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Supervisors Workshops are held on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building, 169 Urban Road, Hawley, PA. **Supervisors Meetings** follow at 7:00 p.m. *Both meetings are open to the public.*

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

We approve minutes from the previous month at our regular meetings. Our Supervisor meetings are where the regular business of the township are conducted. Comments from the public are of value and often influence public policy and our laws.

We encourage residents to attend regular meetings, hearings, and workshops.

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YOUR SAFETY FIRST: 911

We hope that you never have to call 911! But if you did, could the ambulance or fire departments find you in the shortest amount of time? In the event of an emergency, every second counts and could make the difference in saving a life or losing one.

The township has an ordinance #103 in place requiring everyone to have a 911 sign at their place of residence. The township will also supply the sign, number and post for the cost of \$25.00. If you are unable to pick this up at the township office or to install them at the end of your driveway, please contact Denise (570-685-7288) at the township and we will make arrangements to deliver and get them installed for you.

Time is of the essence when there is an emergency, help our first responders, help you.

The board of Supervisors have been reluctant to impose fines and or litigation for this matter in the past. But the time has come for the township to follow its ordinance and make the effort get everyone a 911 sign.

Please contact the township, get your 911 sign and have it installed properly at the end of your driveway.

Thank you,
Board of Supervisors

911 Sign Ordinance • Lackawaxen Township

Effective February 24, 2014

All residents of Lackawaxen Township Pike County shall display their 911 addresses in accordance with the guidelines below:

LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP CARES ABOUT OUR RESIDENTS

Responders need the proper signage so they can locate your home in the event of an emergency. We are requesting your assistance in making the 911 Sign requirements work effectively.

But ultimately SAFETY is YOUR Responsibility!!

To ensure the 911 Sign addresses are posted in a uniform manner, sign placement guidelines have been adopted as part of Ordinance 103.

911 SIGN INSTALLATION

- Lackawaxen Township Ordinance# 103 requires the sign to be Constructed of extruded or rolled aluminum with a minimum thickness of 0.080 inch.
- Have white reflective numbers or letters minimum height 4" by 2" wide on a green or blue background on both sides of the sign.
- Minimum of sixteen (16) inches in height and a maximum of eighteen (18) inches in height and minimum six (6) inches to eight (8") inches wide.
- Oriented perpendicular to the named street on the right side of the driveway. The signpost shall be placed to the right of the intersection of the driveway.
- Be between three (3) feet and six (6) feet maximum above the ground elevation where the sign is mounted.

OBSTRUCTIONS (Including Snow) Shall Be:

Removed to permit the sign to be visible for a distance of not less than fifty (50) feet from the sign in both directions of travel. Signs may also be placed on mailboxes, provided the mailbox is on the same side of the street as the house, or on trees, which are fully visible from the street with no obstructions blocking view of sign, i.e., branches, brushes, snowbanks, etc.

For more information or to order yours, please contact the Township Office Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 3:00 pm at 570-685-7288.



VFW Post 5635 of Lackawaxen Updates

We had an exceptional day at our Annual Rib Roast in August and thank all who attended and especially thank those volunteers who support the Posts efforts.

Our next event will be on Veterans Day, November 11th when we will hold a service at 10:30 AM at the Post. Refreshments immediately afterward. All are invited.

The evening of December 4th will be the VFW Hunters Bingo held at the Lackawaxen Fire Company Hall. This is a popular event where all money raised is donated to local organizations providing Christmas and Holiday gifts to local families. It is a fun night with light refreshments, chili, and hot dogs available. Please look for more details in the near future on our street sign and Facebook page. We will be asking for donations of Bingo Prizes to help us out for this event. Please contact us at 570-685-8873 if you can provide a basket, gift certificate or other prize. The VFW Post Annual Gun



Raffle will be held that night also. VFW Post Members will be selling tickets starting 2 October 2021.

Regular Post Meetings are held the 1st Friday of the month at 7:30 PM at the VFW Post, 560, Rt 590, Lackawaxen, PA. New members are always welcome. We have a growing number of veterans who have served in the Southwest Asia Theater, Iraq-Afghanistan, and this is a good way to connect with veterans with similar experiences.

We are working on establishing a post VFW Auxiliary. The VFW Auxiliary is open to spouses, children, and close relatives of veterans eligible to join the VFW. Please see www.vfwauxilliary.org for details. Completed applications can be mailed to our address below.

Thank You again for the ongoing participation and support by the local community at our events which allows us to serve our local veterans and community causes.

Tom Dowd, Commander
Ecker-Haupt VFW Post 5635





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That Is One Very Big Dog?!?!?

By Francis Earl Peterson

Often when I am walking along the Lackawaxen Towpath, people stop their car and ask if I am a big dog. No, I am certainly not a big dog— I am a miniature donkey (or a mini-donkey). My full name is Francis Earl Peterson, FrankE for short. Because my caretakers originally got me as a guard donkey (see below), I was given the first name of Francis, after St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals. My middle name is taken after my male caretaker's middle name. Since I would never expect anyone to really call me by my full name (I'm not at all that formal), we shortened it to FrankE, which I respond to very well, especially if you have a carrot or apple for me to eat as a treat!

In March of 2016, when I was just turning 2 years old, my caretakers arranged for me to come live at Glen Eyre Farms. My role at the farm was supposed to be "guard donkey" to protect the pastured cattle, especially the small baby calves, against predators such

as bear and coyotes. Boy, did they get that job assignment wrong (guess who the ass was?!?!). In no way was I cut out to be a guard donkey — I'm just not big enough. Now, just so you know, donkeys come in 3 sizes: mini-donkeys, like me are less than 9 hands tall at the withers, whereas larger standard donkeys are 10-14 hands tall and the huge mammoth donkeys are over 15 hands tall. Generally, guard donkeys are standard-size donkeys (weighing over 500 pounds), NOT mini donkeys (I weigh less than 300 pounds) --- how could I possibly fight off a pack of coyotes or a bear all by myself? Anyway, we all gave it a try, but News flash: I wasn't very good at my guarding duties.

Despite the fact that I failed miserably at my job as guard donkey, I really did enjoy spending time with the cattle and living with them on their lush pastures. I lived in a field of "candy," with unlimited hay and fresh green grass. However, my



caretakers soon learned quickly that unlimited "candy" was not good for my health. Within a few months, I got really fat and developed a big belly. Remember that donkeys evolved mostly in arid regions where forage and water were sparse, so our bodies learned to live off limited food and water. Because of this, most domesticated donkeys have a tendency to get too fat, me included! Unfortunately, obesity can lead to problems such as laminitis (founder disease) and

hyperlipidemia (too much fat in the blood), which can be fatal.

For a long time, I lived with the cows until my caretakers realized that I needed to live away from the cows (and the endless supply of food). However, they also realized that donkeys (including me!) are definitely not well-suited to living alone, and a donkey without any donkey companions could get sad, depressed, and lonely. Finally in September of 2018, they found a good donkey friend for me, who is

named Clare Eunice, or ClarE for short. ClarE is named after Saint Clare of Assisi, one of the first followers of Francis of Assisi. Her middle name is taken from one of my caretaker's aunt's name. Note that both me and ClarE have middle names that start with the letter "E." We wanted to keep the same theme for our names.

After ClarE's arrival, we moved to our own pasture where there



is no grass and the hay is very limited. It was a hard adjustment not having unlimited "candy" to eat all day, but having an
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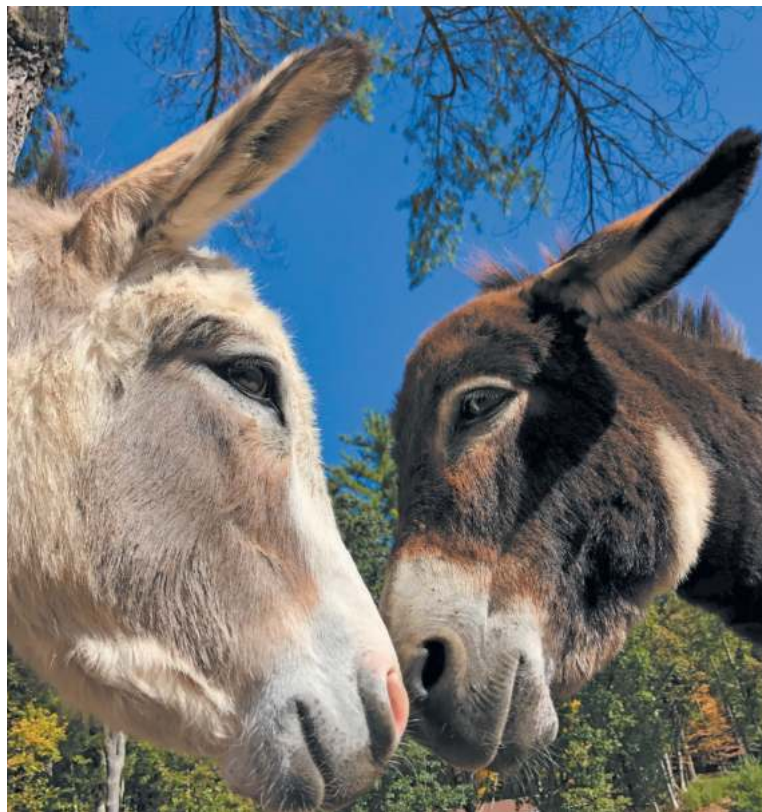
Dr. Joseph Motzko
Audiologist



unlimited donkey friend has been the honkEst donkEst thing in the world. Recently, they have built us our own proper barn, and I think it's much better than the cows' shed. I must admit that I may be a bit biased, though.

Many people ask me about the cross across my back (ClarE has one too, but it's more difficult to notice since she has a darker coat than I do). Well.... The Legend goes that a small, common donkey carried Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and refused to leave his side. Jesus was crucified on Mount Calvary, according to John 19:20. The donkey could not stand the sight of Jesus on the cross so he turned away from the crucifixion but could not bring himself to leave. As the sun came across the sky, the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the donkey. We have borne the sign of the cross on our back since that day.

Another thing I would like to clear up. Donkey behavior



is often incorrectly labelled as stubborn, difficult or stupid. Unfortunately, the problem is humans not communicating well nor understanding donkeys. If we are in pain, are afraid, or do not understand what you are asking, we appear stubborn, difficult or stupid.

Donkeys have a notorious reputation for stubbornness, but this is due to a much stronger sense of self-preservation and caution than exhibited by horses. It is considerably more difficult to force or frighten a donkey into doing something it perceives to be dangerous. However, once a person has earned their confidence, we can be willing and able companions. Believe me, most donkeys are not

difficult or stupid. Rather most are cautious, but quite intelligent, and are friendly, playful, and eager to learn —certainly ClarE and I am! If you take some time to understand us, our lives together could be honkE donkE.

Finally, the life expectancy of a well-cared for miniature donkey (and that I am) is around 30-35 years, so ClarE and I do plan to be living at Glen Eyre Farms for many more years. Maybe we'll see YOU on the Towpath!

If you have any questions, you can always email me at francisearlpeter@gmail.com. Also, we're on Instagram as frankeclaredonke and on Facebook you can find us as Clare Francis Peterson.



Medicare Open Enrollment Period October 15, 2021 - December 7, 2021

The Pennsylvania Medicare Education and Decision Insight (PA MEDI) is the PA State Health Insurance Assistance Program. We provide free, confidential, objective, and easy-to-understand information about Medicare coverage, costs and options.

Even if you are happy with your current health coverage, it is important to know your Medicare coverage options and compare Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans during this period. You may find Medicare coverage that better meets your needs for the upcoming year.

Not all Medicare coverage options offer the same benefits, and costs can change each year. There may be other health and prescription drug plans available that better meet your needs for 2022.

Think about your health care needs for the year ahead. If you like your current health care coverage and it's still available and works for you in 2022, you don't need to take any action. However, if you want to change your Medicare plan, act by December 7.

During this Medicare Open Enrollment period, we are available by appointment to meet with you to review your current Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plan and make decisions for the upcoming year (2022).

We are currently scheduling appointments. In-person appointments require us both to wear masks or if you prefer, we offer phone call appointments. Appointments are first come-first-served throughout Pike County.

Christine Crossley, PA MEDI Specialist,
570-775-5550 x 1313

The Flood of 1955 By Lorraine Christiansen Bentley

The flood of '55 happened Aug. 19th and 20th, covered a large area, left much damage, and in some places, loss of life. Numerous people floated down the river clinging to trees, some were rescued along the way, and some were not.

Locally, the Lackawaxen River rose and washed-out bridges and roads. Some roads had been built along the river and were no problem except when there was an unusually heavy amount of rain. Honesdale, Hawley, Rowland and Lackawaxen were all affected as well as any area along the river. This river starts north of Honesdale, flowing through that town, as well as White Mills, Hawley, Kimbles,

and Rowland, finally merging with the Delaware River at Lackawaxen, near the Zane Grey house.

The flood started on a Friday which is when people came from NY and NJ to the Poconos for the summer weekend or longer. Some got as far as the village of Lackawaxen, left their cars and walked to Rowland. The road was flooded in many places, so they walked through the woods. They got to their destination well after dark and early in the morning.

The bridge at Rowland was taken out that night and floated down the river. It was replaced not far from the Rowland Store where a bridge now crosses the river to "Olsen Hill" and the road

continues to Greeley. The highway, Route 590, was washed away in many places, one being near Tink Wig Lake and another near the Long Ridge Road. The Tow Path, which runs along the Lackawaxen River, had several places where the road disappeared. Several cabins at the Cuckoo's Nest had as much as 3 ft. of water in them since they were located near the brook.

We were living in the Philadelphia area at that time and planned to spend the weekend in Pike Co. visiting. Travel through Stroudsburg took much longer due to detours. It was the same in sections of Hawley and Honesdale. People hurriedly shopped and soon the store shelves were empty.

Traffic was detoured in some areas where bridges were gone, or roads washed away. Food was delivered by truck and soon there was no shortage.

and forth. This was a big help to those living on the train side of the river.

Flood control has helped to keep excess water where it should be, thus keeping damage and loss of lives much lower. Everyone feels much safer with this type of living.

Heavy rain recently helped the river to become very muddy and high, not far from the base of the Rowland bridge. It spread into the woods along the river's edge, but there was no damage, or if there was, it was minimal. People have learned to prepare for high water, thus reducing damage to their property. Flooding in this area is not the problem it was years ago.

"Neighbors helped neighbors"

Neighbors helped neighbors -- ferry service was set up in Rowland so that people could get from one side of the river to the other. A boat was secured to ropes on pulleys as well as trees on the riverbank. Manpower pulled the boat back

Bethel Lutheran Church Calls New Pastor

Rev. Neil Cadle has recently accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church in Rowland (started in March 2021). Rev. Cadle has been in pastoral ministry for just over ten years, graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio and receiving the Rite of Ordination in May 2011. He served as a parish pastor in his home state of West Virginia and in south Texas and served as a home health/hospice



chaplain before accepting the call to Bethel.

Before entering seminary, Rev. Cadle received degrees in Geography from Marshall University and worked in local government offices on projects such as Enhanced 9-1-1, County Road Inventory, and Water/Wastewater system mapping. Despite the change in profession, Rev. Cadle maintains a passion for maps, public safety, and other aspects of geography.

Rev. Cadle's hobbies include fitness, reading (anything involving history), music (especially Irish, Bluegrass, and early jazz), and spending time with his Shetland Sheepdog, Brinkley. He has also enjoyed getting to know the area in the six months since beginning his call at Bethel.

"Physically, it's very much like West Virginia - rural and hilly; but there is much more to do:

great music concerts, wonderful restaurants and shops - I've got to watch my spending at the Alpine; I traveled to Germany in 2017 to tour the area where Martin Luther lived and worked, and now I have an affinity for German food! And it's wonderful what the Growing Lackawaxen folks are doing: car shows, movies, etc. What a great way to connect with our neighbors! And this is what I like about Bethel; it can be described as a 'neighborly' church, in that everyone in the congregation not only know each other, but they have strong relationships in their communities and the area. This isn't just the heart of church ministry; it's the heart of humanity. No matter how technologically advanced society becomes, I believe humanity was created to be in real, interpersonal relationships. An area like this makes it easy to do what we've been created to do."

Rev. Cadle is excited about his time here at Bethel and looks forward to getting to know the area even better in the days ahead.



Skip Anderson and his two grandkids, Benny and Reagan Anderson, who are in Confirmation class, along with Bergit Pinkston.

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The Lackawaxen River Conservancy

By Bergit Pinkston, Board Member

Our Mission

Protection and preservation of the Lackawaxen River, its wildlife, watershed and natural beauty.

The Lackawaxen River Conservancy is a cohesive group of local residents who have joined together and are committed to a common purpose. TLRC was formed in summer 2001 by residents living in the Pike County portion of the Lackawaxen River drainage area.

Our Goals

Promote community awareness and understanding of the ecological importance of the Lackawaxen River's natural environment.

Encourage an enlightened stewardship to preserve, protect, and improve the natural beauty, the healthy ecosystem and the human quality of life throughout the Lackawaxen River Watershed for today and the future.

Provide a proactive community voice and actively participate as partners with other organizations, government entities and local residents in regional affairs, legislation, and planning issues that affect the river and the watershed.

Unique Features of the Lackawaxen River Watershed

- The watershed hosts one of the most significant wintering American Bald Eagle populations in the northeast.
- Numerous historic resources, including Delaware and Hudson Canal National Historic Landmark (1828), are found within the watershed.
- More than 248 major lakes lie within the 598 square mile watershed.
- More than 610 stream miles, with an additional 522 perennial stream miles are included in the watershed boundaries
- Major tributaries of the Lackawaxen are Big Brook, Blooming Grove Creek, Carley Book, Dyberry Creek, Holbert Creek, Johnson Creek, Middle Creek, Van Auken Creek, Wallenpaupack Creek, Wangum Creek, West Branch Lackawaxen, Westfall Brook.
- All of these streams are classified by the Pennsylvania Water Quality Standards as high quality fisheries.

Threats and Challenges to the Lackawaxen River Watershed

The Lackawaxen River watershed comprises parts of Pike, Wayne and Monroe counties, which are among the fastest growing counties in the state, and

also part of Lackawanna County.

Today we see constant threats of:

- Water and sewage pollution
- Erosion and sedimentation due to poorly designed or regulated storm-water runoff
- Drainage caused by weak flood control measures
- Loss of the region's scenic rural character

These threats can be mitigated through:

- Comprehensive municipal planning
- Updated subdivision and land development and zoning ordinances
- Sound engineering and regulatory requirements

The Lackawaxen River Conservancy is dedicated to public education and, additionally, to promoting and implementing solutions by working with county, municipal, and business leaders.

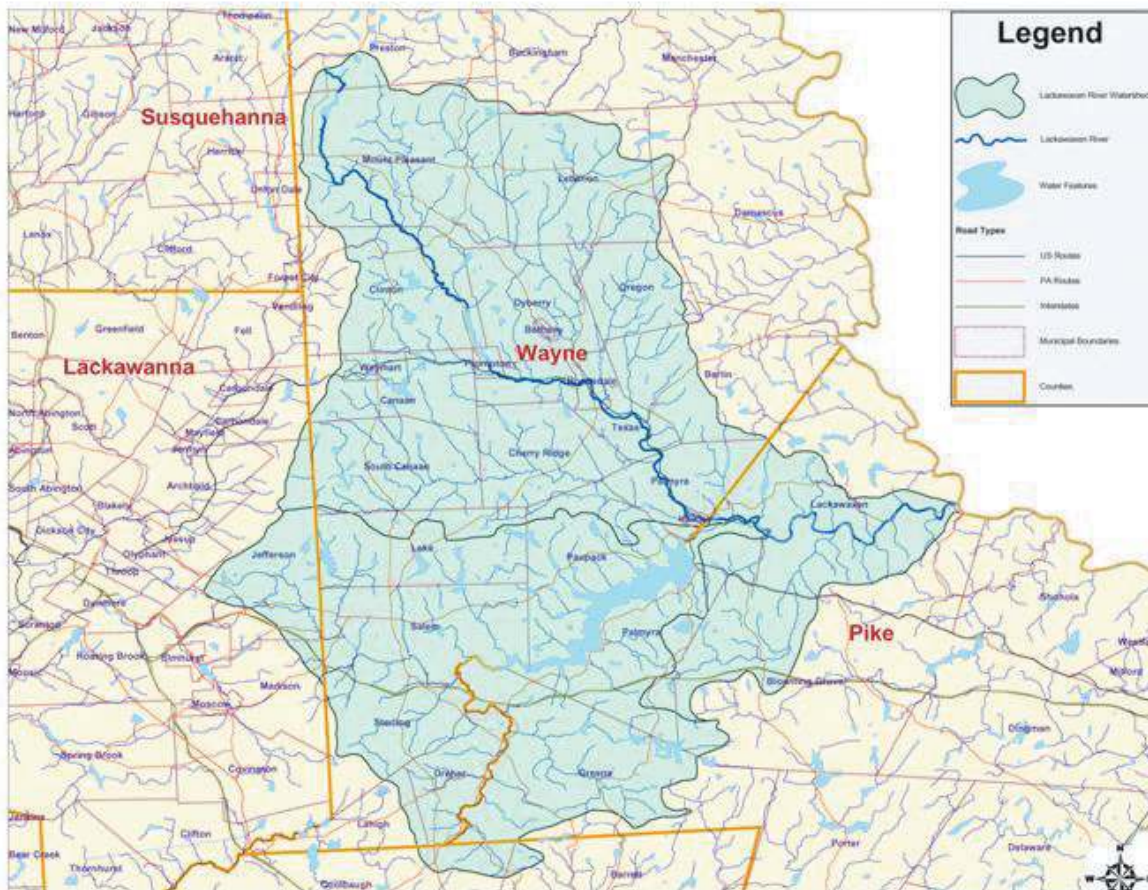
Calendar of Events 2022

- 1/15/22** Board Meeting 10:00am at Rowland Co-Op, weather permitting
- 2/19/22** Board Meeting 10:00am at Rowland Co-Op, weather permitting
- 3/19/22** Board Meeting 10:00am at Rowland Co-Op, weather permitting
- 4/9/22** Towpath Cleanup with Sons of Norway Bernt Balchen Lodge and the men of Bethel. Meet at Mt. Moriah Cemetery 11:00am to receive work gloves, vests, plastic bags and to be given assignments. We cover about 12 miles. Lunch to follow, TBD.

The remaining months have not been scheduled yet but will be on our website (lackawaxenriver.org). If you have any suggestions or concerns, you may contact out President, Howard Leifman at 917-951-6746.

We award two scholarships a year to graduating seniors from local high schools. We also provide continued community education by means of special programs such as Earth Day. Everyone is welcome to attend all of our functions.

Lackawaxen River Watershed



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Hunters Need To Protect Their Hearing By Dr. Joseph Motzko

As the nights begin to get cooler and trees begin to change colors some of us are reminded that hunting season is right around the corner. Families and friends will gather and take part in a great American tradition. Living in Lackawaxen Township and northeast Pennsylvania we are very fortunate to have access to such a great forests and wildlife. It is very important that as hunting season approaches, we consider the effects it can have on our bodies and our lives.

Firearms are very loud, and loud noises, even very short in duration, can cause permanent hearing loss. Damage to the ear can occur with sounds beginning at 85 dB. For reference, a normal conversation is about 60 decibels. Looking at some commonly used firearms, a .22 caliber rifle is approximately 140 dB, a .30-30 and a .308 are around 150 dB, and a 12-gauge shotgun and .30-06 are about 160 db. At these levels permanent hearing loss can occur with just one shot if no hearing protection is used. These values can increase if shooting indoors or while others are shooting simultaneously. This is why research by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association has found that recreational shooters are more likely to have hearing loss than non-shooters.

I am sure that many of us have shot a firearm and immediately heard a high-pitched ring. This sound is called tinnitus and it can be temporary or permanent. After you've been shooting, you may feel like all the sounds around you

are muffled, and you have a hard time hearing. You're experiencing a temporary threshold shift, or a temporary hearing loss. With some luck, your ears will return to normal in a few minutes or days. However, when you expose your ears to these extremely loud sounds repeatedly, there's a risk that the hearing loss and tinnitus will be permanent.

Firearm users tend to have high-frequency permanent hearing loss, which means that they may have trouble hearing speech sounds like "s," "th," or "v" and other high-pitched sounds. People with high-frequency hearing loss may say that they can hear what is said but that it is not clear, and they may accuse others of mumbling. This type of loss makes understanding women and children particularly difficult.

Your ability to hear is an essential part of the sport, so it should be essential to protect it. The good news is hearing loss from shooting can be prevented. There are a number of solutions available to you to help protect your hearing. When at the range or in the field you can wear earmuffs or foam earplugs. Earmuffs are designed to fit close against the head and reduce outside noise using acoustic foam. When worn with earplugs, they reduce harmful noise even further. Custom hearing protection ideal for the professional shooter/hunter who needs high-quality, secure, comfortable protection or daily use. These plugs are an actual mold of your ear canal taken by a hearing professional.



Some hunters may not like the idea of blocking out any sound in the woods or taking the time to put on hearing protection when a big 10-pointer walks in front of you. For these sportsmen I recommend electronic shooter earplugs. These devices use digital sound technology to compress noise above a harmful decibel level and enhance quieter levels. This hearing protection is smaller, making it more appealing than earmuffs for most firearm users. Some have advanced background noise reduction to reduce ambient white noise for enhanced clarity. When choosing hearing protection consider its Noise-Reduction

Rating (NRR). It is a rough guideline for how many decibels are being reduced. The higher the number the more protection you are getting.

Set a good example and wear hearing protection when hunting with your family and friends. Help your children and grandchildren know the importance of wearing hearing protection, similar to wearing a helmet when riding a bike.

Hearing protection is necessary when using guns. Make the effort to bring hearing protection for all shooters and bystanders when target shooting and hunting. Believe it or not, once you make

this a habit, you'll be surprised how little it affects your hunting experience.

If you're worried you might have hearing loss, visit us for a hearing test. We have a number of hearing aids that are perfect for hunters. We can also help you find the right hearing protection to keep your ears safe this hunting season.

Dr. Joseph Motzko is a licensed and board-certified doctor of audiology. He lives in Lackawaxen Township with his wife and two children. He can be reached at drjoemotzko@gmail.com or 272-336-0560.

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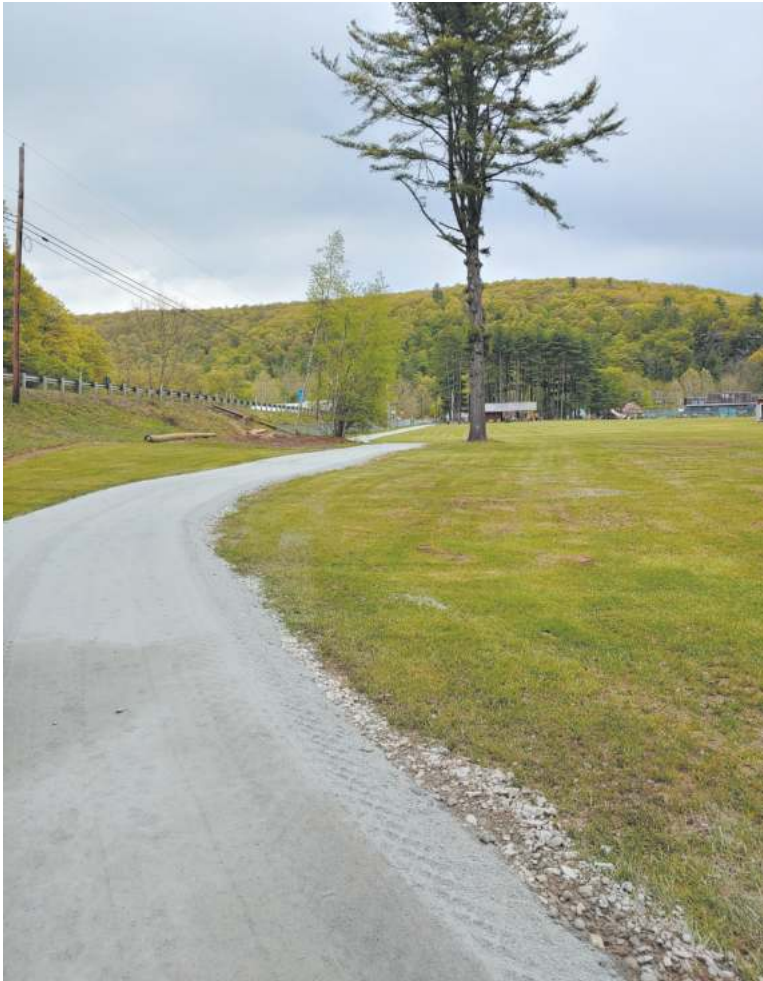
The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members. Everyone is welcome to join our fellowship with one another. The lodge meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, except whenever special activities are specified. Meetings are at 2:00pm at the Lackawaxen Volunteer Fire House.

The lodge provides two

scholarships to local high school students, we also participate twice yearly clean up on the Towpath with the Lackawaxen River Conservancy and the Men of Bethel. We also participate in the Fourth of July Parade in Hawley each year.

Current officers of the Lodge are Kenny Christianson, President; Bergit Pinkston, Vice President; Janice Arbeney, Secretary and Mikki Ryan, Treasurer. Plans for 2022 will be announced at a later date.

The Westcolang Road and You



Walking Trail located at Veteran's Memorial Park (109 Scenic Drive, Lackawaxen, PA 18435)

Well, as most of you already know by now, the road repair continues for another year. By now the comprehensive plan that was in place for the Westcolang Road should have been completed. The broad shoulders of the Covid19 once again takes the blame for the ongoing delays. With the upgrading of water lines last year and the trouble of getting the materials in a timely manner has pushed this project into the 2022 season.

Your Board of Supervisors are now in the process of the engineering of the final work to be completed. The bid packages should be ready by the end of this year and put out for advertising. This should include ditch work and the paving from Karl Hope Blvd. to the intersection of state road 590 at Morrissey's Roadhouse. Once this job wraps up, that road should remain in great shape for 15 to 20 years without any major repairs. Our only regret here is that Valarie Cocchi who brought us the signed petition for work to be done on this road has sold their house in Masthope and moved due to health and family reasons.

We at the township appreciate your understanding and cooperation during the difficult and sometime frustrating delays and road closures. There is no easy way to complete these jobs which so often are weather dependent. Thank you for putting up with project and

for some of your emails and phone calls alerting us to some unforeseen issues.

Just a FYI: Our state has plans to replace two major culvert pipes on 590 heading towards the Woodloch Market in the near future and this too will cause some detours around that work. Our road crew is working to prepare for excessive traffic on the Urban and Blue Eddy roads as a result. There is some evidence that route 590 will see a complete repaving when these pipes are replaced. Yahoo!

Please remain patient and try to give yourself some extra time when traveling next year in these areas.

In other news, you may have noticed the basketball and tennis courts in town are under construction. Once again, we apologize for the delay. This project also has been pushed off by the awarded contractor. We are in constant contact with them and have expressed our disappointment in the delay. Something new in the park is the walking and jogging trail, which your supervisor Beisel took the lead on made it happen at a huge savings for the residents.

Next year we hope to be able to pave that trail which is just shy of 1/2 mile and maybe add some low impact lighting for the ability to take a late-night walk in those warm summer nights.

Sincerely, your BOS



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Who is Growing Lackawaxen?

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to Community Service, Programs, Enrichment and Development of Lackawaxen, PA Township. We host a few events throughout the year and hope to continue adding to the list. Events are open to all Lackawaxen Township residents.

Our Board of Directors:

President: Jeff (JT) Thompson
Vice-President: Heather Clark
Treasurer: Jeff Shook
Secretary: Michelle Thompson
 Lynn Mills
 Bergit Pinkston
 Stella Rankin

A special Thank You to our volunteers always showing up to help each month and during events: Mark Smith, Jackie Decatur, Jay Knapp, and Evan Huber.

Here are a few things we manage as a group for our community:

THE CARE CABIN - a food pantry for Lackawaxen residents, open every 4th Saturday from 8am-11am. We partner with Second Harvest to supply food each month along with donations to the cabin. Local farms have also been very generous this past summer by donating their harvest.

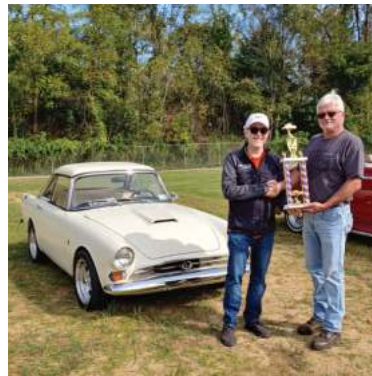
If you or you know someone in need, please have them reach

out to us at growinglackawaxen@gmail.com

MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK
 NEW this year! Open to all residents, we watched Monsters Inc. in Veteran's Memorial Park on a nice summer evening. We hope to host this event a few times in the summer months, if you have any movie suggestions, please send us an email!



CAR SHOW - NEW this year! 33 antique cars & trucks filled Veteran's Memorial Park on a warmer than usual September day in an effort to raise money for the care cabin food pantry. We raised \$638 thanks to our car participants and our community who came out. A special thank you to DJ Spaide for donating his time and



Brenda Myers 1968 Chevy Camaro Z/28 RS

First Place: Jedd Wolchok 1967 Sunbeam Alpine

Second Place: Rob Konikowski 1932 Ford Roadster

Third Place: Eddie Schaefer "Uncle Fester" 1947 Dodge

Awarded by Jeff Shook, Growing Lackawaxen

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Pike County Historical Society Plans to Interpret D&H Canal's Towpath Road

The Pike County Historical Society plans to create an interpretive map and signage to raise awareness of and interpret the historical path the Delaware and Hudson Canal blazed in Pike County. The PCHS has been interpreting and utilizing Lock House 16 in Glen Eyre - through the generosity of owners Mark and Courtney Peterson - or educational programs and fund raising ventures since February of this year, having offered two BBQ/Lectures, a music festival and eagle walks in an effort to raise funding for a project which would detail the history of the canal and the locks and lock houses along Towpath Road from Kimbles to Lackawaxen. PCHS has enlisted the help of S. Robert Powel in creating an interpretive map and signage and utilizing his vast knowledge and expertise. The project will begin in the fall, with hopes of having a solid draft by spring 2022.

If anyone has any specifics or interesting history about the lock houses along the towpath, please contact PCHS via email at pikemuse@ptd.net.

We know many of these houses are privately owned and occupied, and would ask permission to photograph them for the map and perhaps even speak to the owners to bring a present day perspective to the project. Keep in mind that the 200th anniversary of the D&H Canal is rapidly approaching and we want to make sure Pike County has its rightful place in the important history of the canal. The Society plans to continue hosting programs and events at Lock House 16 in the spring of 2022, and will keep everyone posted on the progress of the D&H Project. If you would like to sponsor this educational venture or participate in the process, please contact Lori at pikemuse@ptd.net.



BONNEY BELL ACROSS DELAWARE AQUEDUCT TO LOCK #72



Lackawaxen Board Member, who spearheaded this event!

PUMPKIN PARTY - An annual event sponsored by the Lackawaxen Township filled with pumpkins, music, trunk or treats and more.

We want to thank everyone who volunteered this year and

every year to make it a great event for our Township residents.

We also participated in the Upper Delaware River Litter Sweep, cleaning up Masthope Plank Road in celebration of Earth Day. Our group of volunteers filled an entire dump truck full of trash.

Thank you to our volunteers, Ellen O'Connor, Brenna O'Connor, Eileen Ahearn, Dennis Ahearn, Eric Thompson, Jackie Decatur, Jeff Shook, Lynn Mills, Heather Clark and Jeff Thompson, we could not have done it without you!!

Please do not litter, keep our Township beautiful.



YOGA ON SUNDAYS - We would like to thank Alicia Urban for hosting yoga at the Care Cabin over the summer. Her donated time for teaching the class every Sunday is greatly appreciated. She donated all monies raised to the Care Cabin to help supply food for those in need.

Please consider donating today!

You can drop off non-perishable items at the Township Building at 169 Urban Road, Hawley PA 18428

You can make a monetary donation online at growinglackawaxen.com

Follow us on Facebook for updates and more!
@ GrowingLackawaxen

TRICKY-TRAY & JUNK IN THE TRUNK TAG SALE - Open to residents to participate, sell your items out of your trunk! Stay tuned for more information on next year's events.



Deadline for Registering Your Short Term Rental is Fast Approaching

On April 21 of this year, the Lackawaxen Township Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt an ordinance regulating Short Term Rentals within the Township. Officially known as Ordinance #114, the new ordinance was primarily crafted with public safety in mind as well as the preservation of the rural character of the Township. The Township feels this ordinance adequately addresses both while maintaining the property rights of all Township residents.

As with all new Ordinances, adopting the Ordinance is the easy part, implementing it, is not always so easy. The Lackawaxen Board of

Supervisors fully recognized that this would not be an Ordinance where full compliance would happen overnight. Because of this, a deadline of January 1st of 2022 was set for all Short Term Rentals to be registered, giving residents a full 8 months to comply.


As I am sure you are all well aware, as evidenced by the changing leaves and cool mornings, that date is fast approaching. Although the Township has received some applications, the amount is nowhere near what we anticipated. Due to this fact, the Township is reminding all owners of Short Term Rentals, that registering your rental is a mandatory requirement.

All applications must be received by December 31st, 2021. Also, if you are the owner of the legally existing Short Term Rental (operating prior to this year and having paid sales and hotel tax), by not registering, you will lose your non-conforming status and will then have to comply with all the provisions as set forth in Ordinance #114.

Applications for Non-Conforming and new Short Term Rentals, as well as Ordinance #114, can be found at the Township Website (www.lackawaxentownship.pa.gov).

If you have any questions regarding registering your Short Term Rental, please call (570) 685-7288.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2022 ISSUE



SUBMIT AN ARTICLE!

The *Lackawaxen Connection* is always looking for residents to submit articles for the semi-annual newsletter. We mail them out directly to all Lackawaxen Township residents in the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter. They can be about anything that you can think of, from informational to a fun story!

If you would like to submit an article, please do so by emailing Heather Clark at heather@lackawaxentownship.pa.gov

Lackawaxen Outdoors By Ron Tussel

With frost soon to arrive myriad of colors beginning to paint the hillsides, October is in full swing. Riding the wave of opportunities, archery hunters are already perched in their favorite locations waiting to fill the first deer tags of the year. There are more things popping up this month than we have room for here, but with the recent rains, I wanted to mention that it is indeed time to get out for some mushroom hunting. I am combing the oak woods in search of hen of the woods, the brightly colored orange chicken of the woods, oyster mushrooms and honey mushrooms (aka popinkies). It is a short window of opportunity every Autumn to get out and collect these valuable delicacies before the deer and squirrels get to them. A gatherer has only a day or two to process their harvest or run the risk of losing it. Once collected I use compressed air and a soft brush to clean the bugs and debris from my mushrooms. Some I will sauté for the freezer, others I will dehydrate for future use in soup, stew, gravy and much more. The hen of the woods, also called Maitake, is a delicious polypore mushroom with super medicinal properties. In fact, it is sold commercially, even in powder and capsule form. Many people are afraid to collect wild mushrooms, and for good reason. There are some fungi species that are toxic and will make you very sick. There are in fact, a few that are even deadly! One should never eat something that they are not positive of the identification of. There are, however, experts in the area that offer “mushroom walks” where folks are taken to a wooded area and mushrooms are identified and discussed. There are also several apps for smart phones that are helpful, though no book or app is perfect, and caution is still advised. One can learn chemical tests (with ammonia etc.) and spore printing as additional means by which to identify mushrooms as edible or not.

Of course, if you are out in the woods now whether hiking or foraging, it is important to know that Autumn is also the kickoff to hunting seasons in Pennsylvania. Squirrel hunters started first this fall, followed by the archery hunters. Hunters are seeing a plethora of wild mast crops including walnuts and hickory nuts, acorns, and apples this Fall. As our oaks continue to rain down mast for all critters. Deer, squirrels, wild turkeys, and bear are gorging themselves on these nuggets, making for a dense layer of fat to get them through the winter. Hunters who scouted ahead of the season are keying in on the oak flats and ridges where deer and bear are concentrated. Some pushing and shoving is happening among the whitetailed bucks now as they strengthen their neck muscles and develop a pecking order among their rivals for the upcoming mating season. Much of the thousands of acres of state land in our region is open to all persons, from hikers and bird watchers to hunters all inclusive. The state game land system, which again is tens of thousands of acres, is land purchased using hunting license sale dollars and special excise taxes imposed on the sale of hunting tools and ammunition. Non-hunters should be aware of the fact that they share these woods with hunters, and each person should respect the others’ rights to be there enjoying their own favorite pursuit. It is against the law to interfere with a legal hunter.

I must also mention that our Autumn waters provide excellent fishing opportunities. The Delaware River offers some superb Fall fishing with walleyes, smallmouth bass, stripers, and channel catfish tops on the list. As waters cool these big fish become active, and anglers are able to cash in in on some great fun. The Lackawaxen runs high at times in the fall, but when it is not carrying extra water from Lake Wallenpaupack, it too can provide world class trout fishing opportunities in the Fall.

Once the cold weather locks up our area waterways, new opportunities for anglers arise as “ice fishing” kicks in with safe ice thickness of four inches or more. All waterbodies freeze differently, and ice formation is altered by inlets, springs, structure, animals and more. One must always drill an appropriate number of test holes along the way to be sure the ice is a constant thickness. It is also a good idea to keep a personal floatation vest or throw tube in your sled along with some rope, just in case. Ice picks worn through the sleeves of a jacket provide an inexpensive means for pulling oneself back onto the ice in case of a fall through.

Snowshoeing is a winter sport that seems to be catching on in popularity, perhaps driven to some degree by the COVID stay at home isolation guidelines. Folks find plenty of aerobic exercise and fresh air can be had by donning a pair of snowshoes and hitting the trails.

There is plenty of good information available online for understanding the types and sizes of various snowshoes. Shoes should be fitted for the individual size and weight of the person to function at their peak performance. Our state lands contain many miles of enjoyable trails available within a short drive from anywhere in Lackawaxen Township. All in all, fall and winter provide a myriad of outdoor opportunities for those willing to dress appropriately for the conditions and get out and enjoy!



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