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Are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 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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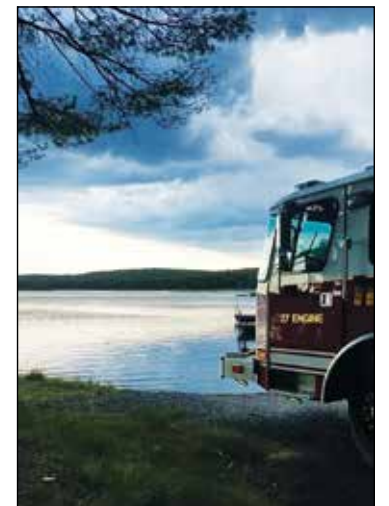


## Current and Future of the Lackawaxen Fire Departments

Currently the Four (4) Fire Departments are in the process of having a Survey conducted by an agency from the State of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of this Survey, all Four (4) of the Fire Departments will have a “road map” that will lead us into the future and how we will continue to provide Fire Protection to the residents and visitors to the Township of Lackawaxen. The Survey will help both the Four Fire Chiefs and the Township Supervisors make decisions that will propel the current Fire Service into and onto the next level of service that we can provide.

Through the efforts of ALL Four (4) Fire Chiefs, each Fire Department is working on gathering information that will assist in the upcoming Survey, for example:

1. Number of Fire Fighters that belong to each Fire Department
2. Average Number of Fire Fighters responding
3. Types of Incidents that the Fire Department is responding to:
  - a. Fire
  - b. Rescue (On Land or in the Water)
  - c. Motor Vehicle Accident
  - d. Missing Person
  - e. EMS Assistance
4. Type of Equipment located that maybe in each Station:
  - a. Engine
  - b. Tanker
  - c. Tanker/Pumper
  - d. Rescue
  - e. Ladder Truck
  - f. Support Vehicle(s)
  - g. Command Vehicle(s)



5. All Four (4) Fire Departments are also completing a Full Inventory of all of their Fire Fighting Equipment, this will help in determining where the Fire Service may be deficient and assist in budgeting for New Equipment to replace old worn out equipment or Newer Equipment to bring the Departments up to and into the newest tools needed to complete our Tasks.

Currently the Fire Services covers 78 Square Miles, with a little over 5,000 full time residents, which approximately doubles during the summer Months to 10,000 residents. Along with the Fire Calls that each Fire Department responds to during the year, there is constant Training, Refresher Classes and Recertifications that need to be conducted. Not to mention the Vehicle Checks to ensure that all of the Equipment is in working order if and when it is needed at a Fire Scene. Also, the Station maintenance, we have a moto, “A Clean Fire House is a Happy Fire House”, this moto also holds true for the Fire Apparatus, we like to keep each piece of

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Fire Apparatus Clean and Orderly, we never know when the Fire Call will come in, so we stand ready to respond.

The Professional Volunteers that make up the Four (4) Fire Departments within the Township are dedicated Professional Volunteers that will answer the call no matter what time of day or night. This includes and is not limited to, Holidays, Family Events, Meals at all times of the day and yes, of course in the middle of a Deep Sleep at 2 am, in all types of Weather Conditions. Each Fire Department has predetermined Coverage Plans in place with the Pike County Emergency 911 Center that will indicate the number and type of Fire Apparatus that will respond to the type of emergency that is reported, within the area of the Township that the Emergency exist. Collectively the Four (4) Fire Departments respond to approximately over 500 Fire, Rescue and EMS Assist Calls throughout the year.

Of course, none of the above is possible without the many dedicated volunteers, both men and women of the Fire Service. The Four (4) Fire Departments are always looking for new recruits, you may have seen our "Recruitment Tents" present at Lackawaxen Township Events and of course at the Local Fire Department Events that are spread across the year. We are always looking for help and there is always a job and jobs that can be completed at any of the Stations. Feel Free to stop by on a Drill Night or when you see the Doors open to ask about opportunities to become one of the Professional Volunteers that proudly serve this Township.

The year 2020 has presented ALL of us with many unique and never before seen "opportunities", both in our home lives and in the lives as a Professional Volunteer serving the Township of Lackawaxen. The Fire Departments still responded to all of the Incidents listed above, but with extreme caution and the Health and Safety of both our Fire Fighters and the Public in mind. To this day, we continue to follow all prescribed precautions to keep bot the Public and Fire Fighters Safe and Healthy so that we can respond to the next call.



We have also found time to Give Back to the Communities that we serve with the following events, yes even during the Pandemic:  
 Birthday Parades | Blood Drives  
 Bag Lunch Distribution (in conjunction with the Wallenpaupack School District)

We are planning for some Holiday Fun also, we are all in need of Positive and Fun Events, Santa will be arriving, that we know. Thanksgiving will come and we ALL have a lot to be Thankful for and of course as we enter into the Calendar Year of 2021, we will look back at the year 2020 and say that we ALL made it.

Rest assured the Four (4) Fire Department Chiefs and their Line Officers stand Ready, Willing and Able to handle any and all Emergencies that come our way.

We thank the Residents of the Township for their constant Support and of course all of our immediate Family Member for understanding that what we do is in our blood and we would and never have shied away from any issue confronting us.

We look forward to continuing our Education to enable us to Serve you better in a time of need.

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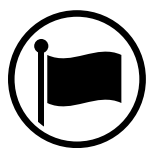
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# Living Lackawaxen

## Three Hammers Winery Celebrates the 200-Year Anniversary of Whitehall Homestead in Hawley, PA

The Whitehall Homestead was originally built by the Hammer Brothers in 1820 and was purchased in October 2016 by husband and wife wine enthusiasts, Rob Kobrzynski and Christine Pucciarello. The couple purchased the property with

the dream of starting a small craft winery in the quiet hills of Hawley, PA. Two years later in 2018, Three Hammers Winery opened its doors on the historic property at Whitehall Corners. The



name is homage to the three craftsman brothers who settled the property two centuries before. Kobrzynski said, "We are very honored and fortunate to have been able to acquire such a beautiful property with such a wonderful history. We want to continue as stewards maintaining all that the Hammer Brothers built, while creating yet another appealing hospitality destination in the region."

The nearly 15-acre Three Hammers Winery is just a short distance from the highly regarded family destination at Woodloch Resort and Spa.

Abraham, Eli, and Israel Hammer, Quakers from Philadelphia settled the property in 1820. Each brother brought his own skilled trade to the homestead. One a carpenter, another a tailor and the third was a jack-of-all-trades. This allowed them to live a very secluded, comfortable, and independent life. During this time, they not only built the Whitehall Farmhouse, but also a working sawmill and a barn on the property. Using only felled wood, they milled the lumber and sent it down to

Philadelphia to provide for the housing market. This provided them with the basic needs they required to survive.

Over the years, the property changed hands numerous times and would eventually be purchased by the Beard Family in the late 1910's. Daniel C. Beard, was one of the original founders of the Boy Scouts of America and an illustrator for Mark Twain's "A Yankee in King Arthur's Court", among many other books and magazines.

Upon arriving in the area, he started a youth camp on the shores of Lake Teedyuskung. Some years after starting the camp in Lackawaxen, his sister bought 300+ acres, including the Whitehall Farmhouse property and started a camp for girls not far from the property. The next generations of owners would all be the children of the Beard family.

Finally, in the late 1970's, the Beard family sold the property after over 50 years of ownership. The following generations of owners would continue to be respectful stewards of the homestead. Ensuring its preservation and maintenance over the decades.

Visit [Threehammerswinery.com](http://Threehammerswinery.com) or email [info@threehammerswinery.com](mailto:info@threehammerswinery.com) for more information about visiting the historic property turned winery.

Three Hammers Winery is located at 877 Welcome Lake Road, Hawley PA 18428.

## WE DID IT!!

Thank you to all Lackawaxen residents! We have met the TREX Challenge! For those who do not know, TREX Corp who makes composite lumber from recycled plastic film will give any organization that collects 500 pounds within 6 months a free 4' park bench. Growing Lackawaxen took up the challenge in February of this year. Collection bins were located at the Lackawaxen Township building, Woodloch Market, Masthope Lodge, and the Lackawaxen Inn. Plastic film only was accepted; items such as plastic shopping bags, storage bags, (e.g. Ziploc), plastic mailing sleeves, shrink-wrap (not from boats!), bubble wrap, etc. The plastic was picked up on a regular basis, weighed, and then brought to a TREX partner collection site. The monthly totals were sent to TREX for recording. We collected over 1000 pounds in 8 months. The first bench will be installed at the Care Cabin, with the second to go to Veterans Park.

A big thank you to the businesses and Communities who allowed collection bins to be located at their buildings, we could not have done it without you!

If anyone is interested in starting their own TREX Challenge, go to their website for more information and to register. Way to go Lackawaxen! Yippee!

~ Marianna Quartararo



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## Paper Plate Butterflies

The challenge for a lot of parents is how to do fun things with the kids without breaking the bank. Today the girls and I collected some odd arts and crafts materials we had lying around and decided to make something around that. We grab some paper plates from a BBQ we had the week before, old glitter piping from a previous craft we decided to reuse, a gold card from a birthday card we wanted to recycle, some craft tape with white polka dots, paint and glitter. I asked the girls what animal we should make. “Lion, Kitty, Rhino, Flea (yes, a flea) and Butterfly!!!!!!” were shouted out loud with passion. Looking at the goodies we had in front of us, we decided on making the butterflies (can you believe I gave up the chance to make a flea?).

The girls loved this project and the painting part was easy for my two-year-old, so this is a good one for little ones. Some of the parts I managed and had the girls assist like the craft glue and the eyes for the butterfly. The next day, I decided to sneak out and pin the butterflies to a tree, so when we walked outside later in the afternoon we saw them magically perched on the tree. All in all, this was an engaging craft and the result was beautiful.

### Materials:

Craft Glue | Kids Paint | Paint Brush | Glitter | Paper Plates  
Glitter Piping | Gold Card (or any other Card)  
Dots for eyes (you can use a black marker, but I decided to get creative and use the polka dot tape) Sticky tape (to hold paper plates together while drying)

**STEP 1:** Set up the paint and brushes. Create lines of paint across the paper plates. The little ones I just let do their thing. Let the paper plate dry.

**STEP 2:** Meanwhile, take two glitter pipes. Twist the piping together making sure to leave enough room (2”-3”) for the butterflies’ antennas.

**STEP 3:** Grab something around the house the diameter of approx. 2” to trace on the card to make the butterfly’s face. Cut around the circle. I did this because my girls are too small yet for real scissors.

**STEP 4:** I cut two black circles from the craft tape around one of the white circles to make an eye. You can use a white card and simply add a dot of black marker. Or use craft eyes – they are awesome! Glue onto gold card. Let it dry.



**STEP 5:** Once the paper plate is dry, grab the craft glue again and carefully make 4 circles on each side of the wings. Mirror each circle. It doesn’t matter if the circles don’t hold shape. That’s what makes each butterfly so vibrant, unique and beautiful. These circles will be each butterfly’s eyespots; the circular, high-contrast marks on a butterfly’s wings.

**STEP 6:** Carefully sprinkle glitter onto the glue circles. I suggest helping your little ones with this step. I let glue dry overnight as it was a thicker application.

**STEP 7:** Once the glue is dry, cut the wings down the middle so in two halves. I let my four-year-old use her craft scissors. I then cut a small diamond to create a wing shape. See photographs. Place the two curved wings together using craft glue on the backside, connect by slightly overlapping. Use sticky tape to strengthen the bond while it dries.

**STEP 8:** When dry (I waited 4 hours) we placed the antenna down the center of the butterfly.

The first time I used craft glue, but it didn’t cut it, so we use super glue and stick tape again to strengthen the bond. (I didn’t let the girls help with that as obviously super glue and kids is a disaster waiting to happen!)

**STEP 9:** After everything dries, another 2 hours, feel free to hang your butterflies from anywhere your heart’s desire.

I feel like my girls always have such a good time while crafting, and the beauty of this project is that no matter how they put the paint on the plate, each butterfly turns out so interesting and unique. Just like in real life!





## CARE CABIN AND YOU:

From the Board of Growing Lackawaxen:

As a life long resident of this area I have always said there is no other place as good as right here in Lackawaxen Township to live. Whether you live in the area or vacation here, the hearts of this community are the biggest you will ever find.

If it's a neighbor in need or a tragic accident, a loss of life, this place so many of us call home always answers the call.

With the recent epidemic that completely stopped us in our tracks and so many of our elderly residents told to stay home and shelter in place. Some of which is our volunteer base for many organization in the community. We at the food pantry (Care Cabin) lost some of our most dependable people and with the guidelines changing daily we found ourselves scrambling to meet the need.

You, the community as a whole really showed us your hearts and souls. The donations started pouring in to Growing Lackawaxen and the phone started to ring with the same questions every time "What can I do to HELP?".

All of us have been humbled with the out pouring support. When a car pulls up to the food pantry and we ask how many in your family and the gentleman behind the wheel hands us a Twenty dollar bill and tells us that he just wants to give something back. It makes us so proud to be a part of it all. To be able to live and work in an area of such heart and compassion. Our younger residents have given up their time and joined the rest in prepping for the food distribution. Every forth Saturday from 8am to 11am, you'll find your friends and neighbors hard at work running bags and if you could see through the masks, smiling the whole time.

We are truly Blessed to be a part of something a whole lot bigger than ourselves.

A special Thank you to all that came out for the Space Ship Auction. We never dreamed that we would have that kind of success.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Shook, Tres.

Growing Lackawaxen: Enriching the lives and the wellbeing our residents

Michelle Thompson | Lynn Mills  
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## Growing Lackawaxen Event A Great Success

*Reprinted with permission from The River Reporter*

*By Jonathan Charles Fox*

LACKAWAXEN, PA — On Saturday, September 5, Growing Lackawaxen President Jeff Shook, artist Laurie Guzda and a large crew of dedicated volunteers made final preparations for a close encounter of the fundraising kind. "We're so excited to have the chance to raise money and bring the community together for an enjoyable day. 2020 has been a tough year for many residents," Shook said of the Area 590- Aliens in the Park party and live auction held last weekend. "So having fun, raising money and putting it back into the community where it is most needed is a privilege."

Headquartered in Hawley, PA, Growing Lackawaxen is an organization created to "enhance and improve the quality of life for the residents for our township through art, music, community gatherings and the support of neighbors in need." In partnership with the township, the nonprofit also manages the Care Cabin, a food pantry that helps to provide food and necessities.

"I have been an artist for the Stamford [Connecticut] Downtown Sculpture projects for 20 years," event co-organizer Laurie Guzda said, explaining how the spaceships landed in Lackawaxen's Veterans Park.

"They usually auction their sculptures at the end of an event but [in light of] competing events happening at the time, they decided to cancel their auction and offer them back to the artists, including me." When Guzda learned that Stamford Downtown was willing to donate some of the other artists' large fiberglass "spaceships" to assist Growing Lackawaxen in a fundraising effort, she jumped at the opportunity.

"Hmm, I thought," Guzda recalled. "What about a mini-spaceship display in Lackawaxen ...?" We rented a 28-foot monster truck and the folks at Stamford had a crew of six amazing guys



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to help us load. It must be noted,” Guzda added, “what an outstanding job Jay Knapp did in originally placing the spaceships around town.” Knapp installed the nine UFOs last April, in what started as a scavenger hunt for the township and became a self-guided driving art tour for residents and visitors alike.

All in all, last Saturday’s party drew hundreds of enthusiastic friends, neighbors and families happy to be enjoying the games, food and insanely successful and lively auction held with “social distancing” protocols in the great outdoors.

“The folks at Stamford Downtown couldn’t be happier to have helped us raise so much money,” Guzda said. “Their auctions benefit a nonprofit. This one benefited us in a year that we were unable to hold our spring fundraising event and helped us raise more than we ever had.”

All told, the amazing flying saucers and rocket ships, each originally designed and stunningly executed for the Stamford Downtown project, brought in nearly \$15,000. As always, “it takes a village” and Guzda and Shook enthusiastically acknowledged the small army of volunteers that it took to get the Unidentified Flying Objects to Lackawaxen and beyond.

“Growing Lackawaxen does an outstanding job of providing food to those with need,” Guzda said of the organization that she and so many others dedicate their time and hard work to. “But art is food for the soul that benefits everyone, even if for a brief moment. I like that about the impermanence of art... the impermanence of ourselves. Enjoy art, enjoy today, the best you can. And be kind to each other.”

For more information on Growing Lackawaxen and the Care Cabin, like them on Facebook and visit [www.growinglackawaxen.com](http://www.growinglackawaxen.com).

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## DELIVERING TO LACKAWAXEN ALMOST EVERYDAY!



# The Most Important Financial Principle You Will Not Learn in School

By: Jim Syre

There is a key financial principle to successfully attaining financial freedom. This key will unlock the door to each baby-step in your new financial plan, and help you change your family financial tree forever. You will not find this principle taught in most financial classes, because it is not about math or investments. This key is about a change in behavior from the cultural norm of materialism to the joy and freedom of contentment.

American culture tells me I need newer, bigger, better, and faster. Culture tells me debt is the only way to get what I want in life, and I need to work on building my credit score so I can have it now. Culture tells me it is normal to have a mortgage, a second mortgage, two car payments, multiple student loans, and several credit card payments. But how do I save for my future if I am barely able to pay for my past?

If you can embrace contentment, it gets easier to live beneath your means, get out of debt, save, invest, build wealth, and give. If you do not embrace contentment, you may find yourself perpetually in debt and living paycheck to paycheck for the rest of your life.

It is your attitude that determines how much you save or do not save and how much wealth or debt you have. I have spoken with people who have a combined income of \$50,000 per year and they have no debt other than their mortgage. Their kid's college is paid for, and they have a decent amount saved for retirement. Why are there people who earn twice as much but are drowning in payments?

The answer is not about the math. If it were, then financial freedom would only be about earning more income. Those making twice as much would be twice as successful and debt-free, right? But it does not work that way. The answer is found in contentment.

Be content driving your older car without a warranty. Be content renting for a while longer so you do not stretch yourself too thin. Be content with less in your paycheck so you can contribute to your 401k or ROTH IRA.

Contentment is not where you land, and it is not where you begin. It is the way you ride your financial journey. Be content with the ride that builds wealth instead of your FICO score! You will not regret it.



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## The Essence of Presence

**Presence (noun)** the state or fact of being present, as with others or in a place.

**Mindfulness** is an everyday capacity, not some kind of grand and esoteric state. Children, the elderly, and even those suffering from minor mental health issues can all develop mindfulness.

We can feel it immediately when someone else is mindfully present with us. Their phone is away, they look us in the eyes, and they listen.

After strengthening the muscle of mindfulness, you'll start to find yourself becoming more settled into being fully there with your children, partners, and others. More peacefully relaxed in a moment-to-moment awareness of them and you and what's happening around you. Less worried about more things you think you need, replaying this from that from a mind movie of the past or planning for a 'better' future. Anxiety lessens, blood pressure lowers, sleep improves.

It's not an unachievable fantasy world. It's simply mindfulness. And the best thing is, it's free.

Try this easy exercise to get you closer to mindfulness. Relax, take a deep breath. Move your attention away from thoughts, if thoughts continue to come, say hello, and watch them go. Do not judge them or get involved with them. The mere fact that you can identify that it is a thought or 'the voice' brings more present awareness to your sitting. Thoughts or the voice can be like strangers sitting next to you at a table talking. You simply block out the incessant noise.

Once you have a moment of space, you will begin to recognize this thoughtless space as presence.

Continue to find time in your day to practice this, and you will notice the space (presence) getting larger and larger.





Due to COVID-19, precautions have been implemented at the bar as well as the tables are spaced further apart in Rohman's Pub. Lifestyles photo by Katie Collins.



A four-lane manual pin-setting bowling alley built in 1941, is located within Rohman's Pub in Shohola. The alley is set to open in the near future. Lifestyles photo by Katie Collins.



The building that houses Rohman's Pub, dates back to 1849 when the eatery was built. Located in Shohola on a sunny summer day, many motorcycles were parked outside of the business. The pub reopened its doors in June, following months of being closed because of the COVID-19. Lifestyles photo by Katie Collins

## Rohman's Pub Now Open

By *Katie Collins* | Lifesnews51@gmail.com | Follow Katie @Lifestyles51

Classic, yet simple and tasty is the menu promised to be found at Rohman's Pub in Shohola. Co-owners and sisters, Meghan Rinkel and Kathleen Farrell are operating the restaurant that their mother Sheila Farrell established more than 30 years ago. Together, the sisters praised the menu that offers traditional pub foods, but has their mother's own recipes. Farrell called the food "homemade cooking," since it's simple but "delicious" with meat dishes that are Rohman's own because of the way they're cooked. Patrons can expect the traditional dishes to remain, while more will be added like fried Oreos and fried s'mores for dessert. Simply, with the foods, Rinkel said, "we play around." Farrell added that the new ideas will be both "fun and different."

**Preparation is important** - The simplicity of the meals is obvious Farrell said, but it's the preparation of the foods that makes the chicken, fish, pork, lamb and beef Rohman's own. The appetizers are special, with the likes of a bruschetta that has goat cheese and fig jam or the creamy clams that Sheila created. Farrell said the appetizers are not "standard," so other unique recipes from Sheila's cookbooks should be expected. Working from two menus, Farrell said it's the prime rib that is Rohman's staple food since the meat is also used for sandwiches. The meat is good, because it's about "keeping it simple" by not overcooking it and keeping it "juicy."

**Freshness and flavor** - The freshness and "robust" flavor is something to be expected in the drinks since the garnishes may be simple, but the horseradish, peppers and more enhance the taste, Farrell said. It's the fresh squeezed ingredients that makes the Bloody Mary and Screwdriver specialties to the pub said Rinkel.

**A local bar with rich history** - Rinkel believes the pub's success comes from being a local bar, but also the rich history that dates back to 1849 when the eatery was built. Art Rohman became owner in 1901 and until the early 1970s he built the business that welcomed numerous celebrities who visited the area. Although the primary building has remained, the building survived two fires and has had aspects added, that include a manual four lane pin-setting bowling alley that'll be open in the near future. Or, during prohibition, Rohman installed special conductor seats that attach to the bar and allow room for people to stand and sit at the bar. The business is not just another bar Rinkel said, because "it's Rohmans" where memories have been made with local patrons, and the regulars who travel from afar when they visit the area. A "family friendly" place, Rinkel has found that people enjoy sharing the history of the eatery since many generations have visited Rohman's through the years. Now, the sisters want Rohman's Pub to remain a family establishment where there will be bowling and birthday parties.

**COVID-19 brings challenges** - Due to COVID-19, Rohman's Pub was closed for three months and now that Rinkel and Farrell are operating the eatery, there's been a lot to figure out because of the "new world" that's come from the pandemic Rinkel said. Through the years, the sisters watched their mother run the business, but the restrictions have posed new challenges that have led to most orders being take-out. Or, mix drinks and liquor can be served to go, which was not "standard" before Farrell explained. If the customers aren't drinking on premises, the alcohol has to go in the trunks of their car. The restrictions have made it "different times now" Rinkel said.

**The beginning** - Knowing that her mother once ran Rohman's with a small staff, Rinkel is clearly amazed as she's become aware of what the job entails. The family had property in Pond Eddy and then, one day Sheila said she wanted to buy Rohman's and that, the sisters said, was a surprise since she had been a legal secretary. And so, the family moved to the region from Beacon, New York.

**Business has been good** - Since opening in June, business has been good, but Farrell credits that to the summer; even though people aren't eating out as much as they once did, concern remains since the region changes during the winter months. Once compliances aren't a concern and there's entertainment, Farrell is "confident" business will be busier she said.



Co-owners and sisters Meghan Rinkel and Kathleen Farrell have opened Rohman's Pub in Shohola. Their mother Sheila Farrell first opened the restaurant more than 30 years ago and now, they've decided to continue the business. Lifestyles photo by Katie Collins.

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**Staying in business** - Rinkel said she is staying in the business for her mom, but also Rohman's has been a part of her life for so long that she can't imagine it not being there. Today, she has ideas and sees "potential" for a better business with changes, such as having dining on the porch or updating the bar. Farrell has been at the pub fulltime for 15 years, so she wasn't interested in doing anything else. For both women, having held various positions at the restaurant over the years, being the ones to make decisions has been one of the greatest adjustments. Stepping back and having employees do the work, has been a learning experience Farrell said. For Rinkel, it's been taking the role of which her mother held for so long that's been a task.

**Patron's support is appreciated** - Maintaining the history of Rohman's is important Rinkel said, because it's a place where people stop by and despite being closed for months, she knew once Rohman's reopened, people would come and they have. She thanked patrons for their continued support as the sisters continue to implement the restrictions. When people think of Rohman's Pub, Farrell said it's a place with "great food, great drinks" and a "great time."

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# Lackawaxen Outdoors *By: Ron Tussel*

## Too Many Seasons at Once!

Fall in northeastern Pennsylvania offers many things for the outdoor enthusiast. Sometimes it is a problem being that there are too many seasons and opportunities available at the same time, and one is forced to divide up limited available time and make decisions as to which activity they will pursue.

Archery hunters are among the first to hit the woods for big game species, with the season beginning in early October and spanning until mid-November, only to reopen again the day after Christmas!

Across the season hunters start with deer still in a summer feeding pattern and ending in November with the rut full swing. The late season has the deer calmed down after the traditional firearms season, and hunters can target them in wintering

areas such as thick cover and wetlands. Archery hunting during the rut offers some exciting times as the largest bucks come out of hiding in pursuit of receptive doe.

This is a time when bowhunters can break out those rattle bags, grunt calls, doe in estrous scents and decoys in order to try and lure a mature buck within range of the bow. For me this is the most fun time to be out in a stand. It is amazing to just sit and watch all the activity, and then interact with the deer with scents and calls and visual cues. It raises the level of the hunt from passive to aggressive.

Waterfowl hunters have a full menu available as fall expands. A special September season for Canada geese, designed to reduce local nuisance population, ran the entire month of September. Duck season begins in October and cover a long enough stretch that hunters can key on local populations of ducks early on but end with full spectrum plumage on birds winging south from the Canadian plains!

The migration brings a myriad of duck species through our region, as they follow major flyways southward, occasionally descending upon local waterways for a rest period.

Hunters used to bagging wood ducks, mallards and the occasional black duck suddenly find themselves looking at ringneck ducks, hooded mergansers, pintails, widgeon and others.

Small game hunters are enjoying the stocking efforts of the Game Commission's pheasant propagation program. Statewide there are over 200,000 pheasants to be stocked throughout the season, including

stocking that occurs ahead of the opening day. Pike County hunters will find those pheasants scattered throughout the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area along Route 209 from Milford to Bushkill primarily.

Pheasants are stocked for the hunters to pursue, and are placed in areas considered to contain suitable habitat. This means armored brush pants are in order, as pheasants hunker down in brier patches and brambles that will shred you jeans in minutes. It is tougher to get pheasants in the air without a dog, as they prefer to hide and let the hunter pass by, often at very close quarters. Without a dog, hunters usually line up and push through cover to try and get the birds on the wing. A dog certainly can be a great addition to any pheasant hunting, as their keen sense of smell helps them locate birds that would otherwise be passed by. The opening of the season for rabbits and ringnecks rounded out the small game menu, with grouse and squirrel having come available prior.

Fall turkey season will open for WMU 3D on October 31 through Nov. 14, and then again from November 25-27. If you are hunting another area of Pennsylvania be sure to check your regulations digest as turkey season is different across Pennsylvania, based upon localized populations.

A dry spring in our region gave turkey poults a better chance at survival, and populations seem strong. Typically in the fall season, hunters attempt to locate and then scatter a flock of turkeys, in order to try and call them within range as the flock attempts to reassemble.

Hunting turkeys in the fall is much different than during the spring season, as the birds are much less vocal. The common call to use is a straight reed diaphragm that will produce the high-pitched "kee-kee" whistle the birds make as they attempt to reconnect with the rest of the flock.

All hunters must be aware that with many seasons overlapping, the regulations regarding the wearing of fluorescent orange must be adhered to at all times. This is a time with many hunters afield, with a variety of hunting implements.

It is a good time to be seen! Wear the orange as required, and consult your digest to be sure you are in compliance.

Mushroom hunting is also in full swing throughout Autumn, beginning with black trumpets at the end of August and blossoming into the very noticeable orange chicken mushrooms, to oyster mushroom covering entire trees, hen of the woods, ringless honey mushrooms, a variety of boletes, puffballs and plenty more for those willing to wait a day or two after fall rains to comb the hillsides. Fungi gathering is a fun pursuit and can yield many pounds of perishable, edible mushrooms.

A dehydrator is almost a must if you gather mushrooms as they degrade very quickly. Dehydrating can help condense the wonderful, earthy flavors and keep them available for your use in soups and stews for months to come.

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# Foraging for Fungi

By: Ron Tussel

Autumn is the perfect time to be out and about enjoying the great outdoors. It is a time of gathering and foraging for some. From apples to pumpkins, walnuts to acorns, Nature is providing many opportunities. Among the dark and damp corners of the woodlands, there are many other items available on the forager's menu, for those in the know and on the hunt. A myriad of fungi species flush from the Autumn rains, and quietly do their work of breaking down substances, often unnoticed.

For mushroom hunters, this is a long-awaited time of year! We get out early and comb the hillsides looking for edible fungi species. I will of course quickly say that if you do not know what you are doing when it comes to wild mushroom hunting and collecting, then simply do not. When in doubt, throw it out! There are many species of mushrooms that can make you

very sick and, in some cases, even cause death!

I started collecting wild mushroom when I was a child of about 12. I was taught a few select species, and those were the only ones I picked. No experimenting! Of course, over the years of spending time with mycologists and friends with their own select species, I have learned to identify other edible species to increase my collection efforts.

But if you enjoy mushrooms, I will say that the wild ones I collect are far more earthy and robust in flavor than any I have purchased from the supermarket. I have collected many mushroom identification books over time, and of course now we have the internet with endless sources to help us identify the fungi we find. I recently downloaded an app for my phone that I have been testing, and it seems very accurate at identifying fungi species. I suggest going with someone who can show you a few simple mushrooms that have no dangerous look alike to get started. There are even a few local mushroom clubs that get together to share foraging knowledge.

My first mushroom as a child to learn, is one called the ringless honey mushroom. Local slang will also identify these as popinkies. They grow primarily on hardwoods, usually oak stumps, and I find two species a yellow and a brown. I feel the yellow variety favor maples, and grow much larger than the brown, but both are equally as delicious.

Another fall favorite is the hen of the woods, also called sheep's head or maitake. This one is a polypore rather than a mushroom, but fungi all the same. If you look on the underside you will see tiny pores instead of gills. If you are into looking up nutritional values of wild edibles, as I am, search this one out. Not only is it delicious, it also carries a wide variety of nutritional benefits and mushroom research is being done to learn more about its anti-cancer benefits.

Another polypore with almost no look alike, is the chicken mushroom. This

orange beauty grows in shelf on a variety of decaying wood. It is best cooked in soup or stew as it had little flavor of its own to offer but is great at absorbing the flavor of whatever you cook it in or with.

Giant puffballs are another delicious favorite that are hard to misidentify. Their

large white shapes can be spotted from a long way off in lawns and meadows. One cut through the middle to expose the snow-white newness, not the yellow color of starting to spore, and you are on your way to grilling or sautéing a delicious, earthy mushroom.

One of the toughest things about collecting mushrooms,

is their short life span. Once picked you have about a day to cook them, freeze, them or dehydrate them to preserve their goodness for another time.

I am about half and half on sautéing and freezing versus dehydrating. I just dried a hen of the woods and will steep it for mid-winter nutritional tea!



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