting gifts for KidsPeace organization

By CHRISTINA TATU
Of The Morning Call

Games, books and art supplies for children at KidsPeace in Orfield are being accepted at Connections Gallery in Easton until Sunday as part of the gallery's Giving Window drive.

Gifts that are dropped off will be displayed in Connections' front window, said gallery curator Anthony Marraconi. The gallery is looking for any item that could be a child's creativity, such as art supplies, books and games, he said. Any items containing sharp objects should be omitted.

Connections Gallery held toy drives in the past and also collected clothing and supplies for those who lost their homes to fire, but this is the first time they are doing the Giving Window drive, Marraconi said. If

the event is successful they may do it again next year, he said.

KidsPeace is a private charity serving the behavioral and mental health needs of children, families and communities. Founded in 1982, KidsPeace provides a psychiatric hospital and comprehensive range of residential treatment programs, accredited educational services and a variety of foster care and community-based treatment programs.

Those wishing to make a contribution to the Giving Window drive may drop off donations between noon to 7 p.m. today and Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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A PUC Administrative Law Judge will review the Companies' proposal and recommend a decision to the Commission. If you wish to intervene or file a formal complaint concerning the filing, please contact the:

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HANUKKAH

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elasticity, making it hard to get oxygen to the brain and other organs, and to remove carbon dioxide from the bloodstream.

As is the case with most people with IPF, Zionts-Bernstein's symptoms started slowly.

About 10 years ago, he was on a hike at the Delaware Water Gap with his son. He noticed he tired easily and was unusually thirsty.

Working at the time, he found he had to skip his lunchtime walks in favor of naps in his car. At the years passed, he needed oxygen whenever he exerted himself, and eventually all the time.

In 2014, his doctors told him and his wife it was time to evaluate him for a lung transplant.

"We knew that was the path, but it was very hard to swallow because it's dealing with my own mortality," he recalled.

He was put on the donor recipient list in September 2014, and advised not to travel more than two hours from the hospital at the University of Pennsylvania — where his transplant would be performed.

On Dec. 23 — the last night of Hanukkah that year — Zionts-Bernstein was driving when he noticed he had a voiceless.

"The first words I heard were 'Brien, we have lungs for you,' and I had trouble listening to it after that because I started crying and got very emotional," he said.

At the hospital, someone asked if he wanted to listen to his diagnosed lungs for the last time. They sounded like Velcro.

He went into the operating room at about 7 p.m., where he underwent an operation that involved crocking his sternum and making an 8-to-12-inch long incision in his chest.

As he was in surgery his wife and son passed the spinning dreidels that Kym Zionts-Bernstein found in her purse.

Zionts-Bernstein emerged from surgery at 5 a.m., alive and with his new lungs in place.

He doesn't know much about his disease only that he was a younger male who didn't smoke and the lungs were in near perfect condition. Zionts-Bernstein wrote a letter to the donor family, thanking them.

It's been a tough road to recovery, but now Zionts-Bernstein only needs to check in with his transplant team every three months.

He speaks often for audiences about his transplant, and volunteers for related organizations.

He once again goes on walks.

Zionts-Bernstein bought his dreidel about a year ago. He and his wife liked that it had a letter that stood for "Brien." Typically, dreidels in the United States have a letter that stands for "liber" — meaning in Jerusalem.

On Thursday night, the last night of Hanukkah, Zionts-Bernstein and his family will once again gather to light candles on their first menorah.

Since the operation, the Festival of Lights has taken on special meaning.

Kym Zionts-Bernstein said every year, friends and family send the couple pictures of their fully lit menorahs.

"Hanukkah is a story about a miracle and a redemption," Kym Zionts-Bernstein said. "This is an opportunity for Brien to have a new life. It's a second chance."

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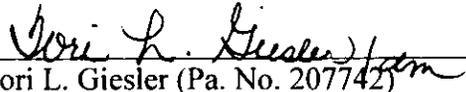
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