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## Teen stabbing questions still unanswered



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In this photo taken from the GoFundMe account page set up for the Sinoracki family, David Sinoracki is shown with his wife, Bobbi Jo, and their three children, Megan 17; Madison, 14; and David Jr., 11.

### What motivated 14-year-old boy to attack family?

By **Bill O'Boyle**  
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**KINGSTON TWP.** — Speculation has been rampant since last Sunday when a 14-year-old boy entered his neighbors' house in the middle of the day and stabbed three people, killing one.

Everyone connected to the case and the general public have been wondering what could have motivated the accused, Zachary Hockenberry, to walk into a home on Orchard Street and stab David

Sinoracki in the chest, causing his death.

Investigators say Hockenberry, 14, of 145 S. Lehigh St. — located adjacent to the Sinoracki home — entered 7 Orchard St. and stabbed three members of the Sinoracki family.

Hockenberry is charged with homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and burglary in connection with the death of David Sinoracki, 45, and assaults on

Sinoracki's wife, Bobbi Jo, 36, and the couple's 17-year-old daughter.

A preliminary hearing for Hockenberry, originally scheduled for Sept. 22, has been continued at the request of his attorney, Frank Nocito. According to the office of Magisterial District Justice James Tupper and Kingston Township Police Chief Michael Moravec, the hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at Tupper's office, 11 Carverton

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## Blast rocks NYC street; 26 injured, FDNY says

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An apparent explosion in a crowded Chelsea neighborhood of New York City on Saturday night left 26 people with minor injuries, authorities said.

Police spokesman J. Peter Donald said on Twitter that the explosion happened at about 8:30 p.m. Saturday on West 23rd Street, which is a major thoroughfare with many restaurants.

He says several people were taken to hospitals with injuries. The Fire Department tweeted that none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the explosion appears to have come from a construction toolbox in front of a building.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person wasn't authorized to speak about an ongoing investigation.

The blast happened in front of a residence for the blind. Witnesses say the explosion blew out the windows of businesses in the area.

No detail about the extent of damage was immediately available. A number of New York City subway routes have been affected by the incident.

Chris Gonzalez, visiting from Dallas, was having dinner with friends at a restaurant in the area.

"We felt it, we heard it, the restaurant went real quiet, the 26-year-old Gonzalez said. "It wasn't like jolting or anything, everyone just went quiet."

Witnesses say FBI and Homeland Security officials, along with the ATF arson and explosive task force are also at the scene.

The reports of a possible blast come hours after a pipe bomb exploded in Seaside Park, New Jersey, shortly before thousands of runners participated in a charity 5K race to benefit Marines and sailors. No injuries were reported.

## A Valley divided



Chris Knight | AP photo

**Andrew Limauro, a Penn State sophomore, stands outside Beaver Stadium protesting the school's decision to honor former head coach Joe Paterno before Saturday's game against Temple.**

### Penn State honors Paterno amid protest

By **Derek Levarse**  
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**STATE COLLEGE** — Jimmy Cefalo only needed a second or so to consider the question.

The Pittston legend was asked if anything that had happened in the past five years had changed his opinion of his old coach, Joe Paterno.

"No. It hasn't," said Cefalo, the former star for Pittston Area High

School, Penn State and the Miami Dolphins. "Joe will always be someone who took me out of a very small town and he gave me a wonderful opportunity. I don't know how many people would say, 'He was my mentor and someone who gave me a great deal of my life,' and then change (their) opinion about him. It doesn't happen very often and it shouldn't happen to any of us."

Here lies the root of Penn State's highly complicated relationship with the late Paterno. Those who played for him, those who knew him on a personal level, remain staunchly loyal to him in the years following the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

Others — namely some current students and those outside of Centre County — question Paterno's legacy after the conviction of Sandusky, his former defensive coordinator,

#### VIDEO

To see video of former PSU and Fine H.S. (Nanticoke) standout Harry Hamilton discuss Joe Paterno, visit the online version of this story at timesleader.com



on dozens of counts of sexual abuse of children. The issue was crystallized this weekend on

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# Benefit uplifting for figure skating coach fighting cancer

By Jerry Lynott  
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WILKES-BARRE — Family and friends of Stephanie Sciandra said she was always there for her figure skating students, and Saturday it was their turn to be there for her.

Approximately 200 people attended the “PENS for Stevie” fundraiser at the Toyota SportsPlex on Coal Street to support Sciandra before she tries to

## HOW TO HELP

To contribute to the Stevie Kicks Cancer Fund, visit <http://www.gofundme.com/2jh449g>.

undergo another trial treatment for cancer.

“It’s all friends and family,” Sciandra said from her wheelchair, with her husband P.J. at her side.

“He takes really good care of me,” Sciandra, 37, said as he smiled.

The West Pittston couple were married in September 2015, about a year after she underwent her first round of chemotherapy. She was diagnosed again with cancer after their wedding and more treatment followed. Plans are to begin another round of therapy when she is able.

The ice rink was a fitting place for the event, which had an admission price of \$10. It’s where she’s skated and coached

the Diamond City Skating Club and the practice facility for the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey club. A few of them were on hand to sign autographs.

“We grew up skating together,” said Amy Frederick, a friend, coach and organizer of the event along with Nicole Warner and Laura Carpenter.

“She has touched so

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Fred Adams | For Times Leader

Tux, the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins hockey team mascot, shakes hands with Stephanie ‘Stevie’ Sciandra at a fundraiser Saturday at the Toyota SportsPlex in Wilkes-Barre to help Sciandra through her cancer treatments.

## LOTTERY

### Pick Two, midday

Sunday: 0-5  
Monday: 2-3  
Tuesday: 6-4  
Wednesday: 7-9  
Thursday: 7-6  
Friday: 0-5  
Saturday: 3-9

### Pick Three, midday

Sunday: 5-1-5  
Monday: 8-8-1  
Tuesday: 9-9-5  
Wednesday: 8-3-4  
Thursday: 5-6-8  
Friday: 9-8-2  
Saturday: 5-2-5

### Pick Four, midday

Sunday: 3-2-8-4  
Monday: 6-6-9-0  
Tuesday: 8-5-6-9  
Wednesday: 5-3-7-9  
Thursday: 8-2-8-0  
Friday: 8-2-9-2  
Saturday: 3-6-6-7

### Pick Five, midday

Sunday: 8-5-7-9-8  
Monday: 5-1-4-4-4  
Tuesday: 1-9-1-2-6  
Wednesday: 1-4-8-4-5  
Thursday: 8-2-4-3-4  
Friday: 1-2-5-7-3  
Saturday: 0-3-9-2-0

### Wild, midday

Tuesday: 4  
Wednesday: 9  
Thursday: 8  
Friday: 8  
Saturday: 2

### Treasure Hunt

Sunday: 02-05-16-23-25  
Monday: 07-15-16-22-24  
Tuesday: 03-20-23-26-29  
Wednesday: 04-20-24-28-30  
Thursday: 04-07-18-22-24  
Friday: 10-14-15-18-26  
Saturday: 02-14-17-19-26

### Pick Two, 7 p.m.

Sunday: 1-9  
Monday: 4-5  
Tuesday: 9-5  
Wednesday: 6-7  
Thursday: 3-8  
Friday: 2-2  
Saturday: 6-6

### Pick Three, 7 p.m.

Sunday: 4-3-6

Monday: 9-4-1  
Tuesday: 7-5-9  
Wednesday: 0-3-4  
Thursday: 7-2-5  
Friday: 3-2-0  
Saturday: 7-7-0

### Pick Four, 7 p.m.

Sunday: 3-8-2-5  
Monday: 2-6-6-9  
Tuesday: 7-5-7-6  
Wednesday: 6-8-0-6  
Thursday: 6-3-5-0  
Friday: 3-8-0-9  
Saturday: 3-8-6-4

### Pick Five, 7 p.m.

Sunday: 4-4-3-5-2  
Monday: 1-3-6-1-2  
Tuesday: 8-1-2-6-2  
Wednesday: 4-1-9-8-5  
Thursday: 0-4-7-6-3  
Friday: 1-6-3-8-3  
Saturday: 4-2-6-6-5

### Wild, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 9  
Wednesday: 6  
Thursday: 8  
Friday: 6  
Saturday: 9

### Cash 5

Sunday: 02-05-11-23-28  
Monday: 06-07-09-30-34  
Tuesday: 02-04-10-19-35  
Wednesday: 02-12-34-35-38  
Thursday: 02-09-17-18-25  
Friday: 06-09-10-12-20  
Saturday: 12-13-14-29-45-48

### Match 6

Monday: 12-13-14-29-45-48  
Tuesday: 10-19-30-33-43-45

### Cash4Life

Monday: 01-32-39-55-58  
Tuesday: 11-20-54-59-60  
Wednesday: 01-32-39-55-58  
Thursday: 11-20-54-59-60

### Powerball

Wednesday: 10-11-23-28-31  
Thursday: 14  
Saturday’s numbers will be printed in Monday’s edition of the paper.

### Mega Millions

Tuesday: 06-15-17-39-56  
Wednesday: 15  
Thursday: 13-21-28-34-40  
Friday: 15

## CAPITOL ROUNDUP

# AG: Efforts to improve abuse hot line encouraging

By Bill O’Boyle  
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WILKES-BARRE — Auditor General Eugene DePasquale this week commended the Department of Human Services (DHS) for announcing changes



DePasquale

of ChildLine — the state’s hotline for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect.

In May, DePasquale issued an interim audit report after finding more than 42,000 calls to ChildLine went unanswered in 2015.

The interim report (available online here) highlighted four significant matters and made eight recommendations for improvement. The full audit report on ChildLine will be finalized next month and will include additional recommendations for improvement.

The significant matters in the interim report were:

- 22 percent of all calls in 2015 went unanswered.
- ChildLine was constantly understaffed in 2015.
- Nearly one-third of all calls received in 2014 and 2015 were not tracked or documented.
- Supervisors monitored an extremely small number of calls — only 7, or 0.005 percent — in 2015.

In the interim report, the Department of the Auditor General recommended that DHS:

- Immediately evaluate and determine the minimum number of staff needed based on call volume and self-service online reporting to ensure all calls received on the hotline are answered by caseworkers and callers are not placed on hold for an unreasonable amount of time, such as no longer than 3.5 minutes.
- Immediately hire and train additional staff necessary based on the results of the evaluation in Recommendation No. 1, including consideration of turnover.
- Ensure the hotline is always staffed at or above the minimum staffing levels needed as determined

in Recommendation No. 1.

- Track and document the purpose of all calls received on the hotline, including those not generating referral reports.
- Consider ways to divert calls not involving allegations of child abuse or neglect from the hotline caseworkers to provide more time to answer calls that do involve allegation of child abuse or neglect.

• Develop procedures for supervisory monitoring of calls answered by caseworkers to include number of phone calls to be monitored for each caseworker, how often monitoring will be conducted, and follow-up on corrective actions for caseworkers whose performance is unsatisfactory.

- Implement call monitoring procedures to ensure calls are processed accurately, efficiently and effectively.
- Consider recording hotline calls for training and monitoring purposes to ensure calls are processed properly.

The ChildLine Interim Report of Significant Matters is available online at: [www.PaAuditor.gov](http://www.PaAuditor.gov).

### Barletta secures SHINE eligibility for after school federal grants

U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, R-Hazleton, has negotiated a change in the language of a bill about youth opportunity to enable after-school programs — like the successful SHINE (Schools and Homes in Education) program in Pennsylvania — to compete for federal grants.

During consideration of the Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act (H.R. 5693) in the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, Barletta succeeded in inserting after-school programs into the list of eligible recipients of funds.

The change means states will be eligible to compete for five-year grants to help local leaders meet specific needs in keeping students headed

in the right direction through programs such as SHINE. The bill passed the committee by a voice vote and now heads to the full House of Representatives for its consideration.

SHINE has already been a success in Schuylkill and Carbon Counties and expanded to Luzerne County last fall in the Wilkes-Barre Area, Greater Nanticoke Area and Wyoming Valley West school districts. It expanded to Hazleton earlier this year. The program, geared to grades K-8, focuses on a project-based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) curriculum. SHINE links schools to homes to help children build a stronger academic and social foundation.

Barletta and Pennsylvania State Sen. John Yudi-chak, D-Plymouth Township, have championed SHINE together, working closely with Luzerne County host institution Wilkes University and its president, Patrick Leahy. Barletta was also instrumental in saving an important SHINE funding source, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) program.

Currently, SHINE of Luzerne County serves nearly 300 students from five area school districts: Wilkes-Barre Area, Wyoming Valley West, Nanticoke Area, Hanover Area, and Hazleton Area. The existing programs in Schuylkill and Carbon Counties bring the total number of students to more than 1,000.

### Toomey honored for his work helping farm and ranch families

U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Zionsville, has been honored with the “Friend of Farm Bureau” award by the American Farm Bureau Association, a voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families across the country.

Dale Moore of the American Farm Bureau Association said the American Farm Bureau Federation gives the “Friend of Farm Bureau” award to members of Congress who have supported Farm Bureau



Toomey

issues, as demonstrated by their voting records, and who were nominated by their

respective state Farm Bureau, said.

Toomey has supported legislation that would ease burdens on small family farms and cut through red tape coming out of Washington, D.C.

### State residents urged to take part in tele-town hall on heroin/opioid crisis

Combating Pennsylvania’s heroin and opioid crisis will be the focus of a special Telephone Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

State Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Lehman Township, is urging state residents to take part in the event, part of a statewide effort to gather information on how the growing epidemic is affecting Pennsylvania and what can be done to save lives and battle addiction. It is the first of four “tele-town halls” scheduled around the state in the coming months. The tele-town hall format allows state residents to listen in, offer opinions and even ask questions from the comfort of their own home.

Those interested in taking part can sign up ahead of time at [www.acommonwealthcrisis.com](http://www.acommonwealthcrisis.com) to receive a phone call a few moments before the town hall meeting begins. Individuals can also sign up by texting the keyword “talkheroin” to the number 828282. Audio streaming for the tele-town hall will also be available.

Baker noted nearly 3,400 drug-related overdose deaths were reported in Pennsylvania in 2015, an increase of more than 238 percent over 2014. In approximately four out of five of those deaths, the presence of heroin or at least one opioid was reported.

Earlier this year, Baker voted to include \$15 million in the state budget to combat heroin and opioid addiction, including funds for emergency addiction treatment and behavioral health services.

Reach Bill O’Boyle at 570-991-6118 or on Twitter @TLBillOBoyle.

## FOR THE RECORD

Stories in Thursday’s and Saturday’s papers incorrectly listed the address of Zachary Hockenberry, the 14-year-old suspect in the stabbing death of David Sinoracki, as 145 N. Lehigh St., Kingston Township. Hockenberry lived at 145 S.

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## Doctor: Republican VP candidate Pence is healthy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Pence has released a letter from his doctor vouching for his “excellent” health. The letter summarizes the medical history of the Repub-

lican vice presidential nominee and says he can maintain his high level of work and exercise routines “without limitations.”

The letter about Pence, the 57-year-old governor

of Indiana, was dated Thursday and came after Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and her running mate, Tim Kaine, also provided some details of their medical history. The

health of the candidates has become an issue since Clinton stumbled at a 9/11 memorial event and revealed afterward that she had been diagnosed with pneumonia.

## Raptor lovers flock to see eagles show



Clark Van Order | For Times Leader

An audience of approximately 50 people sat in rapt attention for Rennie, a female bald eagle and one of the raptors Franklin Klock, a naturalist with the Carbon County Environmental Education Center, brought to Wild Birds Unlimited in the Dallas Shopping Center for a presentation Saturday afternoon.

### Wild Birds Unlimited in Dallas hosts presentation

By Jerry Lynott  
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DALLAS — Franklin Klock was unflappable with a golden eagle perched on his left hand sheathed in a heavy leather glove.

He was equally at ease holding a bald eagle for the program he presented Saturday afternoon at Wild Birds Unlimited in the Dallas Shopping Center.

A naturalist with the Carbon County Environmental Education Center, Klock showed the birds individually to the audience of approximately 50 adults and children who sat in rapt attention of the raptors, listen-

ing to the lesson about their history, habitat and habits.

Klock held nothing back as he talked about what they eat, where they live and how they poop.

"If it were us, we go number one and number two," he said. "Birds go number three. It comes from the same spot."

Goldie, the female golden eagle, tethered by her legs to a leash held by Klock, raised her tail and shot a stream onto the drop cloth underneath them. "We affectionately call it white wash," he said, describing the consistency and color of the excrement.

Far from being a waste of time, the 90-minute, free pro-

gram fascinated Maureen Alleeva, of Wilkes-Barre, who stood within 10 feet of the birds. She had come to buy supplies for her bird feeder and walked into Klock's presentation.

"I have seen them down by the river, down by the Susquehanna," Alleeva said.

She was awestruck with the white-capped bald eagle, Rennie, the smaller of the female pair. "She's beautiful," Alleeva said.

The birds cannot fly due to injuries and will always be captive at the center in Summit Hill. Different in size and species, they reacted differently while on display. Goldie screeched and fidgeted while Rennie quietly swiveled her

See EAGLES | 5A

## Joey Hoffman epitomizes spirit of Victory Baseball

MOOSIC — Sept. 3 will go down as one of my favorite days — ever.

That was the night Joey Hoffman sang our National Anthem before a Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders game.



Beyond the Byline  
Bill O'Boyle

Joey is mentally challenged. But he's never had stage fright and he never feels challenged when he grabs a microphone.

In the spirit of Florence Foster Jenkins, the woman who hailed from Wilkes-Barre, went on to inherit her father's millions and gave most of it to further performing arts in New York City, Joey made so many of us proud that Saturday night.

Joey is a member of Victory Sports, the organization founded in 2011 to offer adults with mental and/or physical challenges the opportunity to play baseball and basketball, to go bowling, to dance, to enjoy life.

Now, at the end of its sixth season, Victory Baseball stands proud and Joey Hoffman epitomizes the spirit of the program.

I've written about Victory before and, in the interest of full disclosure, I serve as vice president of the organization and announce at the baseball games. I'm happy to be a part of an organization that does so much to improve the quality of life for these individuals.

It's important to know how much fun it is to be around the participants. They enjoy playing the games we all love and they love dancing to the music we all love. They even enjoy interacting, chatting and laughing with each other — just like us so-called "normal" people do.

That's my point.

When the RailRiders held auditions for people looking to sing the National Anthem, Joey was eager to try out. A bunch of us went to the Viewmont Mall to support Joey and to cheer him on.

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Clark Van Orden | For Times Leader

A parade down Main Street in Luzerne on Saturday marks the start of LuzerneFest, the annual street fair with food vendors, pumpkin decorating wagon rides and more. The street fair continues Sunday.

## LuzerneFest a boost for merchants

### Parade is new feature for street fair

By Camille Fiotti  
For Times Leader

LUZERNE — Saturday's overcast skies made for a comfortable day to stroll down Main Street during LuzerneFest, the town's annual street fair that included craft and food vendors, horse-drawn hayrides, face painting, pony rides, live entertainment and the ever-popular pumpkin decorating.

The event, which was organized by the Luzerne Downtown Merchants Association, continues today.

"This is the biggest it's

been in many years," said Patty Campus, owner of Campas Jewelers on the corner of Bennett and Main streets.

Campus said the association decided to open the event with a parade. "We haven't had a parade in years," she said.

Also new this year is a bounce house and a voter registration booth.

The parade included members of Joan Harris Dance Studio, local mini football and Little League teams and cheerleaders, antique cars, the borough's fire department, state Rep. Aaron Kaufer and Luzerne

### IF YOU GO

**What:** LuzerneFest  
**When:** Today 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Main Street, Luzerne

Mayor James Keller Sr.

"The merchants all banded together and we all decided it was about the town and not the individual merchant," said Campus. "Next year's going to be even better."

Campus' daughter, Melissa Campus, who was one of the event organizers, along with Sheri Canon, of Dead Ahead Gifts, and Karen Brown, of My Sister's Closet, said the event

usually has about 50 vendors selling a variety of hand-crafted items and food. But this year, over 75 vendors participated.

"Sheri did a wonderful job getting a lot more vendors," said Melissa. "It's a good way to shed light on the community and to let people know that our sleepy little town isn't so sleepy."

Babara Gavlick, owner of Costumes by Barbara, said LuzerneFest is the way she kicks off her most profitable season. "This is a real good time for me," she said.

Her husband, Tom Hartnett, who jokingly

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## Miscavage new Advertising Director for TL group



Pete G. Wilcox | Times Leader

Kerry O'Neil Miscavage's appointment as the Times Leader Media Group's Advertising Director takes effect Monday. She replaces Tony Spina, who has been named to the newly created corporate role of National Sales Director for Civitas Media.

By Bill O'Boyle  
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WILKES-BARRE — Kerry O'Neil Miscavage, a Wilkes University graduate who has worked at the Times Leader for the past 21 years, has been named Advertising Director of the Times Leader Media Group.

Miscavage's promotion, from Display Advertising Sales Manager, was announced by Publisher Mike Murray.

Murray said Miscavage will have oversight of all advertising — including retail, classified and digital — at the Times Leader, the Weekender, the Sunday Dispatch in Pittston, the Abington Journal, the Dallas Post and the TL Weekly.

Her appointment is effective Monday.

"Kerry's experience at the Times Leader provides us a department leader with an in-depth knowledge of our markets and the advertisers we serve," Murray said. "In addition to her career growth on the print side, Kerry has been instrumental in developing our digital strategy, which continues to show steady improvement."

Miscavage, 42, takes over for Tony Spina, who has been named to the newly created corporate role of National Sales Director for Civitas Media. In his new position, Spina will lead the charge to develop and strengthen major client relationships throughout the country.

"Tony is well qualified for

this role and, in addition to his Times Leader duties, has been working the past year to help develop the national team," Murray said.

Miscavage said she is excited to head the Times Leader's "experienced and knowledgeable" advertising team.

"I intend to continue our superior customer service and relationships with our advertisers," Miscavage said. "The Times Leader has always been a great place to work over the last 21 years. I have made lifelong friends, colleagues and met my husband through connections I made working here."

Miscavage is married to Michael Miscavage, owner of the Top of the Slope Ski Shop and the Wilkes-Barre Rock Climbing Gym, both on South

Main Street. The couple live in White Haven.

Miscavage said she will rely on her knowledge of the region and its people to continue and develop relationships with advertisers.

Murray said he was happy to promote someone of Miscavage's caliber.

"Kerry has an extensive knowledge of the Times Leader and the area," he said. "That will be a tremendous asset to the newspaper and to the community."

Murray also announced that Judy Minsavage has been named to the Times Leader's front-office team.

Minsavage was first hired at the Times Leader in 2002, working in advertising and

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# Syrian military says US-led coalition struck its base

By Sarah El Deeb  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria's military says the U.S.-led coalition carried out an airstrike on an

eastern base that is surrounded by Islamic State militants, allowing the extremists to advance and potentially dealing a major blow to a shaky cease-fire.

A U.S. military official in Baghdad said he was looking into the report, which could not be independently corroborated. If true, the strike would mark the first known

time the United States had targeted Syrian government forces since the start of the five-year-old conflict. It was unclear why coalition air forces would be mounting

attacks during a cease-fire that the U.S. has worked to put in place. However, the cease-fire does not apply to attacks on the Islamic State group.

A Russian Defense Ministry official said Syria has informed them that 62 of its soldiers were killed in the airstrike. Russia has been waging a year-old air campaign on behalf of Assad's forces and closely coordinates with them.

Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said the airstrike near Deir el-Zour airport was conducted by two F-16s and two A-10s. He did not identify the planes' country affiliation, but said they were part of the international coalition.

Konashenkov said Syrian authorities reported another 100 wounded. The planes came from the direction of the border with Iraq, he added.

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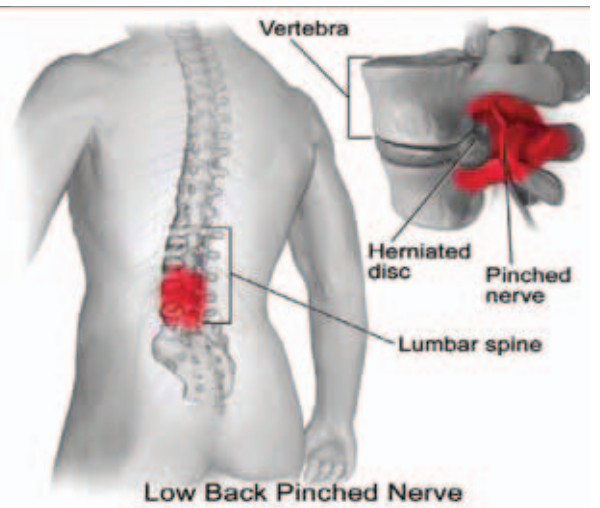
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# Library joins in 'Pokemon Go' craze with expedition event

By Marcella Kester  
Times Leader

WEST PITSTON — Throwing a Lure. Hatching an egg. Battling a Vaporean.

If you don't understand that verbiage, then you probably don't play "Pokemon Go."

The West Pittston Library joined in on the craze Saturday, holding its first "Pokemon Go" event at 1p.m.

The game — based on the original "Pokemon: Indigo League" TV series released in 2000 — is an app users can download on their phones or tab-

lets, turning you into a "Pokemon Master" with a mission to try and catch all 150 Pokemon. The game is set up like a virtual map, allowing users to walk around in search of the creatures.

Business all over the world have been taking advantage of the game's popularity — especially among youth — creating PokeStops where users can acquire items used in the game and adding Lures to attract Pokemon to their location.

As about 30 children and their parents gathered into the library,

Youth Services Coordinator Summer Belles was preparing a route around the area to hunt for Pokemon.

Belles said she chose a Pokemon event because of its current popularity, and it's ability to get children and adults to come together in an outdoor setting.

"I knew it was popular, it gets everyone from the community to come together," she said.

As Belles explained proper safety measures when playing the app, children took advantage of the library's own Poke-

Stop, collecting Pokeballs and capturing Pokemon as they listened.

While the app has skyrocketed in popularity, it has also caused safety problems nationwide.

From car accidents to abandoning vehicles on the road and even the discovery of a dead body, the allure of catching a rare Pokemon left users forgetting basic safety precautions, which have more than once led to disaster.

Belles explained that players must be aware of where they're walking and keep an eye on their surrounding when play-

ing the game, making sure not to walk into traffic. She also mentioned to adult players not to play while driving, which the app itself also now warns.

As the group started off their Poke adventure, children kept safety in mind, stopping and moving to the side as they tried to catch wild Pid-gey's and Drowzee's.

As the group moved along, West Pittston resident Kendra Rogers helped her son and nephew catch Pokemon.

Rogers said playing the game is a weekly family event that not only brings

them together, but allows them to get outdoor exercise.

"It's fun, the kids get to meet other kids that play," she said. "Plus, there's nothing wrong with taking a walk outside for an hour."

Rogers said that the game is nostalgic for her, as she remembers watching the original Pokemon series on TV as a child.

As part of the event, the library also added two Pokemon books to its inventory.

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Rennie, a female bald eagle, was in the right place at Wild Birds Unlimited in the Dallas Shopping Center Saturday afternoon where she was part of a program presented by the Carbon County Environmental Education Center.

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## Eagles

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head from side-to-side.

"She's got beautiful piercing eyes," Klock said of Goldie. Flying at an altitude of 1,000 feet, her field of view is 4 square miles. "It can easily see a rabbit from 1,000 feet up," he said.

Mice, rats, fish, snakes and small mammals are their prey. Tales of eagles swooping down and carrying away babies are

nonsense, Klock said.

The description by Ben Franklin of eagles as "common buzzards" isn't far off though, Klock acknowledged. The birds do scavenge and will eat roadkill and follow hawks and turkey vultures to carrion. Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird rather than the "thieving, marauding bird of poor moral character," Klock said.

Todd and Jennilyn Dyer, of Pittston, attended with their children, Aidan, 7, and Abigail, 6.

The family hikes together and have seen the birds in the wild, they said.

Eagles are abundant and no longer on the endangered species list, Klock said. Kids, on the other hand, are spending more time in front of computers and electronic devices and less time outdoors, he added, encouraging them to silence their smartphones and tablets and go outside.

"The world is a huge place. It doesn't fit on the screen," Klock said.

## Attack

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Road, Trucksville.

Hockenberry is jailed in the Luzerne County Correctional Facility without bail.

According to investigators, Hockenberry first encountered Bobbi Jo Sinoracki, who was vacuuming her floor, stabbing her five times. Police say her husband came to her defense and was stabbed in the chest. He would later die of his wounds at the hospital. The couple's 17-year-old daughter was also stabbed, treated for her injuries and released the same day.

Because the investigation is ongoing, those connected to the case are not at liberty to discuss the specifics. When asked about a motive, Chief Moravec said, "We have no idea."

A viewing and funeral service for David Sinoracki, who was employed by Sysco Food Services in Wilkes-Barre, was held Friday evening at the Howell-Lussi Funeral Home in West Pittston.

### Psychologist offers thoughts

Robert Griffin, a psychologist in Kingston, has no connection to the case but offered his thoughts to the Times Leader.

Griffin said there usually are warning signs of potential violence, but they are often not recognized or taken seriously. Some of those warning signs, Griffin said, could include mental health issues, substance abuse, social isolation, hurt, impulsiveness, grief, etc.

"Because these extreme acts of violence are rare, they are difficult to predict," Griffin said. "Even when one or several vulnerabilities are present, something like this almost never occurs. Understanding an extreme act of violence afterwards is also difficult for the same reason."

Griffin said some questions simply cannot be answered. He said part

of coping is dealing with things we cannot understand.

"This is very difficult when trauma is involved," Griffin said. "Reflexively, we try to figure out what could have been done different to avoid the tragedy. In the process, we can inappropriately blame ourselves or others, even if only silently. It is more difficult to cope with something traumatic that we can't understand, but we must."

Griffin said the families involved must determine how the meaning of this event in their lives will affect them. He said the pain of family members is "unimaginable" and, over time, that pain creates loneliness.

"Here is what we can understand — that there is a need for compassion and love," Griffin said. "Acceptance and forgiveness may come with time and work. The family of the child committing the act also needs support. We need to keep this in mind."

### School district offers support

Thomas J. Duffy, superintendent of the Dallas School District, said he and his staff of administrators, guidance counselors and teachers are preparing for the re-entry to school of the Sinoracki and Hockenberry children.

"Our guidance staff has increased its diligence," Duffy said. "We have also been consulting with the Children's Service Center."

Duffy said the district has been communicating with students and their families at all levels. He said the informational messages vary from level to level, from high school down to elementary.

"Unfortunately, we have dealt with similar circumstances in the past," Duffy said.

Duffy said the district had "an enhanced presence" of adults and guidance personnel present last Monday, the day after the incident was widely reported in the media.

"We did have additional

adults around the buildings just trying to gauge the pulse of the student body," Duffy said.

Duffy said the district will have all necessary staff available to deal with students when the children directly affected by the tragedy return to school.

### GoFundMe page

A GoFundMe account has been set up for the Sinoracki family members — [www.gofundme.com/2rckfepg](http://www.gofundme.com/2rckfepg) — to help them get through this time. To date, the site shows more than \$34,000 has been raised.

Erin Cook, a close family friend, has set up the account. The site includes a narrative of what happened on Sept. 11 and comments from concerned people.

The first paragraph reads:

"On Sept. 11, 2016, the Sinoracki family — David (45), Bobbi Jo (36), Megan (17), Madison (14), and young David (11) — were brutally attacked in a vicious home invasion, where David Sinoracki lost his life protecting his wife and children."

The account goes on to say, "The attacker simply walked into their home and stabbed Bobbi Jo multiple times causing her to call out for help. David, who was in the next room, ran to her aid as did Megan, the oldest daughter. Both were stabbed as a result, with David taking an injury that would claim his life a short time later. Madison ran for help at a neighbor's and young David and his friend locked themselves in an upstairs bedroom until police arrived."

The GoFundMe page states David was "the backbone of the household" — that he was a loving and devoted husband and father and a man with endless energy and talents. It states that when he wasn't working at Sysco, he "was spending time cooking for his family or doing some kind of project to improve life for his beautiful wife

and children."

Cook states on the page that the family bills will continue to pile up, along with funeral expenses, mortgage, car payments and everyday expenses. She said Dave was the main source of income for the family, as well, and with three children, one graduating from Dallas High School this coming June, "they are going to need all the emotional and financial support we can provide."

"I know how much folks in the Back Mountain, Wyoming Valley and beyond are thinking and praying for the family, and here is a wonderful way to help," Cook wrote on the page. "Please donate what you can. It would mean so much to me and this devastated family who lost a huge piece of their hearts when they lost Dave."

### Supporters offer comments

Some comments offered on the GoFundMe page include:

- Breigh Wildman: "I truly can't comprehend the awfulness of this tragedy. I'm speechless and my heart is broken for a family I've never met."
- Michael Simmons:

"Dave was such a kind man. He delivered to my job and was always one of the most upbeat and positive people I'd see all day. It's an utter tragedy that he had to lose his life in such a senseless way, and that his family had to be hurt as well. I'm not the praying type, but I really do wish you all the best during these hard times."

• Linda Somoga: "So heartbreaking and devastating for this family. Dave was the best food rep I have ever had, he will be sorely missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing him. Prayers go out to his beautiful family."

• Stephanie Usavage:

"I worked with Dave at the Waterfront for a couple years he was a great guy — constantly talked about how proud he was of his wife and kids. I can't believe such a tragedy would hit such an amazing family. My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the Sinoracki family."

• Ashley Thomas: "There are not words adequate at a time like this; just know that Mike and I are praying for your whole family, Bobbi Jo. A light went out in the world when we lost Dave's smiling face."

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**KOVAL**

**WILKES-BARRE** — Felicia V. "Alice" (Piecho-ta) Koval, 92, formerly of Liddon Street, Wilkes-Barre, passed into eternal life Sept. 17, 2016, in the care of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital following an illness. Funeral arrangements are being finalized for a Monday visitation, Tuesday funeral, and will be announced from the John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes Inc., 625 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

**MAXWELL**

**PLYMOUTH** — June H. Maxwell, 84, of Plymouth, passed away peacefully Sept. 13, 2016, at home with her daughter, Ann Marie, and great-nephew, James, by her side. Funeral services were private and at the convenience of her family. Services entrusted to Kniffen O'Malley Leffler Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., Wilkes-Barre.

**BRAWLEY**

**EDWARDSVILLE** — John J. Brawley, of Edwardsville, passed away Sept. 16, 2016. Funeral arrangements will be announced by E. Blake Collins Funeral Home, Wilkes-Barre.

**SMITKA**

**FALLS** — Daniel M. Smitka, 68, of Falls, passed away Sept. 17, 2016. Funeral arrangements are pending from the Anthony Recupero Funeral Home, West Pittston.

**PIEKANSKI**

**LOPEZ** — Raymond C. Piekanski passed away suddenly Sept. 9, 2016, at his home in Lopez. Funeral arrangements are pending from the Kopicki Funeral Home, Kingston.

**NORTON**

**PITSTON** — Helen A. (Riley) Norton, of Pittston, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, at Highland Manor Nursing Home, Exeter. Arrangements are in the care of Graziano Funeral Home Inc., Pittston Township. All services will be private.

**COMING FUNERALS**

**ALFANO** - Angelo, friends may call 9 to 10 a.m. Monday in the Parish of St. Barbara, 28 Memorial St., Exeter. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. in the Parish of St. Barbara.

**BAPTIST** - Doris, blessing services 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

**BIESAIDESKI** - Paul, funeral services 9 a.m. Monday from the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont. Mass 9:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church, Dupont.

**CHARNEY** - Joseph, memorial Mass 10 a.m. Monday in St. Monica's Parish, 363 W. Eighth St., West Wyoming.

**GODLESKI** - Helen, funeral services 9 a.m.

**BROJAKOWSKI**

**PLYMOUTH** — Stanley L. Brojakowski, 69, of Plymouth, passed into eternal rest Sept. 15, 2016, at his home with his devoted wife and caregiver, Barbara, by his side. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Thursday in All Saints Parish, 66 Willow St., Plymouth. Friends may call 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 W. Main St., Plymouth.

**POSŁUSZNY**

Bronislaw "Barney" Posluszny, 91, a resident of Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City and formerly of Old Forge, passed away Sept. 16, 2016. Blessing services 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

**DOWSE**

**HARDING** — James W. "Jaimie" Dowse Jr., 55, of Harding, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, at home. Arrangements are pending from the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home.

**STEC**

**WILKES-BARRE** — Antoinette Stec, 74, of the Miners Mills section of Wilkes-Barre, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, at her home after a courageous battle against cancer. He husband of 24 years is Joseph Stec. Funeral will be held 9 a.m. Tuesday from the Corcoran Funeral Home Inc., 20 S. Main St., Plains Township, with a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. in Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 13 Hudson Road, Plains Township. Friends may call 5 to 7 p.m. Monday.

**NORTON**

**PITSTON** — Helen A. (Riley) Norton, of Pittston, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, at Highland Manor Nursing Home, Exeter. Arrangements are in the care of Graziano Funeral Home Inc., Pittston Township. All services will be private.

Monday from the Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, 89 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. in Our Lady of Hope Parish, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre. Friends may call 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**HINES** - Mary, Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Monday in St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. Those attending go directly to the church. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Peter J. Adonizio Funeral Home, 251 William St., Pittston.

**HUMKO** - William, funeral services 9:30 a.m. Monday from the Simon S. Russin Funeral Home, 136 Maffett St., Plains Township. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. in St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre.

**MARCONI** - Lisa, friends may call 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Gub-

**HARRY J. STONE SR.**

**PLYMOUTH TWP.** — Harry J. Stone Sr., 84, of Plymouth Township, passed into eternal rest Saturday morning, Sept. 17, 2016, at the Keystone Garden Estates, Larksville. Born Feb. 23, 1932, in Plymouth Township, he was the son of the late John Stone and Esther (Voltier) Stone.

He was a graduate of Harter High School, West Nanticoke, and a member of All Saints Parish, Plymouth.

After high school, Harry enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and was honorably discharged.

Harry had worked at PennDot in his early years. He then was employed by Luzerne County Road and Bridge. Later, he was employed by the Nanticoke State Hospital and retired from the White Haven State Hospital. He was a Plymouth Township Supervisor for 12 years.

He was a member of the American Legion, Shawnee Post of Plymouth, Post 1425, and a former 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Nanticoke Council.

Throughout his life, Harry enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was an avid Notre Dame fan. His greatest joy were children, and he loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, the former Anna Fink, who passed away in 2004; brothers, Thomas, James, John (Jack), William Gordon (Mick), and Robert; and sister, Ruth Noto.

Surviving are his children, Harry Stone Jr. and his wife, Donna, of Nanticoke, Patrick Stone, of Plymouth, Esther Bolton and her husband,



Charles, of Plymouth, Susan Pearson and her husband, Dale, of Plymouth, Marie Geffert and her husband, Rich, of Plymouth, Sharon Patara and her husband, Ronald, of Plymouth, and Jeffery Stone, of Plymouth Township; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Leonard Stone, of Catawissa, and Patrick Stone, of Plymouth; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral will be held 9:30 a.m. Tuesday from the S.J. Grontkowski Funeral Home, 530 W. Main St., Plymouth, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in All Saints Parish, 66 Willow St., Plymouth. Interment will be in Edge Hill Cemetery, West Nanticoke. Family and friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions, if desired, may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 57 N. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, or by visiting, [www.alz.org/donate](http://www.alz.org/donate), or the Hospice of the Sacred Heart, 600 Baltimore Drive, Suite 7, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, or by visiting, [www.hospicesacredheart.org/donations/](http://www.hospicesacredheart.org/donations/).

For directions or to submit online condolences to Harry's family, please visit [www.sjgrontkowskifuneralhome.com](http://www.sjgrontkowskifuneralhome.com).

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biotti Funeral Home, 1030 Wyoming Ave., Exeter.

**O'CONNOR** - Brigid, visitation 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the Church of Ss. Peter and Paul on Hudson Road, Plains Township, and will continue there 10 to 11 a.m. Monday. Funeral Mass 11 a.m.

**PIONTKOWSKI** - Ralph, funeral services 9:30 a.m. Monday from the Davis-Dinelli Funeral Home, 170 E. Broad St., Nanticoke. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. at the main site of St. Faustina Kowalska Parish, 520 S. Hanover St., Nanticoke. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

**SHORT** - Terry, funeral services 11 a.m. Monday from the Curtis L. Swanson Funeral Home Inc., corner of routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek. Friends may call 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

**SKAPURA** - Stephen, funeral Mass 11 a.m.

**PLAINS TWP.** — William Humko, 75, of Plains Township, passed away on Sept. 15, 2016, surrounded by his loving wife and children at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

William was born in Pittston on Jan. 11, 1941. He was the son of the late John Humko and Catherine (Tomko) Humko. He was a graduate of Jenkins Township, class of 1958. William was a supervi-

Monday in St. Mary Church, Dorrance.

Friends may call 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at McCune Funeral Home, Mountain Top.

**SMITH** - Donald, memorial service 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Friends may call 11 a.m. to service.

**WILLIAMS** - Ernestine, friends may call 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at A.J. Kopicki Funeral Home, Kingston.

**ZIEGLER** - Elizabeth, Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 a.m. Monday in Holy Family Parish, Bennett Street, Luzerne.

Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kielty-Moran Funeral Home Inc., 87 Washington Ave., Plymouth, or 9 to 10 a.m. Monday in Holy Family Parish, Luzerne. Those attending the Mass are asked to go directly to the church.



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**MARJORIE A. 'TOOTS' KRAMER**

**DURYEA** — Marjorie A. "Toots" Kramer, 94, a lifelong resident of Duryea, died peacefully Thursday evening, Sept. 15, 2016, in the Inpatient Unit of Hospice of the Sacred Heart, Dunmore, surrounded by her family.

Born Feb. 21, 1922, in Duryea, to the late August W. and Mary (Hines) Kramer. A graduate of Duryea High School, class of 1939, she was employed by Naylor's Store, W.T. Grants, and prior to her retirement, she was a clerk at Kmart in the Pittston Plaza.

A devout Catholic and member of the former Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Duryea, now Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Marjorie was very active in its Altar and Rosary Society, choir and was a constant at the annual picnics, where she worked a chance booth with her sisters, Dort and Grace.

Marjorie had no children, so she made her nieces and nephews and their families her life. She proudly attended their games, concerts, recitals and any event special in their lives. Affectionately known as "Toots," "Marge," and "Sarge," she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

We were so blessed to have had such a loving, giving and selfless person in our lives who made us feel special and always enjoyed being around us. Our hearts are broken, but you showed us what

**CATHERINE M. DECKER**

**WILKES-BARRE** — Catherine M. Decker, 88, of Wilkes-Barre, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, in the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

She was born in Wilkes-Barre on June 28, 1928, a daughter of the late John and Mary Pikul Mengak. Catherine was a graduate of Marymount High School, class of 1946. She was also a 1948 graduate of the Wilkes-Barre Business College.

Catherine was married to the love of her life, Dr. Raymond G. Decker, on Oct. 22, 1956. Widowed at a young age, she took great pride in the accomplishments of her children. Her greatest enjoyment in life was spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was formerly employed by the Guild Studios for the Diocese of Scranton and she worked in the office for her late husband in Wilkes-Barre.

Catherine was a member of St. Anthony-St. George's Maronite Catholic Parish in Wilkes-Barre and she was a member of its Altar & Rosary Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Raymond G. Decker, in 1976, and by her daughter, Susan, in 1987. Catherine was also preceded in death by her brothers, Paul and John Mengak.

Surviving are her children, Dr. Raymond G.



true love is supposed be, and for that we will always be grateful.

Surviving are nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Marie Drula, Dorothy Colman, Grace Kramer; and a brother, August "Budge" Kramer, who was killed in the mines.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday in Nativity of Our Lord Parish at Holy Rosary Church, 127 Stephenson St., Duryea, to be celebrated by the Rev. John Polednak, pastor.

Interment will be private at the convenience of the family in St. John's Cemetery, Pittston. Relatives and friends are invited to pay their respects from 11 a.m. until the time of the Mass in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home Inc., Old Forge, and are under the direction and care of Toot's great-nephew, Timothy M. Kramer, associate.



Decker Jr., Millstone, N.J., Dr. Catherine F. Decker, Washington D.C., Dr. Gary R. Decker, and his wife, Jenifer, Kingston, Dr. Mary Lou Decker and her husband, Dr. Brad D. Fenster, Shavertown; grandchildren, Dr. Ashley Lauren Decker-Kowal, Raymond George Decker III, Beau Alexander Decker, Gary R. Decker Jr., Matthew S. Decker, Elena Susan Fenster and Benjamin Raymond Fenster; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 9 a.m. Tuesday from the Nat & Gawlas Funeral Home, 89 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 9:30 a.m. in St. Anthony's Maronite Catholic Church, Park Avenue, Wilkes-Barre.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Hanover Township. Friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting Catherine's obituary at [www.natandgawlas.com](http://www.natandgawlas.com).

**WILLIAM HUMKO**

in the Military Police as a reserve. He was a lifetime member of the ITLO Club in Hilldale.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Walter.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 53 years, Margaret Humko; and daughters, Sheryl Ziobro and husband, James, Duryea, and Lisa Wejkszner and husband, Michael, Hull, Mass.; and grand-

son, James Jr., the light of his life.

Funeral services will be held 9:30 a.m. Monday from the Simon S. Russin Funeral Home, 136 Maffett St., Plains Township. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. in St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, with the Rev. Joseph Veresby as celebrant. Friends may call 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Interment will be private.

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# Pa. opioid debate may include push for pricier pill

By Marc Levy  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's fight against opioid addiction may include a measure that could pave the way to more expensive prescriptions for supposedly abuse-resistant painkillers whose effectiveness in curbing abuse is unclear.

The bill, which passed the House nearly unanimously in June, is awaiting action in a Senate committee and has the support of Gov. Tom Wolf as he presses lawmakers to pass a package of legislation this fall.

It has been lobbied in the Senate by at least one major pharmaceutical company — Purdue Pharma, maker of Oxycontin — and is similar to legislation shopped by drugmakers in as many as 20 other states.

According to its chief House sponsor, it sprang from the recommendations of a 38-member opioid task force and ad-



Heffley

Kolodny

sory committee he helped assemble. The group met in private, held no public hearing and included pharmaceutical industry representatives.

The sponsor, Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon, said he believes it will save lives.

"It's not going to be the end-all be-all," Heffley said. But "if a doctor feels the need to prescribe it in an abuse-deterrent form, why we wouldn't want the doctor to do that?"

Under the bill, any health insurance plan that covers an opioid painkiller must also cover three abuse-deterrent painkillers, a patented formulation that costs more than generic formulations.

The House held no hearing on the bill. That's despite insurance

industry complaints that it would drive up premiums, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's observation that abuse-deterrent painkillers don't prevent a common form of abuse — swallowing pills whole.

Still, the FDA is encouraging the development of abuse-deterrent formulations, to prevent crushing and snorting or dissolving and injecting. Asked about the bill, Purdue Pharma said it supports policies that align with the federal government's view that "opioids with abuse-deterrent properties are a public health priority."

Skeptics warn that abuse-deterrent painkillers carry the same risks of addiction as opioid versions that lack such properties. Dr. Andrew Kolodny, the executive director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing, called them a "waste of money" and pharmaceutical industry "profiteering off the

addiction crisis."

"Addicts almost always begin with swallowing pills whole, and the fact that that's on the menu suggests to me that pharmaceutical lobbyists have been very successful in Pennsylvania," said Kolodny, who also is the senior scientist at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie vetoed a similar bill in January, saying the benefits of the abuse-deterrent drugs "are still uncertain" in the medical community.

Philadelphia-based insurer Independence Blue Cross said it already provides coverage for abuse-deterrent opioids, typically at a cost of three to five times more. But it noted that there are videos, blogs and other information online on how to circumvent abuse-deterrent properties.

A joint investigation by The Associated Press and the Center for Public

Integrity found that drugmakers that produce opioid painkillers and allied advocacy groups spent more than \$880 million on campaign contributions and lobbying over the past decade as they worked to influence state and federal policies.

The Pennsylvania bill is part of a new legislative frontier for the lobbying efforts of pharmaceutical companies, including Purdue Pharma, the company whose executives pleaded guilty in 2007 to misleading the public about OxyContin's risk of addiction.

The task force empowered by a Heffley-sponsored resolution produced 15 recommendations last year, including insurance parity for abuse-deterrent formulations.

The 38-member group included two representatives of drugmakers — Purdue Pharma and Pfizer — and two representatives from organizations that are partially funded by drugmakers, the U.S.

Pain Foundation and the American Academy of Pain Management.

It also included people who specialize in drug-abuse prevention, members of law enforcement, representatives of major professional medical associations and Wolf's secretary of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

The task force held no public hearings or meetings. Rather, it met in private, with no publicly available transcripts or minutes of its meetings where it developed its recommendations, said Glenn Pasewicz, the executive director of the Joint State Government Commission, which organized the task force meetings and report.

Records from the private meetings are not subject to the state open-records law, Pasewicz said.

Heffley introduced the bill in February. Less than five months later, it passed the House, 190-3.

## Pa. lawmaker secretly charged in theft case

By Marc Levy  
Associated Press

HARRISBURG — A Pennsylvania state lawmaker was secretly charged nearly a year ago by federal prosecutors with helping to embezzle hundreds of thousands of dollars from a taxpayer-funded mental health clinic in Philadelphia.



Acosta

Records in Philadelphia's federal court show a money-laundering conspiracy charge filed last November against Democratic Rep. Leslie Acosta, and quietly unsealed in March when a plea document was filed. The plea document is under seal and its contents are not public.

The charge against Acosta was first reported Friday by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Acosta's lawyer did not return telephone calls to The Associated Press, and would only tell the Inquirer that "we look forward to addressing this matter in much greater detail in the future."

Neither Acosta nor prosecutors returned calls requesting comment.

At the time of the alleged embezzlement, Acosta worked at the publicly funded Juniata Community Mental Health Clinic, which offers mental health services to Medicaid patients.

Acosta is running uncontested for re-election to a second term in the November election. If she pleaded guilty to a felony, she would have to resign upon her sentencing. In 2014, Acosta beat her predecessor in the seat after he was charged in an unrelated corruption case revolving around circumventing state ethics rules to hire and pay his sister. He later pleaded guilty.

Acosta is the daughter of a former state representative and her case is connected to the prosecution of Renee Tartaglione, a member of a politically connected Philadelphia family who is the former board president of the Juniata Community Mental Health Clinic.

Tartaglione, whose sister is a state senator and a former chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, was charged in January with embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from the mental health clinic for her personal benefit. Acosta was not accused of benefiting personally. Rather, her role was outlined as cashing fraudulent checks made out to her from the clinic and returning the money to Tartaglione.

In a case management conference in Tartaglione's case earlier this week, assistant U.S. Attorney Bea Witzleben told the judge that the guilty pleas of cooperators in the case remained sealed because witnesses have expressed concern over their security, the Inquirer reported.

Acosta's lawyer, Christopher Warren, told the Inquirer that anything sealed was done at his request, and that elaborating on it might hurt the ability of Tartaglione to receive a fair trial.

At least 10 current or former Pennsylvania state lawmakers have been charged since the beginning of 2014.

## A fun day for safety's sake



Fred Adams | For Times Leader

Lawrence Abbatiello, 7, of Taylor has his fingerprints scanned electronically Saturday at the Ken Pollock Volvo Dealership in Pittston Township during a Child Safety Day event. Children could also have their photos taken by Operation KidSafe staff and have both the photo and fingerprints printed out for their parents to keep somewhere safe in the event their child was ever lost or kidnapped.

## Fest

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refers to himself as "Mr. Barbara," manned the sidewalk sale in front of the store. "I'm extremely pleased with the amount of vendors," he said.

"Everything out here is \$2," said Susie Longo to shoppers as they browsed

racks of clothes, shoes and accessories in front of her boutique, Yes I Do.

Longo, who celebrated the first anniversary of her store in June, said she sells mostly formalwear on consignment, but also sells new dresses at a steep discount.

Pointing to a pink Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon on the sign that bears the name of

her shop, Longo said she donates a portion of the proceeds from her overall sales to Candy's Place — The Center for Cancer Wellness.

"Anything like this helps my business," Longo said of the event. "It was so busy today, but in a very good way."

She added that this year's event was "10 times better than last

year's."

Longo said she had wanted to start her own business for years and was thrilled to open her shop in the borough. "I love Luzerne," she said. "It reminds me of a little town under a Christmas Tree."

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## Victory

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And when his big night came, Joey didn't disappoint. He belted out the National Anthem as well as he ever did. He got a rousing ovation — easily the loudest of the day — and a military veteran shook his hand and told Joey he made him "even more proud" to be an American.

Joey's road to the stage wasn't an easy one, though. We were disappointed when we first learned Joey hadn't made the cut to sing before a RailRiders game. We called the RailRiders' office and inquired about the situation. We were told Joey could sing the



Joey Hoffman of Victory Baseball sings the National Anthem at a RailRiders' game.

National Anthem before a Challenger Little League game at PNC Field. Challenger is Little League baseball for young people with disabilities.

We called again and explained to RailRiders' officials that Joey has sung before his peers many times — they already

know what a great job he can do. We asked — make that pleaded — with the RailRiders' decision-makers to allow Joey to sing before a regular RailRiders' game so the fans could see and appreciate the abilities of people with disabilities.

And so it happened. An opening occurred and Joey was invited to sing before the RailRiders vs. Buffalo game. Just like at his audition, Joey was not nervous at all. The rest of us were, but not Joey.

Through the generosity of Peter Danchak and PNC Bank, we were able to take most of our Victory participants, their families and caregivers to the game for a night at the ballpark — some of whom had never before seen a professional

baseball game. We all waited with great anticipation to hear Joey sing.

He didn't disappoint. He nailed it — knocked it out of the park. The crowd gave Joey a tremendous ovation. Players from the Buffalo team came out of their dugout to shake Joey's hand and congratulate him on a job well done.

Joey was thrilled. He couldn't wait to get to his seat and watch the game. It was a beautiful night at the ballpark. The RailRiders jumped out to an early lead and went on to victory.

And Victory, because of Joey Hoffman, won the hearts of everyone there.

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Sciandra and her husband, PJ, pose for a photo.



Amy Frederick, right, poses with Sciandra. Frederick grew up skating with Sciandra and helped organize the 'PENS for Stevie' fundraiser.

## Benefit

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many people's lives with her charm," Frederick said.

Among them was Sydney Smith, 22, of Kingston. She's a member of the Blue Ridge Figure Skating Club and associate member of the Diamond City club.

"She's a great person," Smith said. When someone fell doing a jump, "Stevie," as Smith referred to Sciandra, would encourage them to get back up and build their confidence to do it again, Smith said.

The Blue Ridge club was going to present a

check to the fundraiser, Smith said.

Vendors set up tables to sell their merchandise and musicians performed throughout the fundraiser that ran from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. With a strip of tickets in hand, Kathy Minnick, of Plains Township, checked out the raffle baskets to see where to take her chances. She did not know Sciandra but wanted to help out.

"My grandson skates," she said. The youngster, Aidan Minnick, turns 8 next month and is a hockey fan, she said. She had her eyes on the autographed jerseys and hockey stick raffle prizes.

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Sciandra and her husband, PJ, watch activity in the ice rink.

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## Miscavage

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marketing. She later worked as an advertising associate and in 2006 joined the Sunday Dispatch team in Pittston, where she also wrote the column

"Peeking Into the Past," which appears weekly in the Dispatch. In addition, she handled coordination of community events while in Pittston.

Her new duties at the Times Leader include working with the advertising and circulation departments to ensure the news group's commitment to customer service.

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# Paterno

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campus for the 50th anniversary of Paterno's first game as head coach of the Nittany Lions.

On Friday, it was lettermen holding a reunion with Paterno's family. On Saturday, it was three videos that played on the Beaver Stadium scoreboard during breaks that looked back at that first game from Sept. 17, 1966.

All three received extended ovations from the crowd, though there were

pockets of fans that did not stand or cheer.

"That's a start," said former Penn State star and Hall of Famer Franco Harris, who held court Saturday at the former site of a Paterno statue, which was removed in 2012. "To commemorate Joe, it's a good first step. ... I know they received a lot of heat for it, but so what? That's part of it."

And there has been plenty of heat.

A section of visiting fans from Temple in the upper deck of the stadium faced away from the field during



Derek Levarse | Times Leader  
At the site where a statue of Joe Paterno used to stand, fans left gifts on Saturday commemorating the 50th anniversary of his first game as Penn State's head coach.

the videos, displaying a sign that read, "He turned his back, we turn ours."

In last week's game against Pitt, groups of students at Heinz Field wore T-shirts with the slogan "Joe Knew."

The question of how much Paterno knew and when remains a heavy

debate even among Penn State fans, some of whom questioned the appropriateness of honoring Paterno at all.

One Penn State student, sophomore Andrew Limauro, stood outside of the stadium before the game with a sign that read, "YOU FORGOT

ALREADY," which was given to him by a former priest who was protesting Friday's reunion.

"I'm against the university's decision in (recognizing Paterno)," Limauro said. "They're doing this to appease the donors, and this is a business decision more than anything else. ... This is poorly thought out."

"This is not an anti-Joe Paterno tirade. Anyone who's read anything (about the situation) can agree there's so much gray area. For you to support one side or the other completely is just wrong. I think they need to wait for more information to come out."

When Penn State first announced it would be recognizing Paterno two weeks ago, the school's independent student newspaper, The Daily Collegian, wrote that it was a mistake.

In an editorial titled "Remaining rutted in the past does nothing for the future," opinions editor Lauren Davis began by writing, "Penn State needs a reality check. This is not 2011. We need to move on."

Her piece underscored the divide between the generations when it comes to Paterno.

"This is our Penn State," Davis wrote. "It is a Penn State without Joe Paterno. It is a Penn State that is still trying to rebuild, make amends and propel forward."

"Those of us here now are beyond ready to move

on."

The players who have since left don't agree.

A crowd of 400-plus people were in town on Friday night for the Paterno reunion. Brothers Harry and Lance Hamilton — who played at John S. Fine High School in Nanticoke and Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, respectively — spoke out in support of their old coach.

"The football aspect of Joe Paterno, I leave to media to write about," Harry Hamilton said. "Football ties us together, but football is not what brings me here. It is the other aspects of Joe Paterno that brings me here. You can underline that. You can put that in capital letters."

Harry said he vividly remembered Paterno visiting his house in Wapwallopen and promising his father, Stan, that education would come first.

"No other coach had done that," Harry Hamilton said. "No other coach seemed to have that on their mind. It was more football. Clearly Joe Paterno was much more than just football."

"He shaped us during very impressionable years of our lives," Lance Hamilton said. "The influence that he had, being the second father figure to many of us — I would say most of us — and now to come back and pay tribute, it's the smallest way possible (to honor him). Because there's so much more that we really owe him as a mentor, a leader and a coach."

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## Police: Anti-cop note found at scene of rampage

Woman killed, 2 officers, 3 civilians shot in Philly attack

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A “rambling” note expressing hatred for police was found after a man opened fire on a Philadelphia police officer then went on a shooting spree, injuring a second officer, killing a woman and wounding three other people before he was shot and killed by police in an alley, authorities said Saturday.

Police Commissioner Richard Ross identified the gunman in the Friday overnight rampage as 25-year-old Nicholas

Glenn, and said he had a 9mm Ruger and at least three magazines as well as a plastic bag with 13 to 15 live rounds.

“Obviously, he was hell-bent on hurting a lot of people,” the commissioner said at a news conference, adding that “we aren’t absolutely clear as to why.”

A “rambling” note expressing hatred for police was found after at the scene of the violent event. Ross said earlier that police believe the note was written by

the gunman; he said it expressed hatred toward law enforcement and named a probation officer.

“This rambling suggests that he clearly was trying to target a police officer, as he did ... so it just kind of makes it very clear to us what he was out there to do,” Ross said.

He said police believe the gunman acted alone in the violent events, which he described as “completely bizarre.” The wild chase and

shootout through the streets of Philadelphia began about 11:20 p.m. Friday when Sgt. Sylvia Young, a 19-year police veteran, was ambushed while sitting in her patrol car in west Philadelphia; she was shot a number of times in the arm and protective vest, Ross said.

“She didn’t hear him say a word, just walked up on her and started firing,” Ross said. “She did hear about 15 shots or so, and that’s consistent with the scene, where we believe she was struck at least eight times.”

Officers hearing the

shots pursued the gunman, who then fired into a nearby bar, hitting a security guard in the leg, then grabbed a woman and used her as a shield before shooting her in the leg, Ross said. Moments later, the suspect shot into in a car, hitting a man and a woman in the chest. The woman, who was hit seven times, was pronounced dead just before 2 a.m. Saturday, police said.

Ross said two police officers and University of Pennsylvania police officer Ed Miller chased the man into an alley,

where the suspect was shot and killed. Miller was wounded.

Both Miller, 56, and Young, 46, were in stable condition Saturday at Penn Presbyterian Hospital, as were the three other civilians hit by gunfire.

Police said Miller was shot in the pelvis and right ankle.

Ross referred to the Jan. 7 ambush shooting of Officer Jesse Hartnett, who was ambushed as he sat in his cruiser at an intersection by a man who investigators said told them he was “following Allah.”

### IN BRIEF

#### 2 police officers shot in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A gunman hiding in a backyard shed opened fire on two officers and wounded them after they had responded to the home to check on a suicide report, police said Saturday.

Before they were shot Friday night, the officers discovered an elderly man dead in the Fort Worth home, apparently of a gunshot wound, and someone inside the home directed them to a “potential witness” in the tool shed, authorities said. When they opened the shed doors, the gunman started firing.

The officers, both of whom were wearing body armor, returned fire and took cover until backup officers arrived.

#### Transit cops suspended

HOUSTON (AP) — Two Houston transit police officers have been suspended after their chief said surveillance video showed one hitting a man on a rail platform with a baton.

Metro police identified the two officers as J. Warren, who was suspended without pay, and D. Reynoso, who was suspended with pay pending a criminal investigation and internal review.

Chief Vera Bumpers said Friday that surveillance video shows Warren beating 31-year-old Darrell Giles, who was slumped in a seat on the rail platform about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Giles’ attorney says he was struck 15 times.

#### Amtrak train standoff scene

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An hours-long standoff with an armed man who barricaded himself aboard an Amtrak train ended early Saturday after police used tear gas.

The man was taken into custody without incident and police recovered a handgun, Amtrak spokeswoman Christina Leeds said.

The train carrying 187 passengers and five crew members was evacuated Friday night after several reported seeing a man with a weapon acting erratically. The train bound for San Diego was stopped in the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles as police conducted a search.

#### Architect falls to his death

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities are investigating the death of an architect who fell to his death from a New York City skyscraper just after finishing up some work on the rooftop.

Bruno Travalja, 52, of Ridgewood, New Jersey, died Thursday afternoon after plunging from the roof of the 42-story building in Manhattan, police said Saturday. He was the owner of Crowne Architectural Systems in North Bergen, New Jersey.

Police said Travalja fell after apparently getting dizzy. But his wife, Alexis Travalja, said the firm’s staff said he had misstepped and tripped.



Zach Gibson | AP

ZSunn Miller-Matema poses for a portrait at Mount Vernon, the plantation home of former President George Washington, in Alexandria, Va., on July 18. Miller-Matema is a descendent of Caroline Branham, one of George Washington’s slaves who served as former first lady Martha Washington’s personal maid. The National Park Service is finally acknowledging an aspect of U.S. history not often talked about: The family tree of America’s first family has been biracial from its earliest branches.

## Washington’s family tree is biracial

By Matthew Barakat  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — George Washington’s adopted son was a bit of a ne’er-do-well by most accounts, including those of Washington himself, who wrote about his frustrations with the boy they called “Wash.”

“From his infancy, I have discovered an almost unconquerable disposition to indolence in everything that did not tend to his amusements,” the founding father wrote.

At the time, George Washington Parke Custis was 16 and attending Princeton, one of several schools he bounced in and out of. Before long, he was back home at Mount Vernon, where he would be accused of fathering children with slaves.

Two centuries later, the National Park Service and the nonprofit that runs Washington’s Mount Vernon estate are concluding that the rumors were true: In separate exhibits, they show that the first family’s family tree has been biracial from its earliest branches.

“There is no more pushing this history to the side,” said Matthew Penrod, a National Park Service ranger and programs manager at Arlington House, where the lives of the Washingtons, their slaves and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee all converged.

President George Washington had no direct descendants, and his wife Martha Custis was a widow when they married, but he adopted Martha’s grandchildren — “Wash” and his sister “Nellie” — and raised them on his Mount Vernon estate.

Parke Custis married Mary Fitzhugh in 1804, and they had one daughter who survived into adulthood, Mary Anna Randolph Custis. In 1831, she married her third cousin — Lee, who then served as a U.S. Army lieutenant.

Outside the marriage, Parke Custis likely fathered children with two of his stepfather’s slaves: Arianna Carter, and Caroline Branham, according to the exhibits at Arlington House and Mount Vernon.

The first official acknowledgment came in June when the Park Service

re-enacted the 1821 wedding of Maria Carter to Charles Syphax at Arlington House, the hilltop mansion overlooking the capital that Custis built (and Lee later managed) as a shrine to his adoptive stepfather. A new family tree, unveiled at the re-enactment, lists the bride’s parents as Parke Custis and Arianna Carter.

“We fully recognize that the first family of this country was much more than what it appeared on the surface,” Penrod said at the ceremony.

The privately run Mount Vernon estate explores this slave history in “Lives Bound Together,” an exhibition opening this year that acknowledges that Parke Custis also likely fathered a girl named Lucy with slave Caroline Branham.

Tour guides were hardly this frank when Penrod started at Arlington House 26 years ago. Staffers were told to describe slave dwellings as “servants’ quarters,” and “the focus was on Lee, to honor him and show him in the most positive light,” Penrod said.

## Documents detail government damage of Trail of Tears

By Travis Loller  
and Erik Schelzig  
Associated Press

COKER CREEK, Tenn. — The U.S. Forest Service has ripped up a portion of the Trail of Tears in the Appalachian Mountains, reopening wounds for Native Americans who consider sacred the land where thousands of their ancestors died during their forced migration westward.

The man-made trenches

and berms were discovered last summer but the details about how it happened and those responsible hadn’t been publicly identified. In documents obtained recently by The Associated Press, the Forest Service acknowledged that an employee approved construction along a ¾-mile section of the trail in eastern Tennessee without authorization, an embarrassing blunder for an agency that was supposed to be protecting the

trail for future generations.

The \$28,500 in contracting work done in 2014 involved using heavy equipment to dig three deep trenches called “tank traps” and a series of 35 berms. It was meant to keep out all-terrain vehicles and prevent erosion, but agency officials now say it was done in violation of federal laws.

Sheila Bird of the Cherokee Nation said she cried when she was asked at a meeting

with Forest Service officials to talk about the impact of the damage.

“The trail is part of our history, of why we are here in Oklahoma,” said Bird, who is the special projects officer for the nation’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The portion of the damaged trail lies near Fort Armistead, one of the stops where Cherokees were held during their forced migration West in the 1830s.

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# NEPA WEATHER

## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
77 67	80 60	84 54	79 51	79 57	81 57	76 56
Humid with rain and a t-storm	Clearing, a shower	Patchy low clouds and fog	Sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:47 a.m.  
 Sunset today 7:07 p.m.  
 Moonrise today 8:32 p.m.  
 Moonset today 8:46 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Sept 23	Sept 30	Oct 9	Oct 16

## WEATHER HISTORY

On Sept. 18, 1984, the temperature soared past 100 degrees in Sacramento, Calif., for the 38th time that summer. One year later, Blythe had a midday temperature in the 60s.

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### TEMPERATURES

High	75
Low	53
Normal high	72
Normal Low	52
Record high	87 (1991)
Record low	36 (2013)

### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 5 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.86"
Normal m-t-d	2.24"
Year to date	22.42"
Normal y-t-d	27.34"

### HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to heat.

Yesterday	1
Month to date	9
Season to date	10
Last season to date	7
Normal season to date	61

### RIVER LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. Saturday.

Susquehanna	Stage	Chg	Fld Stg
Wilkes-Barre	-0.14	-0.06	22
Towanda	0.00	-0.04	16

### Lehigh

Bethlehem	1.29	+0.05	16
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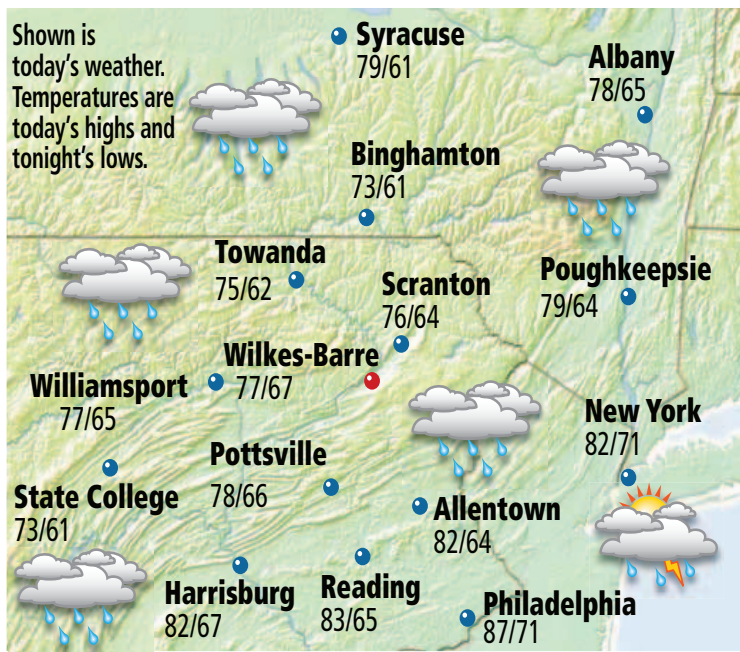
### Delaware

Port Jervis	2.79	+0.10	18
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### NEW YORK CITY

High: 82. Low: 71. Some sun, then clouds and humid today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.

### PHILADELPHIA

High: 87. Low: 71. Some sun, then clouds and humid today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.

### POCONOS

Highs: 68 to 74. Lows: 58 to 64. Humid today with periods of rain and a thunderstorm. Mild tonight with periods of rain and a thunderstorm. A shower in places tomorrow.

### FINGER LAKES

Highs: 76 to 82. Lows: 58 to 64. Rather cloudy and humid today with occasional rain and a thunderstorm. Periods of rain tonight. A shower in the area tomorrow morning.

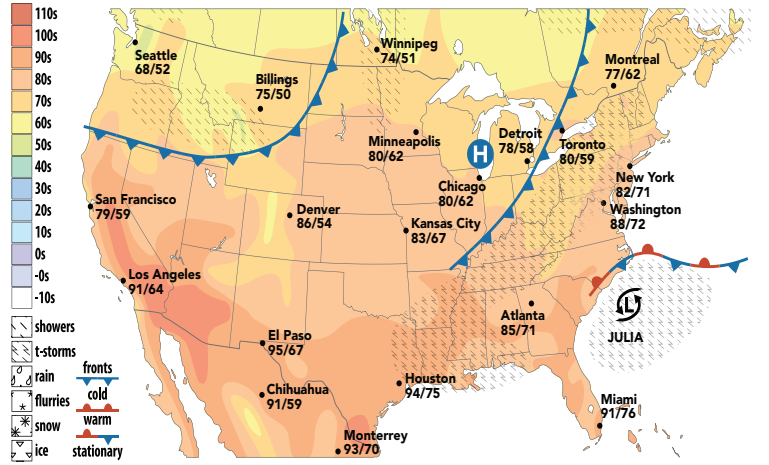
### JERSEY SHORE

Highs: 79 to 85. Lows: 68 to 74. Some sun, then clouds and humid today with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm, mainly later.

## NATIONAL WEATHER

	Today Hi/Lo/W	Monday Hi/Lo/W		Today Hi/Lo/W	Monday Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	85/71/t	90/69/pc	Milwaukee	80/65/s	83/58/t
Baltimore	86/68/t	81/64/t	Nashville	86/63/t	88/62/s
Billings	75/50/pc	74/49/pc	New Orleans	90/78/t	91/78/pc
Boston	81/67/t	75/65/r	Norfolk	84/72/pc	81/70/t
Buffalo	78/62/sh	78/64/pc	Oklahoma City	87/68/pc	93/71/s
Charlotte	89/68/pc	89/66/t	Orlando	91/75/s	89/74/t
Chicago	80/62/s	84/61/t	Phoenix	105/77/s	106/80/c
Cleveland	81/62/sh	82/65/s	Pittsburgh	74/61/r	79/58/pc
Dallas	93/75/pc	98/75/s	Portland, ME	76/63/r	75/60/r
Denver	86/54/s	89/53/s	Portland, OR	73/51/c	71/52/pc
Detroit	78/58/pc	81/66/s	Sacramento	97/60/s	97/59/s
Honolulu	87/76/pc	86/74/pc	St. Louis	84/65/pc	89/71/pc
Houston	94/75/t	94/74/t	San Francisco	79/59/pc	78/57/pc
Indianapolis	80/59/pc	81/64/s	Seattle	68/52/sh	67/50/c
Las Vegas	99/71/s	98/75/pc	Washington, DC	88/72/t	84/69/t

Weather (W): s - sunny, pc - partly cloudy, c - cloudy, sh - showers, t - thunderstorms, r - rain, sf - snow flurries, sn - snow, i - ice



Summary: A few showers and thunderstorms will occur in the eastern third of the country today. Much of the rest of the nation will be dry, except in Arkansas, Texas and in parts of the northern Rockies.

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and will conclude on Sat., Oct. 1, 2016

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# Wilkes-Barre's REstAuranT Week

## More than 20 eateries participate

By Mary Therese Biebel  
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WILKES-BARRE — As they polished off a burrito and an enchilada during a recent lunch at El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant on Public Square, Paul Lewis and Chuck Gunton from Williams Kinsman Lewis Architecture noticed a tabletop placard advertising Downtown Wilkes-Barre Restaurant Week Sept. 16-24.

"There are a few we've never been to," Lewis said, looking over the list of 22 participating restaurants. "Maybe we'll give them a try. Everybody likes a little incentive."

The incentives during Restaurant Week are varied, with each restaurant deciding what to offer.

If you visit El Zocalo, for example, where Lewis said the burritos are "fantastic" and Gunton says the enchiladas are "very good" you can order a second entree for half price, after 5 p.m.

Just across the Square, chef Mark Bronsberg at Mimmo's Pizza will make you a large cheese pizza — his top seller, closely followed by the popular breakfast pizza — for \$10 between 4 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

And at the Anthracite, Not Just a Newsstand on East Market Street, co-owner Ann Marie Bossard has sandwich, breakfast and appetizer specials accompanied by complimentary peanut butter brownies that she bakes herself.

"Some people order them from as far away as Georgia," Bossard said.

So if you're in the mood for French, Italian or Mexican cuisine, classic American food, a little snack or a many course meal with a fixed price, read on to learn about your choices:

**Boscov's Greenery Restaurant, 15 S. Main St., 570-823-4141**

Specials include a lobster roll with chips and beverage (\$8.99), an All-American Burger with fries and beverage (\$7.99) and a meatloaf platter with potato, vegetable and beverage (\$7.99). Eat in or take out, 11 a.m. until closing.

**The Cheesesteak Factory, 17 E. Market St., 570-822-7777**

Three potato or farmer cheese pierogies (\$3), pulled pork sandwich (\$5), chicken cheesesteak (\$6).

**Cafe Toscana, 1 Public Square, 570-208-1252**

Prix-Fixe menu (\$30) includes choice of appetizers mozzarella caprese,

cozze (mussels) posilipo, calamari fritti, or peperoni (roasted peppers) e alici with entree choice of pollo (chicken) parmigiana, pollo francese, vitello (veal) marsala, vitello piccata, gamberi (shrimp) scampi, tilapia livornese, eggplant roladini, asparagus ravioli or risotto con funghi (mushrooms) and dessert choice of tiramsu, cannoli, creme brulee or creme caramel flan.

**BottleNecks Saloon & Eatery, 3 S. Main St., 570-824-1140**

The menu includes such items as Apple Cranberry Salad (\$7.29), a chicken quesadilla (\$9.79) and Pubhouse Pretzel Burger with smoked Gouda cheese and Bavarian mustard (\$11.79).

**El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant, 21 Public Square, 570-822-3942**

Buy one dinner and get second dinner at half price, from 4 p.m. until closing. Dine in only.

**Anthracite Not Just A Newsstand, 1 E. Market St., 570-823-7848**

Specials include the Morning Burger, which is a cheeseburger topped with a fried egg (\$5.99), deluxe club sandwiches (\$5.99) and Boneless Bites (\$4.59 appetizer). Breakfast, served all day includes two eggs, bacon or sausage, toast and coffee or cappuccino (\$3.99). Also, one of Ann Marie's Famous Peanut Butter Brownie is free with any of these purchases.

**Barnes & Noble Cafe, 7 S. Main St., 570-208-4700**

Buy one cheesecake, get a second cheesecake at half price.

**Frank's Pizzeria & Ristorante, 198 S. Main St., 570-822-2168**

Specials include appetizers of clams oreganatti, roasted red peppers or stuffed calamari with entrees of ravioli trio, prime rib marsala, pork rollatini, veal milanese or fresh salmon served over fruit salsa, and dessert specials of salted caramel cheesecake, pumpkin creme brulee or brownie explosion.

**Franklin's Bar & Grill, 53 Public Square, 570-270-4424**

Enjoy a free fountain beverage with purchase of entree if you mention Restaurant Week. Not valid after 5 p.m.

**Hottle's, 243 S. Main St., 570-825-7989**

Four course dinner (\$25) including choice of stuffed lobster tail or filet mignon, available Sept. 21 and Sept. 22 only.



Carlos Gutierrez holds a tray of nachos, salsa and guacamole at El Zocalo Mexican Restaurant, one of 22 downtown restaurants that will participate in Restaurant Week.



Mark Bronsberg of Mimmo's Pizza prepares some dough for a veggie pizza. A large cheese pizza for \$10 is the promotion he will offer during Restaurant Week.

**Mimmo's on the Square, 46 Public Square, 570-824-7101**

Large cheese pizza (\$10) from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**King of King Gyros, 37 Public Square, 570-991-8630**

Gyro and rice plate special (\$11)

**Le Manhattan Bistro, 268 S. Main St., 570-706-9588**

Prix-Fixe menu (\$35) with choice of appetizers white bean and vegetable soup or roasted red beets and arugula with candied walnuts, blue cheese and lemon vinaigrette. Entree choices are linguine a la portugaise with clams, white wine, chorizo, tomatoes, cilantro and chili flakes or pan-seared sole file with vegetable gratin, herbs salad and beurre blanc or duck leg confit with potato-leeks cake, frisee lettuce, diced tomato and Bordelaise sauce. Dessert is a floating island with caramel sauce and toasted almonds.

**Pronto Via Pizza, rear 16 S. Main St., 570-822-2700**

\$2 off all dinner specials; 20 percent discount (\$5 minimum order) for police and fire personnel and college students with ID.

**Oyster Seafood & Steakhouse, 77 E. Market St., 570-820-0990**

Special dinner (\$21) includes one crab cake made from jumbo lump crab meat, an Oyster house salad and, for dessert, creme brulle, coconut pie or chocolate decadence.

**Pete's Place, 35 E. South St., 570-820-7172**

With \$10 order choose complimentary baklava, cookies, cake or other dessert from the showcase.

**Oz's Pizzeria, 40 S. Main St., 570-235-6000**

Various specials such as four medium pizzas for \$25.95 or two large pizzas plus soda for \$16.95 or one large pizza with 12 chicken wings and soda for \$17.95.

**Rodano's, 53 Public Square, 570-829-6444**

Free fountain beverage with \$10 purchase if you mention Restaurant Week. Not valid after 5 p.m.



Ann Marie Bossard of the Anthracite, Not Just a Newsstand, shows off some of her Famous Peanut Butter Brownies.



King's College students Ellie Cabrera, of Pittsburgh, and Andrea Grammatico, of Connecticut, sit at an outdoor table and consider ordering chimichangas at El Zocalo last week. They said they will likely take advantage of Restaurant Week in Downtown Wilkes-Barre this week.

**Senunas' Bar & Grill, 133 N. Main St., 570-825-1907**

Lunch special (\$10) includes choice of stuffed cabbage or chicken pastina soup plus choice of salad or sandwich, including turkey reuben, half chicken or beef cheesesteak or Helen's Burger with fried onions and American cheese.

**Dino's Pizza, 41 S. Main St., 570-991-6958**

Two large pizzas and gallon of fountain soda (\$17.95).

**Alpine Downtown Eatery, 10 W. Northampton St., 570-825-0200**

Specials include signature Alpine Downtown Burger, meatball parmesan hoagie or reuben sandwich, (\$6.95) with French fries and pickle; Greek omelet with home fries and toast (\$6.95).

**Bart & Urby's, 119 S. Main St., 570-970-0570**

Monday is Wing Night, Tuesday is \$5 Bite Night and \$10 Steak Night, Wednesday is \$5 Mac 'n Cheese, Thursday is \$5 Burger Night, Friday is Chef Special and Saturday is Seafood Saturday.

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# Dramatic friend always plays the victim

**Dear Annie:** "Rachel" is one of my closest friends. She's always been there for me and helped me through rough times. The problem is that in her own life, she is very dramatic and sensitive, and she plays the victim constantly. For instance, earlier this year, Rachel and two of her friends from college were planning a trip to New York. As the planning progressed, Rachel realized she didn't have enough money. When she told her friends she was having second thoughts because of finances, they told her they really wanted her to come but understood if she couldn't. She was angry that they didn't offer to plan a whole new trip that would have been cheaper. She didn't tell them she was upset, but she kept saying indirect things, for example, "I'd really like to go." They eventually offered to spot her money for the airfare and hotel, saying she could just pay them back in chunks over the course of the year. It's been six months, and Rachel hasn't paid

any of the money back. One of the friends recently brought it up. Rachel got defensive and said they told her she could pay them back whenever. Now I've been hearing about this nonstop. I finally told her I thought she wasn't being fair. She said I was attacking her. Am I wrong to call her out when I think she's being unreasonable? — Best Friend Blues

**Dear Best Friend:** Rachel is playing the role of victim because it's worked for her so far. You were right to call her out and hold her accountable. You'll need to keep gently challenging her version of events like that in the future. Brace yourself; she isn't going to like it, and she's expert at guilt trips. But if you care about her, it's actually the kindest thing you can do. Her "poor me" attitude is probably holding her back in a lot of areas in her life. If she shows no improvement, you might need to distance



Dear Annie  
Annie Lane

yourself from Rachel and her toxic patterns. You can't continue to be an accomplice in this self-victimization.

**Dear Annie:** I work in the IT department of a large company. I hate our department's supervisors and leads. They are incompetent and unable to help anyone. I was recently promoted to a management position, and I feel that I am the only one who is able to help out on the floor whenever anyone has a question. I don't understand how they got their jobs without knowing how to do anything. With that being said, our management team loves to do management dinners and go out to eat. More recently, the managers decided to push it a step further, and they want to spend a day together over a three-day weekend. I hate going on outings with them because I just feel that everyone is so fake. I could barely manage the dinners, but now they want me to spend a day off with

them, too? I don't want it to seem as if I'm not a team player, but I feel that they are asking too much. Would it be rude to just let them know I don't want to go? What do I do? — Off the Clock

**Dear Off:** There's nothing wrong with not wanting to go out to dinner and hang out on weekends with co-workers. Socializing after hours is not part of the job, and in fact there's a lot to be said for keeping work life and personal life separate. The bigger question here is why you stay at this job if you feel the way you do about management. I don't think you could seem like a team player even if you tried. Perhaps you should use the time you're saving skipping those company dinners to polish up your resume and find another job.

Ask Annie is written by Annie Lane. Please email your questions to [dearannie@creators.com](mailto:dearannie@creators.com), or write to: Dear Annie, c/o Times Leader A&E dept., 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA, 18711. To find out more about Dear Annie and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

## WHAT'S UP, NEPA?

- Park History Tour,** exploring the park's many historic sites and recreation areas. Pocono Environmental Education Center, 538 Emery Road, Dingmans Ferry. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18. Bring a lunch and call to reserve a seat in the van. \$30. 570-828-2319.
- Mushroom Fair,** with members of the Wyoming Valley Mushroom Club on hand to talk about mushroom identification and their club activities. Bring mushrooms in for ID in a paper (not plastic) bag. Patrick J. Solano Environmental Education Building, Frances Slocum State Park, 565 Mount Olivet Road, Wyoming. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 18. 570-696-9105.
- Left Side Loop Hike,** 5.5 difficult miles on the Joe Gmitter Trail. Meet at the abandoned bank, Routes 29 and 118, Pikes Creek. 11:45 a.m. Sept. 18. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Trailers. 570-825-7200.
- Annual Sportsman's Raffle,** with rifles and handguns awarded as prizes. Irem Temple Country Club, 397 Country Club Road, Dallas. Noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 18. \$25. Age 18 and older. 570-675-4465, ext. 227.
- Car & Craft Show,** the fourth annual event

- sponsored by the Dallas Knights of Columbus. Back Mountain Bowl, 3555 Memorial Highway, Dallas. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 18. 570-237-0575.
- Designer Bingo,** with door prizes, auction, raffles and food. St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Sept. 18 with doors at 1 p.m. and games at 2 p.m. \$20. 570-479-3414.
- Denison House Tours.** Learn about the life and times of early settler Nathan Denison while touring his 1790 two-story home full of period furniture. 35 Denison St., Forty Fort. 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through Sept. 25. \$5, \$3 children. 570-823-6244.
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- Yoga for the Brain: A Doodle Art Program.** Experience relaxation through breathing, learn simple doodle techniques that aid in relaxation and take home a creative piece of art. Hoyt Library, 284 Wyoming Ave., Kingston. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 19. Registration: 570-287-2013.

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPES

A baby born today has a Sun in Virgo and a Moon in Aries.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016:** This year you are organized and prepared for whatever you think might happen in various areas of your life. Certain events and situations will enlighten you to dealing with the unexpected and not worrying about it. Your ability to go along with the moment is enhanced. If you are single, someone special could be right around the corner. Be willing to open up more. If you are attached, the two of you have carefully planned certain areas of your life, yet the unexpected

is likely to throw those plans into the air. Adjust and you will enjoy the results. ARIES knows how to trigger you. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** ★★★★★ Exciting dreams might leave you feeling edgy in the morning. The unexpected plays out in your plans. You could be the source of some unpredictability, whether it comes directly from you or from those whom you have chosen to be in your life. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine. This Week: A change

of pace might be more beneficial than you realize.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** ★★★ Recognize what is happening behind the scenes. You don't have as much control as you might think you do. Some people are keeping their opinions to themselves; their withholding is likely to irk you. Surprising events will provide insight. Tonight: Follow a friend's lead. This Week: You hit your most powerful days Monday and Tuesday.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** ★★★ Your plans suddenly might change. You can choose to be either upset or delighted

about needing to adjust. Perhaps you have been wanting some time to make a special visit. A friend who usually is not available could show up. Tonight: Happiest around friends. Do not be alone! This Week: Not until Wednesday do you feel up to snuff.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** ★★★ You'll feel as if little shockwaves are running through your day. When you're out and about, you might be stunned by someone else's demeanor. If possible, make a call to a relative rather than visit him or her. Tonight: See HOROSCOPES | 7B

### JUMBLE

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Jumble, Crossword answers on 7B

### SACK TIME

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<b>ACROSS</b>	61 Cried over spilled milk, maybe	114 Command to a dog	20 TV ads
1 Figaro, e.g.	64 Snore loudly	115 Item on a telephone stand	23 Office no.
7 Foal : horse :: calf : _____	65 Reddish-brown	118 Line at the end of a day's diary	25 Late author and Peace Nobelist
10 _____ Trueheart (Dick Tracy's wife)	67 One in front of a train	120 Choice: Abbr.	28 PBS supporter, for short
14 Ahab's post	68 Prince Valiant's love	121 Speedily	32 Relative of a raspberry
18 Reply to "Look at that!"	69 Cocktail sauce ingredient	122 Twist-_____	33 Tribal figures
19 Jungle menace	70 What a child may think is under the [puzzle's central image]	123 Rang	34 Sloughs
20 Things insomniacs count	77 Positive response to "Parlez-vous anglais?"	124 "That _____ wrong"	36 Elflike
21 Lollapalooza	79 Slushy drink brand comedy	125 "Auld Lang _____"	39 Dis
22 Magazine's lead	80 Most jump shots	126 The other woman	40 Trim
24 Rock Hudson/Doris Day romantic comedy	83 Charisse of "Brigadoon"	127 Super-handsome	41 The world's largest is China
26 Habituate	84 Gumbo ingredients	<b>DOWN</b>	42 Acid
27 Roosevelt of note	86 What a parent may think is under the [puzzle's central image]	1 Big feature of Popeye, informally	43 Ma and pa, with "the"
29 Fear of a claustrophobe, for short	87 Lout	2 United	44 "_____ grip!"
30 Month before juin	89 "What services _____ thou do?": King Lear	3 Variety show	45 "That hurts!"
31 Hatchery sound	91 London home to many John Constable paintings	4 Tavern tap handle	47 New England state sch.
32 There are no ifs, ands or buts about it	93 "_____ on Cards," classic 1949 book	5 Galway Bay locale, to locals	50 1970s-'80s TV's "The _____ Club"
35 Craft the U.S. government has never recognized	96 Like O's in most typefaces	6 QB guarders	51 "I see what you're doing!"
37 Memo segue	100 Letters between two names	7 Menace in 2014 news	52 Kick back, with "out"
38 Tryster with Tristan	101 Rained cats and dogs	8 Record six-time David di Donatello Award winner for Best Actress	54 Hodgepodge
39 Study of caves	107 "Huh?"	9 Popular airfare finder	55 "Roger that"
46 One making a pitch?	111 Kwik-E-Mart clerk	10 Yen	56 Command to a dog
48 In a slapdash way	112 Like Verdi's "Caro nome"	11 Fish that can swim forward and backward	58 More than capable
49 Pajama party	113 Poll worker's request	12 2014 Oscar-nominated film set in Alabama	59 Doctors' orders
53 Stone, to Caesar		13 _____ Life, "Porgy and Bess" character	62 Know-it-all
57 French Dadaist		14 All the rage	63 Start to-tainment
58 Toss in		15 Paint choice	66 Relative of -let
60 Buttonless garment		16 Cadillac founder Henry	69 Corporate tech head, for short
		17 Title character in a "Sgt. Pepper" song	70 Alternative to boeuf or poulet
			71 Word with black or photo
			72 Sarcasm clarification
			73 Bro or sis
			74 Fastener designed to leave a flush surface

75 Geographical eponym of an insurance company	85 New Mexico's _____ National Laboratories	98 Battery part	109 Prince _____, Eddie Murphy's role in "Coming to America"
76 The check that's in the mail, maybe	87 Chortle	99 D-Day vessel: Abbr.	110 Roosevelt of note
78 Former Laker Lamar	88 All things considered	102 Teary-eyed	114 Part of a rating
81 O.E.D. contents: Abbr.	90 Motel-sign filler	103 _____ bar (popular candy)	116 Destination for some BART riders, for short
82 Companion to whiskey in "American Pie"	92 "No _____!" ("I give!")	104 Muppet with a "rubber ducky"	117 Put down in writing?
	93 Shrimp _____	105 Source of some quilt stuffing	119 Cause of a tic, for short
	94 Shenanigans	106 Pride of Lions, for short?	
	95 Tickles	108 "_____ español?"	
	97 Lively, on a score		

**BIRTHDAYS**

**Domanik James Garrity**

Domanik James Garrity, son of Angela Garrity Hanover Township, is celebrating his fourth birthday today, Sept. 18, 2016. Domanik is the grandson of Lisa Hackett and William Harris, Hanover Township. He is the great-grandson of Anna Erickson, Hanover Township and the late Ralph Garrity



and Michael Erickson. Domanik has two brothers, Treyvon, 12 and Kaileb, 7.

**Kristin Filippini**

Kristin Filippini, daughter of Joseph L. Filippini, Leesburg, Florida, is celebrating her 10th birthday today, Sept. 18, 2016. Kristin is the granddaughter of Carol Gilvickas Filippini, Pittston and the late Carl J. Filippini, Plains. She has a brother,



Andrew, 13.

**Luca LaVerdure Onyszcak**

Luca LaVerdure Onyszcak, son of Ryan Onyszcak and Jody LaVerdure, Montgomeryville, is celebrating his second birthday today, Sept. 18, 2016. Luca is the grandson of George and Lynne Onyszcak, Shavertown and Tom and Dawn



LaVerdure, Fleetwood. He is the great-grandson of Marjorie Geiger, Tipton.

**ANNIVERSARIES**



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**Mr. and Mrs. Constant Pivinski**

Mr. and Mrs. Constant and Shirley Pivinski celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 17, 2016. They said their vows Sept. 17, 1966 for richer and poorer,

sickness and in health and continue that promise to this day.

Their marriage was blessed with a son, Stephen.

For always being there to lend a helping hand for their family, a celebration was held in their honor to commemorate the happy occasion.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Emelett**

Evelyn and Leonard Emelett, Hunlock Creek, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 17, 2016.

Evelyn and Leonard are the parents of two daughters, Rebecca Brandenburg and her husband Joseph Bran-

denburg, Dallas and Crystal Lovett and her husband Scott, Mountain Top.

Leonard and Evelyn are the grandparents to five grandchildren; Joseph, Noah, Lilley and Lyland Brandenburg and Talia Lovett.

A family celebration was held to honor the event, including a hot air balloon ride to enjoy the fall foliage.



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**Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reimer**

Jim (Cowboy) and Patty (Peppermint) Reimer, Wilkes-Barre Township, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary July 28, 2016.

They were married July 28, 2001 by District Magistrate Martin

Kane.

Throughout their marriage they enjoyed NASCAR, MLB Pirates, concerts, plays, Jim Thorpe, rodeo's, charity events, camping and yes, she can fish!

They celebrated their anniversary with a trip to Jim Thorpe and look forward to their next adventures together.

**WEDDINGS**



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**Bachkosky, McGuire**

Lauren Marie Bachkosky and John Francis McGuire were united in marriage Nov. 14, 2015 at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laffin. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James J. Walsh, JCL.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph and JoAnn Bachkosky, Laffin. She is the granddaughter of the late Samuel and Mary Schifano, Pittston and the late John and Mary Bachkosky, Duryea.

The groom is the son of Daniel and Rita McGuire, Endwell, New York. He is the grandson of Ann Marie McGuire, Pittston, and the late Hue McGuire and the late Frank and Mary Shovlin, Pittston.

The bride was escorted down the aisle and given in marriage by her father. She chose her friend, Michelle Zerbe, as her matron of honor, and her friend, Amy Kroll, as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lauren Bachkosky, sister-in-law of the bride; Susan Ortiz, cousin of the bride; Brigid Walsh, cousin of the groom and Shelby Mullen and Nicole Marconi, friends of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Mia Shovlin, cousin of the groom. Amelia DeGerolamo, cousin of the groom was flower girl.

The groom chose his brother, Daniel McGuire and his friend, Matthew

O'Brien as best men. Groomsmen were Joseph Bachkosky, brother of the bride; Shaun Spellman, Christopher Arnold, Matthew Hudock and Jared Jordan, friends of the groom. Shamus and Logan McGuire, nephews of the groom, were junior groomsmen. Reid and Landon Bachkosky, nephews of the bride, were ring bearers.

The bride was honored at a bridal shower hosted by her mother at the Fox Hill Country Club.

The wedding rehearsal dinner was hosted by the parents of the groom at The Café, in Plains. An evening cocktail hour and reception was held at The Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Coughlin High School. She graduated from West Chester University in 2007 with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. She also earned a Master's of Education in curriculum and instruction from King's College in 2012. She is employed by Pittston Area School District as a kindergarten teacher.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Maine Endwell High School. He graduated from King's College in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting. He is employed by Plains Township as a fireman.

The couple honeymooned in Montego Bay, Jamaica. They reside in Plains.

See MORE WEDDINGS | 7B

**ENGAGEMENTS**



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**Tauber, Parrish**

Jamie Greer Tauber and Christopher John Parrish, together with their parents, are pleased to announce their engagement and future marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Stefanie Kresky, Sykesville, Maryland. She is a 2006 graduate of Glenelg High School and a 2010 honors graduate of University of Maryland with a BS in accounting and BA in French language and literature. She is employed as a senior

project accountant for PayPal.

Christopher is the son of David and Kathleen Parrish, Dallas. He is a 2006 graduate of Dallas High School and a 2010 graduate of University of Maryland with a BS in finance, cum laude. He is employed as a vice president and general manager for the education technology company 2U.

The couple became engaged on April 28, 2016, near their home in San Francisco, California and will be married near the central California coast in June of 2017.

**DeCesaris, Henderson**

Joseph S. DeCesaris, Shavertown and Emily Henderson, Shavertown, were united in marriage Aug. 21, 2016 at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre.

Joseph is the son of Joseph J. and Kathie DeCesaris and Emily is the daughter of Renee Stair-Ortiz.

Joseph Kolakowski, Long Island, New

York, officiated the private ceremony.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Lake Lehman High School and is employed by Rent-A-Center, where he is a store manager.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Coughlin High School. Emily is employed by Manpower as a staffing specialist.

They will honeymoon in late September to Niagara Falls, Canada.



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**Lamb, Fitzmaurice**

Mr. and Mrs. James Lamb, Warrington, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tamara, to Kevin Fitzmaurice, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzmaurice, Hanover Township.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of the late Thomas and Jane Lamb, Feasterville and the late Joseph and Janet Arnett, Huntingdon Valley.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Dr. John Fitzmaurice, Drexel Hill and Penn Lake and the late

Frank and Mary Noyalis, Wilkes-Barre and White Haven.

Tamara is a graduate of Neshaminy High School and West Chester University. She is a sixth grade teacher in Central Bucks School District.

Kevin is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School and West Chester University. He is employed as district sales manager for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland for Cars Direct.

The couple reside in Jenkintown and will exchange their vows Oct. 15, 2016, at the Westmoreland Club, Wilkes-Barre.



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**HOSPITAL BIRTHS**

**Nesbitt Women's & Children's Center at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital announces newborns from Aug. 18, 2016 to Sept. 12, 2016.**  
**Smith**, Crystal and Leo, Exeter, a daughter, Aug. 18, 2016.  
**Fisher**, Jennifer and

Nicholas, Mountain Top, a son, Aug. 18, 2016.  
**Simms**, Melissa and Joshua, Lehman, a son, Aug. 18, 2016.  
**V.**, Bri and Will, Bronx, New York, daughter and son, Aug. 29, 2016.  
**Mason**, Lynn and Jeff, Jr., Hazleton, a daughter,

Aug. 29, 2016.  
**Chase**, Tara Lynn and Edwin Theodore, Wyoming, a daughter, Aug. 30, 2016.  
**Hernandez**, Stephanie and Kenny **Sosa**, Wilkes-Barre, a son, Aug. 30, 2016.  
**Owen**, Jeanann and Chris, Glen Lyon, a daughter, Aug. 31, 2016.  
**Cosme**, Krystal and Justin **Curet**, Kingston, a daughter, Aug. 31, 2016.  
**Titus**, Kara and Jerel, Dallas, a daughter, Sept.

1, 2016.  
**Throop**, Kimberly and Duane **Evanoski**, Swoyersville, a son, Sept. 1, 2016.  
**Denn**, Clarissa and Kevin **Jones**, Plains, a son, Sept. 2, 2016.  
**Dawson**, Crystal and Robboo **Brooks**, Edwardsville, a daughter, Sept. 3, 2016.  
**Caballero**, Jesus Sandra and Edwin Joel **Colon**, Nanticoke, a daughter, Sept. 3, 2016.  
**Hetro**, Jennifer and

Christopher, Wyoming, a son, Sept. 3, 2016.  
**Coledo**, Gianna J. and Justin E., Nanticoke, a daughter, Sept. 6, 2016.  
**Forde**, Shaniqua, Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Sept. 7, 2016.  
**Ahmad**, Michelle and Shawn **Wheaton**, Larksville, a daughter, Sept. 7, 2016.  
**Levandowski**, Samantha and Matthew, Nanticoke, a daughter, Sept. 7, 2016.  
**Medeiros**, Tessa L. and

Curtis J., Hunlock Creek, a son, Sept. 8, 2016.  
**Chiacchio**, Christy and Vincent, Hazle Township, a son, Sept. 10, 2016.  
**Kulp**, Kristina and Kristopher **Vitale**, Wilkes-Barre, a daughter, Sept. 11, 2016.  
**Aponte**, Erica and Gennaro **Zangardi**, Pittston, a daughter, Sept. 11, 2016.  
**Henries**, Maria and Charles, Jenkins Township, a daughter, Sept. 12, 2016.

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**NAMES AND FACES**

**Blaum receives John D. Mueller Award**

Beth Blaum, Kingston, Wyoming Seminary director of student health services and coordinator of employee wellness programs, received the John D. Mueller Award during the Upper School's recent graduation



Blaum

ceremony. She received the award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to school life, her loyal, dedicated service over a significant period of time and her tireless dedication to the ideals of Wyoming Seminary.

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**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Paulauskas, Kearney**

Alyson Marie Paulauskas and James Kearney, together with their families, are pleased to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Barbara and David Paulauskas, Shavertown. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Grace Malagara and the late Samuel Malagara, Wilkes-Barre and Mrs. Dorothy Paulauskas and the late Vito Paulauskas,

Plymouth. She is the sister of Adam Paulauskas.

The perspective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kearney, Plains. He is also the brother of John Kearney, Wilkes-Barre.

Alyson is a 2007 graduate of Lake-Lehman High School. She received her bachelor of science degree in elementary and special education from Wilkes University in 2011. Additionally Alyson is currently studying for her master's degree in reading at the University of Misericordia. Alyson is currently employed as a

special education teacher at Wyoming Valley West.

James is a graduate of Meyers High School. He received his associates degree in business management technology with a minor in human resources from Luzerne County Community College. He is currently employed with Nicholas trucking.

The couple will exchange vows on Nov. 5, 2016 at St. Theresa's Community Church, Shavertown, followed by a formal reception being held at the Irem Temple Country Club.



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**MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES**

**Marriages**  
**Marriage license applications, filed in Luzerne County Register of Wills Office between Aug. 24, 2016 and Sept. 6, 2016:**

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WEDDINGS

Webber, Nelson

Jessica Lynn Webber and Jeffrey William Nelson were united in marriage May 13, 2016 at the Silver Birches Waterfront resort, Lake Wallenpaupack, by Reverend Gina Pace.

The bride is the daughter of Fred and Cheryl Webber, Kingston. The groom is the son of Donald and Mary Jo Nelson, Shavertown.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Fred Webber. She chose her sister Jaime Webber to be the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amanda Lazzeri, Jessica Cupano and Nikky Hennan, friends of the bride.

The groom chose his brother, Christopher Nelson, to be his best man. Groomsmen were Matthew Toro, cousin

of the groom and Chris Tiffany, friend of the bride and groom.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Wyoming Valley West High School, and a 2014 graduate of Misericordia University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology. She is a 2015 graduate of the Commonwealth Medical College where she earned her Master's degree in biomedical science. She is currently employed as a research consenter at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Lake Lehman High school and a 2010 graduate of the Art Institute, where he earned his associate degree in digital arts. He is currently employed as the web content producer and primary IT engineer at Fox 56.



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The couple spent their honeymoon in Jamaica. They reside in Thornhurst.

Ward, Kinsman

Brittany Ward and James Kinsman were united in marriage at a morning ceremony on Saturday, June 25, 2016, at Knoebels Amusement Resort, Elysburg.

Brittany is a graduate of Palmerton Area High School and Norfolk State University. She is employed by the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors as a government affairs director.

James is a graduate of Crestwood High School and the University of Scranton. He is self-employed as an IT consultant.

The couple celebrated their marriage with their friends and family for the remainder of the day with fun in the park.

Following a Honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, SC., the couple resides in Mountain Top where they look forward to growing their life together in love and happiness.



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Oley, Ruppert

Jamie Oley and Jesse William Ruppert, White Haven, were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Aug. 20, 2016 at St. Martin's in the Field, Mountain Top> the ceremony was officiated by Rev. Dan Fitzsimmons.

Hailey Hockenberry was the flower girl and Nate Hockenberry was the ring bearer. The Bride's matron of honor was Annette Sinavage; bridesmaids were Krystle Baranousky and Rebecca Motyka. The Groom's best man was his brother, Cole Ruppert; groomsmen were his brother Wayne Judge and his nephew

Aaron McQuiston.

The bride is the daughter of Norman Oley, Elysburg and Linda McDermott, Wilkes-Barre. She is a 2001 graduate of GAR Jr/Sr High School and a 2013 graduate of Wilkes-Barre CTC practical nursing program.

The groom is the son of the late Wayne Ruppert and Deborah and Donald Shovlin, Harding. He is a 2000 graduate of GAR Jr/Sr High School and currently works at E.L.C. Mfg.

The reception was held at The Top of the 80's in their valley view ballroom overlooking the valley's summer sunset.



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Mayor to speak at Mill Hill meeting



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The Rolling Mill Hill Residents' Association will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Wilkes-Barre Mennonite Church, 225 Blackman St. Parking in rear is handicap accessible. Guest speakers will be Mayor Tony George and Ted Wampole, city administrator; addressing concerns and issues for the Rolling Mill Hill neighborhood. Attendees will be Tony Brooks, district B city councilman; Linda Joseph, president Rolling Mill Hill Residents' Association; Wampole and Mayor George.

Marriages

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Correa, Hazleton, and Lladelkis Cleyrissi Brito Diaz, Hazleton.

Gina Marie Whapham, Pocono Lake, and Thomas J. Razawich, III, Dallas.

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Jacqueline Ruth Lutz, Harveys Lake, and Robert Zermay Cook, Edwardsville.

Sandra Luz Navarro, Hazleton, and Ezequiel Arisme Rodriguez-Santiago, Hazleton.

Kyle Shane Decker, Plymouth, and Donelle Kristy Kalinay, Plymouth.

Alexandra Hernandez, Hazleton, and Jose M. Luna, Hazleton.

Gregory Rando, Swoyersville, and Steven Nickles, Swoyersville.

Horoscopes

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Happiness surrounds a special meal and great company.

This Week: Zero in on your priorities Monday and Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Check out a new part of town, or take off to a favorite place where you can hike and visit with a loved one at the same time. You relax best when you leave your troubles at home and change your setting. As a result, you will be able to avoid a problem. Tonight: Don't rush back.

This Week: Assume responsibility for your part in a situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might have your day scheduled, only to have a friend show up and disrupt your plans. Your initial response has nothing to do with the delight you

will experience from hanging out together. Tonight: Make sure you are somewhere where you can chat the night away.

This Week: Let your imagination wander.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your sense of what is appropriate will override what could be a shocking statement or a surprising act. Others will pick up on your knee-jerk reaction. Be open to having a discussion, but avoid giving a lecture; otherwise, people will close down. Tonight: Happiest at home.

This Week: Be grateful for someone's time and concern.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Your well-being remains a high priority. You know the importance of feeling good. Refuse to go to extremes right now, whether it involves exercising or enjoy a meal with a loved one. Tonight: Consider an

expenditure carefully. Is this purchase necessary or an indulgence?

This Week: Defer to others. Take some time off from work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You don't often show how enthusiastic you feel, but you no longer can contain your happiness and your love of the unexpected. What started out as a normal Sunday could evolve into a memorable happening, especially if you invite a friend to join you. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: Accomplish as much as you can by Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be experiencing some confusion and might not understand where it is coming from. As a result, you will decide to stay close to home, as there is a lot going on in your domestic life. You'll express frustration if you

can't solve a problem. Tonight: Make it easy.

This Week: Your creativity solves many problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You won't have time to consider a particular concern. The unexpected occurs, but you respond well to this type of upheaval. What would be difficult for many turns into a fun challenge for you. Your sense of humor is likely to emerge. Tonight: Go with the moment.

This Week: You might find it difficult to get going until Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You have seen the effect that unexpected events have had on your schedule and your finances. Remain direct, and observe what is happening. Ask someone who has dealt with this type of experience before for some guidance and insight. Tonight: Do not blow your budget.

This Week: Speak your

mind, and know what you want.

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## Making the wait worth it

This couldn't be happening again. Not in another game against Temple that already took Nyeem Wartman-White away from Penn State last year.

Not the week after the Nittany Lions already lost to one major in-state opponent and were struggling to hold off another. Not on a day when the university relented a bit and at least acknowledged the 50th anniversary of the first game coached by Joe Paterno — who recruited Wartman-White out of Valley View High School long after turning Penn State into "Linebacker U."

But that well-stocked cupboard of linebackers — filled with a crew current coach James Franklin called, "The best in the nation," — went bare fast.

Wartman-White was the last man standing from a corps that at least temporarily lost starters Jason Cabinda and Brandon Bell to injuries two weeks into the 2016 season. And then, late in the first quarter, fifth-year senior Wartman-White was gone for the rest of the game, giving the Lions a whole unit of sidelined starters.

When Wartman-White limped off the field with a torn ACL last year, Penn State's invincibility against Temple, built on 74 years of constant beatings, began to crumble with an unthinkable 27-10 loss to the Owls.

This time, an unheralded walk-on named Brandon Smith made sure the Lions didn't collapse.

He made eight tackles on a moment's notice Saturday. He made the most of the first extensive collegiate action at linebacker while calling the defensive sets and plays from the middle. By all accounts, he made the

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# Young Lions provide spark



Penn State's Garrett Sickels (90) reacts after sacking Temple quarterback Phillip Walker (8) during the second half Saturday's game in State College. Chris Knight | AP photo

## Unheralded players step up, make big plays

By Derek Levarse  
dlevarse@timesleader.com

STATE COLLEGE — Here on the home sideline at Beaver Stadium was a small pile of crutches. Take one, take two. Whatever you need.

And the Nittany Lions have needed them, almost to the point of farce.

All three of Penn State's starting linebackers found themselves together on the sideline Saturday afternoon, watching a patched-together defense try to hang on without them.

That much happened. A 34-27 win over Temple that was more impressive just from a standpoint of survival.

Jason Cabinda missed his second straight game with a cast on his hand and wrist. Brandon Bell, who appeared to hurt his knee a week ago against Pitt but returned to the game, arrived at the field on crutches.

Nyeem Wartman-White, the

last man standing, must have feared the worse when one of his knees cruelly buckled once again, leaving him writhing in pain for the second straight year against the Owls.

Unlike last year, the Lions held on.

True sophomores Manny Bowen and Jake Cooper teamed with little-used walk-on Brandon Smith to save the day.

"It's pretty special, when you get in a situation when you're thin at linebacker," Lions coach James Franklin said. "And then you don't have Nyeem Wartman-White, and you don't have Brandon Bell, and you don't have Jason Cabinda, who are three of the better linebackers in the Big Ten in my opinion."

"Then you have guys that go in there and step up."

Cooper had five tackles. Bowen had three plus a sack. Smith, who had played just three defensive snaps in four years on the team, finished with eight tackles and a third-down pass break-up.

Temple finished the day with just 38 rushing yards. The Owls had 149 to knock out the Lions in 2015.

Despite the personnel losses, defensive coordinator Brent Pry kept up the pressure.

"We were never really able to get the running game going like we wanted," Temple coach Matt Rhule said. "They were blitzing us and giving us the throws."

If there was any reprieve for the Lions, it was that Wartman-White wasn't immediately ruled out for the season as he was a year ago against the Owls when he suffered a torn left ACL.

In both instances, the senior from Valley View went down on a Temple punt. In the play on Saturday, Penn State kept its base defense on the field on a fourth-and-1 play in which the Owls ended up kicking it away.

But after the game, Wartman-White had still joined Bell on crutches and had his right

### VIDEO

To see video of Penn State head coach James Franklin talk about the Nittany Lions' win over Temple, visit the online version of this story at [timesleader.com](http://timesleader.com).



leg in a brace.

"I'll have a better idea on Tuesday," Franklin said. "It would not be appropriate for me to talk right now before the doctors have had the opportunity to visit with me and (I have) the opportunity to visit with them. As you can imagine there are a lot of different tests that have to be done."

"You see guys the next day and think they're going to be fine and then they're not well. And vice versa. So we'll see how this thing play out."

Penn State defenders didn't have the most positive outlook after the game when it came to Wartman-White's immediate health. As it is, the Lions are facing some long odds heading

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# Wilkes duo power victory over Misericordia

## Deemer, Dailey put on show in 46-23 win

By Tom Fox  
For Times Leader

EDWARDSVILLE — Maybe it's because they spend so much time together. Not even those amazing one-handed grabs by William Deemer surprise Ryan Dailey anymore.

The Wilkes University quarterback-receiver duo, roommates off the field, sure showed that chemistry between the hashes



Deemer



Dailey

as well.

Dailey threw for three scores, and Deemer had 168 yards receiving and two touchdowns as Wilkes' offense was firing on all cylinders en route to a 46-23 win over Misericordia Saturday at Schmidt Stadium.

It was the first victory of 2016 for Wilkes, while the Cougars fall to 0-3. "I thought we had a

good week of practice, and we had a great pregame in terms of getting ready," Wilkes head coach Trey Brown said. "We talked with the captains about starting faster and just being more consistent. We had some success early, and great energy. Success is evaluated by if you score, and we were scoring. We did challenge our line to see what we could do up front, and they responded."

Watching Wilkes' offense Saturday was like peering at an artist painting the perfect picture on a blank canvas. Maybe it's because Dailey and

crew did almost nothing wrong in the first half.

Scores on the first four drives.

Third-down conversions to keep the sticks moving.

No mistakes to point out. Well, not exactly, according to Dailey — who completed 22 of 30 passes for 328 yards. And at least four of them hit receivers right in the hands for drops.

"I don't want to say we did everything perfect, but we did things well," the senior quarterback said. "It felt good to score, but the thing that bothered me was that we kept kicking field

goals. We have score in the red zone. It's good that we came away with points, but a touchdown is always better."

On the other side, Misericordia kept making mental mistakes.

A late hit on a fourth down on Wilkes' third series kept the drive alive as Dailey connected with Deemer for a 9-yard score as the Colonels a 16-0 lead with one minute remaining in the first quarter.

On Wilkes' next possession, Deemer caught a pass across the middle on a third-and-8 as two Misericordia defenders missed tackles, leading

to a big 37-yard gain. Four plays later, Dailey found Ryan Richards standing all alone in the end zone for an easy 8-yard score.

And kicker Mike Hauck, who connected on four field goal attempts, put a 29-yard boot through the uprights with 37 seconds left to give the Colonels a 23-0 right before half-time.

The Cougars' offense was at a near standstill in the opening 30 minutes — held to just three first downs and 58 yards.

"We had some aggres-

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# Lions' offense buries memory of Temple loss

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**STATE COLLEGE** — The record will show that with 13:16 left in the second quarter Saturday, Penn State had reached an important milestone. Well, sort of.

A 6-yard run by freshman Miles Sanders put the Nittany Lions over 180 yards of total offense for the game. Normally that wouldn't be anything notable, but that was the figure that they finished at in last year's loss to Temple.

That 27-10 loss to the Owls to open 2015 seemed to hang a rain cloud over Penn State's entire season with every score feeling like a struggle.

A year later, the Lions' new offense under coordinator Joe Moorhead has carried the team so far, scoring 33 against Kent State, 39 against Pitt and 34 against Temple. It's the first time since the Lions' 2008 Big Ten championship that they topped 30 points in each of the three games.

"We feel like anyone can score at any time," said top receiver Chris Godwin, who did just that on the Lions' second drive. "Just getting things moving early on and executing was big for us."

"It was awesome. Any time you can get in the



Penn State wideout Chris Godwin (12) celebrates after scoring a 52-yard touchdown early in Saturday's win over Temple.

end end zone, it's a blessing. It was just a matter of being patient."

There was plenty of patience on that first score as quarterback Trace McSorley practically sat down in a rocking chair in the pocket — a far cry from Temple's 10 sacks vs. the Lions last year. With that much time, tight end Mike Gesicki was able to clear out the safety and open up the middle of the field for Godwin, who didn't have a defender in the same zip code while going 52 yards for the game's opening score.

Penn State never trailed from there.

Unlike the first two games of the season, Penn State was able to put together a fast start before the team's patchwork defense held on for the win. The Lions finished with 403 yards of offense

"I thought we did start out better," Lions coach James Franklin said. "We had some turnovers that slowed us down later in the game and put our defense in tough spots, but I did think we started better."

"If you look statisti-

cally it's 80 percent or higher nationally if you're winning in the first half. Specifically at Penn State it's 82 percent or higher. If you're winning in the first half, you typically win the game so that is an emphasis for us. We want to start out strong."

## Infirmary report

At one point in the first half, the Lions were losing players faster than they could keep track of them.

The lowest point came in the first half when seven of Penn State's defensive starters from

the season-opener were not on the field because of injuries.

All three starting linebackers — Brandon Bell (knee), Jason Cabinda (hand/wrist) and Nyeem Wartman-White (knee) — were out of the game, with Cabinda and Bell missing the entire game.

Defensive end Evan Schwan (foot) didn't play after appearing only briefly in last week's loss to Pitt. Same with cornerback Grant Haley (leg). On one drive, both safeties — Marcus Allen and Malik Golden — had to come off in pain as Temple took advantage for its first touchdown of the day.

On offense, wideout Saeed Blacknall (finger) missed his second straight game. And things looked to be even more dire for the Lions when star tailback Saquon Barkley came up limping after his first carry of the game.

Barkley, Allen and Golden would all return, with Barkley missing the most time.

"The decision to put (Barkley) back in the game was that he was ready," Franklin said. "Not a whole lot more than that. He was ready and able to go back in the game, so we got him back in there."

"He actually could have gone in there a little bit

earlier, but other guys were having success."

The lone player to have been injured against Pitt and play against Temple was defensive tackle Kevin Givens, who had been in concussion protocol last week.

## Promise fulfilled

Josiah Viera — a 12-year-old who has the body of a much older man because he suffers from the rapid-aging syndrome progeria — was in the Penn State locker room before and after the game.

One of Franklin's defensive backs made a pledge to him.

"We had a young man that was with us today, as a guest coach, named Josiah," Franklin said. "John Reid promised him an interception before the game, so it's awesome for him to be able to deliver on that promise."

With time ticking down in the final minute and the Owls needing a touchdown to tie, the Lions got pressure on quarterback Phillip Walker, forcing a pass that Reid snatched out of the air to clinch the victory.

"He got it," safety Marcus Allen said with a laugh. "If he promised him that, he got it. That's all God right there. That's a blessing."

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## PENN STATE REPORT CARD

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Don't let the final score deceive you. Penn State was pretty much in control of its 34-27 victory over Temple throughout.

It took a couple of funky plays that turned into Penn State turnovers in the second half to hand the Owls 14 points and keep them within striking distance. A Penn State receiver ran the wrong route leading to an interception and a touched ball on a Temple punt gave the Owls the ball a yard away from the end zone. Both set up Temple touchdowns.

But the Owls had no answer for Penn State's deep passing game, which produced three hookups for over 40 yards and drew two more key penalties — all leading to 17 points. When the Lions dialed up long distance, it turned into a long day for Temple.

### OFFENSE

While moving in spurts, Penn State did enough damage with big-play electricity to keep the Owls from pulling an upset for the second straight year. **Grade: B**

**OFFENSIVE LINE:** Didn't provide much room to run, but protected quarterback Trace McSorley well enough for him to hit nearly 300 passing yards. **Grade: B**

**QUARTERBACK:** With a 16 for 22 day, 276 passing yards and his first career collegiate rushing touchdown, what more could McSorley ask for? **Grade: A**

**RUNNING BACKS:** Until Saquon Barkley broke a 55-yard touchdown run to seal victory in the fourth quarter, the ground game was pretty much grounded. **Grade: C+**

**WIDE RECEIVERS:** DaeSean Hamilton

wasn't on the same page with McSorley on a nightmare of an interception, but Chris Godwin and tight end Mike Gesicki more than made for it with 52-yard catches and Hamilton later redeemed himself with a 45-yard grab. **Grade: A-**

### DEFENSE

Too many yards for Temple, but some pivotal stops against Temple's running game kept momentum on the side of the Lions. Pressed into emergency duty, red-shirt junior linebacker Brandon Smith finished with eight tackles in his first extended action at Penn State. **Grade: B-**

**DEFENSIVE LINE:** Didn't disturb Owls quarterback Phillip Walker nearly enough, but did bottle things up against the run. And Parker Cothren made seven stops, with 2 1/2 going for losses. **Grade: B-**

**LINEBACKERS:** Nyeem Wartman-White went out of the game with an apparent knee injury when the Lions were already missing fellow starters Jason Cabinda and Brandon Bell. That helped the Owls really start to move the chains in the second half, but the play of Smith helped limit the damage. **Grade: C+**

**SECONDARY:** Looked tired in the second half while allowing Walker to pick up passing yards in bunches and got burned for a 67-yard pass play early. **Grade: C-**

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Tyler Davis was true on his two field goals and Blake Gillikin punted the ball to the 1-yard line on his first kick. Only the gaffe on a Temple punt that was inadvertently touched and turned over spoiled things a bit. **Grade: B+**

**COACHING STAFF:** It looks like Joe Moorhead's new, fast-paced offense is becoming capable of producing some quick scores. The defense needs work, though. **Grade: B-**

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Penn State's DaeSean Hamilton is brought down by Temple's Haason Reddick in the second half of Saturday's game.

## Lions

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to the Big House next week for the Big Ten opener against No. 4 Michigan.

But they do head out to Ann Arbor with a 2-1 record instead of a much more concerning 1-2 mark.

Penn State players said they tried to build off of last week's rally

that fell short out at Pitt.

When the tables turned on Saturday and it was the Owls battling back — cutting a 14-point deficit to three in the fourth quarter — Saquon Barkley pulled the Lions away from the brink with an impressive 55-yard touchdown run. John Reid sealed it with an interception in the final minute.

"I'm telling you, this team here, this 2016

team, is a completely different team," said safety Marcus Allen, who took on a more vocal role with the linebackers all injured. "We're way more energetic and competitive. We're having fun out there with each other."

"So even when it's close out there like that, that's what we came to Penn State to play in."

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## Wait

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guy he was covering for, Wartman-White — along with the rest of the Lions — pretty proud.

Mainly because Smith, an inexperienced red-shirt junior whose presence should have sent red flags up in the stands at Beaver Stadium the minute he took the field, made a big difference.

"So happy for Brandon Smith," Penn State coach James Franklin said.

"We're all happy for him," Lions tight end

Mike Gesicki agreed.

After a whole career of waiting, Smith was just happy to get a chance.

Any chance.

"It's kind of surreal," Smith said. "After the game was over, I was just thankful for the opportunity."

"It's been a long road." His path to finally playing nearly a full game of football on Penn State's defense was a difficult one to navigate.

He was barely recruited by big-name schools coming out of Lewisburg High School, despite recording over 100 tackles for three straight

seasons and being named to three consecutive Pennsylvania Class 2A all-state teams.

And when he arrived in Happy Valley, Smith was almost immediately asked to switch positions.

Paterno was famous for trying to turn just about everyone into a linebacker, most notably NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly, who wound up going to Miami instead.

Paterno's successor, Bill O'Brien, tried to switch Smith from linebacker to fullback.

"I switched to fullback, back to linebacker, just

waiting for my opportunity," Smith said. "It got tough. Coach O'Brien moved me to fullback at the end of my freshman year. I spent a spring, a summer and the first half of a season begging to be back to linebacker."

After two seasons of inactivity at Penn State, Smith saw some limited action in three games last season and made his first tackle. He was also named the Lions' scout team co-Defensive Player of the Year, along with Dallas High school grad Ryan Monk.

But his real impact came Saturday, when

Smith was called in to man the spot of Wartman-White and helped Penn State hold onto a 34-27 victory over Temple.

"Obviously not the best circumstances," Smith said. "But I was excited for my opportunity, just thankful for the opportunity to play. It's what I've been praying for and hoping for. It's been a four-year process, just working hard."

It takes more than practice to come into a game situation cold and come out as a hot playmaker. Like a seldom-used pinch-hitter in

baseball, it takes dedication, desire and determination to stay ready for a moment that can change the outcome of the game, all the while knowing that moment may never come.

"He's a guy I've always looked up to and tried to follow," Penn State senior defensive tackle Parker Cothren said, "because his work ethic is unbelievable. He's always ready to go. His number got called today and he had a great game."

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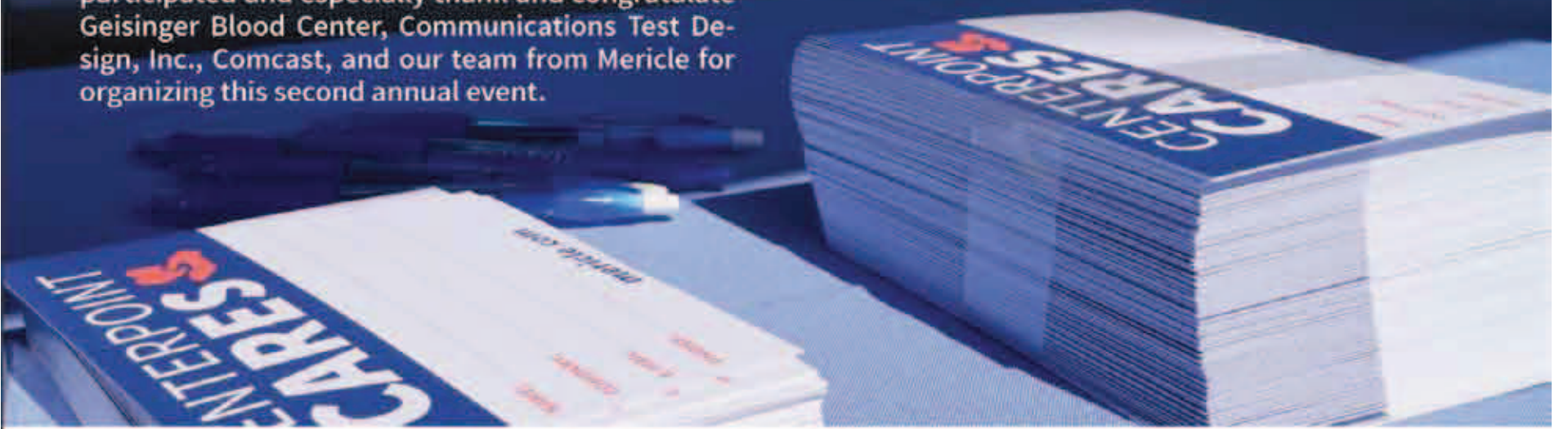
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# Blue Knights' 2nd-half push comes up short

By Ross Turesky  
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KINGSTON — Kevin Kelly's Wyoming Seminary Blue Knights fell in their home opener to Clarkson, a Canadian prep school, 28-12 at Nesbitt Stadium in Kingston on Saturday afternoon.

Clarkson's rushing attack was too much for the Blue Knights to handle, as the team rushed for 232 total yards.

The scoring kicked off when Clarkson's Aaron Watkins barreled in for an 8-yard touchdown run four minutes into the game. Watkins finished the day with a game high 101 yards on 17 carries.

It remained a 7-0 score until a flurry of late first-half points kicked off with 3:13 left in the second quarter.

First, linebacker Tyrell Richards stripped the ball from Sem's Daeshaun Jupiter-Deane and returned the fumble 35 yards for a 14-0 advantage.

Then with only 49 seconds to go in the first half, backup quarterback Nicholas De Jesus, who



Wyoming Seminary's Kyree Campbell (73) uses all of his 315 pounds to engulf Clarkson's QB Clark McCallum for an 8-yard loss.

came in briefly to replace starter Clarke McCallum who left the game for a few plays with an apparent knee injury, connected with Nick Mardner for a 24-yard strike.

Wyoming Seminary got on the board in the second quarter when senior signal caller Jared Piatnik fired a 24-yard pass to Jupiter-Deane to the one-yard line. Jupiter-Deane

pummeled his way in for the goal line touchdown and cut the deficit to 21-6 with nine seconds to go before the half.

Turns out that was more than enough time

for Clarkson to strike one more time. On the final play before halftime, Malcolm Miller took it to the house for a 99-yard touchdown kick-off return to give his team a 28-6 advantage at the buzzer.

The Blue Knights inched closer in the fourth quarter, after a lengthy drive put them on the third-yard line with 8:47 left in the game.

Jupiter-Deane cut to the outside and scored to cut Clarkson's lead to 28-12.

Despite a shutout performance by the defense in the second half, the Blue Knights' comeback push came up short. A late interception allowed Clarkson to hold the ball and secure the 16-point victory.

Wyoming Seminary's Richards went 13 for 30 for 191 yards, including a 52-yard first down completion to speedy wideout Otis Thrasher. Thrasher had a game high 94 yards receiving on three catches, while Jupiter-Deane finished with 86 yards on eight receptions.

The 0-3 Blue Knights will look to nab their first

win of the season when they travel to Blair Academy in New Jersey on Saturday.

**Clarkson 28, Wyoming Seminary 12**  
Clarkson 7 21 0 0-28  
Wyoming Seminary 0 6 0 6-12

**First quarter**  
CL — Aaron Watkins 8 run (Ethan McCarthy-Willoughby kick), 8:39.

**Second quarter**  
CL — Tyrell Richards 35 fumble return (Willoughby kick), 3:13.  
CL — Nick Mardner 24 pass from Nicholas De Jesus (Willoughby kick), 0:49.  
WS — Daeshaun Jupiter-Deane 1 run (Kick failed), 0:09.  
CL — Malcolm Miller 99 kick return (Willoughby kick), 0:00.

**Fourth quarter**  
WS — Jupiter-Deane 3 run (run fails), 8:47.

**Team statistics**

	Clarkson	Seminary
First downs	12	10
Rushes-yards	45-232	29-95
Passing yards	35	191
Total yards	267	286
Passing	3-8-1-0	13-30-0-1
Sacked-yards lost	2-14	2-9
Punts-avg.	4-42	4-36
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	8-75	5-35

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — CL, Malcolm Miller 7-51, Aaron Watkins 17-101, Mekhi Hyman 11-40, Khalil Wilson 6-29, Clarke McCallum 4-11, WS, Daeshaun Jupiter-Deane 11-42, Jared Piatnik 11-24, Abdoulaye Konate 5-29, Donte Shanghie 2-0.

**PASSING** — CL, Clarke McCallum 2-5-11-0-0, Nicholas De Jesus 1-2-24-1-0, Khalil Wilson 0-1-0-0-0, WS, Jared Piatnik 13-30-191-0-1.

**RECEIVING** — CL, Malcolm Miller 1-5, Quincey Belanger 1-6, Nick Mardner 1-24, WS, Otis Thrasher 3-94, Daeshaun Jupiter-Deane 8-86, Duncan Brieg 1-7, Kyle Costello 1-4.

**INTERCEPTIONS** — CL, Tyrell Richards 1-0, WS, None.

**FIELD GOALS** — None.

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# Turnovers costly in Hazleton's loss

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CLARKS SUMMIT — Hazleton Area head coach Mike Brennan felt Abington Heights' first possession of the game set the tone.

The Comets 14-play, 65-yard drive, with 55 coming from the running game, was capped by a 23-yard field goal from Colin McCreary with 4:52 left in the first quarter.

Abington Heights used a strong push from its line and capitalized on four Hazleton turnovers to defeat the Cougars, 37-14, in a non-league football game on Saturday afternoon at Comets Stadium.

"They had one of those long opening drives like they've had the last few weeks," Brennan said. "We couldn't stop their

running game much. They physically handled us up front, from the start, on both sides of the ball."

Hazleton Area had some success on its first drive when quarterback Sparky Wolk connected with Hunter Vanblargan for 18 yards, but the drive stalled and a 9-yard punt set Abington Heights up with great field position at the Cougars 48-yard line.

The Comets took advantage when Nick Emmett, who saw time at both quarterback and wide receiver, connected with Tom Rothenberger for a 36-yard touchdown with 11:11 remaining in the second quarter.

"I took snaps at both positions all week and we were prepared, either way, whether it was me or Colin McCreary (at

quarterback)," Emmett said. "Our offensive line deserves all the credit, they gave me the time and I completed the passes."

Abington Heights started its next drive with even better field position when Matthan Sherman intercepted a Wolk pass at the Cougars 24-yard line.

Four plays later, McCreary hit Brandon Hardy for a 14-yard touchdown to give the Comets a 17-0 lead with 7:37 left in the second quarter.

Matthan Sherman added to the Comets lead when he picked off a pass and ran 19 yards for a touchdown with less than a minute remaining in the first half.

Hazleton Area's turnover struggles continued into the second half.

Abington Heights linebacker Owen Hivner intercepted a pass at the Comets 25-yard line and returned the ball to midfield to end the Cougars first drive of the third quarter.

Emmett connected with McCreary for a 29-yard touchdown, five plays later, to give the Comets a commanding 30-0 advantage.

"We got some guys banged up throughout the game, but that's no excuse," Brennan said. "We were soundly beaten today by a good, solid football team. We just have to get better, it's back to the drawing board on Monday."

Matthan Sherman appeared to have his second interception return for a touchdown with 1:04 remaining in the third quarter, but an inad-

vertent whistle blew the play dead after he picked off the pass at the Cougars 28-yard line.

Abington Heights cashed in on the turnover when Kaleb Sherman scored on a 4-yard run.

Hazleton Area scored its first points of the game on a 22-yard touchdown run from Kaleb Yahner, who gained 44 yards on six carries, with 5:04 left in the fourth quarter.

Just under three minutes later, Hazleton's Carl Hill intercepted a pass from George Tinsley and returned the ball 22 yards for a touchdown.

**Abington Heights 37, Hazleton Area 14**  
Hazleton Area 0 0 0 14-14  
Abington Heights 3 21 6 7-37

**First quarter**  
AH — Colin McCreary 23 FG, 4:52

**Second quarter**  
AH — Tom Rothenberger 36 pass from Nick Emmett (McCreary kick), 11:11

AH — Brandon Hardy 14 pass from McCreary (McCreary kick), 7:37

AH — Matthan Sherman 19 interception

return (McCreary kick), 5:76

**Third quarter**  
AH — McCreary 29 pass from Emmett (kick failed), 7:14

**Fourth quarter**  
AH — Kaleb Sherman 4 run (Jimmy Sweeney kick), 10:03

HA — Kaleb Yahner 22 run (Will Barrientos kick), 5:04  
HA — Carl Hill 22 interception return (Barrientos kick), 2:44

**Team statistics**

	HA	AH
First downs	8	13
Rushes-yards	29-148	40-132
Passing yards	34	105
Total yards	182	237
Passing	3-11-4	5-7-1
Sacked-yards lost	1-3	3-12
Punts-avg.	3-13	2-33.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	3-13	5-35

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — HA, Adrian Otero 12-71, Yahner 6-44, Carson Kinney 4-24, Damon Horton 2-4, Austin Andruzzi 1-3, Sparky Wolk 3-1, Nolan Schneider 1-1, AH, Anthony Duboski 13-57, McCreary 8-32, Emmett 5-24, K. Sherman 8-20, Austin Kohut 5-2, Sweeney 1 (-3).

**PASSING** — HA, Wolk 3-11-4-34, AH, McCreary 3-4-0-40, Emmett 2-2-0-65, George Tinsley 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING** — HA, Hunter Vanblargan 1-18, Otero 1-14, David Smith 1-2, AH, Rothenberger 1-36, McCreary 1-29, Hardy 2-24, M. Sherman 1-16.

**INTERCEPTIONS** — HA, Hill 1-22, AH, M. Sherman 3-19, Owen Hivner 1-25.

**MISSED FGs** — None

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# Scranton Prep too much for Dallas

By Tom Robinson  
For Times Leader

SCRANTON — Normally, Ricky Morgan is a quiet leader.

Morgan, however, had no problem making sure his teammates knew what Saturday afternoon's game meant to him.

"As soon as the schedule was released, I circled this game," said Morgan, a Shavertown resident who ran for a game-high 143 yards and scored two touchdowns against many of the teammates from his youth while leading Scranton Prep to a 48-0 rout of visiting Dallas. "I basically have been working all year for this."

It showed. Morgan sprinted 45 yards through the secondary with 4:42 remaining in the second quarter, then scored again from the 1 with 6:22 left in the third quarter while stretching a 20-point lead to 34-0.

"Every game is special, but this is just a little bit more and I was just happy



Dallas' Christian Motley, center, runs up the middle as Scranton Prep linebackers Mitchell Simon, left, and Matt Gilmartin close in for tackle Saturday afternoon at Scranton Memorial Stadium.

to be a part of it," said Morgan, who played junior football and junior high football with much of the Dallas lineup. "I made it known that this is a meaningful game to me."

Morgan said a great effort blocking and a big game from quarterback Jake Ryan made it easy for him to excel.

Scranton Prep, which defeated Dallas in the semifinals on the way

to last year's District 2 Class 3A championship, dominated up front. The Cavaliers outrushed the Mountaineers, 353-37.

Ryan carried 6 times for 101 yards and 2 touchdowns while going 6-for-10 for 64 yards and another touchdown passing. All of those statistics were compiled in the first half. He did nothing but hand off in the second half before giving way to the second and

third quarterbacks while the Cavaliers (3-1) went deep into their bench.

"They're good all the way around," Dallas coach Rich Mannello said. "They have great skill kids. You look at those linemen and they can move."

"Their quarterback does a great job. They ran the ball right at us. They really have a nice combination of speed, strength and skill going right now."

That combination also includes two other players from Wyoming Valley school districts in prominent roles, linebackers Ivan Balavage from Avoca and Lucas Stage from Tunkhannock.

Balavage and Stage were Scranton Prep's second- and third-leading tacklers Saturday. Balavage led the team with four tackles in the first half and also had two assists and two plays where he rushed the passer into an incompleteness. Stage had an interception to go along with four tackles and an assist.

Dallas had its own

defensive standout while battling to stay in the game early.

Linebacker David Schuster had six tackles and two assists in the first quarter when Scranton Prep only scored once for a 6-0 lead. Schuster added two tackles, including one for a loss, in the second quarter and assisted a third-quarter tackle before both teams began substituting heavily.

Dallas fell to 1-3 and was shut out for the second time. The Mountaineers, who had six freshmen receive significant playing time Saturday, have to face Wyoming Valley West next.

Mannello said all the Mountaineers could do was move on to preparing for that game. As he left the Scranton Memorial Stadium for a bus ride home, he said that process was about to start.

"We'll turn the page in the next hour and half," he said. "That's what you have to do."

"These guys are going to keep playing."

"Guys are growing up right in front of us. It's just got to happen faster."

**Scranton Prep 48, Dallas 0**  
Dallas 0 0 0 0-0  
Scranton Prep 6 21 14 7-48

**First quarter**  
SP — Sam Dickson 10 pass from Jake Ryan (kick blocked), 1:50

**Second quarter**  
SP — Ryan 75 run (Alec Buttner kick), 11:36

SP — Ryan 2 run (Buttner kick), 6:34

SP — Ricky Morgan 45 run (Buttner kick), 4:42

**Third quarter**  
SP — Morgan 1 run (Buttner kick), 6:22

SP — Matt Gilmartin 15 run (Buttner kick), 0:57

**Fourth quarter**  
SP — Cullen Chesnick 24 run (Buttner kick), 3:10

**Team statistics**

	DAL	SP
First downs	4	18
Rushes-yards	25-37	50-353
Passing yards	18	64
Total yards	55	417
Passing	3-12-1	6-10-1
Sacked-yards lost	1-10	0-0
Punts-avg.	9-26.8	2-40.0
Fumbles-lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-yards	4-30	3-30

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — DAL, Justin Hutchins 13-31, David Schuster 3-7, Dylan Schuster 2-3, Michael Starbuck 2-0, Stone Mannello 5-minus 4, SP — Morgan 19-143, Ryan 6-101, Gilmartin 9-59, Chesnick 1-24, Michael Greco 3-13, Brayden McAllister 3-11, Ryan Cosgrove 2-3, Braden Burrier 1-2, Joe Walsh 1-1, Team 5-minus 4.

**PASSING** — DAL, Mannello 3-11-1-18, Starbuck 0-1-0-0, SP — Ryan 6-10-1-64.

**RECEIVING** — DAL, Da. Schuster 2-6, Chris Murray 1-12, SP, Jake Grady 3-35, Burrier 1-12, Dickson 1-10, Mario Gianone 1-7.

**INTERCEPTIONS** — DAL, Leonard Kelley 1-42, SP — Lucas Stage 1-minus 1.

**MISSED FGs** — None

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TOP 25

# Louisville rocks No. 2 Florida St. 63-20

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lamar Jackson ran for four touchdowns and threw for another score and Louisville routed No. 2 Florida State, 63-20, in what was billed as an Atlantic Coast Conference showdown game.

Jackson ran for 146 yards and passed for 216 yards. The defense chipped in with nine sacks.

The Cardinals (3-0, 2-0) topped 60 points for the third straight game. The Seminoles (2-1, 0-1) suffered one of the worst losses in school history.

Jeremy Smith ran for two TDs for the Cardinals, and Jackson was nearly unstoppable in piling up 362 yards of offense. He also added to his collection of highlights as he faked one defender and spun off another en route to his final TD run of 47 yards. He has 18 TDs in three games.

Louisville's defense held FSU to 284 yards and forced two turnovers. The Seminoles' only bright spot was 10 straight points to cut it to 14-10 before Jackson and took over.

Jaire Alexander had a 69-yard punt return for a TD and a fumble recovery leading to another Louisville score. Brandon Radcliff rushed for 118 yards and a score.

**North Dakota State 23, No. 13 Iowa 21**

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Cam Pedersen kicked a 37-yard field as time expired and North Dakota State beat Iowa for its sixth straight victory over an FBS opponent.

The Bison went for a 2-point conversion down 21-20 with 3:41 left, but couldn't punch it in. North Dakota State's defense then held, and quarterback Easton Stick's 29-yard run put the Bison (3-0) in position for the winning field goal.

**No. 1 Alabama 48, No. 19 Mississippi 43**

OXFORD, Miss. — No. 1 Alabama scored two defensive touchdowns and another on special teams to overcome a three-touchdown deficit and beat No. 19 Mississippi 48-43 on Saturday.

Freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts threw for 158 yards and ran for 146 more, but it was unlikely touchdowns from Jonathan Allen, Da'Ron Payne and Eddie Jackson that proved to be the biggest plays for the Crimson Tide (3-0, 1-0 Southeastern Conference).

Ole Miss (1-2, 0-1) looked as if it might be on its way to a third straight win over the Tide late in the second quarter. Instead, it was the Rebels' second collapse in three games.

Ole Miss took a 24-3 lead with 2:47 remaining in the first half after defensive end Marquis Haynes' big hit on Hurts, forcing a fumble that fellow defensive lineman John Youngblood scooped up and ran 44 yards for a touchdown.

**No. 4 Michigan 45, Colorado 28**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — De'Veon Smith gave Michigan the lead with a 42-yard run early in the third quarter and the Wolverines pulled away to beat Colorado.

The Wolverines (3-0) were behind 21-7 in the first quarter and by four points in the opening minute of the second half.

The Buffaloes (2-1) got to midfield on the final possession, but they were more than a Hail Mary away by the end of the matchup, which rekindled memories of Kordell Stewart's 64-yard pass to Michael Westbrook in 1994 in the same stadium.

**No. 5 Clemson 59, South Carolina 0**

CLEMSON, S.C. — Deshaun Watson threw three early touchdown passes in Clemson's rout in

the game that both coaches decided to shorten.

The game was such a mismatch that the Tigers (3-0) scored two touchdowns in the first quarter with no time running off the clock. An NCAA rule allows for games to be shortened by time if the coaches agree.

Clemson led 45-0 at the half against the FCS Bulldogs (0-3), and the third and fourth quarters were 12 minutes each instead of the usual 15 minutes.

Watson completed 12 of 15 passes for 152 yards.

**No. 9 Wisconsin 23, Georgia State 17**

MADISON, Wis. — Backup quarterback Alex Hornibrook led Wisconsin on three scoring drives in the second half, helping the sluggish Badgers beat Georgia State.

Hornibrook took over for Bart Houston late in the third quarter with Wisconsin (3-0) stuck in an offensive malaise. The freshman finished 8 of 12 for 122 yards, including a

1-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Penniston with 7:25 left to give the Badgers the lead for good, 20-17.

Conner Manning threw for a career-high 269 yards and a score for Georgia State (0-3).

**No. 15 Tennessee 28, Ohio 19**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Joshua Dobbs threw two 20-yard touchdown passes to Josh Malone and ran for a third score and Tennessee overcame injuries and a suspension to hold off Ohio.

Tennessee (3-0) played without four starters — three were injured and defensive back Malik Foreman was suspended for team rules violations. During the first half, the Volunteers lost two of team captains to injuries — cornerback Cam Sutton and linebacker Jalen Reeves-Maybin.

Ohio is 1-2.

**Nebraska 35, No. 22 Oregon 32**

LINCOLN, Neb. —

Tommy Armstrong Jr. scored on a 34-yard quarterback draw with 2:29 left, and Nebraska held on Oregon's final series.

Armstrong converted a fourth-and-9r with a 14-yard pass to Jordan Westerkamp before taking off on his winning run for the Huskers (3-0).

The Ducks, playing without star running back Royce Freeman since early in the game, made it to midfield on their last possession, failing to convert on fourth down.

Armstrong finished with 95 yards rushing, and completed 17 of 33 passes for 200 yards and three touchdowns. Devine Ozigbo also ran for 95 yards.

Kani Benoit rushed six times for 100 yards to lead the Ducks (2-1), and Dakota Prukop passed for 146 yards and ran for 87.

**No. 25 Miami 45, Appalachian State 10**

BOONE, N.C. — Brad Kaaya threw for 368 yards and three scores, Mark Walton ran for 130 yards and two touchdowns and Miami rolled past Appalachian State.

Miami (3-0) came in having scored a school-record 108 points in its first two games in wins over Florida A&M and Florida Atlantic. The Hurricanes picked up where they left off, scoring on their first four possessions to build a 24-0 lead.

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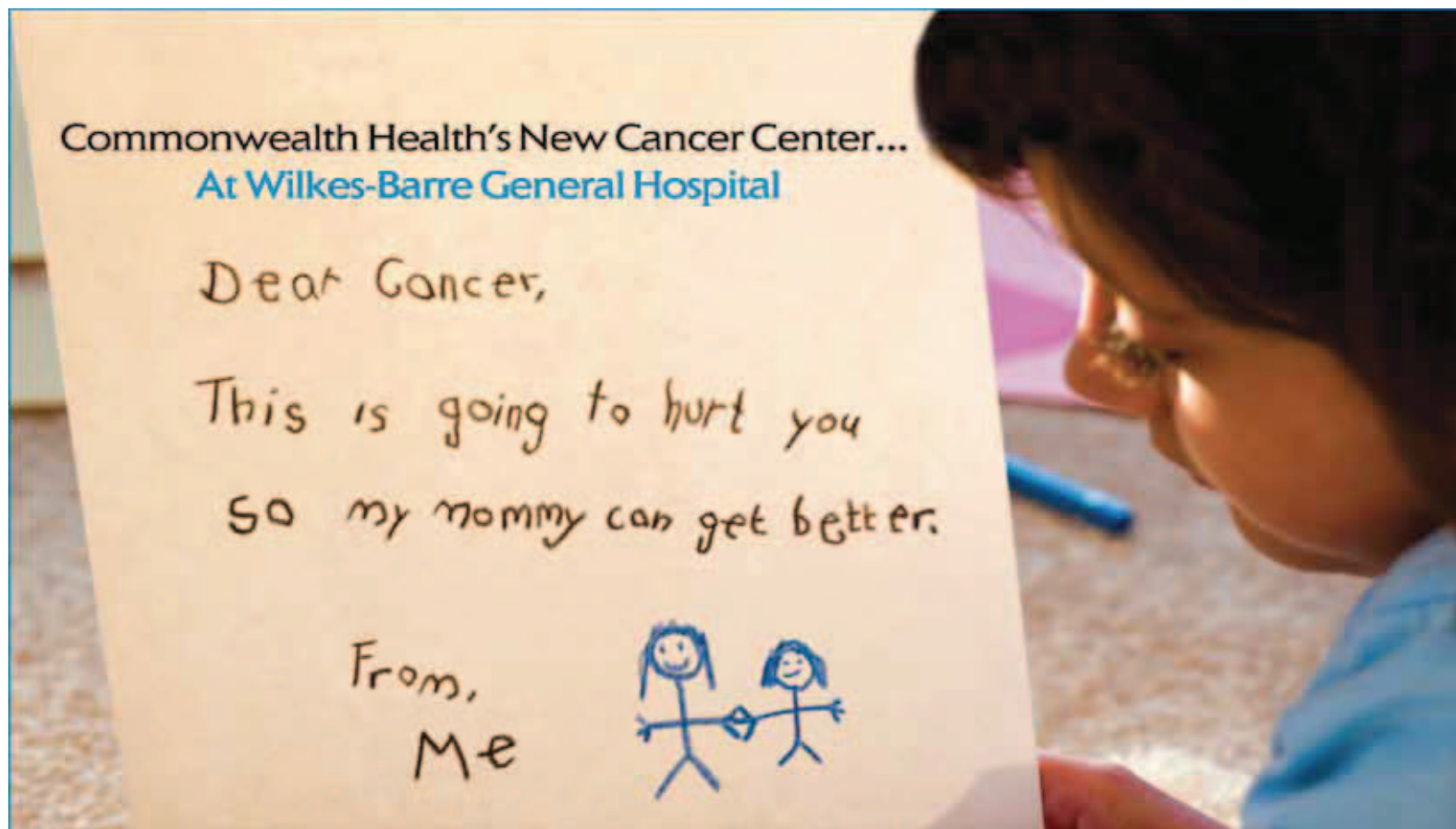
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## Zeke Elliot setup for bounceback

Before I get going, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is DJ. I come to Wilkes-Barre from Upstate New York. Back home I was a sportswriter at The Saratoga newspaper in Saratoga Springs.

Before leaving, I was in the process of starting a fantasy football column, providing advice on which players you should start and sit on a weekly basis. However, now I'm here! And lucky for you, I've brought that column with me!



**Flavor of the Week**  
DJ Eberle

To lay some fantasy football groundwork, I was in four leagues last year and won two of them. I came in third in another and was ravished by injuries and finished seventh in the fourth league. I blame the ineffectiveness of Marshawn Lynch and Calvin Johnson and the decision-making skills of Joseph Randle to my downfall in that last league.

While I'm no Matthew Berry, I feel I can certainly hold my own and provide you with some helpful fantasy football advice and some laughs along the way.

Each week I will offer a player you must have in your lineup, one you could do without and one that's worth a shot for each position, excluding kickers and defense. My advice for kickers and defenses is simple: Just start a kicker on a team with a high-powered offense and a defense that's facing a team with an underwhelming offense.

### Quarterback

**Must have:** Eli Manning, New York Giants  
Unlike the past, Eli Manning has more than just Odell Beckham Jr. to throw the ball to this season.

The Giants face the New Orleans Saints Sunday. The last time these two teams met, Manning threw for 350 yards and six touchdowns. Expect another shootout.

**Could do without:** Jameis Winston, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

I like Jameis Winston a lot this year, so it'll most likely be the only time he appears on this portion of Flavor of the Week.

However, this week the Bucs face an angry Arizona Cardinals defense on the road and are looking to avoid an 0-2 start. It's just a case of wrong place, wrong time for Winston.

**Worth a shot:** Dak Prescott, Dallas Cowboys

After watching Antonio Brown have success against the right side of Washington Redskins' secondary Monday night, Dez Bryant will be licking his chops to improve on his one-reception, eight-yard afternoon against the Giants. Even in a one-on-one matchup with Redskins cornerback Josh Norman, I favor Bryant.

### Running back

**Must have:** Ezekiel Elliot, Dallas Cowboys  
Zeke Elliot's average performance last week doesn't scare me one bit.

Elliot is still an elite talent and now that he's entering his second game, he will be more accustomed to the pregame ritual as an NFL running back. The Cowboys are facing the Redskins, who gave up 143 yards to Pittsburgh Steelers running back DeAngelo Williams last week.

**Could do without:** Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams

I am by no means in panic mode with Todd Gurley, but mix a matchup with the Seattle Seahawks and an uninspiring Rams offensive line and I'm staying away.

Hopefully Gurley can rebound next week in Tampa Bay.

**Worth a shot:** Tevin Coleman, Atlanta Falcons

I've always been a fan of Tevin Coleman, and in all honesty, I think I'd rather have Coleman than Devonta Freeman at this point.

Falcons head coach Dan Quinn said Tuesday that both Coleman and Freeman will be featured heavily in the offense this weekend. Considering Coleman plays a role in the passing game, totaling 95 receiving yards against Tampa Bay, he's worth a shot this week in Oakland.

### Wide Receiver

**Must have:** Alshon Jeffery, Chicago Bears

The Chicago Bears' offense is much better than Cleveland, and the Bears saw a tougher secondary in the Houston Texans Week 1. Jeffery was able to come away with four receptions for 105 yards last Sunday and should be able to, at the very least, duplicate that again.

**Could do without:** Doug Baldwin, Seattle Seahawks

ESPN Fantasy's rankers are all over the board with Baldwin. At best they view him as a high-end No. 2 wide receiver, but at worst he is a low-end No. 3 option.

While Monday's performance was an embarrassment for the Los Angeles Rams, they held Blaine Gabbert to just 170 yards threw the air. This is the Rams home opener as well, so the crowd will not be in the Seahawks' favor.

**Worth a shot:** Tyrell Williams, San Diego Chargers

Someone has to replace Keenan Allen, and it looks like Tyrell Williams might be that guy.

Williams is a second-year wide receiver out of Western Oregon and has similar physical attributes to Allen. Word out of Chargers camp is that they expect big things out of him.

### Tight end

**Must have:** Gary Barnidge, Cleveland Browns

Gary Barnidge, or Gary Barnkowski as he's known in some parts, was a fantasy stud with Josh McCown at quarterback last season, averaging 14.5 yards per reception.

Aside from Rob Gronkowski, Jordan Reed and Greg Olsen, good tight ends are hard to come by. With the report he has with McCown, Barnidge should be a must start for the near future.

**Could do without:** Coby Fleener, New Orleans Saints  
Combine Coby Fleener's trouble grasping the Saints' playbook with a one reception for six yards outing last week and all I see are red flags.

Fleener is going to have to prove it to me before I put him in my lineup again.

**Worth a shot:** Jesse James, Pittsburgh Steelers

One of Ben Roethlisberger's favorite targets was Heath Miller. However, Miller is now retired and Big Ben is still looking for that red-zone target.

At 6-foot-7, former Penn State tight end Jesse James is a big target for Roethlisberger to locate in the end zone, and it showed Monday night as he hauled in five of his six targets for 36 yards.

Keep an eye on this guy.

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## Run for the Cure draws over 3,000

By Robert Miner  
For Times Leader

SCRANTON — Robert Moulton and Samantha Snead ran to easy victories in the 26th annual Race for the Cure 5K Run on Saturday.

Moulton blitzed the course, finishing in 16 minutes and four seconds. The 24-year-old from Mountain Top, outran second-place finisher, Marcus Ward, 20, of Scranton, by 43 seconds. Dan Gavin, 16, of Scranton, finished third in 18:45.

"I went out fast right from the start to get away from the crowd," said Moulton, who is the head cross country coach at Crestwood High School. "After a quarter of a mile into the race, I couldn't hear anybody around me, so I just tried to keep a consistent pace. I tried not to look back, so as to not slow down, just in case there was someone coming up on me."

There wasn't. There wasn't anyone near Snead either, who ran to her second straight win in the Race for the Cure, finishing in 20:16. The 27-year-old from Moscow outran second-place finisher, Erinn Jenkins, 27, of Blakely, by 55 seconds. Caitlyn Bly, 29, of Hanover Twp., finished third in 22:06.

"I didn't go out fast, like I used to," said Snead, referring to the way she used to run when she was in her prime while running for North Pocono High School and Penn State Worthington. "I just eased my way into the race. I managed to pull ahead of the other females who were near me about a half mile into the race."

When Snead won last year's race, she hadn't run all summer, but decided to come back after her long lay off to run the Race for the Cure to honor her



Bill Tarutis | For Times Leader

Hundreds of runners and walkers take off along Wyoming Avenue in Scranton to start the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday morning.

mother, who is a cancer survivor.

"I basically ran this year for the same reason I ran last year," said Snead. "This was my first race since early July."

Money raised from the 26th Race for the Cure goes to fight breast cancer. The money goes for education, screening and treatment grants to help women receive access to healthcare throughout 16 counties of northeastern Pennsylvania.

Over 3,000 runners and walkers pre-registered for the race. When the final count is in — adding those who registered just before the start of the race — the race will have approximately raised between \$140,000 and \$200,000.

"In our 25-year-history, we have awarded \$3.5 million to local organizations," said Dolly Woody, Executive Director of Susan G. Komen Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Seventy-five percent of the money raised from the race stays in northeastern Pennsylvania. The other 25 percent goes for breast cancer research.

**26th annual Susan G. Komen Northeastern**

### Pennsylvania Race for the Cure 5K Run results

#### Top 3 male finishers

Robert Moulton, 24, Mountain Top, 16:04  
Marcus Ward, 20, Scranton, 16:47  
Dan Gavin, 16, Scranton, 18:46

#### Male age group winners:

**13 & under:** Camden Miller, Scranton, 20:44. **14-19:** Dan Gavin, Scranton, 18:45. **20-29:** Marcus Ward, Scranton, 16:45. **30-39:** Eric Continue, Drums, 18:01. **Masters division:** **40-49:** Dave Popper, na, 19:17. **50-59:** Mark Eberhart, Archbald, 23:30. **60 & older:** Stanley Wood, Jefferson Twp., 23:39.

#### Top 3 females

Samantha Snead, 27, Moscow, 20:16  
Erinn Jenkins, 27, Blakely, 21:11  
Caitlyn Bly, 29, Hanover Twp., 22:06

#### Female age group winners:

**13 & under:** Amelia Opshinsky, Scranton, 26:37. **14-19:** Caitlyn Bly, Hanover Twp., 22:06. **20-29:** Erinn Jenkins, Blakely, 21:11. **30-39:** Laurine Carey, Jessup, 22:43. **Masters division:** **40-49:** Melissa Delfino, Dunmore, 22:04. **50-59:** Patti Betti, Moscow, 24:31. Mary Lee Pettinato, Old Forge, 32:27.

#### Top 3 cancer survivor finishers

Melissa Boettger, State College, 25:03

Jennifer Kincel, Olyphant, 25:45  
Deborah Stone, Old Forge, 29:31

**Field:** Over 3,000 pre registered. **Official starter:** Shannon Roche Cusick (race director).

**Race chairperson:** Nicole Pettinato. Executive director of Susan G. Komen Northeastern Pennsylvania: Dolly Woody.

#### Schedule

**Saturday, Oct 1:** 6th annual Back Mountain Catholic Youth 5K Run/Walk at Gate of Heaven Church, Machell Ave., Dallas at 9 a.m. Info: Dan Ghezzi, 570-417-8981.

**Sunday, Oct. 9:** 21st annual Steamtown Marathon, starting at Forest City Regional High School at 8 a.m. and finishing at Courthouse Square, Scranton. Info: Bill King, 570-963-7864.

**Sunday, Oct. 30:** Wyoming Valley Striders 29th annual Fall Trail Run, a 5.5 mile age-group graded trail race, at the pavilion near the boat launch area at Frances Slocum State Park, Kingston Twp., at noon. Info: Linda Wojnar, 570-262-0603 or Don Grose, 570-239-5792.

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## NFL

## Slate full of heated rivalries

By Barry Wilner  
AP Pro Football Writer

If you like rivalries, this is a particularly good week to be watching the NFL.

Cowboys-Redskins. Ravens-Browns. Packers-Vikings — at Minnesota's brand new stadium.

Division foes Miami and New England. The formerly Peyton Manning-spiced Colts vs. Broncos.

Maybe best of all, Bengals-Steelers, with both teams coming off wins and looking to establish their credentials as not only an AFC North power, but a Super Bowl contender.

**Dallas (0-1) at Washington (0-1)**

There's no more bitter rivalry, but more than that is the desperation the loser could feel. The NFC East looks mediocre, but an 0-2 start doesn't bode well.

**Baltimore (1-0) at Cleveland (0-1)**

Josh McCown steps in for Robert Griffin III after Cleveland's new quarterback damaged his shoulder. That's only the beginning of the Browns' problems, and here come the seemingly revived Ravens, who shut down Buffalo in their opener.

**Green Bay (1-0) at Minnesota (1-0)**

The Vikings unseated the Packers in the NFC North a year ago. Now, coming off a staunch defensive performance at Tennessee, they play the first regular-season match in their new home.

**Miami (0-1) at New England (1-0)**

Bill Belichick sounds like he's ready to barf when he recalls the 2015 regular-season finale at Miami, a 20-10 loss that really hurt when his Patriots had to play the AFC title game in Denver, which they lost.

**Indianapolis (0-1) at Denver (1-0)**

Denver is well rested after edging Carolina in the kickoff game, as physical — some would say dirty — a contest as you'll see this season. Young QB Trevor Simian acquitted himself well.

**Seattle (1-0) at Los Angeles (0-1)**

The first real NFL game at the Los Angeles Coliseum since Christmas Eve 1994 brings a Seahawks squad not particularly happy with its showing in beating Miami.

**Kansas City (1-0) at Houston (1-0)**

After that sensational,

team-record comeback in a win over San Diego, the Chiefs face a team they routed in the wild-card round in January. KC has won 11 consecutive regular-season games.

**Tampa Bay (1-0) at Arizona (0-1)**

The Bucs made a nice statement with their win at Atlanta, with Jameis Winston looking like an All-Pro. Beating the highly regarded Cardinals on the road would be an even stronger warning to the rest of the NFC.

**San Francisco (1-0) at Carolina (0-1)**

Chip Kelly's SF debut was a fine one, getting solid running from Carlos Hyde, passing by Blaine Gabbert, and shutdown defense: the Rams had 185 yards and 10 first downs, with LB NaVorro Bowman leading 49ers with nine tackles and an interception.

**New Orleans (0-1) at New York Giants (1-0)**

This has the makings of a shootout, although matching the 52-49 barnburner won by the Saints in 2015 is unlikely. New York's defense is improved with a bunch of free agency additions.

**Atlanta (0-1) at Oakland (1-0)**

A lopsided series recently, with Atlanta winning the past three meetings, outscoring the Raiders 82-30. But Oakland has all kinds of weapons on offense, and the Falcons remain vulnerable on D.

**Jacksonville (0-1) at San Diego (0-1)**

San Diego has won five in a row against Jacksonville. It also comes off a distressing loss in which it blew a three-touchdown lead at Kansas City and lost top receiver Keenan Allen (knee) for the season.

**Tennessee (0-1) at Detroit (1-0)**

Detroit's offense was dynamic in Indianapolis, so the Titans could use a decent running game to keep Matthew Stafford and Co. off the field. But Tennessee hasn't had a running back gain 100 yards rushing for 33 straight games.

**Philadelphia (1-0) at Chicago (0-1), Monday**

Folks in Philly are excited about Carson Wentz. Maybe they should temper the enthusiasm until the Eagles play someone better than Cleveland.

The Bears allowed five sacks at Houston, and the Eagles can get after quarterbacks.

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Gary Landers | AP photo Pittsburgh Pirates' Sean Rodriguez, center, is congratulated after a solo home run off Cincinnati Reds relief pitcher Josh Smith during the fourth inning of the second game of a doubleheader on Saturday.

# Rodriguez homers in Pirates sweep

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Sean Rodriguez homered in both games, and Andrew McCutchen had a bases-loaded single as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-3 on Saturday night for a doubleheader sweep.

In the first game, Jameson Taillon pitched five innings and singled to drive in a big league run for the first time during a 10-4 win that officially eliminated the Reds from postseason contention.

The Pirates swept a doubleheader in Cincinnati for the first time since 1990. They opened the day with a 5½-game gap and three teams to overtake for a wild-card berth.

## Red Sox 6, Yankees 5

BOSTON — With the potential tying run on third base, Mookie Betts wanted to get the ball in the air. It didn't matter given the good bounces the Boston Red Sox were getting. Xander Bogaerts hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs, Betts had the tying single before scoring the go-ahead run and the Red Sox beat the Yankees 6-5 Saturday for their third straight win over New York.

Trailing 5-4 in the seventh, the Red Sox took the lead with two well-placed bounces. Betts' high-chop grounder bounced over Didi Gregorius to score Bogaerts, and Betts scored when Adam Warren (3-2) bounced a wild pitch that caromed to the right of Sanchez.

Hanley Ramirez, who started on second, went to third, stopped, then tried to score when he saw Sanchez had his back to the plate. The catcher scampered back in time for the tag.

"Fortunately it was able to bounce over his head," Betts said. "Anytime I get a situation like that, you want to get the run in. Ideally, you want to get it in the air, but I just got on top of it."

## Indians 1, Tigers 0

CLEVELAND — Justin Verlander delivered in a must-win game for the Detroit Tigers.

But the Tigers went on to lose, 1-0, in the bottom of the 10th to

the Indians Saturday at Progressive Field. It was the 13th time in 14 meetings this season that the Tigers lost to the Tribe. The Tigers will try to avoid being swept on Sunday.

Jose Ramirez singled on a grounder up the middle to score Jason Kipnis and give the Indians a walk-off win.

Justin Wilson gave up a leadoff walk to Carlos Santana. Santana was tagged out at second by Jose Iglesias after a bunt by Kipnis. With Francisco Lindor batting, Kipnis went to second on a wild pitch, then stole third. Wilson walked Lindor, then intentionally walked Mike Napoli to load the bases, leaving it up to Ramirez.

Verlander allowed one hit and four walks over seven scoreless innings. He struck out seven and threw 106 pitches.

## Brewers 11, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — A day after celebrating their NL Central title, the Chicago Cubs and Jake Arrieta were far from championship form.

Ryan Braun went deep twice to reach 30 homers for the sixth time, Chris Carter hit a grand slam off the Wrigley Field video board and the Milwaukee Brewers routed the Cubs 11-3 on Saturday.

Braun had five RBIs, including a pair of two-run homers. He reached 30 home runs for the first time since he had a career-high 41 in 2012, before his 65-game suspension for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labor contract.

Carter hit his 35th homer, a drive off Spencer Patton that would have traveled 438 if it had landed unimpeded, according to MLB's Statcast. Domingo Santana added a solo shot and Scooter Gennett doubled twice.

## Braves 7, Nationals 3

ATLANTA — When he was pitching in the minor leagues earlier this month, Josh Collmenter didn't envision himself beating the Washington Nationals.

He stayed focused, though, and got another chance in the major leagues with the NL-worst Atlanta Braves, who backed him up with timely hitting.

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Red Sox 6, Yankees 5 Brewers 11, Cubs 3 Pittsburgh AB R H BI BB SO Avg.

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Pirates 7, Reds 3 Pittsburgh AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Mercer ss 5 1 0 0 1 0 .256 Freese 1b 4 0 0 0 1 2 .269

Pirates 7, Reds 3 Pittsburgh AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Mercer ss 5 1 0 0 1 0 .256 Freese 1b 4 0 0 0 1 2 .269

Indians 1, Tigers 0 Detroit AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Kinsler 2b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .278 Maybin cf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .310

Brewers 11, Cubs 3 Milwaukee AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Villar 3b 2 2 2 0 0 0 .288 Gennett 2b 4 4 2 1 0 1 .270

Red Sox 6, Yankees 5 Boston AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Pedroia 2b 5 0 0 0 0 1 .327 Bogaerts ss 4 3 3 3 0 0 .299

Braves 7, Nationals 3 Washington AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Turner cf 4 2 3 2 1 1 .356 Werth lf 5 0 0 1 0 3 .247

Milwaukee AB R H BI BB SO Avg. Villar 3b 2 2 2 0 0 0 .288 Gennett 2b 4 4 2 1 0 1 .270 Braun lf 5 2 3 5 0 1 .308

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

# Valley West girls water polo top Central York

Times Leader

Paige Williams led the Wyoming Valley West girls water polo team Saturday, in a 11-4 victory over Central York.

Williams netted six goals, on just six attempts, and recorded an assist in the victory.

With neither team getting on the board after a period of play, the Spartans ran away with the game after outscoring Central York 8-2 in the second quarter.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Crestwood 5, Abington Heights 1**

Sam Brymagin's goal got the Comets going in a victory over Abington Heights.

Teammate Bella Termini was involved in four of the five goals, registering a pair of goals and assists. Melissa Herrera also added a pair of goals for the Comets.

**Berwick 3, Wyoming Area 1**

Before Wyoming Area could blink, it was quickly in a 2-0 hole thanks to a pair of goals from Berwick's Reese Mensinger on Friday.

While the Warriors responded with a goal from Erica Gallagher before the end of the first half, it wasn't enough as Traugh completed her hat trick during the 71st minute. Wyoming Area goalkeeper Caitlin Butchko registered a game-high 12 saves.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Tunkhannock 2, Mountain View 1**

Tunkhannock's Drew Tinna connected on a pass from Billy Prebola in the 16th minute that ended up being the game winner.

Tunkhannock outshot Mountain View 9-8.

**Hanover Area 2, Nanticoke 1**

With the score knotted 1-1 late in the second half, Hanover Area's Jordan Flaim made good on a pass from Tyler Galvick to put the Hawkeyes ahead for good on Friday.

Nanticoke outshot Hanover 23-12. Hanover goalkeeper Mark Kocker made a game-high 15 saves.

**GOLF**  
**Lake-Lehman 186, Hanover Area 224**

Tyler Scharff led the way for Lake-Lehman Friday, earning medalist honors in a victory over Hanover Area at Huntsville. Scharff shot a 5-over-par 41.

Desmond McCabe had the best round for Hanover Area, shooting a 48.

**GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**  
**GAR 2, Coughlin 1**

Breonna Hanahan's nine kills, four digs, three aces, four service points and two blocks to lead GAR to victory.

MyKayla Timek registered 13 digs, five kills and five service points for Coughlin.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Crestwood 5, Abington 1**

Abington 1 0 - 1

Crestwood 2 3 - 5  
First half - 1. CRE, Sam Brumagin (Bella Termini), 36:41; 2. CRE, Melissa Herrera, 31:15; 3. ABI, Emily Claus (Ana Marcetta), 10:09. Second half - 4. CRE, Termini (Vanessa Atic), 28:28; 5. CRE, Termini (Herrera), 26:12; 6. CRE, Herrera (Termini), 3:12.  
Shots - ABI 9; CRE 20. Saves - VIS 9; CRE 6. Corner kicks - ABI 5; CRE 2.

**Berwick 3, Wyoming Area 1**  
Berwick 2 1 - 3  
Wyoming Area 1 0 - 1  
First half - 1. BER, Lydia Traugh (Reese Mensinger), 1:47; 2. BER, Traugh (Amber Koshinski), 27:17; 3. WA, Erica Gallagher, 35:20. Second half - 4. BER, Lydia Traugh (Abby Burt), 71:19.  
Shots - BER 18; WA 7. Saves - BER 6 (Jadyn Michael); WA 12 (Caitlin Butchko). Corner kicks - BER 5; WA 3.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**Tunkhannock 2, Mountain View 1**  
Tunkhannock 2 0 - 2  
Mountain View 1 0 - 1  
First half - 1. TUN, Damon Williams (Avery Newhart), 1:00; 2. MV, Ben Paige (Alex Showalter), 2:00; 3. TUN, Drew Tinna (Billy Prebola), 16:00. Second half - None.

Shots - TUN 9; MV 8. Saves - TUN 5 (Matt Goodwin); MV 6 (John Yantin/Jake Andzulis). Corner kicks - TUN 1; MV 5.  
**Hanover Area 2, Nanticoke 1**  
Hanover Area 1 1 - 2  
Nanticoke 0 1 - 1  
First half - 1. HA, Jordan Flaim (Modou Janneh), 20:07. Second half - 2. NAN, Alessio Mazzalupi (Evan Stecco), 60:23; 3. HA, Jordan Flaim (Tyler Gavlick), 71:30.  
Shots - HA 12; NAN 23. Saves - HA 16 (Mark Koccher 15; Zack Evans 1); NAN 10 (Stecco/Krupinski). Corner kicks - HA 4; NAN 4.

**GOLF**  
**Lake-Lehman 186, Hanover Area 224**  
at Huntsville, par 36  
HA (224) - Desmond McCabe 48, Devin Sink 49, Auggie George 54, Ryan Karnecki 73.  
LL (186) - Tyler Scharff 41, Adam Motovidlak 48, Mike Sikora 48, Robert Lugiano 49.

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LOCAL COLLEGE

# Cougars take home opener in women's volleyball

Times Leader

Misericordia women's volleyball team defeated Penn College 3-1 (25-16, 22-25, 25-12, 25-19) Saturday afternoon in the Anderson Center.

Nicole Tagerty led the way with two kills, 37 assists, one solo block, one block assist, five aces and 12 digs. Paige Shaughnessy had 12 kills, an ace and 14 digs while Kaitlin Wheeler had 17 digs and five assists.

Megan Collins and Coleby Charlier combined for 15 kills with only one error. Michelle Sehested had 12 kills, an ace and 10 digs.

**Wilkes splits tri-meet**

Wilkes University split a pair of matches at its home tri-meet at the Marts Center, falling 3-0 against Immaculata University in its first match of the day before posting a 3-0 sweep of the College of Staten Island in the nightcap.

Wilkes fell by scores of 25-19, 25-18 and 25-22 against Immaculata. Madison Scarfaro led the offensive attack with five kills and five digs. Alexis Morgan paced

the passing game with 25 assists on Wilkes 26 team kills.

The Lady Colonels rebounded with a sweep of Staten Island in the second match of the day winning by scores of 25-10, 25-13 and 25-15. Eight different players reached the kills column with Abby Sanders' four kills and two service aces leading the way. Juliet Betke added a season-best four service aces as Wilkes posted 10 total service aces in the three-set win.

**King's sweeps tri-meet**

King's College improved its mark to 7-2 as the Lady Monarchs swept both ends of a tri-meet in Scandlon Gymnasium.

In its opener, King's downed SUNY-Purchase by scores of 25-10, 25-6, and 25-8. Against CCNY, King's won by scores of 25-12, 25-6, and 25-12.

Against Purchase, King's was paced by Michaela Leblanc with eight kills and two digs while Julie Kollar added eight kills and six assists. Nicole

McQuillan posted six kills while Sydney Reigel tallied five kills. Maddie Kumm dished out 14 assists with seven aces while Olivia Musto chipped in nine digs.

In the CCNY match, Katelyn Shifflett posted 10 kills and four service aces. Rachel Miller added six kills and five aces. Kollar tallied 18 assists, five kills, two aces, and nine digs, while Jessica Carr registered five kills and four digs.

**MEN'S SOCCER**

**King's 2, Juniata 1**

Brendan Raab scored the game-winning goal on a penalty kick with 1:57 left in the first overtime period as the King's College men's soccer team squeezed out a victory over visiting Juniata College.

Jonathan Nixon gave King's a 1-0 lead with 29:09 remaining in the first half with an unassisted goal. Juniata tied the score with 2:58 remaining in regulation when John Miller scored on a double-assist by Jarrod Gibson and Wyatt Pierce.

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# King's struggles against potent DeVal offense

By Tom Huntington  
For Times Leader

WILKES-BARRE TWP. — Deshawn Darden said he has had better days playing football, but admitted that after leading Delaware Valley University to a 49-14 victory over King's College on Saturday, "This one ranks up there."

Darden, a sophomore quarterback, passed for 2 touchdowns to wide out Michael Jensen, had 121 net yards passing and rushed for 49 yards as DeVal forged a 42-0 lead by halftime while remaining undefeated (3-0) in the Middle Atlan-

tic Conference and likely enhanced its 14th ranking among Division III teams.

For King's this wasn't the type of McCarthy Stadium opener it was looking for. The Monarchs didn't score until 6:04 left in the third quarter.

They added a fourth-quarter touchdown on a 6-yard run by freshman running back Alvonte Thompson who finished the game as the Monarch's top rusher with 45 yards, including a 25-yarder to set up their fourth quarter TD.

"It was a tough game," King's head coach Jeff Knarr said. "We made too many mistakes and

didn't play our kind of football. We were looking to playing on a level with a ranked team, but it didn't work out."

The King's offense did put together a sustained 65-yard drive in the third quarter which culminated with junior quarterback Zach Whitebread passing 9 yards to split end Mike Palmer.

But it was Delaware Valley's offensive line, which averages 283 pounds from tackle to tackle, that dominated the line of scrimmage and opened big holes for running backs Robert Cleveland, Devauntay Ellis and Tyler Bing to run through.

Cleveland scored twice on runs of 1 and 13 yards; Ellis added two more on a pair of one-yard plunges and Bing, from his wing back position, scored from the two on a sweep, to conclude a 60-yard drive.

"The blocking up front was just great," said, Darden a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School in Norristown. "They gave me time to throw the ball and my receivers worked to get open."

Penalties were also a major issue for King's. The Monarchs amassed 76 yards in penalties, including back-to-back major infractions on Delaware Valley's third

quarter TD drive. "Retaliatory penalties that hurt bad," Knarr said.

Delaware Valley 49, King's 14	
Visitor	14 28 77- 49
Home	0 0 77- 14

<b>First quarter</b>	
D — Robert Cleveland, 1 run (Nick Restaino kick) 11:05	
D — Michael Jensen, 2 pass from Dashawn Darden (Restaino kick) 5:21	
<b>Second quarter</b>	
D — Devauntay Ellis, 1 run (Restaino kick) 12:39	
D — M. Jensen 24 pass from Darden (Restaino kick) 9:30	
D — R. Cleveland, 13 run (Restaino kick) 5:56	
D — D. Ellis, 1 run (Restaino kick) 00:00	
<b>Third quarter</b>	
D — Tyler Bing, 2 run (Restaino kick) 10:17	
K — Mike Palmer, pass from Zach Whitebread (M. Kniaziewicz kick)	
<b>Fourth quarter</b>	
K — Alvonte Thompson, 3 run (Kniaziewicz kick)	
<b>Team statistics Del King's</b>	
First downs	28 10
Rushes-yards	85-278 45-2
Passing yards	162 123
Total yards	440 125

Passing	12-24-162/13-29-123
Sacked-yards lost	17 29
Punts-avg.	2-64 5-185
Fumbles-lost	0-0 0-0
Penalties-yards	15-149 10-76

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — DELVAL: R. Cleveland 12-71, D. Ellis, 11-45, D. Darden 7-49, R. Khalil 5-35, T. Bing 6-20, E. Thomas 3-18, M. Woodward 7-18, M. Nigro 2-9, M. Anusky 1-8, J. Reinhardt 2-0, V. Dolo 4-0; King's: A. Thompson 6-45, A. Simmons 2-4, Z. Funk 2-2, Z. Whitebread 2- -8  
**PASSING** — DELVAL: Darden 11-19-0, Dolo 2-3-0, J. Ward 0-1-0, A. Johnson 1-1-0

**King's Whitebread 11-24-2, B. Davison 2-05-0**

**RECEIVING** — DELVAL: E. Shorter 4-21-0, M. Jensen 3-41-2, D. Ellis 2-45-0, D. Claybrook 2-28-0, A. Johnson 1-10-0, K. Steward 1-9-0, M. Hammock 1-8-0; King's: T. Marroni 3-40-0, M. Miller 2-25-0, T. Campbell 2-7-0, D. Weidman 1-22-0, A. White 1-10-0, C. Flynn 1-7-0, A. Thompson 1-5-0

**INTERCEPTIONS** — DELVAL 2-8-0, King's 0-0-0  
**MISSED FGs** — DELVAL 0 King's 0

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## Duo

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sive penalties in the first half, and I can live with them," Misericordia head coach Mark Ross said. "But there were a few things we could have improved. We are young in the secondary, and we are still have some issues

back there in terms of who needs to be where. We just didn't have enough energy in the opening half."

Misericordia tried to make a game of it. A botched snap on the second play of the third quarter put the Cougars in the end zone as Brandon Leap picked up the ball rolling on the turf and found a wide-open

receiver, Mark McMaster, streaking down the left sideline for a 56-yard score.

The Cougars reached paydirt two more times in the second half, a 1-yard run by Clayton Vleck and a 41-yard connection from Leap to Colton Pyne.

The problem is Misericordia couldn't stop Wilkes, which also scored four times in the second

half. The Colonels had 558 yards of offense and 32 first downs.

"At one point, we had 20 first downs and they had one. That gives you a good idea of how well our defense played in the first half," Brown said. "And I don't think we played bad in the second. I'm pleased that we won the ballgame, but I'm most pleased that we prepared well throughout the week. We came ready to play from the first snap."

Wilkes 46, Misericordia 23

Misericordia	0 0 15 8 - 23
Wilkes	16 10 13 7 - 46

<b>First quarter</b>	
W — Hauck 23 field goal, 11:49	
W — Brook 1 run (Hauck kick), 6:53	
W — Deemer 9 pass from Dailey (kick missed), 1:02	
<b>Second quarter</b>	
W — Richards 8 pass from Dailey (Hauck kick), 12:05	
W — Hauck 29 field goal, 0:37	
<b>Third quarter</b>	
M — McMaster 56 pass from Leap (Davis kick), 14:19	
W — Hauck 25 field goal, 11:49	
M — Hauck 32 field goal, 4:37	
W — Robinson 33-yard interception return (Hauck kick), 3:52	
M — Vleck 1 run (Gillison pass from Leap), 1:35	
<b>Fourth quarter</b>	
M — Pyne 41 pass from Leap (Custodio pass from Vleck), 5:48	
W — Deemer 20 pass from Dailey (Hauck kick), 3:19	
<b>Team statistics</b>	
First Downs	M 14 W 32
Rushes-Yards	23-88 61-230

Passing Yards	217 328
Total Yards	305 558
Passing	17-31-2 22-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6 1-7
Punts-Average	8-40.8 3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0 2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60 6-25

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — M, Gillison 2-26, Leap 9-24, Vleck 6-20, Custodio 1-11, Kurtz 4-10, Team 1-(-3), W, Brook 14-72, Martin 16-63, Tabora 6-29, Fink 13-25, Steeber 4-25, Dailey 5-20, Albertson 1-0, Team 2-(-4).  
**PASSING** — M, Leap 17-31-2, 217 yards, W, Dailey 22-30-0, 328 yards; Tabora 0-1-0, 0 yards.

**RECEIVING** — M, Gillison 8-69, Pyne 3-78, Kurtz 2-(-1), McMaster 2-71, Custodio 1-0, W, Deemer 9-168, Coyne 3-40, Fink 2-41, Richards 2-17, Martin 1-21, Gattuso 1-12, Armstrong 1-11, Brook 1-11, Steeber 1-4, Bogoly 1-3.  
**INTERCEPTIONS** — W, Robinson, Weber.  
**MISSED FGs** — None

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## Jones wins Xfinity race

By Mike Cranston  
Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. — Erik Jones won the Truck Series title last year and is headed to Sprint Cup next year.

He put himself in position Saturday to also capture the NASCAR Xfinity Series championship and solidify his status as a rising star.

Jones passed Elliott Sadler with nine laps to go and held off Kyle Larson to win the NASCAR Xfinity race at Chicagoland Speedway, allowing Ryan Sieg and Blake Koch to claim the final two spots in the Chase for the championship.

"I just had to go chase Elliott down. It was just a matter of time before we got around him," Jones said. "What an awesome day."

The 20-year-old Jones' series-high fourth win of the season and his second straight at Chicagoland left him as the top seed for the seven-race Chase.

"This is great momentum for us," Jones said. "I'm just really excited."

Sprint Cup champion Kyle Busch dominated most of the race on the 1.5-mile oval, leading 154 of the first 181 laps until he cut a tire and spun out. Clint Bowyer had the lead on the re-start with 14 laps left before Sadler passed him.

But a charging Jones surged by Sadler and withstood a late challenge before Larson scraped the wall on the 200th and final lap.

"On the last lap I tried to get to the throttle early and try to get a run on him on exit," Larson said. "I knew I would be flirting with the edge there, and I just got over it and ended our shot."

Sadler was third, followed by Daniel Suarez and Illinois native Justin Allgaier. Busch finished 13th.

Jones, No. 2 seed Sadler and third-seed Suarez are the only full-

time drivers to win an Xfinity race this season. Sadler had a substantial points lead that's wiped out under the new Chase format.

Sieg finished 12th and Koch 15th to earn the final spots in the 12-driver Chase. Seven other drivers in contention were eliminated.

The rest of the Chase field includes Allgaier, Ty Dillon, Brennan Poole, Brandon Gaughn, Ryan Reed, Brandon Jones and Darrell Wallace Jr.

The Chase begins next week at Kentucky and will have two elimination rounds before a champion is determined Nov. 19 at Homestead.

Busch, the top-seed in the Sprint Cup Chase this year, won the Truck Series race Friday night before failing a post-race inspection. He beat Jones off pit road during a green-flag stop with just over 40 laps remaining and seemed poised for his ninth series win and maintaining the lead after another restart.

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# Local bass tournament schedules and results

By Tom Venesky  
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**The Harveys Lake Wednesday Night Bass Tournament** sponsored by the Times Leader will run a Wednesday night tournament through October. The tournament starts at 5:30 p.m. and weigh-in is at 8:30 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission boat launch. For more information, call Duke Dalley at 991-0080 or visit [dukedalley.wix.com](http://dukedalley.wix.com)

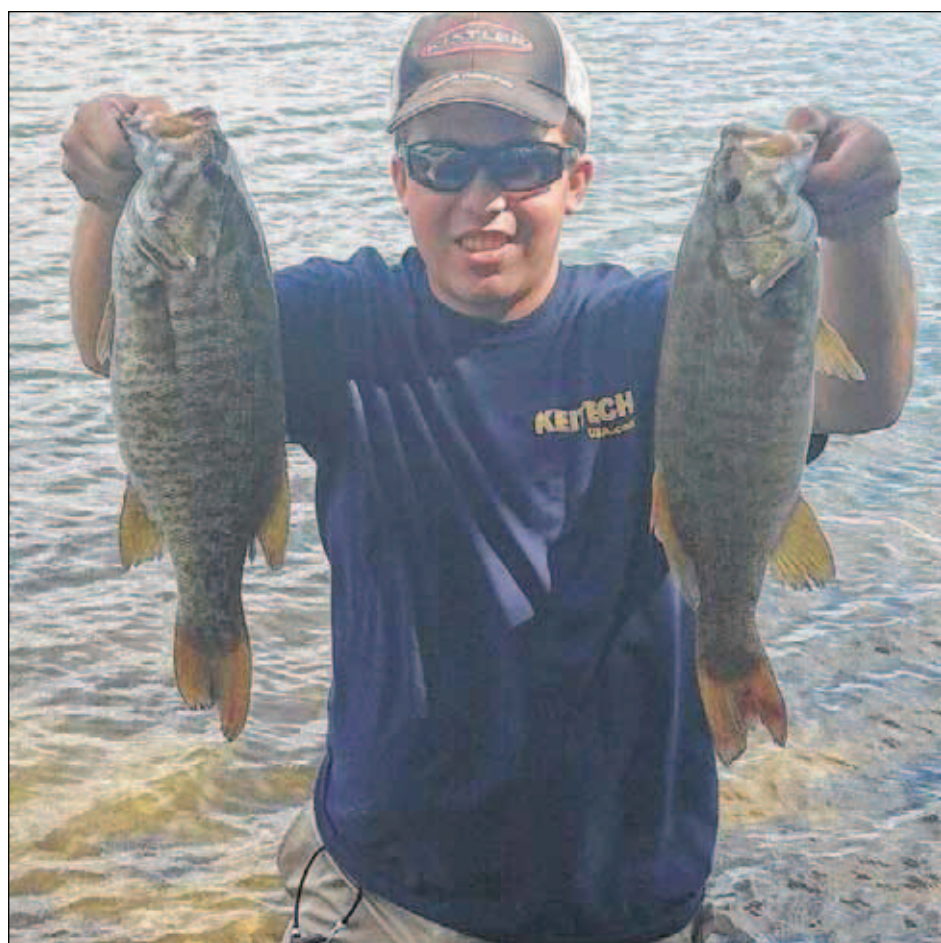
**PA Bass Casters** will host the following open tournaments this summer (for more information call Dan at 570-762-1469):

Sunday, Oct. 30 at Harveys Lake, registration begins at 5:30 a.m., weigh-in at 2:30 p.m.

For more information call Dan Davis at 570-762-1469.

**Back Woods Bass** holds a weekly Monday night tournament on the Susquehanna River at Nesbitt Park from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per team or \$25 single angler. There is a four fish limit.

**Back Woods Bass**



Submitted photo  
Shaun Kucharski with two smallmouth bass he caught to win the PA Bass Bandits tournament at Lake Wallenpaupack on Sept. 11.

holds a Friday night tournament at Harveys Lake each week from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$35 per team or \$25 single angler. There's a four fish limit.

For information on either Back Woods Bass tournament, contact Bob Strunk at 570-991-2403 or email [bobs1476@gmail.com](mailto:bobs1476@gmail.com).

**The Blytheburn Lake**

**Association** will hold a bass tournaments at Blytheburn Lake on Blytheburn Rd. in Mountain Top on Sept. 25. The tournament runs from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

To register or for more information call Janeann at 570-868-6895.

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**Bass tournament results:**

**Duke's Bass Wednesday Night Tournament** at Harveys Lake sponsored by the Times Leader - Sept. 14 Championship

1. Shaun Kucharski - 4.97 lb. largemouth - Angler of the Year  
2. Steve Hovanec - 4.48 lb. largemouth  
3. Rob Vale - 4.18 lb. largemouth  
4. Greg Mikulski - 4.13 lb. smallmouth  
5. Colin Morrison - 4.03 lb. largemouth

**PA Bass Casters** club tournament at Cowanesque Lake in Tioga, PA. Conditions were calm in the morning with light rain followed by a strong storm front with heavy wind, making for difficult fishing. A total of 23 fish were brought in for a total weight of 52.03 lbs. Most were caught on jigs.

1. Joe Kosloski and Ken Kosloski - 5 fish, 13.21 lbs.  
2. Brian Masi and Sandy Masi - 5 fish, 12.76 lbs.

3. Ron Dopko and Tom Bralczyk - 5 fish, 9.53 lbs.

4. Ed Fore and Jim Quinn - 3 fish, 8.74 lbs.

5. Joe Lasecki and Mike Musial - 2 fish, 3.94 lbs.

Lunker - Ed Fore and Jim Quinn - 4.12 lb. large-mouth

**Back Woods Bass Friday Night Tournament** at Harveys Lake on Sept. 9:

1. Kenny Kosloski and Ron Dopko - 13 lbs. 2 oz.  
2. Duane Demo and Pat Perugino - 12 lbs. 7 oz.  
3. Tommy Bralczyk and Brad Rinehimer - 12 lbs. 3 oz.

4. Aaron Hayman and Jake Englehart - 12 lbs.

also lunker 4 lbs 6 oz largie

5. John Niezgota - 11 lbs. 9 oz.

Lunker - Aaron Hayman and Jake Englehart - 4 lbs. 6 oz. largemouth

*If you would like to add an area upcoming bass tournament to the list or report the results of a tournament, email Tom Venesky at [tvenesky@timesleader.com](mailto:tvenesky@timesleader.com).*

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## PFBC sponsors boat package giveaway

Times Leader

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has partnered with Bass Pro Shops in Harrisburg to sponsor a fishing boat package giveaway during the fall months.

The grand prize in the giveaway is a Tracker Boats Pro 160, Boat/Motor/Trailer package, with a 20 horsepower Mercury outboard.

"Bass Pro Shops in Harrisburg is donating the prize and expects to make one angler very happy, and well-equipped, for angling opportunities in the coming year," said Steve Kralik, PFBC Director of Outreach, Education and Marketing. "We have a great partnership with Bass Pro and we thank them for donating the prize."

"We are incredibly excited and honored to partner with the Fish and Boat Commission in this amazing giveaway," Justin Brisson, General Manager at Bass Pro Shops in Harrisburg said. "We all have a great affinity for

the outdoors and it is our duty to share this with as many folks as possible, and this great prize will do just that for one lucky winner.

"We hope the winner will be able to enjoy the beautiful waterways and incredible fishery the Commonwealth has to offer for many years to come, thanks in large part to the great folks at the Fish and Boat Commission and their work to help protect our natural resources," he said.

The public can enter this giveaway by visiting [GoneFishingPA.com](http://GoneFishingPA.com) from Sept. 3 through Nov. 28, or by entering in person at the PFBC booth/table at Penn State home football games this year. PFBC staff will be set up in Penn State Football's Fan Festival outside Beaver Stadium in University Park during all seven home football games this fall. PFBC staff plan to be at each game at least four hours in advance of the game's kickoff.

Penn State's home games are as follows:  
Minnesota, Oct. 1

Maryland, Oct. 8  
Ohio State, Oct. 22  
Iowa, Nov. 5  
Michigan State, Nov. 26

"This is an opportunity for us to invite people to come and visit us at the football stadium, which annually draws hundreds of thousands of fans, and is a signature series of events in Central PA," Kralik said. "It also gives us a chance to speak with people and promote the good fishing and boating opportunities available during fall months in the Commonwealth."

The PFBC plans to have fishing licenses available for sale, and will have promotional materials to hand out and staff onsite to answer questions from the public.

The winner will be notified after Dec. 12. A date, time and location for the winner to pick up the fishing boat package will be determined in the weeks after the winner is notified. No purchase is required and only one entry per qualifying adult will be accepted.

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## SCI Dallas to hold youth deer hunt

Times Leader

The State Correctional Institution at Dallas, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, will hold a one-day antlerless deer Youth Hunt on the prison grounds.

The hunt will take place on Saturday, Oct. 22, and will allow 30 junior hunters between the ages of 12 and 16 years old a chance to harvest a doe from the institution grounds. To be eligible, junior hunters must have a valid Pennsylvania hunting license and a valid 3B antlerless deer permit; be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 years who is willing to sign a

waiver of responsibility; and have proper clothing of 250 square inches of fluorescent orange on head, chest and back visible from 360 degrees. Participants must choose to hunt using a shotgun with slugs or any muzzle-loader including scoped in-lines.

A lottery will be used as the method of obtaining a permit. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Interested hunters should send a 3x5" white index card that contains their name, address, phone number, date of birth, back tag number and CID antlerless deer permit number. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the needed information

to Larry Mahally, State Correctional Institution at Dallas, 1000 Follies Road, Dallas, PA 18612. The deadline to apply is Friday, Sept. 30.

Only one permit will be issued per person. Permits will be valid only for the date indicated. Those selected will be notified by mail during the week of Oct. 3. Participants will be required to arrive by 6 a.m. the morning of the hunt. Additional information concerning the hunt will be enclosed in the acceptance letter.

For additional information, contact Mark Pall at 570-675-1101 ext. 351.

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The PGC's "elk cam" allows viewers to watch bull elk such as this one from their computer or phone.

## PGC's 'elk cam' goes live

Times Leader

Each September, thousands of visitors make their way to Pennsylvania's elk country to experience bugling season.

And while there's nothing quite like seeing a giant bull up close, or feeling your rib cage resonate as it lets loose an ear-splitting bugle in person, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has provided an opportunity to experience elk without leaving home.

The PGC has installed a camera on State Game Lands 311 in Elk County, in a field that typically is a hub of elk activity as the bugling season heats up.

The camera was installed with help from the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Forestry and the North-central Regional Planning and Development Commission. Video and sound from the camera are being live streamed on the Game Commission's website.

The live stream, which

is provided by the Game Commission's partner, HDOnTap, is the latest in a string of real-time wildlife-watching opportunities offered by the Game Commission, including the ever-popular EagleCam that has attracted millions of viewers.

Game Commission Executive Director R. Matthew Hough said while there's no substitute for visiting elk country in person, the camera gives viewers a taste of what the excitement is all about.

"People are fascinated with elk and, in Pennsylvania, they prove it year after by making the elk range a destination and applying in stunning numbers for their chance to live the dream of hunting a Pennsylvania elk," Hough said. "This camera is just one more thing to get them excited. And while I'd recommend a visit to elk range to anybody, those bugles coming through your computer speakers are the next best thing to being there."

The live stream can be accessed at the home page of the Game Commission's website, by clicking on "Elk Country Live Stream" link in the "Recent Videos" section.

The live stream is slated to run until the end of the bugling season, likely sometime in mid-October. The top time to see elk on camera has been late in the afternoon.

Even at times elk can't be seen on screen, bulls can be heard bugling, calves and cows send sounds back and forth, turkeys talk, birds sing.

"Whether you're planning a trip to the elk range this bugling season, or only just learning that we have elk here in Pennsylvania, keep the Elk Cam in mind and check in every now and then to see what the camera is capturing," Hough said. "It's only a matter of time before you see and hear the splendor of bugling elk, and get to a taste of what all the excitement is about."

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# Nature takes over at Moon Lake

## DCNR letting wildlife run its course

By Tom Venesky  
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Clumps of tall grass protrude through the cracked surface of what used to be a paved parking lot. Mosquito larvae squirm in the two feet of water that has collected in the bottom of an abandoned, Olympic-sized swimming pool.

Poison ivy climbs the walls of a maintenance building and playground equipment sits silent, consumed by rust.

At first glance it appears that Moon Lake Park is forgotten.

But since it was acquired by the state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources from Luzerne County last October, the once-popular destination is going through a rebirth.

Once a manicured showpiece that attracted residents from across the region, the state has opted for a different management technique for the Moon Lake State Forest Recreation Area. Nature, not people, will be making the decision on how the park is maintained and the results this summer are evident.

"The real challenge was taking a very developed county park with full ame-

### VIDEO

To see video of what the swimming pool at Moon Lake looks like now, visit the online version of this story at timesleader.com



nities and getting rid of that atmosphere for a more rustic setting," said Nick Lylo, district forester for the Bureau of Forestry's Pinchot Forest District.

While nature has been effective at transforming the sprawling fields from manicured lawn to wildlife-abundant grasslands, it has needed a bit of help in the reclamation process. This fall, DCNR will award a contract to have the buildings and park infrastructure demolished, and Lylo expects it all to be done before next spring.

For a park that has been maintained as a vacation destination since 1971, there's a lot to remove.

The concrete comprising the enormous swimming pool will be jack-hammered away several feet down and the void will be filled in and planted with native grasses. The electric boxes that once allowed visitors to plug in will be cut away and buried. More than 250 manholes - part of the park's intricate sewer system, will be removed and filled.

Paved roads will be



Photos by Pete G. Wilcox | Times Leader  
Nick Lylo, district forester for Bureau of Forestry's Pinchot Forest District looks at the pool in Moon Lake Park. The structure will be filled in and this fall.



The pool house at Moon Lake Park is boarded shut after vandalism damaged the structure. The building will be demolished this fall.

milled and reverted to dirt and gravel.

Aside from a few pavilions that are in good shape, every structure and semblance of civilization in the park will be torn down right down to the road signs that once directed visitors where to go.

But it doesn't mean there won't be a reason to visit

Moon Lake. In the midst of nature's reclamation project, DCNR will make a few modest improvements to accommodate visitors.

Ten campsites will be available this fall, complete with picnic table, parking pad and grill, and open to those who choose to camp in a tent, RV or trailer. Lylo acknowledged it's far less

than the 100 campsites that used to dominate the park years ago.

"We want the campsites to be scattered. Our approach is dispersed, passive recreation," Lylo said. "This is a state forest. The amenities we're taking out can be found at state parks."

A new boat launch will be installed at the 48-acre lake, some walking and biking trails will be maintained, a few informational kiosks will be built and a main parking lot will be constructed at the swimming pool area. Also, there will be no gate limiting usage of the area and Moon Lake will be open all day and night. Hunting will also be allowed at some point in yet-to-be-determined designated areas.

Lylo is looking forward to having the infrastructure removed, especially the pool and adjacent restrooms which have been the target of vandals. But what excites him most are the acres and acres of lush grasslands that grew from what were once manicured lawns.

"The first thing I notice when I come here is the grass isn't mowed. Our intent is to make it a native meadow and attract wildlife that utilizes grassland habitat," Lylo said. "That's the neatest thing I see."

As natural succession of the grasslands is allowed to continue, Lylo said DCNR will have to come up with a management plan for the acreage to keep the grasses thriving. Options include prescribed burning or limited mowing.

Watching nature reclaim a once-civilized area is fascinating to Lylo, and he said the process will be a learning experience for DCNR.

"Not everybody gets the opportunity to create a state forest, and that's what we're doing," Lylo said. "Moon Lake is still here. Yes, the swimming pool and basketball courts are gone, but you can still come here and do everything else - walk, jog, picnic, camp, fish and some hunting. Be patient. The opportunities will be here."

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## CAUGHT ON CAMERA



By Tom Venesky  
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We won't see hummingbirds until next spring, but these photos taken by Tom Thornton at his home in Blakeslee serve as a reminder of how unique and extraordinary the diminutive birds are.

Thornton said he's seen as many as eight at his feeders over the summer, and they don't hesitate to spar in the air for a prime feeding spot.

Capture anything interesting on your handheld or trail camera? A nice buck, bear, coyote or any other wildlife? We'd

love to see it. Each week, we'll run photos from a reader's trail camera on the Sunday Outdoors page. Email your photo, along with date and area it was taken (township is fine), and any other details to tvenesky@timesleader.com.  
— Tom Venesky

## Memorial golf tournament benefits hunters, wildlife

Times Leader

Over 50 golfers competed in the third annual Sean W. Cosgrove Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Mountain Laurel Golf Club near White Haven, on Sept. 11, to support wildlife conservation.

"Sean was an avid outdoorsman and our family wanted to honor him by hosting an annual event that supported wildlife and hunters of Pennsylvania," event organizer Brian Cosgrove said. "We were happy to donate this year's proceeds to the Pennsylvania Game Commission."

Game Commission special investigator and dog handler David Allen attended the event with Labrador retriever Skye to



Submitted photo

From the left, Game Commission Special Investigator David Allen; Skye; Kate McFadden (sister of Sean Cosgrove); Brian Cosgrove (nephew of Sean Cosgrove); Game Commission Supervisor William Williams.

provide information to participants on the agency's K-9 program.

Game Commission Northeast Region Information and Education Supervisor William Williams accepted the donation and thanked the Cosgrove family and event participants

during post-tournament activities.

"This generous donation will provide support to a variety of wildlife conservation programs," Williams said. "This gesture is greatly appreciated."

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## FALL TROUT STOCKING SCHEDULE

Fall trout stocking list for Luzerne County (Extended season from Sept. 6 to Dec. 31 minimum size is 7 inches, daily limit is three):  
Harveys Creek (Jackson Road) - Oct. 5 (rainbow trout); Meet at Harveys Lake at 11:30 a.m.  
Harveys Creek (Pavlick Road) - Oct. 5 (rainbow trout); Meet at Harveys Lake at 11:30 a.m.  
Harveys Lake - Oct. 5 (brown trout) Meet at 11:30 a.m.  
Lake Irena - Oct. 11 - rescheduled from Oct. 6 (brook trout); 11:45 a.m.  
Lake Took-a-While - Oct. 13 - rescheduled from Oct. 7 (rainbow trout); Meet at Briar Creek Lake, 11 a.m.  
Lily Lake - Oct. 7 (rainbow trout); 12:30 p.m.  
Moon Lake - Oct. 6 (rainbow trout); Meet at Sylvan Lake access, 11:30 a.m.  
Sylvan Lake - Oct. 6 (rainbow trout); 11:30 a.m.

— Compiled by Tom Venesky

## OUTDOOR NOTES

Times Leader

**Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited** will "kick off" its 30th year on Tuesday with several events and presentations, including Youth and Adult Fly Fishing Camps, Annual Conservation Banquet, numerous speakers and demonstrations.

Stanley Cooper Sr. TU chapter meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through the following May, at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW Anthracite Post, 757 Wyoming Avenue in Kingston. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

In September, noted guide, business owner, and former TV Fly Fishing host, Jim "Coz" Costolnick will have a presentation on Steelhead fishing in the Great Lakes region.

October brings Ben Rinker, a business owner and Delaware River guide living in Hancock, NY, who will be tying and exhibiting some of his own trout fly creations as well as having a presentation on fall fishing the Delaware River.

In November, Doug Bear, a sales repre-

sentative of the Orvis Company, will be the featured guest speaker. Bear will have the latest in fly fishing equipment from Orvis to show to the audience.

Stanley Cooper Sr. TU has a special guest in December, Charles "Charlie" Charlesworth. Charlesworth is the President of the PA Council of Trout Unlimited and will provide us with information on National TU as well as our own state organization.

The Annual Conservation Banquet is scheduled for March 25, 2017 at Genetti's Best Western in Wilkes Barre. The Youth Camp is tentatively scheduled for mid May 2017; the Adult Fly Fishing Camp tentatively for early June 2017. A chapter outing is also being planned.

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**The Huntington Mills United Sports-Camp 271** will

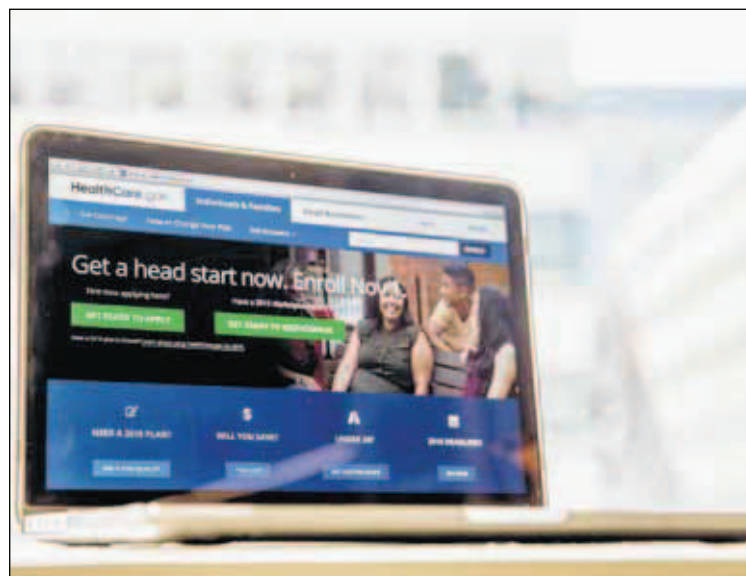
host its annual Junior Pheasant Hunt in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on Saturday, Oct. 8. Youth hunters must be 12 to 16 and have Hunter/Trapper Certification. The hunt is limited to the first 30 participants. To register for the hunt visit huntingtonmillsportsmen.com. For more information contact Nick Wagner at 570-574-0682.

**Pheasants Forever Chapter 803**, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers, will hold a mentored youth pheasant hunt on State Game Lands 119 on Oct. 8. Youths must be between the ages of 12 to 16 and have successfully completed a hunter safety course.

A minimum of 250 square inches of hunter orange must be worn on the head, back and chest combined. To participate, youths can register on the Game Commission website (pgc.pa.gov). Volunteers with hunting dogs and mentors are needed. For more information, visit nepapf.org or call Corey Wiesel at 570-282-6346.

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## Looking at health law's 'growing pains'



The HealthCare.gov website, where people can buy health insurance, is displayed on a laptop screen in Washington. President Barack Obama told insurers his health care overhaul has some growing pains.

Andrew Harnik | AP file

### More problems behind the Affordable Care Act?

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama told insurers this week his health care overhaul has had some growing pains. But with premiums rising and marquee insurers bailing, could the real diagnosis be “failure to thrive?”

The medical term refers to when patients, often youngsters but also adults, fail to achieve or maintain proper weight. This is the fourth election cycle in which the Affordable Care Act has been in play, struggling for political traction

and a healthy level of acceptance from a divided public.

“Progress has not been without challenges,” Obama wrote insurers. “Most new enterprises have growing pains and opportunities for improvement.” He asked for help with the fourth sign-up season, which starts Nov. 1.

Here’s a look at key indicators for the health of “Obamacare,” now and in the future:

#### Uninsured: In remission

The uninsured rate is 8.6 percent, a historic low, according to the most up-to-date government numbers. That means at

least 21 million fewer people uninsured since the law passed in 2010, reversing decades-long coverage losses. Experts credit the law for nearly all the progress.

That’s to be expected when the government requires most people to have health insurance, provides tens of billions of dollars a year to subsidize premiums, and imposes fines on holdouts remaining uninsured. The law also bars insurers from turning away those in poor health.

The concern now is that so

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## Wells Fargo lesson: Routinely examine bank statements

At Wells Fargo, the concept of “customer care” got rolled over and crushed like a grasshopper under a stagecoach wheel.



Consumer Watchdog

Mark Jones

The banking giant last week was fined and assessed penalties of \$185 million for what regulators with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau described as “widespread unlawful sales practices.” “The bank’s employees secretly opened accounts and shifted funds from consumers’ existing accounts into these new accounts without their knowledge or permission to do so,” according to a bureau statement, “often racking up fees or other charges.”

Thousands of employees engaged in the scheme since 2011, reportedly going rogue to create up to 1.5 million checking and savings accounts, and as many as 565,000 credit card accounts. The deception apparently was fueled by an employee incentive program gone horribly wrong.

As Forbes contributor Rob Berger aptly wrote about the situation, “It reminds one of the ABCs of ‘Glengarry Glen Ross’ – Always Be Closing.”

For consumers like you, Wells Fargo’s trust-shattering scandal should impart this lesson: Routinely look over your monthly statements. If you spot something fishy, such as an account that you didn’t request, investigate further.

Wells Fargo posted an apology on its website saying, “We truly regret and take full responsibility” for foisting unwanted products and services on customers. The financial institution supposedly has terminated about 5,300 workers in recent years due to the fraudulent “sales tactic,” which was first brought to light about three years ago not by the government’s watchdogs but by a daily newspaper. (Thank you, Los Angeles Times!)

In the first quarter of this year, affected Wells Fargo customers nationwide received refunds to compensate them for fees they wrongly incurred, according to the bank. Former customers most likely received a letter and paper check in the mail, while existing customers got the credits applied directly to their accounts. The average refund was \$25.

If you inspect your Wells Fargo statement and spot an account that you don’t recognize, the bank advises, “call the number on your online statement, call the number listed on the back of your paper account statement ... or visit one of our banking locations.”

The bank also has “made many improvements” to prevent future abuses, according to information on its website. Email notifications will be sent each time a checking or savings account is opened, and acknowledgements also will accompany credit card applications, the company said.

So far, it doesn’t appear the titans atop Wells Fargo’s organizational chart will be held accountable for the widespread failure within the firm. The company’s former head of community banking will retire at year’s end with “tens of millions of dollars in stock and options,” CNBC reported last week.

If you incurred costs because of a Wells Fargo account that you didn’t approve, take your complaint directly to the bank either by visiting a branch or calling. If still unsatisfied, ask to participate in a mediation process handled by an outside firm.

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Ted S. Warren | AP file

Truck and automobile traffic mix on Interstate 5, headed north through Fife, Wash., near the Port of Tacoma. Truckers are warning that a government plan to electronically limit the speed of tractor-trailer rigs will lead to highway traffic jams and an increase in deadly run-ins with cars allowed to travel at faster speeds.

## Truckers: Speed caps a danger

### Drivers say government plan would lead to more crashes, traffic jams

By Tom Krisher  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Truckers are warning that a government plan to electronically limit the speed of tractor-trailers will lead to highway traffic jams and possibly an increase in deadly run-ins with cars.

More than 150 people, most identifying themselves as independent truckers, have filed comments recently with the government about the proposed rule, unveiled last month by two federal agencies. There were only a few comments in favor.

The government has proposed requiring electronic speed limiters on all trucks and buses over 26,000 pounds manufactured after the regulation goes into effect. Speeds could be limited to 60, 65 or 68 miles per hour when the rule is finalized after a comment period that ends Nov. 7.

Regulators and others favoring speed limiters say the rule is supported by simple physics: If trucks travel slower, the impact of a crash will be less severe and fewer people will be injured or killed. But truckers say the government is actually creating conditions for more collisions by

focusing on the severity of the crash while ignoring the dynamic of trucks and cars traveling at different speeds.

Truckers also want to travel as far as they can in the hours they’re allowed to drive under federal rules.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration analyzed data from 2004 through 2013 and found that on average 1,044 people died per year in crashes involving heavy trucks on roads with speed limits of at least 55 mph.

The agency also found that if trucks speeds were limited to 60 mph, 162 to 498 lives per year would be saved because the impact of a crash would be less severe. At 65 mph, up to 214 lives would be saved, and as many as 96 would be saved with a 68 mph limit.

#### A more severe scenario

But truckers says slowing them down increases the chances of trucks being hit from behind by cars allowed to go 70 mph or more. Todd Spencer, executive vice president of the Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, the largest group of independent truckers, says most car-truck crashes

on freeways where traffic is going the same direction involves a car rear-ending a truck.

“The net effect of their rule means that the truck will be running slower still,” Spencer said. “That’s a crash scenario that’s more severe.”

Doug Kruzan, a driver from Simpsonville, S.C., near Greenville, said he’s seen cars hit the back of slower trucks many times as the rigs move into the left lane to pass. “A car’s coming up behind him at 70, 75. They can’t slow down that quick. He’s going to run into the back of that truck every time,” said Kruzan.

NHTSA statistics show that of all the fatal crashes — not limited to freeway driving — between big trucks and passenger vehicles in 2014, the latest year available, about 15 percent involved cars rear-ending large trucks, according to NHTSA statistics. The Motor Carrier Safety Administration has reported that of 438,000 crashes involving large trucks in 2014, the front of the truck was the impact point in 38 percent of them. The rear of the truck was hit in 24 percent.

Many truckers say all vehicles should be limited to the same speed, but a NHTSA spokesman said that’s not being considered. He would not comment on Spencer’s allegation that the government ignored the

impact of varied speeds.

Truckers also say if the rule is adopted, tractor-trailers will try to pass each other at similar speeds, causing “blockades” that will clog traffic and frustrate car drivers. What’s more, they say, because the rule isn’t retroactive some truckers will try to prolong the lives of older trucks that otherwise would be replaced by newer models.

#### Predictions exaggerated?

Steve Owings, an Atlanta financial planner, whose 2006 petition helped bring about the proposed regulation, says predictions of highway logjams are exaggerated.

Owings noted that a 2007 survey by the American Trucking Associations, the largest group of trucking companies in the nation, found that 69 percent of all trucking companies used speed limiters on at least some rigs. The average limit was 69 mph.

The association hasn’t taken a more recent survey, but Owings believes the number of trucks with speed limiters has grown.

“We don’t have a national traffic jam now because of them trying to pass each other,” said Owings, whose son was killed by a speeding truck while returning to college in 2002.

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## CORPORATE LADDER

### Commonwealth Health

Four Pittston-area family practice physicians have joined the Commonwealth Health Physicians Network.

**James Bruno, M.D., Gerald Gibbons, M.D., Charles Manganiello, M.D., and Michalene Torbik, D.O.,** will continue to see patients at their office at 1099 South Township Boulevard, Lynnae Imdorf, a physician assistant, is also on staff at the Pittston office. All are on the medical staff of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Dr. Bruno is a graduate of Autonomous

University of Guadalajara and specializes in internal medicine.

Dr. Gibbons, a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Medicine, is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Manganiello earned a medical degree in family medicine from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara.

Dr. Torbik is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is certified



Bruno



Gibbons



Manganiello



Torbik



Hernandez-Gonzales



Williams

by the American Board of Family Medicine.

**Johnny Hernandez-Gonzalez, M.D.,** has joined Orthopaedic Consultants and the medical staff of Commonwealth Health Wilkes-Barre General Hospital as an orthopedic surgeon.

Dr. Hernandez-Gonzalez is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Cam-

pus, with a bachelor's degree in biology, and the university's Medical Sciences Campus, where he earned a medical degree. He completed a general surgery internship at San Juan City Hospital and an orthopedic surgery residency at the university's Medical Sciences Campus.

He has been in private and academic practice

in Puerto Rico for 26 years. He is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and is a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

**Cherise Williams** has joined Commonwealth Health as a cardiothoracic surgery nurse practitioner at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Williams is a licensed practical nurse and holds an associate's degree in nursing from Midlands Technical Col-

lege, Columbia, S.C., and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Lander University, Greenwood, S.C. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., with a master of science degree in nursing. She previously worked at the University of California as a cardiothoracic surgery nurse practitioner.

Williams is a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Nurses Association and American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

## Health

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many remain uninsured — about 27 million people. Of those, the administration has estimated that nearly half would be eligible for private coverage through insurance markets like HealthCare.gov, where most consumers qualify for subsidies. More customers would help stabilize premiums.

Prognosis: Slower progress; risk of relapse.

### Cost: Temperature rising

So far, the Affordable Care Act has actually cost taxpayers less than what nonpartisan congressional experts estimated when it passed. That's because fewer people than expected are covered, and also the average subsidy has been lower than originally projected.

But the story on costs looks different from the perspective of the 11 million customers in the law's insurance markets. Premiums in many communities are expected to go up significantly for 2017. Not a big worry, says the administration, because subsidies will also rise, shielding most consumers. Yet some may have to switch plans, or settle for a higher deductible.

Medicare chief Andy Slavitt, who oversees the health care law, says part of the problem is that insurers set their premiums too low and are now having to correct that. "Once these one-time effects kick in,

our expectation is we will see a very normalized rate of growth," Slavitt said.

But if higher premiums cause some consumers to drop out, or turn off prospective customers, the remaining pool will be more expensive to cover. That could start a vicious cycle.

The cost of covering low-income beneficiaries through the law's Medicaid expansion also has increased faster than expected.

Prognosis: Frequent monitoring needed.

### Quality and choice

Sixty-eight percent of consumers who have a plan through the health law's marketplaces rate their overall coverage as excellent or good. A recent survey by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation also found high satisfaction with choice of hospitals and doctors, and with copays. But only about half were satisfied with their annual deductibles.

In a worrisome sign, the survey found fewer customers than in previous years saying that overall, their plans are a good value for what they pay. That has slipped below 50 percent.

So far, Obama's law seems to have helped with the financial health of many working families. Major government and private surveys have found fewer people struggling to pay medical bills, coinciding with the law's coverage expansion. Impacts on physical health will take more time to clearly discern.

## Danger

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The ATA joined Owings in petitioning for the speed limiters, seeking a top speed of 65 mph. The independent truckers also argued in comments that the regulations will benefit the big trucking companies at the expense of independent operators who need to cover more ground each day.

Owings wants NHTSA to make the limiters ret-

roactive to trucks built since the early 1990s that have the capability of limiting speeds with low-cost software changes. But NHTSA says that could cost up to \$2,000 per truck.

The speed limiters also would take care of the problem of trucks traveling faster speeds than their tires can handle. An investigation by The Associated Press last year found that most truck tires can't handle speeds above 75 mph, yet some states let trucks go 80 mph or even 85 mph.

credit card accounts."

As a last resort to get disputes with the bank resolved, you can call the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's hotline at 855-411-2372.

Oh, and one more thing. You might want to move your money to a bank or credit union where you sense that customers — and their accounts — get treated with greater respect.

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

### Main Street KinderCare Learning Center

**Main Street KinderCare Learning Center** has been awarded accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, a leading professional organization for the early childhood education industry.

Accreditation is an intensive process, granted by an independent, third-party organization validating that KinderCare's teachers provide meaningful and engaging daily learning experiences for every child.

### Wilkes University

Five Wilkes University faculty and staff members were presented with new cross-university awards called the "President's Awards for Excellence" during Wilkes University's fall convocation Aug. 24. President Patrick Leahy conferred the awards, which promote and celebrate the university's five core values: scholarship, innovation, community, mentoring and diversity.

**Michael Steele**, professor of biology, was the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Scholarship for

his efforts in advancing knowledge through discovery and research to better educate students.

**John Carlin**, director of network and technology infrastructure, garnered the President's Award for Innovation for his efforts in promoting programs, ideas and sustainable practices as they relate to rebuilding a computer network in unheralded ways.

**Addy Malatesta**, director of athletics, took home the President's Award for Community for her efforts in appreciating and collaborating with mutual respect to foster a sense

of belonging on campus.

**Lt. Col. Mark Kaster**, lecturer in environmental engineering and earth science and veterans counselor, received the President's Award for Mentoring for his efforts in nurturing individuals to understand and act on their abilities while challenging them to achieve great things.

**Helen Davis**, associate professor of English, took home the President's Award for Diversity for her efforts in embracing differences and uniqueness through sincerity, awareness, inclusion and sensitivity.

## PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following real estate transactions have been recorded in the Luzerne County Office of the Recorder of Deeds for the weeks of Aug. 29, 2016, and Sept. 6, 2016:

• Robert A. Kennedy to Brandon and Laurene Carlin, 12 Anne St., Wright Township, \$170,000.

• Keith M. and Dawn M. Crockford to Eric Porpiglia, 37 Fawn Drive, Butler Township, \$234,000.

• Estate of Mary Louise Buckalew to Travis R. and Kady M. Davenport, 550 Old Tioga Pike, Fairmount Township, \$265,000.

• Lois H. Shotwell to Mindy L. Wylie, 1104 Holly Drive, Salem Township, \$110,000.

• Carlton Wayne and Sharon Kay Young, Mabel Ann Lanning, and Betty Zane and Richard Jeleniowski to Raymond J. Garren, 1720 Old Tioga Turnpike, New Columbus Borough, \$57,000.

• Kayla M. Matlowski to Daddy F. Torres, 98 N. Atherton Ave., Kingston, \$110,000.

• 2.0 Holdings LLC to 300 Wright Avenue Properties LLC, 379 Chestnut St., Kingston, \$99,750.

• Patrick A. and Karen M. Mahoney to Sirva Relocation Credit LLC, 1015 Mill St., Lehman Township, \$138,500.

• Sirva Relocation Credit LLC to Adam Shefler, 1015 Mill St., Lehman Township, \$138,500.

• Walden Estate Inc. to Thomas Daniel Sweich, Route 309, Fairview Township, \$259,280.

• J&J Inn Partners and Susquehanna Associates Management Inc. to HH R1 Hazleton LLC, Road B, Hazle Township, \$7,276,933.

• Felix Ventura Santos to Sandra Y. Montero Nin, 437 W. Maple St.,

Hazleton, \$72,900.

• Shannon L. and Stewart W. Marchetti to Dean A. Winder, 152 Trolley Bed Road, Butler Township, \$175,000.

• Ann M. Organis and Jean Ann Kresge to Wilson Ceballos, 1033 Locust St., Hazle Township, \$138,000.

• John Jr. and Karen Lynn Witchin to Jarrod Marchetti, 549 Walnut St., Freeland Borough, \$51,000.

• M&B Inn Partners and Susquehanna Associates Management Inc. to HH FF1 Hazleton LLC, Route 93, Sugarloaf Township, \$4,838,369.

• Capital Income and Growth Fund LLC to Juan Espinal, 1009 S. Church St., Hazle Township, \$61,5000.

• Eagle Rock Resort Company to Renato Jervoso and Arlene Pino Severino, Scots Pine Lane, Hazle Township, \$100,954.

• Rolland E. and Donna M. Dorward to Brian R. and Heather M. Fiske, 27 Hillcrest Drive, Dallas Township, \$189,500.

• Julianna Conway to Steven and Kelly Marks, 52 Eley St., Kingston, \$52,000.

• Jonathan M. Franco to Hiya Blu Nawrocki, 18 Allenberry Drive, Hanover Township, \$101,000.

• Eva J. Guarino to Brian and Colleen Cronauer, 5 Colonial Drive, Wright Township, \$196,000.

• Rosebro Properties and Donald, Susan, John, Jane, Charles and Joseph Rosental to Capa Holdings LLC, 526 N. Main St., Pittston, \$60,000.

• James C. and Yong H. Cook to Aaron Pluchinsky, 30 Norton Ave., Dallas, \$139,000.

• David R. and Colleen Duke to James J. Gallagher, 68 ½ Cook St., Ashley, \$53,000.

• Thomas J. and

Rachel M. Nardone Revocable Living Trust and Bernadette Frail to Esther Sosa and Javier Pala-Romales, 29 Barney St., Wilkes-Barre, \$88,000.

• Roger A. Schwartz to Harry D. and Marsha Kocylowski, 387 S. Mountain Blvd., Wright Township, \$165,000.

• Joseph A. and Deborah Sellitto to Thomas and Jill Pentagelo, 72 Pinewood Drive, Laflin, \$220,000.

• Joseph C. Bamera and Holy Spirit Parish to Rose Corrales, W. Main St., Newport Township, \$67,000.

• Bank of New York Mellon Trust Copmany to ARLP Trust, 225 Dana St., Wilkes-Barre, \$68,110.

• ARLP Trust to ARNS Inc., 225 Dana St., Wilkes-Barre, \$68,110.

• Steven A. Ubaldini to Salvation Army, 127 Frangorma Drive, Kingston Township, \$245,000.

• Kamaidal Ragubir to Champa Singh, 13 Greenbriar Road, Butler Township, \$150,000.

• Michael and Karen O'Donovan to Relocations Horizons Inc., 484 Ridge Road, Pittston Township, \$219,017.

• Relocations Horizons Inc. to Kristopher D. Sr. and Elizabeth C. Vanesko, 484 Ridge Road, Pittston Township, \$219,017.

• Estate of Roxy R. Fornataro Jr. to 510 East 5th Street LLC, 510-516 E. 5th St., Hazleton, \$148,000.

• KTR NE PA LLC, Prologis LP and Prologis Inc to NP Wilkes-Barre LLC, 600 New Commerce Blvd., Hanover Township, \$15,000,000.

• Michael J. and Denise Brust to Diane Metrick, 103 St. Charles Place, \$165,000.

• Jamie Roman to John S. and Donna Ver-cusky, 925 N. Vine St., Hazleton, \$54,000.

• Federal National

Mortgage Association and Fannie Mae to Paul Eric Rosengrant and Patricia Jane Swope, 73 Sullivan St., Swoyersville, \$56,500.

• Charles P. and Angela Milazzo to Northeast Rentals LLC, 26 to 28 Lagrange St., Pittston City, \$82,500.

• Sara E. Kane to Mark and Rita L. Spagenberg, 25 Fawn Drive, Dakkas, \$270,000.

• Horace W. Heitman and Angela R. Carls to Paul F. Sr. and Ruth C. Katona, 1087 S. Providence Road, Hazle Township, \$120,000.

• LSF8 Master Participation Trust and Caliber Real Estate Services LLC to Sidney Slody, 132 Keller Lane, Kingston Township, \$48,000.

• Christine Monaghan to Heather Demich, 314 Franklin St., West Pittston, \$65,720.

• Daniel and Sherilyn Merrick to Matthew Chapman and Jordan Zande, Orchard Lane, RR 95 Walnut Ave., Conyngham, \$194,000.

• Gary Irvin Van Horn, Laurel Beth and Dennis P. Flaim to Robert J. Selina M. Angelo, 300 Brengle St., Freeland, \$95,000.

• William and Maryanne Spurlin to Ernest R. and Barbara U. Gelb, 424 Orchard Way, Dallas, \$169,000.

• John E. and Sylvia Mainzer to William and Maryanne Spurlin, 413 Orchard Way, Dallas, \$155,900.

• GPGH Investments LLC to Boreal Properties LLC, 23 W. Noble St., Nanticoke, \$57,000.

• Christiana Trust and Selene Finance LP to Jesse McWilliams, 4 E. Cherry Road, Nescopeck Township, \$90,000.

• Linda E. Crawford to Linda S. Fields, 210 Wall St., Nescopeck, \$85,000.

• SPB Inc. to Mark Kingston Corners Properties, 217 to 219 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, \$2,500,000.

The Week Ahead

Fed watch

The Federal Reserve is scheduled to deliver an update on interest rates and its outlook on the economy Wednesday. The remarks will follow a two-day meeting of the central bank's policymakers. The Fed raised its key interest rate last December for the first time in nearly a decade. The Fed has held off on further rate hikes since then, citing concerns about sluggish economic growth and periodic turbulence in financial markets. But many economists now believe the Fed's next rate hike will likely come before the end of this year.



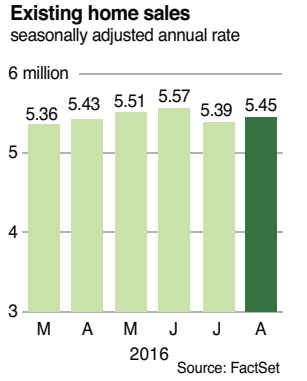
On a roll

The steady growth in online shopping has helped lift earnings and revenue for FedEx. The package delivery giant posted improved results for the fiscal year that ended in May. Wall Street predicts FedEx's latest quarterly snapshot, due out on Tuesday, will also show that the company topped its results in the same quarter last year. Beyond earnings, investors will be listening for an update on the company's efforts to beef up its delivery network, which has been strained by the boom in e-commerce.



Eye on housing

Economists project that sales of previously occupied homes accelerated in August. Housing has staged a solid rebound in prices and sales this year, but the real estate market faces potential challenges as fewer properties are being listed for sale. Home sales slid 3.2 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.39 million, a reversal from June's sales, which hit the highest level since February 2007. The National Association of Realtors reports its latest monthly home sales data on Thursday.



InsiderQ&A

Little relief on pricey biologic drugs



Dr. Bert Liang, CEO, Pfenex

Drugs made from living cells, instead of by mixing chemicals, have brought major advances since the late 1990s to the treatment of various cancers, immune system disorders and other diseases.

But the drugs, called biologics, often have enormous price tags — up to hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, with crushing out-of-pocket costs for many patients. Until recently, there was no system for U.S. regulators to approve cheaper copycats.

Exact copies of biologics can't be made due to their complexity, but a 2010 law allows near-copies, known as biosimilars, after 12 years of market exclusivity for the original. The Food and Drug Administration, though still finalizing parts of its approval process, has approved three biosimilars over the past 18 months.

Financial relief is coming, but slowly. So far, one biosimilar is available in the U.S., a Novartis drug called Zarxio that's a biosimilar of Amgen's Neupogen, for preventing infections during chemotherapy or radiation treatment. By comparison, more than 20 biosimilar versions of seven biologic drugs are available in Europe.

Dr. Bert Liang, chairman of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association's Biosimilars Council and CEO of drug developer Pfenex, talks about access to biosimilars.

Why is the U.S., where many biologic drugs were developed, so far behind Europe in adopting biosimilars?

A large degree of it was (awaiting FDA) guidance and streamlining of the regulatory process. Branded (biologic drugmakers also) are trying to utilize lobbying efforts inside the Beltway, as well as the courts, to delay the introduction of biosimilars. They want to keep their market share.

When will biosimilars finally take off in the U.S.?

We're a fledgling industry. Europe already has 10 years' experience and 20-plus approvals. There's a myriad of biosimilars currently in development, at least 50. In less than three years, you're going to see multiple.

In Europe, biosimilar drugs have brought savings of roughly 40 percent. What should Americans expect?

Zarxio's price is a 15 percent discount. (Nonprofit research group) RAND forecasts discounts of 10 to 50 percent, depending on the number of competitors. Savings up to \$40 billion are expected in the U.S. by 2020.

Are there any benefits beyond lower prices?

In Europe, there's been direct patient services increases due to the savings. That also frees up resources for other new, effective medicines.

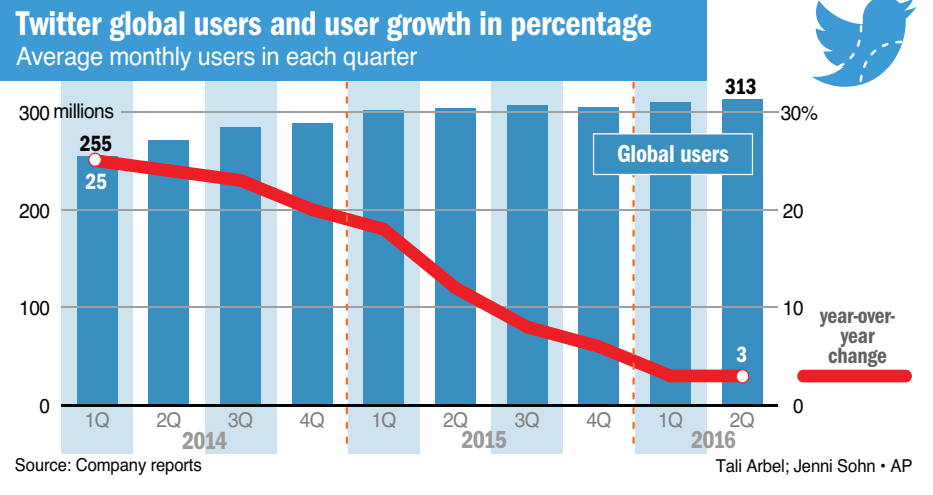
Should doctors and patients be comfortable with biosimilars?

These are incredibly safe medications. In Europe, there are 400 million-plus patient days of use of biosimilars, with safety and efficacy data.

Interviewed by Linda A. Johnson. Answers edited for clarity and length.

Twitter's sports day

Twitter hopes live sports, one of the cornerstones of traditional TV, will help it broaden its appeal. In the latest twist on its sports strategy, Twitter has a new app for people to watch on big-screen TVs through streaming gadgets such as Apple TV and Xbox One. Twitter will stream 10 Thursday night NFL football games this season. Twitter also has a deal to stream one Major League Baseball game and one National Hockey League game per week. Users don't have to sign up for a Twitter account to watch the games, but the company hopes they will. And it has the potential to make more in ad sales. It's the latest attempt by a company that has never been profitable to find more users; Facebook, the world's largest social network, has 1.7 billion. Twitter's user base has barely budged since co-founder Jack Dorsey returned as permanent CEO nearly a year ago.



Local Stocks

Table with columns: COMPANY, TICKER, 52-WK RANGE (LOW, HIGH, CLOSE), FRIDAY CHG, %CHG %RTN, RANK %RTN (1YR, 5YRS), PE, YLD.

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent to bottom 20 percent.

Company Spotlight Intel improves outlook

Intel is seeing signs of improving demand for personal computers, and the chipmaker now expects to earn more revenue in the current quarter than it had previously forecast. The announcement helped shares of the Santa Clara, California, company rise above \$38 at one point on Friday, the first time that has happened since 2001.

Intel has been hurt by slowing sales of PCs that use its chips. The company said in April that it would cut 12,000 jobs as it reorganizes its business. The company says it now expects third-quarter revenue of \$15.6 billion, plus or minus \$300 million. It previously expected revenue of \$14.9 billion, plus or minus \$500 million. Wall Street analysts expected revenue of \$14.9 billion, according to FactSet.



Table for Intel (INTC) showing 52-WEEK RANGE (\$28 to \$38), Friday's close: \$37.67, Total return 1-yr 30.7%, 3-yr\* 21.0, 5-yr\* 15.2, Div. yield: 2.8%, Dividend: \$1.04.

Interest rates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury held steady at 1.69 percent Friday. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table of TREASURIES with columns: TREASURIES, YEST PVS, NET CHG, WK MO, QTR, 1YR AGO.

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Mutual Funds

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Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same performance group; an A indicates a fund performed in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent.

Quotable

"The important thing is to get by; that's what we focus on." - Luis Munoz, hotel manager at Margarita Island - a once-busy resort whose business has been devastated by the Venezuelan economic crisis

Table showing market indices: Dow 30 (0.21% w/ly), S&P 500 (0.53% w/ly), Nasdaq (2.31% w/ly), Russell 2000 (0.46% w/ly).

CABLE DEAL FOR 'STAR WARS'

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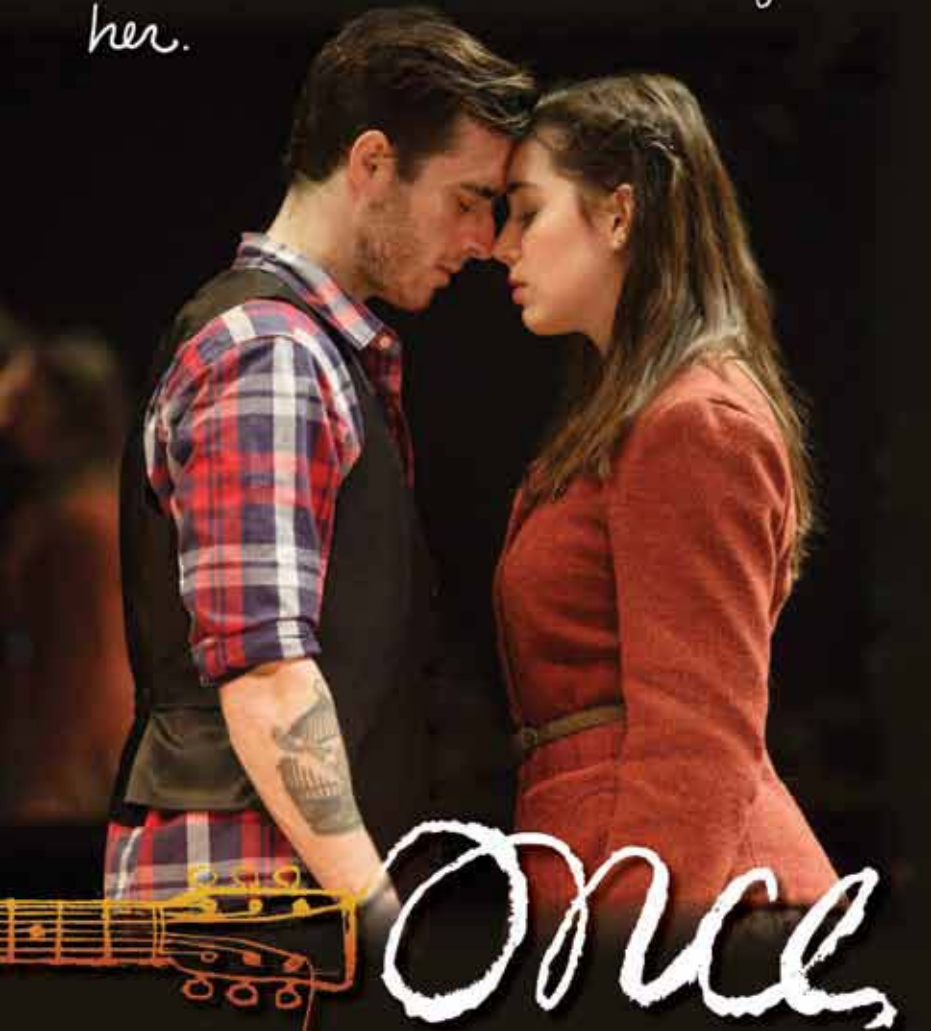
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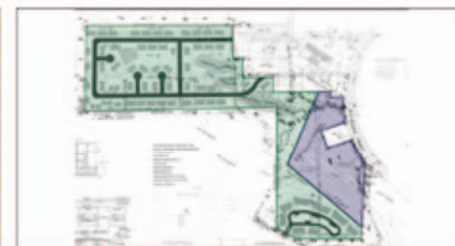
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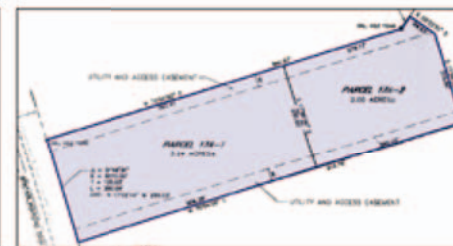
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## OUR VIEW

# Let court enter fray over schools

Attorneys representing parents and Pennsylvania school districts – including Wilkes-Barre Area – appeared before the state Supreme Court on Tuesday to argue for judicial intervention in the school-funding debate.

In Luzerne County – where public school districts have cut programs, halved kindergarten, and attempted to switch to four-day school weeks – this case matters.

The problem: Because school district budgets are so reliant on local property taxes, how much a district spends for each student depends on where that student lives. Among Pennsylvania's 500 districts, per-pupil spending ranges from \$9,800 to \$28,400.

The lawsuit contends that the state is not fulfilling its constitutional duty to “provide for the maintenance and support of a thorough and efficient system of public education,” and that the disparities violate “equal rights protections.”

Attorneys for the state didn't deny the disparity. How could they? Rather, they argued that judges have no place in resolving it.

“No individual child has any specific right to an education at all” under the constitution, argued John Knorr, of the state Attorney General's Office. The constitution requires the state only to set up a system, “and there it remains until the people of Pennsylvania tell us otherwise.”

That has been the position of state courts for decades. Similar lawsuits were dismissed as matters beyond judicial review.

But advocates argued things are different today. The state not only adopted new academic standards (not uncommon), but also implemented annual standardized tests, set goals that districts must meet in those tests, and conducted a 2007 “costing out” study that determined how much money each district needs to meet those goals.

This year, the state adopted a new funding formula intended to give more state money to the districts with greatest need. The problem – indeed, the absurdity – is that only “new money” got funneled through that formula; at most, that's 6 percent of the total spent for education.

The state argued that judicial intervention could create a morass of court micro-management, or – as Knorr contended – that the advocates really wanted a vast, court-mandated increase in spending. But no one is asking the justices any such thing. Advocates are asking only that their case get a full hearing in Commonwealth Court, where it previously was dismissed.

As Education Law Center attorney Maura McInerney told a Times Leader reporter on Tuesday, a court simply could order the Legislature and administration to go back to the drawing board and find a solution. In 27 other states, state supreme courts have overturned school-financing systems, largely without cataclysm.

The advocates for judicial intervention in school funding should get their full trial. Pennsylvania's funding disparities have grown profound. The legislative and executive branches have failed too long in addressing the disparity, and the education landscape in the state has changed more than enough to warrant it.

As area resident Tracey Hughes, who joined the lawsuit as a parent, said, the state's argument is essentially that there are only two branches of government.

This protracted debate is exactly the reason we have a third.

## YOUR VIEW: ONLINE COMMENTS



Times Leader file photo

Patrons of Eddie's Place lamented the Plains Township diner's permanent closure after what had been expected to be a two-month shutdown. Owner Ed Biniak Sr. and family members announced last week via Facebook that their run with the restaurant was over. Readers of timesleader.com reacted to the post. They also recently commented about two other news items: a fight between inmates at the State Correctional Institution at Dallas prompted its lockdown Wednesday, and Luzerne County officials heard a company's request for a real estate tax break on 172 acres in Hanover Industrial Estates.

# Diner's fans feel empty

**Kathie Patrizia:** So sorry to hear this news. I've many fond memories connected to Eddie's Place. Eddie and his brothers were *extremely* hard workers. They made a very successful business, but there comes a time when your personal life and family must take priority in life. Take care, Eddie. Enjoy life and time with your family, and your newfound freedom. It was a long, good run. You will be greatly missed. God bless.

**Kate Krispin:** Heart-breaking.

**Brooke Ann:** A lot of great memories there. Awesome food. Definitely will be missed, but family first!

**Tracy Berlinski:** I can't believe this. I wish Eddie would open it at least one week for us all to go there one last time.

**Judith Vida:** Best open-faced roast beef I ever had!

**Rachel Kelley:** Enjoyed many meals there. So sorry to hear that Ed has been ill. Sending prayers for a speedy recovery.

**Robert Gilboy:** This place was the backdrop for some of the best and worst moments of my life. While their family is getting smaller, it feels like mine is as well.

**Jim James:** Started eating there last year when my tractor was first towed to the shop down the street. I'll miss it. Good coffee, nice

## ONLINE COMMENTS

Times Leader readers post online comments regarding significant news events, smaller ones and our coverage of both. Here's a sample of what they recently had to say.

chili, and the pancakes were excellent. I hope someone is smart enough to buy them out and change nothing.

**Elias Ferraira:** The night my wife and I met in June 13, 2012, we had coffee and got to know each other. And we even went there after our wedding, on June 13, 2015. ... Thanks to the Biniak family for all the great food and times my wife and I've had there. Your place will be missed but always (remain) in our memories.

**Tim Snyder:** Is Lispi's Cocktail Lounge still open? I used to go there sometimes, and there was a guy who sang along to Neil Diamond records.

**Fight triggers lockdown**  
**Brian Blaine:** There's no reason for things like that to happen, and it was probably over something very trivial. I have family members who work at SCI Dallas, and I am glad that they, as well as the public, were never in any danger.

**Mark Brennan:** That was a once-a-week occurrence when I worked there in early '80s. We hardly ever locked down the jail.

**Mike Arthur:** So, two

inmates get into a fight and they lock down? Is this the newer operating procedure?

**Gary Snyder:** It's smart to lock down to prevent reprisals from others in the event that it was gang-related. Best to separate and allow some tempers to cool. There always will be that one who harbors the hatred no matter how long, but for the safety of the guards, lock them down.

**Mickey Finn:** Boys will be boys.

**Susan Teetsel:** This is something that happens time and again. The only way to stop it is no outside time.

**Margaret Hallett Adams:** You don't let them outside, they will do it inside.

**Hank Dobson:** Send them to Iran on vacation.

**Jill Stackhouse:** Should have left them have at it – two less mouths to support!

**Deidre Rae:** I truly love the ignorant comments on here. ... You know nothing of the individuals involved. Furthermore, I highly doubt you people on your high horses are as perfect as you act on social media. If the guards let them keep going, it could have gotten progressively

worse. Think before you post. ...

**Bonnie Dembowski:** Isn't anyone concerned there were five home-made shanks found.

**Stacy Leah:** Glad no one was hurt on our end.

**Sue Austin:** Because of their job, they are at risk of danger and death daily. It takes a brave person to walk into a place daily knowing they might not walk out.

## Tax break requested

**Michael King:** Tax incentives like these are a race to the bottom. It is no wonder school budgets are being cut and educational outcomes are so poor. These incentives also are unfair to other businesses that pay taxes. Unfortunately, many companies will shop around for the best tax deal instead of locating based on services and quality of life.

**Robbert Kadluboski:** Here we go again: Take from the poor, give to the rich from the other side of the country.

**Larry Vanchieri:** Start giving home loans with tax forgiveness to the low-income. Think of the millions who would eliminate Section 8 and HUD units. Notice I said “home,” not “house” or “building.” I – and many, many others – would love to have a place to call home but will probably never get the opportunity.

## YOUR VIEW

# Women urged to seek office

After working to elect several men to public office in the early 1980s, I decided to run for state representative.

I realized then that running for public office as a woman was very different from my observations of men running. As a result, I formed the Women's Political Action Committee of Northeastern Pennsylvania. We raised money, ran workshops, and supported women running for office.

A reporter from the Scranton Times attended our first meeting. He was astounded that we voted to support only women!

The WPAC continued until 1989 when I left the area to become an officer in the Pennsylvania State Education Association. When I returned in 1995, I became involved with the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women and am still active in that group.

Over these 34 years, I have seen more women elected to office in Northeastern Pennsylvania. I

knew the increase was not monumental, but I was not prepared for the statistic presented by Jan W. Kelly's recent letter to the editor (“Women, get on the ballot,” Aug 25). She stated that Pennsylvania was 40th out of the 50 states in the percentage of women in state legislatures.

In 1982 it was 49th out of 50.

I guess that the columnist Ellen Goodman was correct when she wrote a piece that appeared under this headline in 1986, “Women Make Political Gains by the Sip Method.”

Progress obviously is still slow, but I continue to work toward equality.

I am involved in the Ready to Run Northeast Pennsylvania project. On Oct. 8, we are conducting a daylong workshop titled “Wanted: More Women Candidates.” It will be held at the University of Scranton.

For information, visit [scranton.edu/readytorun](http://scranton.edu/readytorun).

A more balanced representation of women at all levels of government is still needed.

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THEIR VIEW

# Gen. Powell lets others take the fall

Suspicion falls on a high-level administration official. Colin Powell, who cultivates a saintlike image as a man above politics, knows that the accused is blameless. He nevertheless remains silent so as not to besmirch his own image.



**Jennifer Rubin**  
Guest Columnist

The accused twists in the wind and suffers personal and professional calamities, which largely could have been avoided had Powell spoken up earlier. The tale of Hillary Clinton's emails?

Actually, that was the Scooter Libby episode.

Libby, chief of staff to then-Vice President Dick Cheney, was falsely accused of leaking the name of CIA employee Valerie Plame. The real culprit was Richard Armitage, as his boss, Colin Powell, knew all too well. Powell and Armitage remained silent, but prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald (who also knew Armitage was the culprit) investigated Libby, whose poor memory led to a prosecution, conviction and later a partial pardon. Powell apparently felt no guilt in countenancing investigation of an innocent man. He learned no lesson, it seems.

Along comes Hillary Clinton, no computer whiz. New to the job, she asks Powell about how he dealt with emails. In this case, it was a good thing she was using email. We now have that email exchange in which Powell tells her: "I didn't have a BlackBerry. What I did do was have a personal computer that was hooked up to a private phone line (sounds ancient.) So I could communicate with a wide range of friends directly without it going through the State Department servers."

That sounds not so different at all, especially to a non-techie, from having her own server at home, doesn't it? Powell confided, "I even used it to do business with some foreign leaders and some of the senior folks in the Department on their personal email accounts. I did the same thing on the road in hotels."

He acknowledged warnings from intelligence services, but he "went about our business and stopped asking." He also advised that BlackBerry records could become public. He counsels, "I got around it all by not saying much and not using systems that captured the data."

You now understand how Clinton could have understood that, generally speaking, Powell did what she did. Nevertheless, Clinton was painted as a liar, and Powell even indignantly claimed at one point that the Clinton team was always trying to "pin" the email problem on him.

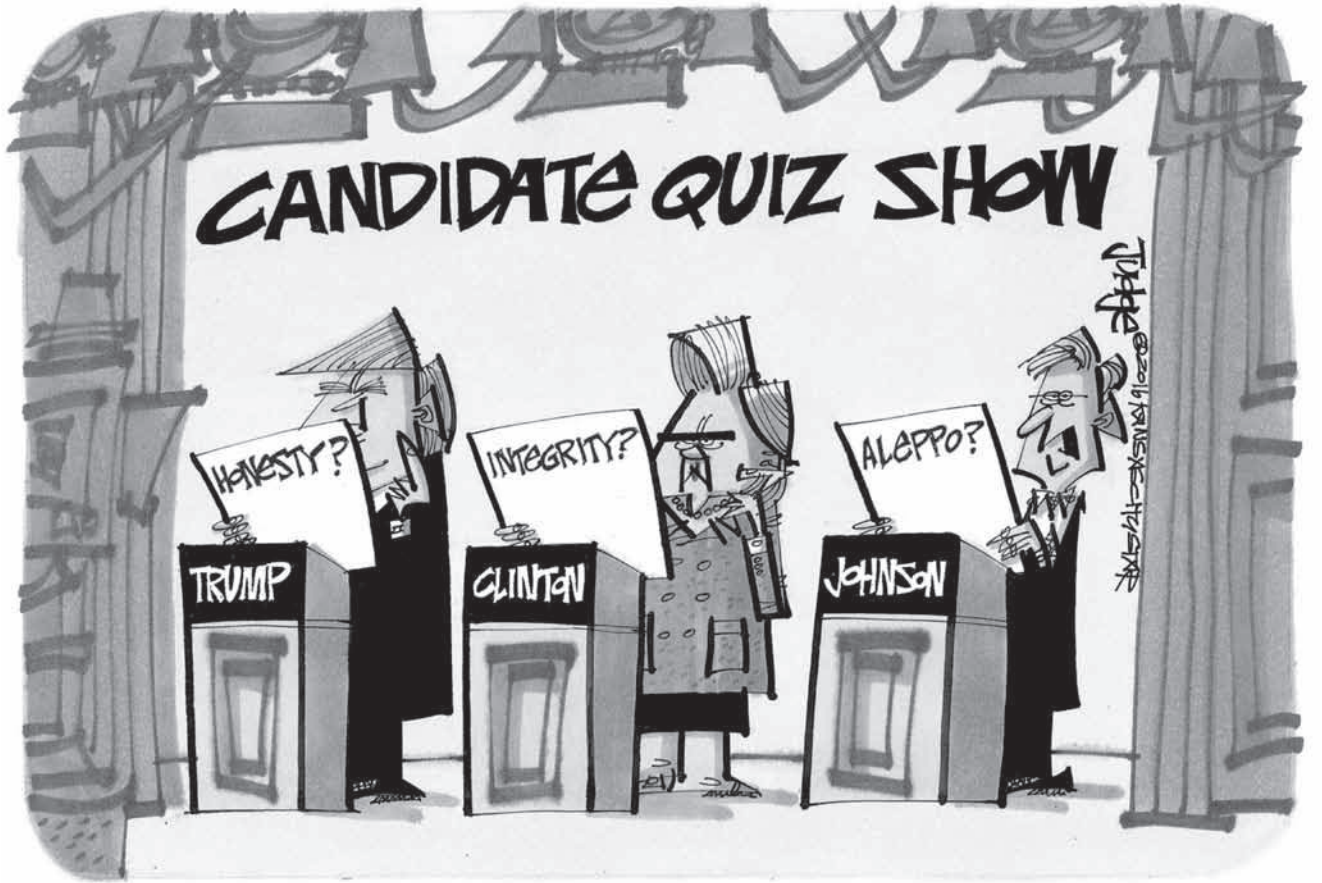
Clinton is never blameless in these scandals. She should have strictly abided by State Department protocol for email, just like she should have prevented even the appearance of impropriety by ending corporate and foreign donations to the the Clinton Foundation as soon as she became secretary of state. (In the latter case, there nevertheless is no proof of a quid pro quo and no "official" act.) Her errors are of sloppiness and a cavalier attitude toward the appearance of impropriety.

She is not, however, a criminal mastermind, nor even as culpable as Donald Trump, whose actions in connection with a donation to a campaign group tied to Florida state attorney general Pam Bondi should clearly set forth the basis for a bribery investigation.

The Tampa Bay Times editorial board argues convincingly: "Federal prosecutors should investigate whether there is any connection between the decision by Attorney General Pam Bondi's office not to pursue fraud allegations against Trump University and a \$25,000 campaign contribution he gave her. Since Florida prosecutors will not touch this mess, the Justice Department is the only option. The appearance of something more than a coincidence is too serious and the unresolved questions are too numerous to accept blanket denials by Bondi and Trump without more digging and an independent review."

We agree. We also agree with those who criticize a false equivalence between Trump and Clinton in the realm of ethics. Clinton is no goody-two-shoes, but she is not in Trump's league when it comes to lies, deceit, and buying and selling politicians. That's not an excuse for her; it's an indictment of the news media coverage that has bought Trump's line that Clinton is somehow worse than he is. We have no doubt who is the worst of the two.

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THEIR VIEW

# Most agree Trump a bigot

Monday morning on Fox News, Donald Trump addressed the two biggest stories of the past week-end: He mostly laid low on the news that Hillary Clinton has been diagnosed with pneumonia, saying he hopes she "gets well," while also tearing into Clinton's suggestion that half of his voters are bigoted or chauvinistic "deplorables."

These two things are related: The Washington Post reports that Trump advisers want him to go easy on Clinton's health, because they want the focus to be on her "deplorables" remark.

And so, on Fox, Trump had this to say about Clinton's "deplorables" comment: "I think it's the single biggest mistake of the political season."

But the new Post/ABC News poll released last weekend raises questions about whether Clinton's remarks were really a political mistake. If Clinton's goal was to force a public discussion of Trump's bigotry and chauvinism, well, the Post poll finds that a large majority of Americans agree with her that Trump is biased

against women and minorities, including among the voter groups that Trump needs to improve among in order to win.

The Post poll, which found Clinton leading Trump by five points among likely voters nationwide, also found that 60 percent of Americans believe Trump "is biased against women and minorities," with 48 percent believing that strongly. According to the crosstabs, college educated whites believe this by 57-41, and college educated white women — a crucial demographic that the campaigns are fighting over — believe it by 61-39.

What's more, majorities of college educated white men and non-college white women also believe this. Indeed, as James Downie puts it: "At this point, the only group of voters that doesn't think Trump is biased is white men without a college degree."

Meanwhile, on the question of which candidate has the right personality and temperament to be president, large majorities



**Greg Sargent**  
Guest Columnist

of Americans overall and college educated whites pick Clinton, not Trump. It's hard to know how related that is to perceptions of Trump's bigotry, but most indications are that Trump has to improve among college educated whites to win, and it's hard to see how such perceptions help him.

Other polls have showed similar findings. A recent Quinnipiac poll found that large majorities of American voters overall and college educated whites in particular think "the way Trump talks appeals to bigotry," which suggests they think he's running a bigoted campaign.

As I argued over the weekend, Clinton did err to some degree, particularly in making the precise claim that "half" of Trump's supporters are driven by Islamophobia, sexism, or racism.

But Clinton's underlying case — that Trump is running a campaign fueled in part by bigoted appeals, and in the process, he is mainstreaming fringe sentiments — is simply

inarguable. Indeed, as Politico's Annie Karni reports, top Democrats think forcing such a discussion could be helpful in targeted ways. It could energize nonwhites and liberals, and continue deepening revulsion at Trump among college educated whites and perhaps even millennials, who might be uncertain about Clinton but might also be galvanized by her effort to take on this argument.

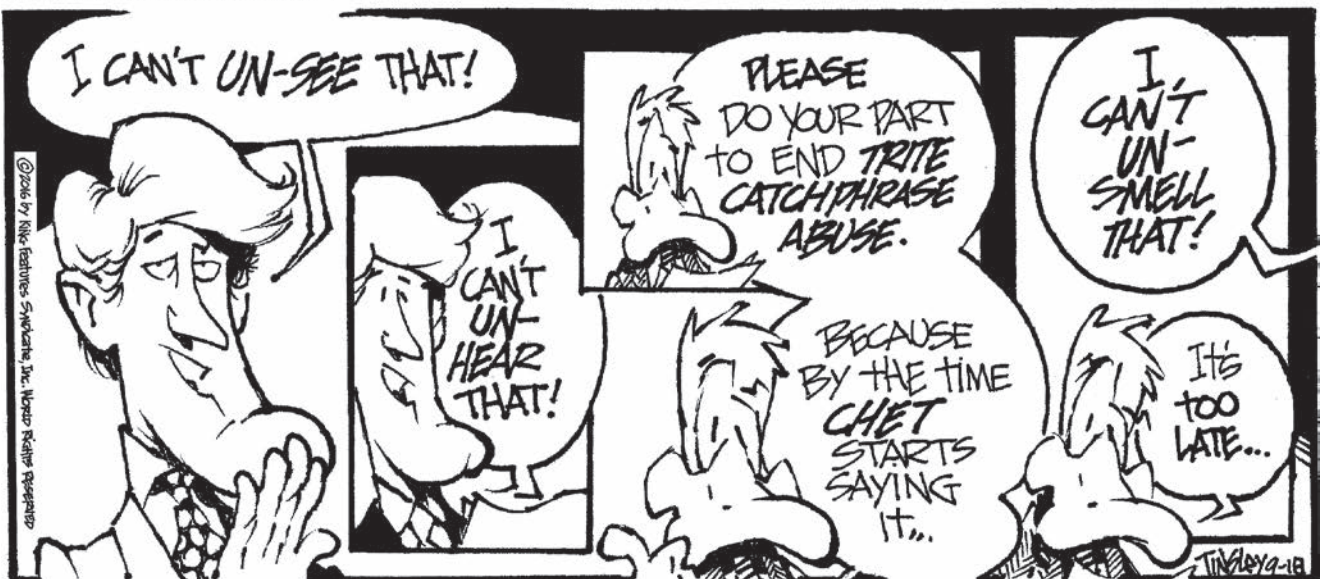
Beyond all the politics, it just so happens to be, you know, true that a lot of Republican voters actually do agree with Trump's more wretched pronouncements and prescriptions on Muslims and undocumented immigrants.

A number of observers murmured their disapproval with Clinton's lack of tact in pointing this out. But this disapproval is best understood as just an extension of the fact that many have danced around the true nature of Trumpism's appeal for the better part of a year now.

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## RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE: FACING OFF ON THE ISSUES

Editor's Note: The Times Leader asked a handful of politically active area residents to write opinion columns in support of their preferred presidential candidate. The columns will appear on Sundays leading up to Election Day.



# Clinton has right regard for military

I come from a family with the very deepest respect for our nation's veterans and active-duty military.

When my three brothers and I were small boys, we learned this admiration from our father, Alton S. Cartwright. After the bombing

of Pearl Harbor, our dad made the decision to leave college to volunteer for the Army, where he served honorably for the duration of World War II.

It's a respect that families have when they have had a family member serve.

And it's a regard that I believe that everyone in Northeastern Pennsylvania understands.

I think we owe it to our men and women in uniform to use the utmost care in selecting the president of the United States. Giving this person the power to send our children and grandchildren into harm's way requires a most sober assessment of his or her qualifications, knowledge, experience, temperament, and maturity. And one thing especially necessary is a high level of respect for the military.

When it comes to displaying those needed qualities, the current presidential candidates offer starkly different records.

To begin with, keeping our young service members out of unwinnable and potentially unending conflicts requires hard work at the business of diplomacy and international relations. As a senator and as secretary

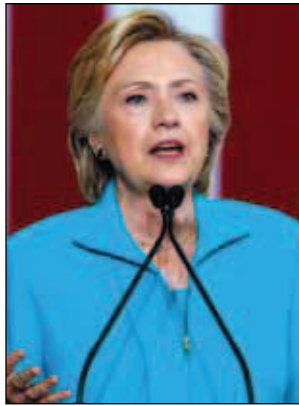
of state, Hillary Clinton developed a deep understanding of foreign policy and America's options to forward our goals, principles, and ideals around the world. She worked to restore America's global leadership after it was badly eroded by eight years of near go-it-alone policies. She oversaw significant accomplishments, from building a global coalition to impose crippling sanctions against Iran, to brokering a ceasefire in Gaza and protecting Israel, to supporting the decision to bring Osama bin Laden to justice.

She understands how to combine the judicious threat of U.S. military force with effective and sensible diplomacy.

This is the kind of well-developed, discerning approach to foreign policy that reflects a real understanding of the toll war takes on America's military families. And it reflects a level of respect that our military deserves in a commander in chief.

In contrast, over the course of this year, almost unbelievably, Donald Trump has at key times expressed the opposite regard for our military and those who serve in it. Perhaps it's part of his bravado-only personality that stems from his careers as a real estate mogul in New York and Atlantic City and as a reality TV star famous for firing people around a boardroom conference table, but it does not work well in the arena of managing our armed services and America's delicate international security.

You need to start those difficult tasks with an understanding that our military is the best-trained, most professional fighting force in the



world.

This year, Trump ridiculed U.S. Sen. John McCain for having been a prisoner of war.

Then there was a 27-year old Army captain named Humayun Khan. On June 8, 2004, Capt. Khan was inspecting a guard post in Baqubah, Iraq, and ordered his men to stay back while he approached a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle held 200 pounds of explosives, which killed Capt. Khan and two suicide bombers in the car. Khan's actions saved his men's lives.

Capt. Khan was a hero.

But Trump showed little hesitation criticizing this Army captain's Gold Star family. Trump even claimed that he had similarly sacrificed by working hard to become a successful commercial real estate developer.

Even the normally reserved, dutiful and Republican-loyal Gen. Colin Powell has called the behavior a "national disgrace." Clearly, we need a better direction.

The good news is that we do have a better option on the table. Hillary Clinton is eager to lead by respecting and trusting our soldiers, sailors, Air Force, and Marines. She wants to project confidence in America's principles internationally through her confidence in those who serve our nation — their actions, their devotion, and their wisdom. That's a potential commander in chief with a keen eye on effectiveness, and a leadership approach we can all support.

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# Trump will make security top priority

The federal government's primary responsibility is to protect our national security, an area where the Obama administration and its former secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, have consistently failed.

The Obama-Clinton foreign policy has included unenforced

"red lines" in Syria; dismissing ISIS as a "javee team" while allowing it to grow into the most dangerous terrorist organization in the world today; weakening our border security; admitting thousands of refugees into our country without any plans to properly screen them; reducing the size and strength of our military, and rewarding Iran — the world's largest state-sponsor of terrorism — with a sweetheart deal that paves the way for economic recovery and the eventual achievement of nuclear weapons capability.

Taken together, this disastrous record has made the United States less safe and should disqualify Clinton from serving as our next commander in chief.

Donald Trump is the clear choice for voters who want a foreign policy that will restore American leadership in the world. I recently participated in a national security roundtable with Trump at his campaign headquarters in New York. We discussed strategies for defeating radical Islamic terrorism and keeping America safe. Throughout the meeting, Trump reinforced that ensuring the safety of the

American people will be his administration's top priority.

Unlike Clinton, Trump is committed to fully investing in our national defense. He understands that building a stronger America requires rebuilding our military.

Under President Obama and Secretary Clinton, our military has shrunk to its smallest level since World War II. As president, Trump will rebuild our Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force to levels suggested by national security experts, including the Army's chief of staff and the bipartisan National Defense Panel. Trump also is proposing to modernize our missile defense system, which has been degrading under Obama's and Clinton's watch. Trump is right when he says that we must deter, avoid and prevent conflict through unquestioned military strength.

In addition to strengthening our traditional military standing, Trump wants to improve our cyber capabilities.

As chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, I held a hearing on the consequences of a massive, coordinated attack on the electrical grid. Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate testified that states and localities should be prepared to face weeks, rather than days, of power outages following such an assault.

A Trump administration would guard against this by directing a thorough review of our cyber defenses to identify vulnerabilities, and then



develop a plan to immediately protect those vulnerabilities.

If we learned anything from Clinton's disastrous tenure at the State Department, marked by her record of leaving unsecured our nation's most sensitive national security secrets on her private email server, it is that we must do everything we can to protect against cyberattacks.

Importantly, Trump will care for the members of our military after their service ends. Trump believes in the fundamental principle that the men and women who serve our country should have easy access to the best quality care. Trump's plan includes measures to decrease wait times, improve health care outcomes, and facilitate a seamless transition from military service to civilian life.

Trump's message of taking care of our veterans and rebuilding our military is resonating with voters and national security experts. Recently, 14 Medal of Honor recipients endorsed Trump's candidacy, and former Clinton CIA Director James Woolsey joined the Trump campaign as an adviser. Woolsey praised Trump's commitment to "reinstating the United States' primacy in the conventional and digital battle space."

While Clinton thinks that millions of Americans should be placed into what she calls "the basket of deplorables," Donald Trump has a plan to keep every American safe.

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## YOUR VIEW

### Clinton lax on security

The following statements made by Hillary Clinton during her three-and-a-half-hour FBI interview raise serious questions concerning her competence and awareness to adequately safeguard our country's national security as president.

1. She said she never even thought about whether emails she exchanged regarding a future U.S. drone attack should be classified.

2. She said she thought the "c" before a paragraph indicated alphabetical order. The "c" actually stands for "classified."

3. She said she could not recall any training on how to handle classified information.

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Exeter

### Vote tallies not 'rigged'

Donald Trump is whining that if he does not win the presidency, it's because

the election was "rigged."

"We're putting a lot of law enforcement — we're going to watch Pennsylvania, go down to certain areas and watch and study, and make sure other people don't come in and vote five times," Trump said, while talking about Philadelphia.

With his call to use police as poll monitors in select Pennsylvania communities, Trump is touting police and so-called poll watchers as a potential tool of intimidation against voters of color.

A man called "The Sue

Henry Show" on WILK Radio last month, alleging the election results in Philadelphia were impossible. Henry did not dispute it.

She also seemingly supported the unconstitutional Pennsylvania voter ID law. The state was unable to cite even one example of voter impersonation when a judge asked its lawyers to do so.

I analyze the facts, rather than rely on debunked conspiracy theories.

Fifty-nine voting divisions in Philadelphia recorded no votes for Mitt Romney in 2015,

and 51 recorded no votes for John McCain in 2008. Several recorded no votes for George Bush in 2004.

"Many parts of Philadelphia and other big cities simply lack Republican voters," said Jonathan Rodden, a political science professor at Stanford University. Since 2004, *no one* from any of these districts has claimed to have voted for the Republican candidate, a necessary element to prove voter fraud.

The Philadelphia Inquirer did an article about this issue and found no evidence of voter fraud.

Thus, the election results in Philadelphia were reflective not of an "impossible" statistical anomaly, but rather of a general historical trend widely seen throughout the city.

Further, these conspiracy theories suggest that, in election after election, thousands of elections officials conspired to commit voter fraud.

Is it any wonder that only 1 percent of African-Americans say they will vote for Trump?

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