BARRETT’S HALLOWEEN PARADE

photos in centerfold

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Interesting job  
by Phil Dente

In my youth, before I really “found myself” I flitted from job to job. One of my most memorable jobs was that of a taxi driver. Now, this wasn’t like the taxis you see in the movies picking up passengers on the city streets, this was in the small town of Metuchen, New Jersey, and all of our pickups were called into our main office. The taxi was then sent out to the location and our office dispatcher set a price depending on destination.

Angelo Donato, a no-nonsense gruff sort of fellow was the owner. Angelo insisted on training the “newbees.” The reasoning escapes me, because that was the only time he would drive a cab. He would take a new driver out once or twice to show him/her the ropes and that was it. The rest of the time he spent in his office behind closed doors. The first thing I learned was all the men were called “Mac.” and all the women were called “Lady.”

The next thing I learned was the faster you got back to the office, the sooner you went on another call and therefore, being on commission, the more money you made. I also learned if you got a speeding ticket, you were on your own. No support whatsoever from Angelo.

As I was returning from my first solo transport on a hot July evening, Donna, our dispatcher, called me to make a pickup at a private home and to hurry, as it was an emergency. I’m thinking hospital or something on that order. When I pulled up in front of the house a man came running out from the house, jumped in the cab and started screaming for me to “GO,GO,GO”!

As he said that there was a loud thump on the roof of the cab, then another. I looked over to the doorway and observed a woman yelling profanities as she was flinging various objects in our direction. When I saw a frying pan bounce off my hood I decided to ‘floor it,’ and talk later.

When we were out of flinging range I turned to the fellow, and noticed he was wearing only his underwear and a pair of dress shoes. I said, “Where to, Mac?” and his reply was, “Anywhere away from that lunatic.”

I told him I needed him to be more specific with his destination. He then informed me that his wallet was in his pants, which were left behind. “Uh, oh, this is not going to be good.” I mused.

Take me to my sister’s house in New Brunswick, and I’ll pay you when I get there. Now, when I mentioned before that Angelo was a gruff sort of guy, I remembered that we were told, in a no-nonsense tone of voice, “NEVER, EVER,” take a fare who wants to pay when we “get there.”

A lesson learned from previous fares who never came back out to the cab, and gave a phony address to boot. I radioed dispatch and told Donna the story…in seconds Angelo was screaming at me to STOP THE CAB NOW and get that deadbeat OUT!!!

The poor fellow pleaded with me to reconsider and I could only respond, “Sorry MAC, I have to follow orders.”

“Tell him he can have my shoes,” he begged.

“Huh,” I responded, I don’t thin…”

“What kind of shoes?” Angelo interrupted.

“Florsheims, I paid over $100 dollars for them,” the fare answered.

“What color?” was Angelo’s next question.

“Black,” was the response.

“Size?” Angelo continued.

“Ten and a half.”

“OK, get the shoes in your hands and take him where he wants to go. I’m keeping the shoes!” He ordered.

The fellow sighed, leaned back in the seat and said, “Oh, thank you, thank you.”

As I drove way from his destination, I felt sorry for the poor fellow as he limped barefooted up the sidewalk to his sister’s house.

“Huh, this could be a very interesting job,” I thought to myself.

Several days later I would change my mind. I picked up a passenger from a local restaurant. He was carrying a rather large bag, and after my inquiring as to his destination, and also, what was in the bag, he informed me that he was a cook and was bringing home clams for a clambake they were having the next day. I dropped him off, went on several more calls and ended my shift. Towards the end of my run, the last passenger mentioned something about a slight fishy smell in the cab, but I dismissed it because I just thought it was his imagination.

My shift ended at midnight, and by the time I settled down in bed it was around 3 or 4 am. My phone rang at 7 am. When I answered, it was Angelo, in all his gruffness, screaming, “What the @%& did you do to my cab, it stinks like $%&??”

Apparently the cook didn’t totally drain the clams before getting in my cab, and being it was a hot July night, well, you know the rest of the story.

I raced to the office and there was my cab with the four doors wide-open sitting in a corner of the parking lot and Angelo charging to my car before I could even get out of it. I didn’t get fired, but choking it up to experience, I did hear some curse words that I didn’t knew even existed. Ah, yes, very interesting job.
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• Linens: Sheets, Blankets, Pillows and Towels
• Pots and Pans, Kitchen Utensils, Dishes etc.

Please ensure all donations are in good condition and working order. We will not accept
torn or damaged furniture. We reserve the right to accept or refuse any item.

Donations & Pick-ups: The Community Shed is located at the Municipal Building (993
Route 390, Cresco) and is available for Donations or Pick-ups between 8am to 4pm
Monday-Friday, call Pam Gardy - 570-595-2602 ext 3 for an appointment. Gently-used
items will be inspected and placed into inventory. The inventory list will be posted on
Barrett Township’s website: www.BarrettTownship.com. We ask that items be in good
condition; we have the right to refuse any item.
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The time is moved back, the leaves are almost gone, and Thanksgiving is two weeks away. The library is getting ready for its Annual Tricky Tray fundraiser named A Christmas Gathering. Our basket elves: Maureen Siglin, Beverly Ferrand, Nancy Lewis, and Diane Conklin are busy putting beautiful baskets together with the items people and businesses have donated. Usually, we have 60 to 70 beautiful gifts for our Tricky Tray Extravaganzas. So stop by the library and see the baskets that will be ready to win. Save the date — Dec. 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Lynn Vroman, our new adult programming specialist planned most of the adult activities listed below. She is available to help you with your technology questions. Just call and set up an appointment for some one-on-one assistance. If you have ideas for programs call her and share your ideas.

Many special holiday programs for children are planned in the following weeks; please look over the list. Ms. Chelsea and Ms. Jenn have scheduled so that you can add them to your family’s calendar.

I am very thankful for the many different ways people give to the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library. Your donations of time, expertise, talents, and treasure are vital community assets that sustain an important and lasting community resource — our public library. I am truly grateful.

*Yoga with Danielle Lane*

Mondays 6:00 pm

Join us Monday evenings with Master Yoga Instructor Danielle Lane. Hathas are offered for beginner/intermediate students. Explore a new and healthy way to relieve daily stress. During the session on November 4th, Dan Lane will be playing gentle music to deepen your yoga experience.

*Qigong/Tai Chi*

Wednesday, November 20th 6:30 pm

Come experience the ancient arts of Tai Chi and Qigong while we practice movements that will emphasize good posture and work towards connecting mind and body with instructor Richard Roche. Call today to reserve your spot for this exciting class!

Starring Robert Downey Jr. Running Time 3hrs 1min. Rated PG-13

**Library Book Clubs**

Tuesday, November 19th, 1:00 pm & Tuesday, November 26th, 7:00 pm

We are always accepting new members! The library provides books for members, and extra books are always available at the circulation desk. At each meeting, the selected title is discussed & refreshments are shared. The Afternoon Book Club meets the third Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm. The Evening Book Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm. This month the Afternoon Book Club will be reading The Rent Collector by Cannon Wright. The Evening Book Club will be reading There, There by Tommy Orange.

**Christmas Gathering**

Saturday, December 7th 1:00 pm

Get into the Christmas spirit by joining us at this Tricky Tray event, where you will have the opportunity to win beautiful gift baskets while enjoying Hors D’Oeuvres & Christmas music! Admission is $15, which includes refreshments and 25 raffle tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased at $10 for 25 tickets. Premium baskets will have special tickets, which can be purchased for $2 each or 3 for $5.

**Do it Yourself Holiday Cards**

Tuesday, December 3rd 6:00 pm

We invite you to come to the library to make beautiful, homemade holiday cards with the extremely talented Lisa Flanagan. We will be making three different cards. Please stop in or call to register. Space is limited!

**Cookie Exchange**

Wednesday, December 4th 6:00 pm

Join us for our Holiday Cookie Exchange! Share and sample all different kinds of cookies with community friends and neighbors. Bake your favorite holiday cookie or try out a new recipe! Call or stop in the library for all the information and to sign up. Please hurry, space is limited!

**Pottery Party**

Thursday, December 5th 6:00 pm

Join us for another exciting night with Poke-A-Nose Pottery as we paint gorgeous ceramic mugs. They will guide your process, and then finish off your new creation in their kiln, bringing it back to the library on a later date. Please stop in or call the library to register. Hurry, as space is limited!

**Coffee House/ Open Mic Night**

Wednesday, December 11th 7-9 pm

Come out to the library to sing, play your musical instruments, or recite a piece of your poetry. Admittance is free! Coffee House will be hosted by Dan Lane. Each month one special guest will have the opportunity to be the show’s talent of the night. The mic will be provided by us. Please sign up or call the library to perform. Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

**E-Books Class**

Tuesday, December 10th 2:00 pm

Please come to the library to learn how to access FREE eBooks, audiobooks, and more with your library card. Bring your own smartphone, tablet, or laptop, and explore the eBooks website using a library computer. Please call or visit the library to register.

**Zumba**

Thursday, December 12th 6:00 pm

Get ready to shimmy, shake, and dance the pounds away with Zumba, instructed by Sandra Rivera. Zumba is an aerobic dance class that includes fast and slow rhythms and interval training. Sign up today or call the library to register.

**Thanksgiving Feast (ages 7-12)**

Saturday, November 23th 12:00 pm

Learn about the science behind some of your favorite Thanksgiving foods as we prepare a Thanksgiving Feast! We will be experimenting with cranberries, potatoes, and bread. We will end the program with a full Thanksgiving Feast!

**Hibernation Story Time (ages 3-12)**

Tuesday, November 26th 3:45 pm

Children are invited to join us as we build caves and cozy up inside with some stories about hibernation. We will also share songs, a snack, and a craft. Bring a pillow, blanket, and wear your pajamas, if you can. Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

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**Holiday Lights Celebration**

Friday, December 13th 1:00 pm

Join us for stories that will teach you about the significance of light in many winter holiday celebrations. We will also be making light-up LED holiday cards that will teach us the basics of circuitry and allow for creativity.

**Creation and Discovery Station @ BPFL (ages 3-12)**

**On Demand**

Explore and learn with our collection of Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, and Math resources and activities. These materials will be available for free exploration and discovery. If you would like to use the cart, please ask the front desk. This is a drop-in program, and registration is not required. *Please note: the cart is not available during regularly scheduled story times.*

I want to read all the books on the 2019 Booker shortlist for fiction. I’m starting with Girl, Woman, Other by Bernardine Evaristo. They are usually exceptional book, and serious reading. I’ll let you know how I make out.

Happy Reading and Happy Thanksgiving, too.

Cindy
The Village Scene

November Birthdays

Heather Schratt
Shane Schratt
Damien Locher
Barbara Fullington
Kathy Yerkes
Richard Benson
Audrey Transue
Jane Brush
Jay Shelski
Josh Stiff
Tommy Corle
Kelly Goll
Kaitlin Ketz
Keith Mikels
Tyler Hardy
Mary Wicks
Colin Sekula
Ashley Boone
Christine Macaluso
Blaine Swartz
Catherine Fornwald
Joseph Gering
Justine Knipe
Tracey Aleckna
Jacob Aleckna
Lolly Tupper

November Anniversaries

Gary and Bobette Stiff
Mark and Gretchen Reisenwitz
Jake and Jillian Price
Sam and Betsy Goll
Tom and Teresa O’Malley

Obituaries

Boleslaw “Bolek” Kornatowski, 91, of Henryville, died Monday, November 4, 2019; and David Nigel Bryan, 12, of Canadensis, passed away peacefully early Friday morning, November 1, 2019;

John Styk Photo of Mill Creek

Class A Trout Streams, Wilderness Trout Streams, Natural Reproduction Trout Streams — All right here!

Check out the Trout Streams maps on the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission website. You’ll find beautiful trout streams with wild populations of naturally reproducing brook, brown, and rainbow trout. Many stretches of these streams are on public land — Mill Creek on State Game Lands 221, an unnamed tributary of the Cranberry Creek at Ice Lake/Seven Pines Park, and the Cranberry Creek at Nothestein Preserve. Even if you’re not fishing, getting out to see these wilderness places is a brilliant way to spend a fall day. Go to www.fishandboat.com for maps and information.

If you have a non emergency and need assistance use this number instead of 911, 570-992-9911. This number goes directly to Control Center also.
Special Olympics of PA held their Fall Sectionals at DeSales University Bethlehem

On Sunday, October 13th, Stephen Diorio received 3 gold medals for his weight class of 164 lbs.
Deadlift - 319.7 lbs (145 kg) Benchpress - 176.5 lbs (80kg) And for the combo of the two lifts

Pictured are Stephen with his 3 gold medals, one of him doing the deadlift and one of him and fellow athletes on the podium receiving their medals. Three of the other athletes are from Monroe County Special olympics.
(From left to right: Jonathan K. (Monroe Cty. S.O.), David S. (Lancaster Cty. S.O.), Stephen Diorio (Bethlehem S.O.), Alex Fajjo (Monroe Cty. S.O.) and Frankie C. (Monroe Cty S.O.)
The medal winners now go on to compete at the PA State Special Olympic competition at Villanova University the weekend of November 1st.
Congratulations to the winners and wishing them the best at states in November.

Church Women United of Monroe County celebrated the 60th anniversary of their local unit.

A luncheon was held at Stroudsmoor Inn on Friday October 18th. Rosemary Brown presented CWU with a certificate of appreciation from PA State House of Representatives for our community outreach. CWU started the local Meals on Wheels and Pocono Area Transitional Housing (PATH) with the help of clergy and area businessmen. They welcome all Christian women to attend our business meetings and celebrations. FSM call 570-629-0649.

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Wishing everyone a...

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When I started this rescue, I told myself that I would never let a dog die. No matter what had to be done, come hell or high water, debt or stress, I would never quit on an animal in my care. If you read last month’s article, you know the rescue recently received a litter of 8 puppies, and that a few of them were diagnosed with Parvovirus shortly after their arrival.

This month, I’m going to walk mostly about Angel and her siblings, and how I learned that love for a dog outweighs pretty much everything else. When Angel was diagnosed, and her sister followed shortly after, I knew I was in for a serious ride. Parvo is a very robust virus, being able to live for 8 months in soil and even longer in homes. The only thing that can kill it is bleach, so when Cris and I arrived home from the vet, we knew we had a very big project on our hands. Our first order of business was getting our resident dogs out of the home, the three remaining foster puppies away from the virus, and anything that came into contact with the virus burned.

When we first noticed that Angel wasn’t feeling well, she was in the living room. We then fed her in the kitchen, and let her and her siblings sleep in the entryway crate. If it couldn’t be bleached, it had to be burned, so we lost a lot. Couches, carpets, pillows, blankets, clothes, shoes and every single donated item since the beginning of the rescue was lost. With Parvo, it’s extremely important to cover all of the bases... twice. So once everything was out of the house, it was burned, and the floors got three good bleach cleanings which effectively killed the virus (and stripped the stain right off of them.)

While this was going on, Creature Comforts Vet was doing everything possible to fight for Angel and her sister. Cris and I were driving an hour there and back sometimes three times a day to check on them, make payments, sign papers, and more. When we had finally finished cleaning the house, a THIRD puppy was diagnosed that we were fostering, and again, right to Creature Comforts we went, despite the bill we were racking up which had far surpassed anything we could afford already. I was so worried that I would be in debt forever, but didn’t think twice to agreeing to the next option for care. “We will cross that bridge when we get there. Right now, our concern is these puppies and you.” Lyndsey, who works at Creature Comforts and Dr. Karin assured me time and time again, don’t worry about the money, it doesn’t matter. Saving the puppies did.

Angel and her brother and sister were all really sick, vomiting constantly and eating nothing for nearly five days before we got the devastating news that Angel passed away. Cris and I, standing in our completely empty, wrecking- off-bleach living room, cried. We had lost so much in this process, but it was the loss of our sweet warrior Angel that struck us the hardest. It was unfair, it was wrong and it was cruel.

Three days later, Angel’s siblings were released from Creature Comforts, completely healthy and Parvo free. Angel gave up her fight so her siblings could get better, and I know she’s up there watching down on them like the best big sister she always was. Throughout this process I learned so many valuable lessons. I learned more about Parvo prevention, treatment and care that any book could teach me. I learned that Creature Comforts cares about animals as much as me. I leaned I don’t value my material possessions as much as I thought I did, and that I can do anything with this rescue because I got through this. And I learned that I have the best family, friends and community there is for their help and support through all of this... not only with monetary donations but with so much more.

I’ll be posting the rescue on hold for a while, most likely until Spring to make sure the virus is completely eradicated and all puppies are safe. If you want to donate to the GoFundMe I have set up to help pay for their care, here is the link: GoFundMe.com/ParvovirusPups

In the meantime, thank you. From me, from Kova’s Cause, from Angel. We will be back soon, ready to pick back up and hit the ground running. See you in Spring!
I was standing at the kitchen sink a few weeks ago, scrubbing a pot, when I happened to glance over at the bottle of detergent nearby. I had never noticed that the name of the product was Dawn Fresh Rapids Scent. Since pot-scrubbing requires very little brain power, I had plenty of bored neurons standing by, just itching to mull over “Fresh Rapids Scent.” What, I wondered, does a fresh rapid smell like? I tried to imagine sitting in my kayak plunging over foamy rapids, but the only scent that came to mind was sweat, because if I was hurling through rapids, I would be perspiring profusely. (With very little “fresh” involved.) Why in the world would dish soap have such a name?

Over the next several days, I started doing some research into the odd ways in which the advertising industry has gotten creative with scents. I came across a few products that were straightforward, named with words like “lavender” or “cinnamon” or “rose.” But most of what I found was sheer lunacy. First of all, “linen” seems to play a strange roll when it comes to product scents. I found Crisp Linen, Clean Linen, Fresh Linen, Pure Linen, and something bizarrely called Linen Escape. (This made me picture a clothes-line full of sheets and towels suddenly pulling up stakes and heading through the neighborhood chanting “free at last, free at last!”) Thinking that perhaps I don’t know enough about linen, I looked up the word. According to the fine people at Merriam-Webster, linen is a “cloth made of flax,” which is exactly what I thought it was. So why are we spraying, washing, and deodorizing so much stuff with linen, crisp or otherwise?

Aside from linen, we also, it seems, are supposed to like the thought of a gentle breeze - as in Hawaiian Breeze, Bahama Breeze, and Fresh Breeze, which you should never confuse with Fresh Scent or even April Fresh Scent. Apparently, we also have a thing for water. Meadows and Rain, After the Rain, Spring Rain, and even Crisp Waters (huh?) are actually scents available for your smelling pleasure. My favorite in this category has to be Fresh Waters. I particularly took note of this, because if something smells like fresh water, shouldn’t it pretty much be…well…odor free? (It’s non-fresh water that has an aroma, and I’m thinking very few of us would dab that behind our ears.)

Hands down, though, winning the category for “We Live in a First-World Country and Have Way Too Much Money to Spend” are those air fresheners that come in New Car Scent. What does such a smell entail? The allure of factory-fresh plastic and synthetic carpet fibers? And is this available as a spray cologne for those who are especially fond of their vehicles? It boggles the mind.

Speaking of cars, the auto industry has also played a bit foot-loose with product names. Please tell me, for example, what a Chevy Impala has in common with the actual four-legged, run-for-dear-life-from-a-lion creature? Or a Ford Mustang with a horse? In fact, the only vehicle that I believe was ever accurately named was the Volkswagen Beetle. If ever a car looked like something that crunches when you step on it by mistake, it’s that small, metal bug.

I have to be fair and mention that the “Scent” and auto industries have not cornered the market on concocting names that have nothing to do with products. The nail polish folks have pretty much ruled in that arena for years. Here are a few of the color names I found which correspond poorly (or not at all) with the actual color of the polish:

-Bastille My Heart
-Don’t Pretzel my Buttons
-Grape Wall of China
-No Place Like Chrome

And the ever-popular Yank My Doodle. (I did not make that up and yes, I, too, think that sounds like a phrase that would have caused a mouth-washing-with-soap session had I ever mentioned it to my mother.)

Aside from the Fresh Rapids Scent dish soap that started this whole thing, I was pretty sure that I - the mature adult that I am - would never fall prey to the advertising industry’s ridiculous naming practices. But after a quick rummage around our place, I must admit to finding at least one product with the word “linen” on it, a nail polish called “Just Lanai-ing Around,” and a Chevy Silverado that has yet to cough up a single gram of silver. So much for maturity…
Volunteers needed. If interested come to Firehouse Tuesday at 7 o’clock.

October 2019 alarms
10/1 - 10:05pm - 13 men - 3 trucks - vehicle accident and wires down - Rt. 390 North of traffic light.
10/7 - 1:12am - 6 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Sand Spring - no fire.
10/10 - 9:42am - 5 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Golf Drive - no fire.
10/12 - 3:51pm p 5 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Witchwood Dr. - no fire.
10/14 - 6:52pm - 7 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Fairway Ln. - no fire - cooking smoke.
10/18 - 8:06pm - 4 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Pheasant Ln. - cancelled.
10/19 - 1:11am - 5 men - no trucks - vehicle accident - Paradise Valley Rd. - cancelled.
10/21 - 1:49am - 2 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Beatty’s circle - cancelled.
10/21 - 5:03am - 6 men - no trucks - auto alarm - Beatty’s Circle - cancelled.
10/28 - 12:47am - 10 men - 1 truck - dumpster fire - Price’s Dr.

October 2019 drills
10/1 - inspection of all water sources due to no rain and repair if needed.
10/8 - monthly maintenance of trucks and equipment and prepare for open house.
10/15 - Jaws of Life drill in the parking lot.
10/22 - polish all trucks and prepare for Halloween parade.
10/29 - in house video and discussion of underflow portable dam - directed by Rudy Haab.

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Senator Mario Scavello Offered Formal Remarks on the Pennsylvania Senate Floor Urging his Senate and House Colleagues to Act on School Property Tax Reform

Mr. President, today I rise to speak on an issue that is of critical importance to the constituents of my home communities in Monroe and Northampton Counties – the issue of school property tax reform.

For years, there has been much discussion in this legislative body about how to reform and make fair the burdensome and outdated school property tax. All too often, this issue gets buried in discussions about a host of high-profile topics – including pension reform, charter schools, fair education funding and others – and these issues are certainly all worthy of discussion and much-needed action. However, these issues are often used as an excuse to ignore the very real, very pressing and, in some cases, very deadly issue of school property tax reform.

You may wonder why I used the term “deadly.”

Well, in my district, we have the highest school property tax burden of any region of the state. We have seniors who are pinching what pennies they have and choosing between whether to buy their food and medication, or whether to pay their school taxes. We have widows who, after the death of their spouse, had their social security income slashed in half. Now they’re trying to live on $1,200 per month and cannot make ends meet. Their home is paid off, but they’ve had 300, 400 or even 500% school property tax increases over the last couple decades. One woman who could no longer afford her school tax told me, “I’m guilty of living too long.” Another resident told me how he came to his neighbor’s rescue. His elderly neighbor could no longer afford the school property tax on his home and shut himself in his garage with his car running in order to try and take his own life. The gentleman I spoke with said he found the man and was able to pull him out of the garage before he died. This is how deadly the continued inaction on school property tax reform has become.

Another incident happened in Monroe County not too long ago where a man facing tax sale of his long-time family home barricaded himself in his garage and had a standoff with police before committing suicide in his house. These scenarios are truly heart-breaking. Every day I receive calls at my office asking when the Legislature is going to act on school property tax reform.

Since the early 2000s, this body has been talking about school property tax reform in the form of Senate Bill 76 and House Bill 76, known as “The Property Tax Independence Act.” I have been and continue to be a co-sponsor of SB 76. For 15 years, I have authored and co-sponsored numerous bills to provide relief to our property owners around the state to no avail. While my district was the fastest growing region in the State, we did not receive fair funding in line with the population growth we experienced. And that lack of funding has caused long-lasting and far-reaching consequences for our communities – and other communities across the state.

I am calling on my colleagues in the Senate and House today to DO SOMETHING. I have had enough talk. We know the possibilities and it’s time to act to provide relief where it is needed most. Today, my priority remains with our seniors and those on fixed income living in our Commonwealth. If we cannot muster the votes for a comprehensive elimination package and the 15-year school property tax reform stalemate continues, then we must do something to help our seniors. Seniors who have paid their fair share for decades, who haven’t had children in school for years and who have struggled to make ends meet in the wake of the death of a spouse.

I have run the numbers. A one half percent increase in the State Sales tax would wipe out school property taxes for a majority of seniors within the Commonwealth. And you know the nice thing about the sales tax? 30% is paid by non-residents. And a small sales tax increase is a fairer, simpler and more affordable solution than our current situation where our seniors are shackled to their homes as they watch their retirement savings disappear with the ever-increasing school property tax. While full elimination of school property taxes remains a goal, we CANNOT allow inaction on reform to continue to prevent us from taking care of our seniors.

Because, when a senior leaves a house, you know what happens? They are often replaced by a family with children – children who cost our school districts to educate. I can point out areas within my District where many seniors used to reside, but that have now moved on or lost their homes to their high school property taxes.

Mr. President, today I call on my colleagues to join me in pushing this issue forward, to develop real action. After two decades of “conversations” and “studies” and “commissions” and “working groups,” it’s time to see REAL ACTION. Thank you, Mr. President.

Monsignor McHugh School Implements STREAM Initiative

CRESCO, PA - Monsignor McHugh School in Cresco, PA recently implemented the STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) model of learning into their curriculum. All schools in the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School system implemented this initiative in the beginning of the 2019 academic year.

“Activities are hands-on; project based, include engineering design, and have relevant application in the real world, said Dr. Torregrossa, Monsignor McHugh Principal. “Students become involved in hands-on projects where problem solving, collaboration, and the results of their efforts make lessons more relevant than a textbook alone.”

Over the course of the summer, teachers from Monsignor McHugh received professional development and training in STREAM related concepts. Several resources have already been purchased for the initial implementation phase of new STREAM initiative. Beebots and Spheros have been purchased to provide students an opportunity to practice computer coding. MMS, as well as the other schools in the Diocese of Scranton, have also received PadCaster technology which will allow students to use an iPad to engage in video production, journalism and public speaking.

“STREAM offers our students a shift from the old philosophy of teaching to a new ideology where the learning process and trying multiple ideas is just as important as the outcome”, said Dr. Torregrossa.

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Thank you, Mr. President. It’s time to see REAL ACTION.
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Fact or fiction? 5 myths about metal roofing

BPT - Asphalt shingles may be the most popular roofing in the U.S. by volume, but metal roofing is gaining in popularity for its durability, longevity and low-maintenance benefits. Still, many people unfamiliar with the product have misconceptions about this quality roofing option.

Metal roofs are loud

One of the biggest misconceptions of metal roofs is that they are loud during a rainstorm and unbearable during severe weather, making sounds like repeatedly dropping objects on tin. In reality, residential metal roofs are fastened to the roof deck, not open rafters. Metal roofs can be applied over multiple layers of old asphalt shingles, so the sound insulation between the metal shingles and your ears could reduce the noise to potentially less than more traditional forms of roofing.

Myth #2: Metal roofs attract lightning

The Metal Construction Association has released several technical bulletins outlining research that shows metal roofs are no more likely to be struck by lightning than other types of roofing. The factors that do affect lightning strikes include topography of the surrounding area, the height and size of the building and the frequency and severity of storms in the area.

“Research shows that the material used in roof construction does not influence the risk of a lightning strike,” says Karl Hiebscher, MCA’s executive director, in a press release. “In fact, the presence of a metal roof really shouldn’t statistically increase or decrease the chances of a lightning strike. There are many other factors that influence the actual chance of a lightning strike.”

Myth #3: Metal roofs are ugly

Metal roofs have traditionally been associated with industrial buildings or outbuildings like sheds and barns. But as metal roofing’s popularity has grown, so has the technology to make it an excellent choice for residential structures. Manufacturers have gone from standing seam metal roofs to creating metal shingles in a variety of colors that would make an attractive covering for any home. Some metal shingles are stamped and shaped to look like other types of roofing, like wood shake, stone slate and clay tile, such as the MetalWorks steel shingle produced by major roofing manufacturer TAMKO Building Products.

Myth #4: Metal roofs can’t handle hail

Metal roofs are actually among the most resilient roofing options when it comes to hail. Many metal shingles are rated Class 4 for Impact Resistance by the UL testing group. The Metal Roofing Alliance (MRA) reported that studies conducted by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) acknowledged that all roof types can sustain some cosmetic damage depending on hailstorm severity, but “metal roofing performed best and was much less likely to puncture as compared to asphalt, withstanding even golf ball-sized hail stones without compromising performance.”

“Many metal roofs can withstand winds of over 100 miles per hour, and are rated for fire resistance.

Myth #5: Metal roofs aren’t energy efficient

Because metal in other uses is a good conductor of heat and cold, some homeowners are concerned a metal roof will cause their homes to be colder during winter and hotter in the summer. Besides the comfort factor, the increased utility costs associated with that misconception cause major concern.

The reality is, according to the MRA, metal roofing boasts some of the best energy efficiency among roofing options. State Farm Insurance Company reported that metal roofs reflect solar radiant heat, which can reduce cooling costs by 10-15 percent.

“Unlike asphalt shingles, the secret to metal roofing’s energy efficiency is its highly-reflective surface, regardless of color,” said Rick Taylor, a longtime roofing contractor now working as TAMKO’s field sales training manager.

“This means, in our case, all of the MetalWorks colors are ENERGY STAR-certified and are rated by the Cool Roof Rating Council - even the darkest color options.”

The Metal Roofing Alliance reports that metal roofs also provide excellent insulation in the winter, and estimates that choosing metal could save up to 40% in energy costs for a home during the year. The Metal Construction Association also said metal roofs are considered a product of choice for snowy areas because of their superior response and tolerance to that environment.

CONGREGATION B’NAI HARIM

Members of Congregation B’na Harim enjoyed breaking the fast on Yom Kippur at the Lake Naomi Club in Pocono Pines.
From left to right: Steven Levine, Roberta Pineiro, Susan Dogan, and Larry Greenfield

Congregation B’na Harim is located in Pocono Pines PA at Route 940 and Sullivan Trail. The address is 5349 Pocono Crest Road, Pocono Pines, PA 18350
For further information call the message center at 570-646-0100 or visit the website www.bnaiharimpoconos.org.

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With Black Friday and especially Prime Day approaching, but really any time you check into Amazon, many of us, millions in fact, will be satisfying our primordial Amazon on line shopping urges. Meticulous consumers will usually review the reviews for a product in order to find out how others feel or what they experienced.

Unfortunately, this is not as simple as it sounds as many of you know. In fact, it is more like Alice dropping into the rabbit hole in Alice in Wonderland. You get hopelessly lost and you encounter weird beings. As you know, reviews range from one star (horrible) to five stars, (ecstatic). When I begin reading reviews, I prefer to look at the negative one star reviews first. They usually involve defective equipment, clothing or brains. However as one reads the questions, answers, reviews and/or comments for all ratings, one’s thoughts run the gamut from “Oh God, these people actually walk among us” to, occasionally, “this is quite literate and witty and helpful”. Like Alice in Wonderland, all kinds of strange things occur and just like for poor Alice it can get curiouser and curiouser and before you know it you’ve spent five hours researching sponge holders.

Firstly, you will encounter highly informative answers to the efficacy of a product. These include: I don’t know, I haven’t opened it yet or I don’t know, I bought if for someone else or Haven’t tried using it that way. There are lots of these helpful hints for almost every item you research.

However in one’s search for merchandise, we’ve found quite a few notables to call to your attention such as:

Ear buds –
Question: Hello? I would like to try a free sample of this product please. Thank you Answer (from the manufacturer) Sure no problem. Please submit $26 for the cost of shipping and we will send it right out.

Answer: Not if you go through the eyeball...

Answer #2 Should be good for meat-heads, but

Answer: Not if you go through the eyeball...

Measure brain temperatures? Or will it bend?

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Thermometers were a rich source of cautionary winter but it’s never too early to plan one and

Ants

Answer: Your ants have anorexia. Get better, ants

You probably won’t be having a cookout this winter but it’s never too early to plan one and

Thermometers were a rich source of cautionary information:

Question: Can this thermometer be used to measure brain temperatures? Or will it bend?

Answer: Not if you go through the eyeball

Answer # 2 Should be good for meat-heads, but it’s hard to be really accurate for others, since it is most accurate when inserted exactly in the center. I recommend accompanying it with an MRI

Answer #3 I would recommend pre-drilling a pilot hole through the skull, as the probe would bend otherwise, plus it needs to be the internal temperature of the victim.

Answer #4 : Would suggest using it anally, because that’s where a lot of people’s brains are

We could go on but we’d be writing this through Amazon Prime Day and who would want to miss that?

And of course for On-line shopping in general, if shipping is not included, your thought process would involve: I’m $50 away from getting free shipping which is only $5 and what I want is $12 so I need to spend $38 more to save money.

Happy Shopping and Merry Christmas
TICK TESTING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PHYSICIAN EDUCATION  By State Representative Rosemary Brown

It should come as no surprise to physicians that Pennsylvania ranks No. 1 in the country in reported cases of Lyme disease. It’s not a statistic to brag about for Pennsylvania, but it’s definitely something the state Department of Health, legislators, and physicians should be paying strong attention to for residents and visitors.

As a state legislator in the Pocono Mountains (189th District — Monroe/ Pike Counties) for the last nine years, I’ve had many interactions with constituents and their families on illness related to Lyme disease and concerns on accurate testing, earlier diagnosis and treatments. My previous arena in the pharmaceutical industry working with antibiotics gave me an understanding of the difficulties of treating Lyme, especially considering you don’t always know what you are treating exactly, which is the cornerstone of appropriate and effective antibiotic treatment. I made a vow to do something to help that would offer the science community valuable information on what was inside these ticks as well as give doctors and patients a tool to address any concerns of the tick being infected.

After finding a tick on my son a couple of years ago and having it tested, I realized the high cost associated with this service. The value and peace of mind were worth it. I reached out to East Stroudsburg University Northeast DNA Wildlife Lab, now the Dr. Jane Huffman Wildlife Genetics Institute, and worked with the state to establish a grant for $500,000 to offer free tick testing to residents of Pennsylvania. Ticks are tested for the top four pathogens most relevant to the tick species. This includes the Powassan virus for deer ticks and Tularemia for non-deer ticks. Since April 1, 2019, more than 5,000 ticks have been sent to the Institute from all 67 counties, with 52% of those ticks testing positive for Lyme or another tick-borne illness.

If families have the tick to test, this service can provide an estimate of how long the tick was engaged and if the tick is infected. This offers a tool for both the patient and the doctor to discuss possible treatments or follow-up. It’s important to be aware that some recent studies indicate that a tick that has been on an individual longer than 48 hours is more likely to transmit the disease, with even stronger results at 72 hours. The timeframe offered from the lab once again provides an additional tool that can aid in a decision for antibiotic treatment.

Many ticks are as small as a poppy seed (fully engorged) and may fall off of an individual, not alerting the patient to a tick bite. Testing also presents many false negatives, possibly dismissing the disease. Evaluation is a difficult job — symptoms and patient profiles can be varied and extremely different from patient to patient. The famous bull’s-eye rash is now thought only to accompany Lyme disease 40% of the time, once again leaving physicians guessing.

As an advocate for Lyme disease efforts, I am working on many levels to support the health of Pennsylvanians. I am asking you, as physicians, to join in and add a proactive approach to learning more about Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses. If there is a transmission of disease, it’s important to be aware that you may not find a tick on you since it may have fallen off on its own. The classic bulls-eye rash has been known to only appear approximately 40% of the time. This means you may not have any indication you have been bitten by a tick. It’s not a comfortable thought but paying attention to flu-like symptoms and fevers is critical. Blood tests may also be negative (for four to seven weeks) until antibodies build, causing a false negative Lyme disease test, increasing diagnosis issues.

**What to Do When You Find a Tick**

Should you find a tick on yourself or your pet(s), here are the steps you can take to find out if the tick is carrying Lyme disease or other tick-borne illnesses:

1. Remove the tick and seal it in a plastic bag.
2. Go to TickLab.org and select which diseases you want the tick tested for.
3. Mail the tick to the tick lab (562 Independence Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301).
4. Receive your tick test results within 72 hours.

**The longer a tick is attached the greater risk for transmission of disease.**

For more information, you can visit TickLab.org.
DANCE & MOVEMENT [Free & Open to the Public]  
Try a dance class designed to benefit members of the Parkinson’s community, as well as those with arthritis, trouble with balance, and other movement issues. Gentle dance, rhythm, and stretching movements improve flexibility and focus attention on eyes, ears, and touch as tools to assist in movement and balance.  
Time: Thursdays from 3 – 4 PM  
Instructor: Natalie M. Schultz-Kahwaty, PhD

MEN GET FIT  
Join in this circuit style program for men of all fitness levels, which incorporates balance, flexibility and strength to interval timing.  
Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:15 – 5:15 PM  
Instructor: Bob Larsen NASM, C-PT, CES, PES, ENFA BTS  
Membership: Unlimited $150 for the year or $40 for the quarter.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT [Free and open to the public]  
Open Enrollment Period October 15 – December 7, 2019: Mark your calendar with these important dates! Experienced counselors will review your current Medicare choices, explain your options, and help you make changes if needed.  
Time: Tuesday, November 19th at 8:30AM-3PM or Tuesday - Call Monroe County Area Agency on Aging 570-420-3735 to make an appointment at The Friendly Community Center.

NEW YORK CITY HOLIDAY BUS TRIP  
Pop into the city for a show, holiday shopping, tasty food or to see the sites and leave the driving to The FCC. The bus will drop off at 8th Avenue between 51st & 54th street, arriving in NYC at approx. 11 AM and departing at 6:00 PM  
Time: Saturday, December 7th Depart Mountainhome: 9:15 AM and Return at approx. 9 PM  
Cost: $38 per person, includes transportation and driver gratuity.

REAL ID IDENTIFICATION CLARIFICATION [Free and open to the public]  
Representative Brown will be at The FCC to answer questions you have about what a Real ID is, whether you need to apply for a REAL ID, and how to complete this process.  
Time: Friday, November 15th at 1:00 PM

TAI CHI  
Learn and practice this Chinese martial art, time honored for its health benefits using the forces of yin & yang. All levels welcomed.  
Time: Tuesdays 4- 5:15 PM  
Instructor: Mario Arvelo, ATCQA  
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This program is recommended for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease, dementia or mild cognitive impairment. One can enjoy an afternoon of shared activities with his or her caregiver. Activities include games, educational programs, music, art and other shared experiences.  
This program also provides support to caregivers and a way to enjoy activities together as a break from the normal routine. This program is offered to persons still living at home and their caregivers.  
Facilitator: Jennifer Bayer-Kautz CTRS, CDP – Community Outreach Volunteer, Alzheimer’s Association  
Time: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1:30-6:00 PM

MUSIC THERAPY [Free & Open to the Public]  
Bring your loved ones affected by dementia or Alzheimer’s disease to interact with others through instrument playing and singing.  
Music Therapy is a tool to address physical, cognitive, social, emotional and psychological needs by exposing individuals to various music genres and eras of music. Sponsored by the Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser. Registration appreciated.  
Time: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 PM  
Instructor: Cheryl Mozdian, MM, MT-BC, Summit Music Therapy

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The Barrett Senior Center meets every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:00AM-1:00PM at The Friendly Community Center. The Barrett Senior Center is free and is open to people 60 years and older. Enjoy conversation with others, play a game of cards, learn during monthly presentations, make a craft, exercise and every Friday play Bingo for prizes. Who wants to cook and clean up the dishes? Stay for lunch. Meals are available for a suggested $1.50 donation.

Mondays at 9:30 AM - “Exercise & Stretch with Debbie” – Gentle exercise not only helps you feel better physically, but it helps you feel happier too! If you don’t have time to stay for lunch, all are welcome to come just for this exercise program.

Every Friday at 10 AM join us for BINGO!  
Closed Monday, November 11th and Friday, November 29th

Lunch menus for the rest of November are:  

**Wednesday, November 13th** – Baked Ham, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Applesauce and Whole Wheat Bread OR Light Fare – Italian Hoagie, Low Salt Chips, Banana and Yogurt

**Friday, November 15th** – Stuffed Shells, Cali Veggie Blend, Spinach and An Orange OR Light Fare – Tuna Salad, Chickpea Salad, Nectarine, Whole Wheat Roll and Cookies

**Monday, November 18th** – Mac N Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower and Apple OR Light Fare – Ham & Swiss Sandwich, Carrot Raisin Salad, Apple and Rice Pudding

**Wednesday, November 20th** – Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Zucchini with red peppers, Tropical fruit and Whole Wheat Bread OR Light Fare - Turkey Club Wrap, Pea Salad, Applesauce, Crackers and Yogurt

**Friday, November 22nd** – Fish Thermidor, Oven Brown Rice, Lima Beans, Mixed Vegetables and Mango OR Light Fare – Veggie & Cheese Quesadilla, Black Bean Salad, Diced Pears, Jello and Juice

**Monday, November 25th** – Salisbury Steak, Red Skin Potato Wedges, Chuckwagon Blend & Diced Pears OR Light Fare – Dilled Turkey Salad Sandwich, Broccoli & Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail and Yogurt

**Wednesday, November 27th** – Tomato & Beef Casserole, Yellow Squash, Broccoli and Sliced Peaches OR Light Fare – Taco Salad, Corn O Brian, Pineapple Tidbits, Corn Chips and Juice

View the full menu and activities visit www.monroecountypa.gov – click on Area Agency on Aging

For more information about the Barrett Senior Center or to order lunch in advance, please call Barbara Seese at 570-481-4330.


**POCONO PAINTERS OF NORTHEAST**

**ADVANCED NOTICE**

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is in need of volunteers for the following programs. **HOMES VISITORS:** Volunteers can visit by meeting at the home of client or by telephone. Visits can be weekly, bi-weekly or according to your availability. Many clients just need a Friendly Visitor to chat about their interests. **HOME SHOPPERS** needed in the Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg area. Volunteer will meet with client for shopping list and grocery money. Then deliver items to the client. Volunteers will be matched with location consideration. Women will be matched with women and men. **MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION** volunteers are needed to drive clients to medical appointments. Clients will be matched with availability and location of appointment site. For these and many other volunteer opportunities, please contact RSVP office at 570-420-3747 to speak with Merle or Emily. Office is located at 411 Main Street Suite 102B Stroudsburg PA.

**Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner**

at Mountainhome UMC Saturday, November 16 4:00-7:00 Cost: $10 adults, $6 children 5-12, under 5 free

**MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE CASH RAFFLE**

ONE of MAL’s biggest fundraisers is from the sale of CASH RAFFLE TICKETS!! You can help sell tickets to your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Mail your check to the MAL office or call 570-421-7775 if you want to pick them up in person. The drawing is Saturday, November 16 at the VFW Post 2540, 20 Fawn Rd, E. Stroudsburg. First Prize $500, Second Prize $250, Third Prize $100, fourth Prize $75, Fifth Prize $50, Sixth Prize $25!!

**MONROE ANIMAL LEAGUE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Monroe Animal League will present its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 16 from 9 AM to 2 PM, at the VFW Post 2540, Fawn Road, East Stroudsburg. There will be lots of bargains and adorable Christmas gifts and ornaments. All proceeds benefit the animals of Monroe County, and help fund the spay/neuter programs that Monroe Animal League supports.

**DON’T MISS THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK AT THE MOUNTAINHOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

On Saturday, December 14th from 10 AM until the cookies are gone, the Eleventh Annual Cookie Walk will take place at the MOUNTAINHOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. A huge number of beautiful home-baked cookies and bars will be available for $11.00 per pound. We will have more than 40 different kinds of cookies and other confections on display including homemade candy! You will select the cookies yourself, and you may purchase as many pounds as you wish. Assistance will be provided if you need help.

You are also invited to choose three cookies and either coffee or tea to enjoy that morning for only $1.00. Come and enjoy the spirit of the holiday with friends!

**The Willing Workers of Paradise Valley** invite the community to join us at our Annual Christmas luncheon and Bazaar. Our Bazaar will be held on December 7th from 10 am to 2 pm at Keokee Chapel in Paradise Valley on Keokee Chapel Road just off of Route 940. Lunch is always fun and filling with great deserts. We will also be having our Bake Sale with lots of holiday treats. Please join us for a fun Christmas shopping and lunch day.

**Drive Thru Bethlehem**

Date: Dec. 14th 5:30-7:30 PM (Rain Date Dec. 15th same time)

Drive-Thru Nativity, live animals, carols by a choir of angels, and end with hot chocolate and cookies! Non-perishable donations accepted for Christ Episcopal Food Pantry and money donations will go to FUMC St. Stephen’s Fund. https://www.facebook.com/FaithUMC.Stroudsburg/ FUMC-(570) 424-0712

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**Advertorial**

**Community Dinner for Those in Need,** November 17th

Time: 3pm to 4pm

Our Lady of Victory Church, located at 327 Cherry Lane Road, Tannersville, PA will hold a free Community Dinner for those I need at the church from 3pm to 4pm on Sunday, November 17th. The dinner will be held in the Church Hall. Directions, Route 611 to Cherry Lane Road, follow to church on left. Kindly call the church office at 570-629-4572 for reservations and more information.

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**The Village View**

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The following individuals waived their right to a preliminary hearing:

- **Matthew Sisler**, 45, of Mountainhome, charged with invasion of privacy.
- **Ronald H. Ahrens**, 47, of Blakeslee, charged with drug delivery resulting in death, 2 counts of manufacturing, delivering, or possession with intent, criminal use of communication facility, criminal conspiracy, intent to possess a controlled substance.
- **Jimmie Braswell**, 49, of Alrightsville, charged with 2 counts of DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Jason Allen Delp**, 38, of Canadensis, charged with 2 counts of false imprisonment, 2 counts of simple assault, and 2 counts of harassment.
- **Daniel Feyjoo**, 49, of East Stroudsburg, charged with 2 counts of DUI, and a traffic violation.
- **Tracy T. Presley**, 51, of Bushkill, charged with 8 counts of theft by deception, and 8 counts of receiving stolen property.
- **David James O’Brien**, 34, of Pocono Lake, charged with 4 counts of DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Ashley Chanel Turner**, 30, of Tobyhanna, charged with simple assault, terroristic threats, and harassment.
- **Sarah Jean Davis**, 42, of Mount Pocono, charged with accessing counterfeit devices, retail theft, theft, and receiving stolen property.
- **Tara Alexandra Garcia**, 24, of Long Pond, charged with retail theft, and conspiracy.
- **James Aloysius Dempsey**, 55, of West Chester, charged with DUI, and accident involving damage to property.
- **Jaime Davis**, 20, of Clifford, charged with retail theft.
- **Buck Ryan Strunk**, 26, of Tobyhanna, charged with use of marijuana, driving with suspended license, and failure to notify change of address.
- **Richie George Ortiz II**, 21, of Pocono Summit, charged with burglary, criminal trespass, making terroristic threats, 3 counts of simple assault, harassment, loitering, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, conspiracy-burglary, and conspiracy-simple assault.
- **Matthew Joseph Haynes**, 25, of Tobyhanna, charged with use of marijuana, 3 counts of DUI, 3 counts of traffic violations.
- **Khyree Johnson Caldwell**, 31, of Pocono Summit, charged with DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Celines Aviles**, 19, of Tobyhanna, charged with simple assault, making a false report, hindering apprehension, harassment, and disorderly conduct.
- **Braxton Weiss**, 23, of Langford, charged with 2 counts of theft, and criminal conspiracy.
- **James Otis Tarkington**, 51, of Mount Pocono, charged with simple assault, reckless endangerment, and harassment.
- **Cassandra Aviles**, 22, of Tobyhanna, charged with simple assault, making a false report, hindering apprehension, harassment, and disorderly conduct.
- **Davis J. Urge**, 40, of Narrowsburg, NY, charged with 2 counts of DUI, and 2 counts of traffic violations.
- **Avery M. Schiavone**, 23, of Stroudsburg, charged with 2 counts of indecent assault.

The following individual entered a guilty plea:

- **Judeir Lee Jones**, 43, of Tobyhanna, charged with 2 counts of theft.
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Remembering Paradise School

By Suzie Fretz McCool

While frequenting a used book sale several years ago, I picked up a songbook with a red cover. I thought there was something familiar about it. When I looked inside I noticed that it was stamped with the name of a school, HoHoKus Township School, located in Matawan New Jersey and that the copyright date was 1940-1941 by the Hall & McCreary Company. The serendipitous part of this story is that as I looked through the song book, a wave of nostalgia washed over me. They were the songs Miss Hamblin taught us at the Paradise Township Elementary School. Miss Audrey Hamblin played the piano beautifully, and with the double doors opened, the entire school would have these wonderful sing-a-longs. We kids didn’t know this qualified as our music class, just that it was so much fun. Many years later at Mansfield State College, I had a course called “Teaching Music in the Elementary School.”

Now as an adult, discovering this find, I am amazed that kids in Matawan, New Jersey, were singing the same songs we kids were singing at Paradise School in the early 1950s. The 4th song in the book was called “Fair Hills and Valleys.” It is a Viennese melody, arranged by Catharine Quinby and has the most beautiful words. Do any of you Paradise kids (who are now senior citizens) remember these words? And the melody? Fair hills and valleys of my native home, Tonight I dream again of thee alone; of sunlit peaks that touch the bluest skies, Tonight I’m dreaming while the firelight dies. Then from the curling smoke that seems my world, There rise to thrill me memories of old, Broad fields of grain appear and forests tall, cool rippling sands beneath a waterfall: My native land of mountain lakes aglow,
of rushing winds, to thee in heart I go, tho’ this strange voice within that calls my name, Finds silent answer in the sinking flame.

One of the other songs we Paradise kids sang often was: “Early One Morning”, an English Folk Song in which the boys in our school got carried away with the whistling section. Do kids today know how to whistle a song? I’m thinking it’s becoming a lost art.

We learned several songs by Stephen Foster: “Beautiful Dreamer”, “Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair”, “Camptown Races”, “Some Folks”, and “My Old Kentucky Home”. Miss Hamblin must have loved his music. Although many think of Foster as a southerner, he actually was born in Lawrenceville, PA, and his beautiful home in Towanda, PA, in the Endless Mountains is an historic landmark I used to see every time I rode to college to Mansfield. I didn’t get my first car until I signed my first teaching contract in 1966, so I always bummed rides. I should also add that Camptown is very near Towanda, PA. This gave “Camptown Races” its name. Stephen Foster was considered the “Father of American Music” by many. He was born July 4, 1826 the day Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died.

Getting back to the song book, Miss Hamblin taught us many patriotic songs, also songs from other cultures such as: “The Troika” “Irish Aire”, “Shortnin’ Bread”, “Home on the Range”, “Ciribiribin”, “Cielito Lindo”, “Dixie”, “Kemo Kimo” (a Tennessee Mountain Song),”Skip to My Lou”, “Santa Lucia”, “Sweet and Low”, “Loch Lomond” and “Carry Me Back to Old Virginny” to name a few, also “A Merry Life” (Funiculi, Funicula). We learned lots of spirituals too such as: “De Boatman”, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”, “Deep River”, and “The Boll Weevil.”

Some of our other favorites were: “The Erie Canal”, “Alouette”, “Auld Lang Syne”, “Good Night Ladies” and “Home on the Range.” And who could ever forget “Grandfather’s Clock”? Remember the final line - “It stopped, short, never to go again when the old man died.”

Also we actually sang hymns in the book around Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. I remember dressing up like Pilgrims for an evening program at Paradise School, and we all sang “We Gather Together” from the “Prayer of Thanksgiving”, and we loved “Come Ye Thankful People.” Looking through this songbook jogged my memory and evoked so many happy feelings.

I guess that’s what people mean when they talk about the “Good Ol’ Days.” We baby boomers have been blessed with many special memories from the Paradise Township school days.

Glen Run: Hiking, Biking in Stroudsburg’s Backyard

There are many surprises in the 182 acres of Glen Run Nature Preserve in south Stroudsburg, Pa. During a guided hike on Saturday, Nov. 16, sponsored by Brodhead Watershed Association, participants will discover these delights for themselves.

Four miles of trails offer invigorating hikes, exciting switchbacks for mountain bikers (helpfully maintained by Pocono Bike Club along with preserve owner Pocono Heritage Land Trust), a small lake, the remnants of a Victorian mansion, and a forested cliff that provides mile-long views.

The land, once earmarked for a housing development, has so much to offer someone looking for a few surprises outside.

IF YOU GO: Glen Run Nature Preserve
Join Carol Hillestad for a moderate hike on land protected by Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Trail is 2.5 miles round trip. Rocky in some places, with steep sections.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019
WHERE: South Stroudsburg, Pa. Register for directions.
COST: Free, but registration is required.
INFORMATION: Call 570-839-1120 or 570-629-2727; email info@brodheadwatershed.org. For information about this and other hikes in the free Get Outdoors Poconos series, go to brodheadwatershed.org/gopoconos. The hike series is administered by Brodhead Watershed Association and supported by a grant from the William Penn Foundation.
Note: The Fine Art & Crafts Festival has changed venues. This is the same show that had its home at Skytop Lodge for fourteen years. We have greatly appreciated their hospitality, but understand their need to use that space for other events.
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November full moon is the “Beaver Moon”
1. 1800 - Saturday President John Adams and wife, Abigail, moved into the newly constructed President’s House, the original name for what is known today as the White House. They had been looking for a three bedroom (ensuite master), two-bathroom, with updated appliances, cape-cod style with a terra cotta roof and a garage. They settled for 132 rooms, 32 bathrooms, and 6 levels. There are also 412 doors, 147 windows, 7 staircases, and 3 elevators.
2. 1734 - Tuesday- I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks…….
Happy Birthday Daniel Boone, frontiersman and explorer, born in Berks County, near present day Reading Pa.
3. 1957 - Sunday- Laika, a Siberian husky, became the first living creature to orbit the Earth aboard Sputnik II. Laika then became the first living creature to die in space as she went kaput aboard Sputnik II. Laika then became the first living creature to orbit the Earth aboard Sputnik II. Laika then became the first living creature to die in space as she went kaput aboard Sputnik II.
4. 1979 - Sunday- Student Fred Kordesch and Lewis Urry of almanacs and writer who assigned the patent to the manufacturer of Eveready batteries. In 1798, Italian physicist Alessandro Volta had created the first battery called a voltaic pile, (unfortunately referring to his hemorroidal condition)
5. 1605 - Saturday The Gunpowder Plot as English Catholics attempted to blow up Parliament and King James 1 for their persecution under Queen Elizabeth 1. This day is known as Guy Fawkes Day in England after the conspirator who was caught with the explosives.
Fawkes was sentenced to be hanged, drawn & quartered. He foiled the sentence by jumping off the ladder leading to the scaffold and breaking his neck.
6. 1860 - Tuesday Abraham Lincoln was elected president with two metal wheels and, of course, the tail.
18. 1307 - Friday- According to legend, William Tell, who may or may not have existed, may or may not have shot an apple off of his son’s (who also may or may not have existed) head (which may or may not have existed depending on whether there was a son depending on whether there was a William Tell).
19. 1863 - Monday In just 272 words, President Lincoln gave one of the most famous speeches in history at the dedication of the military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The crowd had just listened to a two hour speech by actor Edwin Booth – older brother of soon to be presidential assassin John Wilkes Booth. Lincoln’s address lasted just two minutes…….
20. 1889 - Wednesday Happy Birthday, Edwin P. Hubble, American astronomer. He is now famous as the namesake of the Hubble Space Telescope. Hubble is considered the founder of extragalactic astronomy and he provided the first evidence of the expansion of the universe.
21. 1941 - Wednesday- Declared a holiday in 1863 by Abraham Lincoln, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a bill officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.
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23. 1924 - Thursday In New York City, the first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade was held. Actually, they billed this as the Macy’s Christmas Parade. More than 250,000 people attended this first parade. And in answer to your question, in 1927, Felix the Cat became the first giant balloon to ever take part in the Parade.
24. 2005 - Monday A new marketing strategy called “Cyber Monday” entered the global lexicon. Who can we thank? The National Retail Federation (NRF) coined Cyber Monday. NRF then launched a CyberMonday.com website dedicated to relaying online sale information for the day.
25. 1892 - Tuesday Grover Cleveland, after a four year hiatus -having lost the 1888 U.S. election to Benjamin Harrison, was re-elected president, in a rematch with Harrison. Grover became the only president to win non-consecutive terms in the White House, making him the 22nd and 24th Presidents of the United States.
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November 2019

Meetings
Barrett Township Historical Society 3rd Monday, Friendly Community Center, Route 919 Mtnhome @ 2 pm
Barrett Township Supervisors Business Meeting @ Municipal Bldg. 2nd Wednesday of the Month - 5:30pm 4th Wednesday of the Month - 8:00am
Barrett Township Planning Commission 3rd Wednesday of the Month - 8:00am
Barrett Architectural Review Committee Third Thursday 5 PM Municipal Building
Barrett Twp. Environmental Advisory Council Third Thursday of each month. 6:30 PM @ Evergreen School
Rotary Club of the Pocono Mountains Every Wednesday. 6:15 pm. Refer to our website for location. www.rotaryclubofthepoconomountains.com
Paradise Township Board of Supervisors- Regular Meeting- 1st and 3rd Monday of the month @ 6:00 PM
Board of Supervisors- Work Sessions 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month @ 5:00 PM, as needed.
Paradise Planning Commission 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 PM.
Paradise Zoning Hearing Board-4th Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 PM, as needed.
Paradise Environmental Advisory Council/Open Space Committee—3rd Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM Held at Paradise Township Building
Pocono Area Recreation Commission-4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM.
Pocono Mountain School Board First & Third Wednesday Administration Building
Swiftwater campus 7 pm
Pocono Masonic Lodge #780 2nd Wed of the month 7:30 PM Exempt July & August.
Rt. 390 Cresco
Mr. Pocono Monthly Lupus Support Group Meeting, Every 3rd Tues. at 7 pm. Separate Teen and Adult Groups - St. Mary of the Mount Church, 27 Fairview Avenue, Mt. Pocono. For more information, call Betty Kruh 570 894-3629, the Lupus Foundation 1-888-995-8787 or visit www.lupuspsa.org.
Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Firehouse located off Rt. 611 in Mount Pocono.
Contact Auxiliary Secretary Tracy Coutts at 570-954-8310 for more info.

Religious Services
St. Paul United Church of Christ Upper Swiftwater Rd. Swiftwater Sunday Service: 9:30AM
570-839-0730
Eglise Evangelique De La Renaissance Christian Counseling Ministries HC 1 Box 1-8 Swiftwater Pa SUN Service: 10:01AM Children's Church Available
St. Paul's United Church of Christ 158 Fish Hill Road Tannersville, Tuesdays from 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM. The third Wednesday of every month we have a community dinner that is free to the public. The dinner is from 4:30 PM till 6:30 PM.
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Barrett Senior Center Open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9AM-1PM at The Friendly Community Center, 68B3 Route 191 in Mountaintop. People age 60 and better are welcome. Please call Barbara at 570.481.4330 for details and to reserve a lunch.
Free Alzheimer’s Training Available to Local Family Caregivers The local Home Instead Senior Care office is offering free online e-learning training sessions for Monroe County families managing the challenges of Alzheimer’s and other dementia diseases. Available at HelpForAlzheimers.com To request free, on-site Family Caregiver Training, contact the home Instead Senior Care office in Tannersville at 570-629-3800.
Celebrate Recovery Christ centered 12-step recovery program 7 PM every Thursday Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church 915 North Fifth St., Stroudsburg, PA for info, contact Debbie at 570-421-0750 or pastoraldebieferences@gmail.com.
Pocono Mountains Men’s Fellowship (men only) Bible study group meets every third Saturday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Eastern Monroe County Library. 1002 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg, PA. Bring a friend and don’t forget your Bible! Contact Brother Eason at 917-561-9341 for more info

Gatherings & Such
Have a couple of hours free weekday mornings? Volunteer with Monroe County Meals on Wheels to deliver meals and a moment of human connection to your homebound neighbors in Barrett Township. Volunteer as often as you would like - once a week, once a month, every once in a while. Contact us at 570-424-8794 or mailto: fraudbaugh@monroemeals.org for an application.

Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild Meets third Monday of Month at 7:00 PM Lower level of Canadensis United Methodist Church Church located on corner of Rts. 447 & 390 New members & guests welcome For more info, contact Rhonda @ 570-676-3111.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group In Partnership with The Friendly Community Center Time: 2nd Monday of each month from 5:30-6:30PM at the Leder Senior Center in East Stroudsburg. Facilitator: Jennifer Bayer, Community Outreach Volunteer with the Alzheimer’s Association Contact: 570-517-9292 or bayer4@ptd.net

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Donations are accepted any day the store is open.

The Board of Trustees of the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Weiler Family Community Room at the library. The Board meets every month with the exception of December.

Pocono Mountain Chapter of the Embroiderer’s Guild of America (EGA). We do all types of needlework (Cross stitch, Hardanger, Canvas work, Crewel work, etc.) There is a different program each month. We meet every second Monday of the month from September – May at 7:00pm at Stroudsburg High School Cafeteria, West Main Street, Stroudsburg, Pa. The contact person for anyone interested in our group is Bonnie Miller, 570-424-6208.
The patient runs into his psychiatrist's office and says, "Doc, I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam, no I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam, no I think I'm a tepee, no I think I'm a wigwam!" The psychiatrist looks at him and says, "Relax, you're just too tents!"

An elderly lady came to see a young male doctor with her husband. After the consultation was finished, the elderly man suddenly asked the doctor for a piece of paper and a pen. Although a strange request, he complied, and the man quickly wrote something, then handed the folded piece of paper to the doctor. He told him to read it as soon as they had left.

The doctor thought that the man perhaps had an embarrassing medical complaint he didn't want to talk about in front of his wife, so the doctor didn't hesitate in obeying the request. Once the couple had left the room, the doctor sat down and read the piece of paper. Its contents were thus: "Your fly is undone."

The number Zero said to the number Eight?

NICE BELT!

At the bar, Tom and Bill were talking. "My uncle tried to make a new kind of car. He took the wheels from a Cadillac, the radiator from a Lexus, and tires from a Ford," said Tom.

"What did he get?" asked Bill.

"Two years," said Tom.

The Judge said to the defendant, "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again?"

"Your Honor," the criminal said, "that's what I tried to tell the police, but would they listen? NO!"
Old English Apple Pie

Batter up! This pie is sure to be a hit.

2 eggs, or equivalent in egg substitute
1/2 cup fat-free half & half
2 tablespoons light margarine
1/2 cup sugar substitute
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon table salt

2 teaspoons baking powder
2 cups (2 medium) cored and finely chopped cooking apples
1/4 cup chopped black walnuts

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray a deep-dish 10-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, combine eggs, half & half, margarine and sugar substitute, using a wire whisk. Add flour, salt and baking powder. Mix well to combine. Stir in apples and walnuts. Evenly pour batter into prepared pie plate.
3. Bake for 30 minutes. Place pie plate on a wire rack and allow to cool. Cut into 8 servings.

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