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Letter of Gratitude

August 28, 2022

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MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

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. Meeting agendas are posted the Friday before on our website: lackawaxentownshippa.gov

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The Nightmare **On Westcolang Road**

Thank you all for your patience over the last

four years of construction on the Westcolang road. It has been challenging for all us that live in and around this area.

It started five years ago when Valarie Cocchi, a resident of Masthope, approached the BOS with a petition signed by a couple of hundred residents requesting Westcolang Road be improved. The planning began and we quickly discovered for this to be done well, we needed to plan it in phases.

We started with engineering and the permitting with DEP. This alone took years to receive due to the road proximity to the Lake. We immediately contracted to get the trees trimmed to improve sun exposure onto the road. The ditch work along with minor culvert replacement was the simplest.

The following year with our permits in place and ready to get going, Roadmaster Bernard Knapp, doing his due diligence, informed us that Aqua PA has scheduled water line replacement down the center of the road. So,

after that delay, we were able to go contractor refused to stay off the in and replace the major culverts. This process required a full year of to the pandemic and supply issues, the delivery of the major culverts was held up.

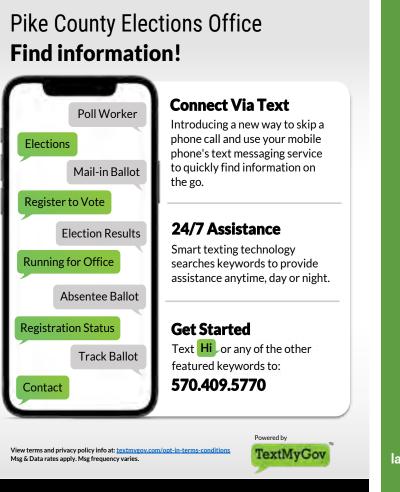
We finally got to the finish line. The total reclamation of the road from the Cuckoo's Nest to Karl Hope Boulevard will ensure a substantial road base that will endure the test of time. With the blacktop base and final topcoat this road should remain in good condition for at least the next twenty-five years. When the topcoat was finished, it needed a minimum of 10 days to properly cure. Just as the road PennDOT had decided to make was completed, a contractor for PennDOT decides to use it as a pass-through road to work on the Plank Road. We could not allow that to happen. You see, to this point we had well over \$1.5 million taxpayer dollars invested into this project. That day alone, Supervisor Beisel had logged ninety-four calls trying to coordinate with all the Thank you, parties to avoid the destruction of this 4-year project. In the end, the

road. So, in an emergency meeting, your BOS were able to place a settling before the next phase. Due temporary weight restriction on the road for the time needed for the road to cure and prevent damaging it. John Beisel, from the beginning of this project worked very closely with our Roadmaster, Bernard Knapp, the Engineer, our contractor, and Solicitor Farley to ensure that we were doing everything properly. John even took the time on a weekend to walk the road with the residents of the village to ensure that they were also up to speed with the changes.

> Unfortunately, at the same time some long overdue improvements to their adjoining roads which just added to the chaos of our project.

We are sincerely grateful to see this long-awaited job come to an end. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion you may have experienced.

Your BOS



The Lackawaxen Connection is always looking for residents to submit articles for the semi-annual newsletters.

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@ lackawaxentownshippa.gov

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That Tuesday morning, I called the non-emergency number for the Pike County police department and asked them to advise me on what to do about the situation I was in. My five friends and I were camping at the Sylvania Tree Farm (one of the most beautiful places in this country- I've been visiting every year for the past 10 years) and had gone tubing down the Delaware River the day before. All six of us have been tubing on that river several times, and five of us had experience camping at the Tree Farm. But, despite our prior experience, we- didn't realize how low and slow the river was this summer and our tubing day ended with us getting stuck on the river at nightfall instead of making it back to camp to enjoy a lovely meal and a fire as we had planned.

As I saw the day getting longer and the sun getting closer to setting, I had been trying to get home quickly by paddling with my hands in my tube (I really prefer kayaking!) and had gotten way ahead of my friends on the river. At 8:30 PM Monday night, when I could no longer see anything in front of me, I stopped on a pile of rocks and decided to wait until the sun came up to keep going. I had a phone, and tried to call my friends, but realized they did not have a phone. I had no idea if they pulled off the river like I did and were going to spend the night outside, or if they pulled off a bit sooner and knocked on doors and received help and a ride to their car, etc. So, in the morning, I hiked a couple of hills and got to the train track where I walked for about an hour before I returned to the Tree Farm. Then I saw that my friends had not made it back and I wasn't sure what to do.

So, when I called the non-emergency number and shared my story, I was told the police would send some folks to the river to look for them. I pictured a couple of folks going out on kayaks, as the river was so low, but was told they would go out on boats. I felt like that was a really big deal and was grateful that they would do that.

As I sat on the edge of the river at the Tree Farm looking for any signs of my friends coming down, a white car pulled up behind me and a very nice man with a short haircut and rectangular tattoos on each of his forearms got out. At first, I was confused - I knew my friends weren't here, so I didn't understand why someone would come to the campground, but soon I realized he was busy on the phone talking and organizing and surveying the possible routes my friends could return on.

Another truck came, and then more cars, an ATV and lots more people. Then a very kind man came and squatted next to me to meet me at eye-level, he introduced himself as a fire chief and assured me they were on the job to find my friends. He was an older man, thin, white hair and I believe a white mustache, wearing a mustard-yellow shirt. He was incredibly kind and compassionate and had a great sense of humor. I asked him if he knew anyone that had a phone charger (I was getting tons and tons of calls from all sorts of departments and had a low battery on my phone) and he asked around to see if he could find one for me.

Soon after, a very nice woman with blonde hair told me they wanted me to be evaluated by the ambulance and they were figuring out how to get me to it. I felt I was fine to walk, but she insisted that they would get me there. More and more people began showing up and eventually the kind fire chief drove me up the hill to meet the ambulance.

Now - I will confess - when I saw how many people and cars and trucks were at the top of the hill, I panicked a little - I had no idea the response was going to be this big. I hoped I did the right thing by calling because I felt that my friends were okay but I didn't really know.... and you guys truly all showed up to help. By the time I got into the ambulance I was alittle overwhelmed and was so surprised when the fire chief asked the nurses if they had a phone charger - I had completely forgotten that I asked for that - so thank you, fire chief, for remembering and looking out for me.

The nurses were very kind and checked me out - and then a park ranger appeared who said he was supposed to take me to my car (which was parked at Skinner Falls). What?! I couldn't believe that any of you had even thought of that! I figured my friends and I would retrieve our cars when they returned and couldn't believe that was offered to me. This gentleman eventually drove me to meet my friends when they were found and drove a couple of us to our cars. He took some information from me first, and was a great listener and was very patient and grounded. I appreciated his calmness and his friendliness as we drove together. He shared some stories and told me about his daughter and it brought a little bit of normalness into a very weird morning. Thank you for helping me that day!

When I was on the beach waiting for my friends I had a chat with another man, whose young son was also present, and I enjoyed hearing stories from him about the river and different rescues he has been involved with. It helped me understand the work you all do, the situations your encounter, and how scary and intense it could get during these rescues. / really, really appreciate-everything every single one of you done. It is not an easy job – and I know many of you are volunteers.

I just couldn't believe how lovely, kind, personable and present every individual was.

I was relieved when my friends were found and brought to the beach. All of you were so happy that this rescue had a positive ending, and we really noted how joyful all of you were that we were okay.

The next couple of days my friends and I processed this experience -we were so impressed with all of you. We noted how willing each of you was to be there, we noted how much you seemed to enjoy seeing and working with each other, and we noted the elation you felt when our story had a happy ending. We noticed how you had a watchful eye on all of us, and even through small talk and chit chatting you would occasionally ask "how are you feeling now?". You had genuine concern and we felt so cared for.

All of you truly are amazing - I live in Maryland and, as I said, I was a bit overwhelmed that morning (oh ya, and I didn't sleep the night before!) so I honestly don't even know which towns or counties you all came from - but I knew there were a lot of you, you showed up quickly, you got right to the task at hand, you found my friends, gave us support and assistance and caring, and then suddenly you were all gone.

So, thank you - all of you -for all that you do, every day. And, if I may ask for one more favorcan you please share this letter with the other departments involved so that everyone knows how grateful we are?

Thank you. You are all appreciated.

Also - thank you to Jane and John McKay of the Sylvania Tree Farm for helping us figure out where we could hail a letter and a donation. That was so helpful I And thank you for having such a magical place we love to visit.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Kara Lukowski Baltimore, Maryland

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

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2nd Annual Growing Lackawaxen Car Show A Great Success

Our second annual Growing Lackawaxen Car Show was held on a perfect Autumn day at Veterans Park on September 24th. We were thrilled by the great attendance and the 50 participants who brought their prized possessions to join us for the event. Through generous donations we raised just over \$1,500 for our township food pantry, The Care Cabin. These funds will be put to good use over the Winter to support our neighbors in need.

We would like to thank the generous local small businesses for donating door prizes for the day:

- Alice's Wonderland
- A&A Auto Advanced Auto
- Lake Region IGA
- Paupack Watering Hole
- Shooky's Distributor
- The Lodge at Woodloch A Destination Spa
- The New Inn at Lackawaxen

While there were many beautiful vehicles to choose from we did have to finally pick our favorites.

entries, visit our Facebook page.

Growing Lackawaxen is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to enriching Cabin is open the 4th Saturday of Facebook (@GrowingLackawaxen) the quality of life in our township. each month from 8-11AM(3rd for up-to-date information and In addition to a number of events, Saturday in November and events. we also manage the Care Cabin December) and is located at 169 food pantry which is available to Urban Rd, Hawley PA 18428.

The Winners for the **2nd Annual Car Show**



1. Fan's Choice: Wayne Kmieczak; 1957 Chevrolet Corvette 2. Supervisor's Choice: Vlad Marco; 1966 GMC Van 3. Veteran's Choice: Jim Shook; 1936 Chevy Coupe 4. GL President's Choice: Gary Kotchessa; 1932 Ford 2-Door Sedan 5. Best of Show: Bob Ruzieck; 1964 Ford F100

any township resident in need. To view all the car & truck Please email growinglackawaxen@ and we wouldn't be able to do gmail.com if you have questions so without the support of our about the food pantry. The Care amazing community. Follow us on

Our events list is growing,









Lackawaxen VFW member Wayne Kmieczak won the "Fan Favorite" trophy for his 1957 Chevrolet Corvette at the Growing Lackawaxen Car Show in September 2022. Wayne purchased the car upon his return from Vietnam in 1968. He used it as his daily driver until 1980 when it was sidelined by an accident. The car was disassembled and put into storage at that time. Forty-three years later, he brought it out to show the fruits of a three-year restoration project.

Editor's note: Never tell an old Marine he can't do something.







VFW Post 5635 of Lackawaxen 2022 Recap & Thank You To Our Community

Veterans of Foreign Wars community.

faces and many local and seasonal families in need at the Holidays. residents who have attended for both events and a new generation learning the ropes in the cooking includes 2 playing cards. area. Truly community events that bring together veterans and popular as an early winter neighbors for festive gatherings.

Memorial Day Services at the while we support local families Post were very well attended and featured a guest speaker from Wallenpaupack Middle School who recited her Patriots Pen essay which won the District Competition. A previous local winner went on to become an Air Force Major and she has had an eventful career serving our country. Remembering service members who have sacrificed for our country is a sacred duty for us as veterans and our Memorial Day Services and placing fresh flags on the graves of deceased veterans are conducted every year. Used or soiled flags can be left at the Post for proper retirement.

The VFW Post, locally known as "The Vets" has been a central figure of the Lackawaxen area for 76 years since its founding by veterans returning from World with our gift program that War II. Starting in 1950 the Post we partnered with Growing was built on donated land by Lackawaxen in 2021 where we the members, their families and raised \$1,600. We would like to community volunteers. Additions thank ahead of time the businesses were added as the Post grew and and community members who activities increased. The Can Do contribute prizes for this event, attitude displayed then carries the Lackawaxen Volunteer Fire forward through to today where Company for allowing us to use our members, their families and their Hall and their assistance, and a very special group of volunteers our partners in this event, Growing maintain the Post and conduct our Lackawaxen, for distributing activities as a special part of our the proceeds. Please watch our community. These efforts not only signboard and our Facebook pages keep the Post vibrant but allow for updates. us to support veterans in need, community Fire and EMS services, members at the Post who hail scouting, and community family mostly from the wars and actions assistance programs.

A large part of our success is due members are veterans in the to the support of local businesses community who have served our who contribute goods and country during times of conflict in services or promote our activities. foreign lands, the high seas or in Virtually every business in the the air. The Ecker-Haupt VFW Post Lackawaxen, Greeley, Hawley, 5635 in Lackawaxen is dedicated Shohola, and Milford area that to serving fellow veterans and the we have approached for support have contributed in some way and This summer we held our we urge everyone to shop local. Memorial Day Chicken BBQ and Our Hunters Bingo relies on the the August Rib Roast which were donation of prizes from these local attended by well over 300 people at businesses and all proceeds from each event. There were some new the event go to local children and

With the onset of Fall and the decades and family groups that Holidays, we will be holding the transcended generations. Our popular Hunters Bingo on Saturday volunteers held basket raffles at December 3rd at the Lackawaxen Volunteer Fire Company. Doors of high school age kids have been open at 6:00pm and the first game working with the veterans and starts at 7:00pm. \$12 entry fee

Our Bingo has been very gathering of friends and neighbors



We have a number of new in Southwest Asia and Korea over

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the last 21 years. Camaraderie pikepa.org and the opportunity to do good in the community they live in have been the hall mark of these new members who are taking up the reins from the stalwart vanguard from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. New members are always welcome every month at 7:30 PM.

Photo by Milk & Annie Photography

new Veterans Service Officer for Pike County. Jesiah Schrader has taken over and can be reached at 570-296-3563 or jschrader@ pikepa.org. Jesiah can assist or provide information regarding veteran's affairs and benefits. For more information check www.

The custom of thanking veterans for their service has emerged in recent years and although these words have meaning we would implore you to acknowledge the service and sacrifices of the veterans in your community by and meetings are the 1st Friday of exercising your right to vote and participating in a civil discourse We are happy to announce a regarding the issues that affect our country and community.

thank You!



Child Safety Week Celebrated at Veteran's Memorial Park

At the June 12th Commissioner's meeting in Milford, the commissioners made a motion to adopt resolution No. 22-23 Child Safety Week, June 10 – 17, 2022.

In its honor, they welcomed and thanked Rick Cross along with his wife Rose, Supervisor Jeff Shook and Tim Knapp for their organization of the Child Safety Fair that was held on June 11th in Veteran's Memorial Park.

We thank all of them for their efforts to keep our children safe in our community!

This was the first year for the Child Safety Fair, and we can't wait to see what the coming years have to offer for our community. We want to thank all the organizations that participated!

To view more photos from the day's event, visit the Township's Facebook page (@LackawaxenTownshipPA).



There is nothing more important to our future than the safety of all our children.





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Bethel Lutheran Church Celebrates 110th Anniversary

Lackawaxen area. Although organized in 1912, it wasn't until early 1925 (fittingly Jan. 6, the Day of the Epiphany) that they acquired Road, where they still assemble today.

of

Established in 1912, Bethel who had settled in the area from Churches (AALC), a confessional eagerly resuming these ministries volunteer fire departments, the faithfully served for about fifty Synod (LCMS). years by Lutheran pastors from the NYC area until the 1960s.

Lutheran Church in Rowland Brooklyn and wished to continue Lutheran church body that enjoys celebrates 110 years of Christian to worship in the Lutheran full altar and pulpit fellowship with worship and ministry in the tradition. Indeed, Bethel was the Lutheran Church-Missouri

But like most organizations, Bethel had to suspend all but the Now, 110 years later, Bethel most basic of activities due to the white building on Church continues to worship and serve COVID in 2020, including choir, in the Lutheran tradition along Sunday school, adult Bible study, the Lackawaxen River. Bethel is and men's and women's ministry Bethel was established by many a member congregation of the groups. Thankfully, after abiding by the Norwegian-Americans American Association of Lutheran the guidelines, the congregation is

and activities - and even initiating Care Cabin, and the hospital. some new ones. Bethel now including adults. A weekly evening through Bible study is now being offered, support local agencies, such as the for years to come.

Bethel is excited to be able to offers Sunday school for all ages, resume serving the community worship, Christian education, and support activities, as well as a monthly soup supper and the congregation is privileged and service of Evening Prayer. The to be part of the Lackawaxen men's group has undertaken many area to serve God and neighbor. maintenance and beautification Celebrating 110 years of history, projects. The women's group Bethel looks to God for help to be has been investigating ways to a presence in the Lackawaxen area







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SUPPORTING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

There's a New Tax Collector in the Township!

Michelle Thompson officially took office as the Lackawaxen Township Tax Collector January, 2022. She plans to eventually implement an online payment system to include credit card payments for our taxpayers. During tax season, schedule a time to drop your taxes off Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. You can reach the Tax Collector at 570-685-1177 during the hours of 9AM-3PM, but if she is home during the off hours, she will answer your call. She makes it convenient for taxpayers to email (taxcollector@lackawaxentownshippa.gov) her with questions as well.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER FOR OUR TAXPAYERS:

County/Township tax bills are mailed out March 1st of each year.

- Take advantage of a 2% discount if you pay by April 30th
- Face value amount is due by June 30th
- Payments made after June 30th include a 10% penalty fee.
- School tax bills are mailed out August 1st of each year
 - Take advantage of a 2% discount if you pay by September 30th
 - Face value amount is due by November 30th
 - Payments made after November 30th include a 10% penalty fee.

The Tax Collector can only collect taxes for the current year, previous years' delinquent taxes need to be paid to the Tax Claim Office. Call 570-296-3407 or visit their website: www.pikepa.org/government/tax_claim/index.php

SUGGESTED TIPS FOR OUR TAXPAYERS:

Proofread your checks

- The numeric number amount must match the written narrative amount.
- Make sure you sign and date the check correctly.
- Add your Bill number and/or Control number in the memo of your check.
- A phone number is also helpful if there is an error on the check.
- DO NOT USE light colored pens, the bank scanner will not read it.

If you use an online bill pay service, be sure to update the mailing information for the new Tax Collector.

Checks should be made payable to:

Lackawaxen Township Tax Collector, Michelle Thompson PO Box 32 Rowland, PA 18457

* These suggested tips are especially important if you are sending your payment right before the due date.

Lackawaxen Township, A Great Place to Call Home.



Greeley Fire Dept. Awarded Two Prizes in **Inspection Day Parade!**

men & women of the Greeley Fire County Fireman's Association Inspection Day parade. Members spent 2 weeks, night & day, preparing our tanker to compete in the inspection festivities. At the conclusion of the days events, we were proud to be awarded with "2nd Place Best Appearing Overall

On Saturday October 1st, the Out-of-County Apparatus" and "1st Place Best Appearing Out-Department traveled to Franklin, of-County Ladies Auxilary". These NJ to participate in the Sussex accomplishments are a big deal to our department as we take great pride in the apparatus that you, our residents, help us afford. Without you it would not be possible. It is our special way of saying thank you by taking such great pride in the appearance of our equipment!



Season to Gather

By Ron Tussel

their own fruit and vegetables.

season.

Hunters play a vital role in freezer. During the early fall we are season of harvest has to offer. able to hunt and harvest Canada geese and mourning doves, with and the beautiful colors of the black walnut meat is tender and no knowledge should not partake our young hunters able to score leavers emerge, more and more sweet and very nutty. It too is an in the picking without the help of

Autumn is the traditional Many scoff at the food quality of Our region of Pike County is host season of gathering. For the wild geese, but I beg to differ. Much to thousands of acres of state land farmer, it is time to bring in those of how food tastes when it hits the where the hunting public can final crops and prepare them for palate is in the way in which it was pursue deer, bear, turkey, grouse, winter. For some it is time to can prepared. With little to no natural or prepare for storage those fruits fat, wild goose and other meats and vegetables that will soon be no are easily dried out. Wild geese longer available fresh, yet through can be breasted out, seasoned and available for harvest during the preservation techniques we might grilled to medium doneness with fall that can also lend to the menu enjoy through the next several perfection. They must be sliced months of cold. I see a strong across the bias of the grain to upsurge in interest in folks learning ensure the most tenderness as one to grow, gather, prepare and store would do with a London broil. The trees. Shag bark and smooth bark last few years I have been using the hickories love to grow in moist, Hunting is long considered breasts of Canada geese to make one of the gathering techniques into pastrami. It is a simple process and one of the ways to bring home that renders the meat a delicious hitting the ground right now. The supplies for surviving the winter delicacy. The same recipe can be used on venison.

Mourning doves are tiny and managing the populations of many delicate and it takes a good handful species including whitetailed deer to satisfy a family for a meal. and black bears. With higher gas Their meat however is hearty and and interest prices of recent times, tender and well worth the work all that. Black walnuts are also on presence known to the trained to help make delicious and I hear many folks getting back of preparation. Wild doves or into hunting or getting the proper wild goose, topped with gravy of education to become a hunter wild mushrooms and nuts are an yield is substantially more. Fresh in order to help put meat in the exemplary way to enjoy what this black walnuts do not taste like

As fall unfolds and frost arrives

squirrels, rabbits, ducks and pheasants.

There are plenty of other items of available goods come snow and cold. Our area is home to an abundant supply of hickory shaded areas. Both produce an abundant supply of nuts that are delicate meat found in these nuts is delicious and can be used in cookies, breads muffins or even salads. Sure it requires some extra work as the shells are small and the yield tiny, but in the end it is worth the drop at this time. These nuts are larger than hickory, and the their domestic cousin one might purchase in the market. Wild a few wild ducks for the larder. opportunities arise for hunters. excellent compliment to a salad or an expert! But anyone who has

some baked goodies or even mixed acquired the knowledge to pick a grouse dinner.

actually be a food item? We see window of opportunity, so we use them by the thousands crushed freezing and dehydrating to help and ground on area roadways and store their earthy flavor for months scattered across walkways and to come. Dehydrated mushrooms lawns. But acorns can indeed be can be re-hydrated for a sauce or made into delicious table treats. stew but can also be ground into Acorns contain tannins that cause powder to double as a thickening things to taste very bitter. With agent as it also adds its deep, a little homework one can learn mushroom flavor condensed by methods to release and reduce the dehydration. With technology those tannins, and turn the acorn one can download apps for their meat into a food item as was personal devices and phones that enjoyed by the Pilgrims ling ago. help identify mushrooms as well Purged and dried, acorns can be as other edible plants of the region. ground into flour that yields bread and pancakes that rival domestic opportunities to help the novice materials.

earthy crop begins to make its or gather their own food sources eye. Wild mushrooms are the fruit healthy meals. Take advantage of fungi whose job it is to break of the beautiful fall weather and down trees left by disease, insects colors to get out and look around or lightening. There are thousands Lackawaxen Township and the of varieties of wild mushrooms and surrounding area. You might just some are indeed toxic. One with find your next gourmet meal!

with stuffing for a wild turkey or selected few of the edible variety will tell you, there is nothing tastier. Who knew that acorns could Wild mushrooms appear in a tiny

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Diabetes and Hearing Loss

There are 37 million people in for others who are nearby. America with diabetes and another 133 million people who are the effects of hearing loss is farconsidered prediabetic. Diabetes reaching. Researchers at Johns can lead to nerve damage that Hopkins Medical Center found affects many parts of the body, untreated hearing loss is correlated including your hands, feet, eyes, with higher rates of cognitive and kidneys. However, a recent decline and Dementia. Their study found diabetes may also research found that as the severity contribute to hearing loss. In fact, of hearing loss increases there hearing loss is twice as common is a greater risk of developing in people with diabetes as it is in dementia. In fact, elderly those who don't have diabetes. Also, of the 133 million adults hearing loss have a three times in the United States who have greater risk of developing dementia prediabetes, the rate of hearing loss is 30 percent higher than in those with normal blood glucose (blood sugar).

so it can be hard to notice. Often, friends and family members will do. Signs of hearing loss include: Often asking others to repeat themselves, Trouble following conversations with more than speech. one person, thinking that others in noisy places, such as busy

individuals who have a moderate than those without a hearing loss. This risk increases to five times for those with severe hearing loss. Additionally, new research shows Hearing loss can happen slowly, that hearing loss is linked an for you and your family, and it increased risk of falling, decreased memory, depression, avoidance of notice your hearing loss before you social situations, and loneliness. The effects of hearing loss on our brain are wide-ranging and not isolated to just understanding

are mumbling, Problems hearing but you can follow these tips to help protect your ears: Keep your restaurants, trouble hearing the blood sugar as close to your target voices of small children and others levels as possible, get your hearing with quiet voices, and Turning up checked every year, avoid other the TV or radio volume too loud causes of hearing loss, including

loud noises, Ask your doctor New research shows that whether any medicines you're taking can damage your hearing and what other options are available. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you have your hearing tested by an audiologist (a health care professional who evaluates your hearing for medical problems) when you first find out you have diabetes, and then every year after. In fact, the CDC added an annual hearing test to their recommended diabetes care schedule (https:// www.cdc.gov/diabetes/managing/ care-schedule.html) along with annual eye exams and feet checks.

Hearing loss can be frustrating can affect your social life. There are many reasons to keep your blood sugar in your target rangeprotecting your hearing is just one of them. Plus, you'll feel better and have more energy while you do it! Dr. Joseph Motzko is a licensed

You can't reverse hearing loss, 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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Pinot Noir with grilled lollipop lamb chops and Parmesan cream sauce

The lighter body of this fruit-forward, dry red wine is a beautiful balance of Pinot Noir grapes from Washington State and presents a supple and softly layered complexity making it the perfect pair for the robust flavors of the bed of arugula and cream sauce. lamb. You will need:

Lamb chops Olive oil Salt, pepper, herb de provence,

fresh chopped mint leaves Grated parmesan and cream cheese

Heavy cream, milk, unsalted butter, flour, salt and pepper



in saucepan and whisk in 2 tablespoons flour to create a roux

Gradually whisk in ½ c cream, 1/4 c milk and 1/4 parmesan about 2 minutes, add 1 oz cream cheese and heat until sauce thickens.

Season with salt and pepper to your liking, keep warm.

Coat chops in olive oil and season generously with herbs, salt and pepper on both sides - let sit at least 5 minutes.

Heat grill pan on high until almost smoking, add the chops a sear 4 minutes, flip and cook another 3 minutes for medium rare and 5 minutes for medium.

Transfer to serving plate with a

Chardonnay paired with blue cheese and honey pear crostini with walnuts

Aromas of honey gold apple and citrus blossom in our Chardonnay lead to a fresh vanilla, juicy ripe pear and gentle sweet spice on the palate ultimately leaving a lingering finish that compliments the creamy

For sauce – melt a ¼ c butter intricate flavors of the blue cheese and brings forward the sweet fruit and honey with every incredible bite. You will need:

> Sliced and lightly toasted baguette rounds.

Crumbled blue cheese and creamy blue cheese dressing

Fresh thinly sliced pear Honey

Preheat the oven by turning on the broiler.

Place the toasted baguette slices on a baking sheet lined with

parchment paper and generously smear with creamy blue cheese dressing.

Top with a slice of pair and blue cheese crumbles and place under the broiler until cheese bubbles.

Remove and sprinkle with walnuts, return to broiler until walnuts toast (watch closely, this won't take long).

Remove from the oven and drizzle honey immediately as desired.







We would love to see your pairings.

Send us your photos of how you have paired you favorite Three Hammers Wines to our social media message pages (@threehammerswinery) or email them to sarah@threehammerswinery.com.

Happy holidays and Cheers!

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Candied black cherries that have been marinated in Hammer Bros. Sawmill Red

As if fruit marinated in a sweet red blend wine was not enough, this pairing takes dessert to a whole new realm. The decadent white chocolate and brightly colored confections will entice anyone to taste but when accompanied by the titillating surprise of juicy red fruit that bursts with the flavors of berries, tobacco, mocha and vanilla - one cannot stop at just a bite. But that's not all!!! A sip of Sawmill Red will complete this simply sensational treat by bringing this 60% Chambourcin / 40% Marechal Foch blend, which has fermented in American oak barrels and aged for 8 months. This sweet red wine gives the taster a lasting memory and satisfaction like no other dessert can. You will need:

Black Cherries - stem on

White chocolate melting chips

Colored sugar

Place cherries in container and completely cover with Sawmill Red, seal and refrigerate for 24 hours.

Melt white chocolate as chip per package directions.

Dip marinated cherries in melted chocolate, then immediately dip again in colored sugar and place on parchment paper to dry, store in refrigerator until ready to serve.



Spongy Moths (formerly Gypsy Moth)

The statewide spongy moth Forest Pest Management is to or caterpillars have been reduced DCNR recommend that you be significantly lower. program that had been in contact aerial sprayers directly to in the last few years. The Pike coordinate with your neighbors place for years with the state coordinate identification and the County Conservation District or community association in concerns about them in your area. of Pennsylvania has not been potential need for a spray program (District) provides information identifying an aerial sprayer and funded since 2017. Since that on private property. In the last on the District website on how to working with them to determine assessment as early as possible. time, the recommendation from year, there have limited reports identify, manage them on your if an application of spray is needed the Pennsylvania Department for sightings and complaints in property, a listing of aerial sprayers for the spring of 2022. By working of Conservation and Natural Pike County which also indicates as well as additional resources with a large group of landowners Resources (DCNR) Division of that numbers of egg masses and/ for landowners. The District and the cost of a spray program could

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Identifying Gypsy Moth Early Larval Instars

by M.L. McManus and D. Twardus

There are 4 principal characteristics to use in distinguishing the first 3 larval instars of gypsy moth under field conditions:

- body size color on the upper body surface
- 3. color of head capsule
- width of head capsule in relation to width of the body

The 1st instar.

Newly hatched 1st instar larvae are buff-colored but turn black within several hours (Figure 1, left.). The body length of this instar ranges from 3 to 5 mm. The head capsule is always black. As the larvae prepare to molt into the 2nd instar, their body color lightens to a characteristic greasy appearance (Figure 1, right.).

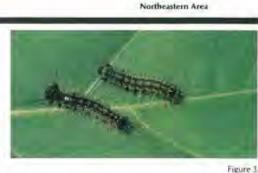


Figure 1.

The 2nd instar.

Figure 2 shows a comparison of a late 1st instar, just prior to molting (left), with a newly molted 2nd instar (right). Note that though size is similar, the early 2nd instar is nearly black and irregularly shaped yellow marks are visible on the upper body surface. The head capsule is black and the body length of this instar can vary from 5.5 to 11 mm.





The 3rd instar.

Coloration becomes more pronounced on the 3rd instar larva. Figure 3 illustrates a comparison of a 2nd instar preparing to molt (right) and a newly emerged 3rd instar (left). The head capsule is black but the orange, nearly crown-shaped markings on the upper body surface of the 3rd instar larva are distinctive. Notice, also that the head capsule of the newly molted 3rd instar is as wide as the body. Within each instar, as the larvae feed, they grow in length and width however, the size of the head capsule does not change. Therefore, as larvae approach the point where they molt into the next instar, the head capsule appears much smaller in relation to the width of the body. The body length of the 3rd instar varies from 10 to 15.5 mm.



The 4th instar.

Figure 4 illustrates the dramatic change in larval appearance of the 4th instar. The head capsule is now yellow mottled with black markings (appear as eye spots). The markings on the body surface are distinctively 5 pairs of blue spots followed by six pairs of brick red spots. Body length varies from 15 to 24mm.

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Forest Health Factsheet Gypsy Moth

Gypsy moth, Lymantria dispar (L.), is an important pest of hardwoods in the northeastern U.S. since its introduction from Europe to Massachusetts in 1869. It is now established in 19 states from Maine to Wisconsin and extends to northeastern North Carolina. In Pennsylvania it was first discovered in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties in 1932. A total of 4.3 million acres were defoliated in the state during the historical peak year of 1990. Suppression programs have been carried out by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry since 1968 to minimize its impacts on the forests.

Hosts

Gypsy moth is a spring defoliator with more than 300 host species. Oaks, especially white oaks, are preferred by feed-ing caterpillars. Older larvae will also feed on conifers such as hemlock, pines, spruces and southern white cedar. Nonhosts include ash, yellow-poplar, sycamore, black walnut, catalpa, locust, American holly, and shrubs such as moun-tain laurel, rhododendron and arborvitae.



Life History

Gypsy moth has one generation per year in Pennsylvania. Females lay their eggs as light tan egg masses (400-600 eggs) on trees, stones and other substrates during July to overwinter. Eggs hatch from late April to early May the following spring. Small 1st instar larvae move in search of suitable food sources by floating in the wind on silken threads. Early instars feed on foliage and remain on hosts, whereas half-grown larvae usually feed in the canopy at night and move down from the tree to seek shelter in bark crevices and other protected sites during the day. Larvae mature by mid-June. Late instars are marked by five pairs of dark blue spots and six pairs of red spots along the back. Pupation takes place in late June or early July in places such as tree trunks, stone surfaces and building exteriors. Adults start to emerge two weeks later and reach peak emergence by mid-July.

Natural Enemies

Natural enemies (predators, parasitoids, and pathogens) play an important role in regulating gypsy moth populations. Birds, mammals, and predaceous insects such as the Calosoma beetle feed on eggs, larvae and adults. Parasitoids of gypsy moth include Ovencyrtus kuvanae for eggs, and Cotesia melanoscelus and Parasetigena agilis for larvae. There are also two pathogens that greatly affect gypsy moth caterpillars: the nucleopolyhedrosis virus (NPV), and the fungus Entomophaga maimaiga. Gypsy moth larvae die of viral infection hanging from trees in an inverted V position; while those killed by the fungus remain mummified head-down on the tree.

Management

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry conducts annual egg mass surveys to monitor gypsy moth populations. A suppression program is planned when populations exceed threshold levels. Treatments are only conducted at the request of the landowner and if the area meets the program requirements. Treatment is applied when 50% of the caterpillars are in their second instar in the spring so timing is critical. If you believe that you have a need for a gypsy moth suppression treatment you should contact your gypsy moth county coordinator during the summer. Contact numbers and additional information on program requirements can be found at the PA Bureau of Forestry Gypsy Moth Site.

Mechanical

Tactics for mechanical removal of gypsy moth egg masses can be effective for individual yard trees but are not effective as a forest-wide control method. Methods include removal of egg masses before they hatch and removal of objects where egg masses can be hidden by females. Another control tactic is wrapping burlap around the trunks of trees where gypsy moth larvae can hide during the day. The larvae hiding under the burlap are then scraped into a can of soapy water, killing the larvae. Sticky tape around the trees can also be used to entrap larvae as they move down the trees to hide during the day.

Insecticides

The principal insecticide used by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry for gypsy moth suppression contains the bacteria Bacillus thuringensis var. kurstaki (Btk). This insecticide must be ingested by the early instar larvae and is more effective on the first three instars of gypsy moth. There are several chemical insecticides that can be used for gypsy moth con-



Burlap wrap

trol. Diflubenzuron is an insect growth regulator that must be ingested by the caterpillar and acts on the juvenile stages of invertebrates by preventing the formation of a new exoskeleton when the organism molts. It is effective against gypsy moth larvae. Another insecticide used in forestry applications is tebufenozide, an insect growth regulator which causes a premature molt in the caterpillars of butterflies and moths that feed on foliage treated with the insecticide. There is a biological insecticide containing the nucleopolyhedrosis virus registered under the name GYPCHEK. Since this virus specifically attacks gypsy moth, GYPCHEK is used in areas where rare and endangered butterflies and moths are believed to be present. This insecticide is produced in limited amounts by the USDA Forest Service.

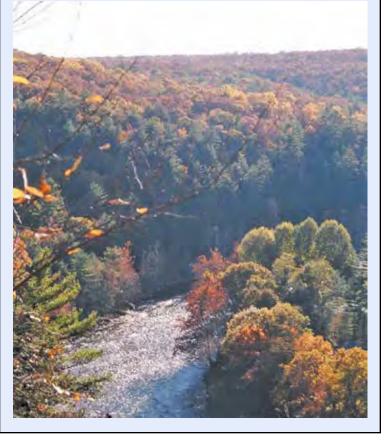
The Lackawaxen River Conservancy **Revamps Website**

By Kenny Christianson

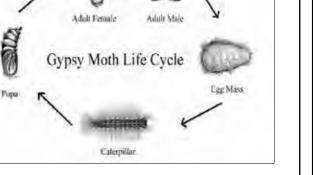
In its continuing efforts to stay connected with the local and global communities, the Lackawaxen River Conservancy has revamped website at www. its lackawaxenriver.org. At its board of the conservancy realized that the current website was outdated and limiting opportunities for public outreach and fundraising. We completely redesigned the existing website to make it more user friendly and to allow for online money transfers through Paypal. For the first time, any individual can join the conservancy online and pay their dues or make a donation electronically. This

will help the conservancy to better serve its mission of "the protection and preservation of the Lackawaxen River, its wildlife, watershed, and natural beauty."

The website includes meetings early this year, the information about annual river happenings and a calendar of local events. There are also links for current river conditions and the water release schedule. You may visit the website at www.lackaxawxenriver.org. If you are concerned about preserving the health, beauty and vitality of the Lackawaxen River, please consider joining the conservancy or making a donation today. Now you can do so online!







Adult female and egg mass



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