

DISPATCHES

Bushkill Outreach Clears Planning Hurdle

Pennsylvania State Police Asks For Assistance With Runaway Juvenile

LEHMAN TWP., PA – The Pennsylvania State Police are asking for your assistance in locating the whereabouts of Jocelyn Hunter. Hunter is white female, 5'10", 125lbs with black and purple hair and was last seen wearing a black jacket and jeans. Jocelyn Hunter fled from her residence in the Saw Creek Community on 02/14/21 and is believed to be traveling with her boyfriend in a 2017 Nissan Rogue bearing PA REG KMA-4297. She is not believed to be in an imminent danger. If anyone comes in contact or knows that whereabouts of Jocelyn, please call the Pennsylvania State Police Gibson Blooming Grove Barracks at 570-226-5718 or call 911.



Jocelyn Hunter

Police Make Heroin Arrest In Westfall

WESTFALL — A Lackawanna County man was charged with felony possession with intent to deliver (heroin/fentanyl) on Feb. 9 after an undercover operation in Westfall Township.

Pa. State Police Troop R Vice Unit said they found William H. Motz Jr, 30, from Vandling, Pa. on Westfall Town Drive in possession of 72 bags of heroin/fentanyl, crystal meth and marijuana.

District Justice Paul Menditto arraigned Motz, who was sent to Pike County Correctional Facility in lieu of posting \$50,000 bail.

Eastern Pike Regional Police assisted the Troop R Vice Unit.



William H. Motz

Tonkin Listed For Public Safety Award

SCRANTON — A United States Attorney included Pike County District Attorney Raymond J. Tonkin among 14 members of law enforcement for their outstanding contributions to public safety in 2020.

Acting U.S. Attorney Bruce D. Brandler of the Middle District of Pennsylvania said the award recognized Tonkin's "exceptional work in cooperative law enforcement activities over many years. District Attorney Tonkin vigorously works to maintain a strong working relationship with federal, state, county and local law enforcement to investigate and prosecute criminals who pose a danger to the citizens of Pike County, Pennsylvania." Others on the list included FBI and ATF agents and U.S. Marshals. "I am ... very pleased to recognize a few of these heroes who contributed so much to promoting public safety in 2020. On behalf of the entire U.S. Attorney's Office, I congratulate them and thank them for their service," Brandler said.

...Plaza

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The board tabled, pending CO-VID-19 guideline updates next week, a decision to allow the Dingmans Ferry-Delaware Township Historical Society's use of the municipal building for monthly meetings and presentations. Resident Steve McBride recommended the township add a clause in its agreements for all usages of its building to require those parties to follow current COVID-19 guidelines.

The board accepted the resignation of Jeff Dorner as part-time bulk day attendant because of a conflict with his other job. It will advertise to fill the position.

By Wayne Witkowski

BUSHKILL — Plans for the Bushkill Outreach and Senior Center took a big step toward a spring groundbreaking when the township Planning Commission gave its approval and advanced the plans to the township supervisors.

It was one of the topics discussed during the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon last week. Board of Supervisors Chairman Rob Rohner said he expects a special meeting to be called by the end of the month for the supervisors to give their approval. When that happens the project will be put out to bid. Rohner, who also serves as a board member for Bushkill Outreach, has been firmly committed to construction for the project taking place this year.

Rohner said a U.S. Department of Agriculture \$4.3 million grant that would cover the cost of construction has been approved but awaits any final feedback from descendants of indigenous tribes.

"This is the second go-round for that and nothing was heard (critical) the first time, so everything seems OK," said Rohner.

...Animals

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insect diet to a seed diet can stay put throughout the winter. Some meat-eating birds, like hawks and owls, also remain if enough prey is available.

One feature that sets birds apart from other animals is their feathers. Birds' bodies are covered with an outer layer of fairly stiff but flexible contour feathers and an underlayer of fluffy down feathers. The contour feathers provide protection against wind, rain and snow. The down feathers act as a layer of insulation.

Most birds also have an oil gland located at the base of their tail. Secreted oil is rubbed over the feathers with the beak or bill. Known as preening, this creates a shield that blocks wind and repels water. Birds like ducks, geese and swans can survive in water that is close to freezing because the amount of oil in their feathers makes them waterproof. Waterfowl and other waterbirds also have a subcutaneous layer of fat that keeps them warm.

Anyone who has ever gone outside on a cold, windy day without a hat knows that uncovered body parts

lose heat quickly. The same is true for birds. Often, birds stand on one leg, tucking the other up among their feathers. Beaks are also tucked under their feathers. Smaller birds often drop to the ground to cover both legs with their fluffed-up bodies.

Waterfowl have fleshy feet with little blood circulation, so they are less sensitive to direct contact with the cold ground or ice. Constricting blood vessels reduces the amount of blood flow to the feet at low temperatures.

Board Weighs In On School Buildings

Supervisors also agreed to send a letter to the East Stroudsburg Area School District urging it to pursue litigation with contractors for repairs of construction problems with its buildings. The board has been divided on the issue.

"This (supervisors action) is in response to what we have heard from our residents who have been following the school board meetings on

Zoom," Rohner said. "There's been some pushback from some members of the school board about pursuing litigation. We (supervisors) can't understand why this is happening. This should not be a cost on the taxpayers."

Supervisors expect to receive a letter drafted by the township solicitor this week for approval to be sent to the school board.

Also, the board approved the purchase of a 2021 F-550 4x4 SD Crew Cab for \$56,623.45 with a trade-in value of a township vehicle to be determined. The purchase has been done through Costars, the state's cooperative purchasing program.

Supervisors also discussed vacating maintenance and winter weather treatment of part of Big Egypt Road. The township awaits a report from

the surveyors as it looks to continue maintaining the paved road where some homes are located but would no longer treat the gravel part that goes into the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Roadmaster Tim Rohner reported that the township Public Works Department staff has worked hard at servicing trucks treating the roads from recent winter storms. "The storms are piling up as budget-busters," said Rob Rohner.

Rob Rohner said the township looks to receive a draft of the new Comprehensive Plan from Simone Collins Landscape Architecture and forward it to the Planning Commission for a review before the next scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting at 3 p.m. on March 11.

Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution Changes

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians, Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians collectively expressed disappointment, today, in the Acting Secretary of Health's misguided allocation changes to the state's COVID-19 vaccination distribution plan, removing primary care providers from the list of those permitted to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

Without sound justification and demonstrating a lack of understanding in the way most Pennsylvanians receive their health care, the Administration is making a woeful mistake by cutting out primary care physicians as eligible providers. The order was implemented without consultation with physician stakeholder groups who represent many thousands of primary care physicians across the Commonwealth. Acting Secretary of Health Beam today moved the goal post for primary care, stating that the initial shipment of doses to primary care offices was to assist in vaccinating health care workers. This

was not the initial plan outlined by the Department, nor the reason that hundreds of private practices across the state signed up to be COVID-19 vaccine providers. Many people will turn to their primary care physician for guidance as to whether they should get the vaccine. Physicians, nurses, and physician assistants who provide care in private practices are trusted by their patients. This is especially noteworthy when considering those patients who may otherwise be reluctant to get the vaccine. A pharmacist or other provider who is unknown to the patient will not be able to provide that same level of confidence. Additionally, many older Pennsylvanians may believe that they will receive the vaccine in their primary care physician's office. The new order creates yet another hurdle for a demographic who is already struggling with navigating the vaccine distribution landscape.

We urge Acting Secretary of Health Beam and Governor Wolf to immediately rescind the order to avoid further problems in the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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