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McKean County receives nearly \$17,000 in CARES funds

By Ted Lutz
Staff Writer

SMETHPORT — McKean County will receive \$16,754.91 in funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES). County Commissioners Tom Kreiner, Carol Duffy and Cliff Lane acted Tuesday to accept an agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of State for the grant.

According to the agreement, the county plans to use the aid for "election expenses arising due to COVID-19." The uses include voter notification and education, increased costs related to mail-in and absentee voting, increased equipment, staffing and training.

The Board of Commissioners approved the

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McKean County lists municipal allocations for liquid fuel tax aid

By Ted Lutz
Staff Writer

SMETHPORT — The McKean County Board of Commissioners agreed Tuesday on a list of liquid fuel tax allocations for county municipalities. The allocations are based on population and eligible miles within a municipality. According to the list set forth Tuesday, the county will be distributing

\$112,049.59 in liquid fuel tax revenue. Kane area allocations include: Kane, 3,730 population, 17.1 miles, \$6,804.88; Wetmore Township, 1,650 population, 29.19 miles, \$5,533.68; Mt. Jewett, 919 population, 6.19 miles, \$1,907.27; Hamilton Township, 543 population, 9.7 miles, \$1,832.03; and Hamlin Township, 734

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State panel advances Causer legislation to build broadband

HARRISBURG — The House Consumer Affairs Committee has advanced legislation authored by State Rep. Martin Causer (R-Cameron/McKean/Potter) and State Rep. George Dunbar (R-Westmoreland) to help bring broadband services to the state's rural communities. "If there was any question about the necessity of high-speed internet service, the COVID-19 crisis

and subsequent closure of our schools put that to rest," Causer said. "While our schools have done the best they can to reach and teach our students at home, the lack of effective internet service in many of our communities puts our kids at a disadvantage. "It's past time to get our schools, businesses and medical facilities the high-speed internet access they need to best serve our students, customers and patients," Causer said. House Bill 2348 would create the Unserved High-Speed Broadband Funding

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Black bear climbs tall maple tree in Kane



A black bear climbed about 35 feet up this maple tree Tuesday at the Bard residence at 111 Edgar James Street in Kane. Area residents watched the bear rest on limbs high above the ground before climbing down and running off at the rear of the residence. Janet Bard, who has lived at the residence for more than 50 years, said this is the first time she has seen a black bear on the property. Edgar James Street (Route 6) is a main road in Kane.

Photos by Ted Lutz

Site provides information for primary election

HARRISBURG — In preparation for Pennsylvania's presidential primary election next Tuesday, June 2, Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar reminds Pennsylvanians they can find comprehensive voting information at votesPA.com.

"The votesPA site is a one-stop shop for Pennsylvania voters. They can verify their registration, find out where to vote and even watch a video of how to cast a ballot on their county's voting system," Secretary Boockvar said. "We encourage all eligible voters to be

fully informed about their rights and what they can expect at the polling place." At votesPA.com, citizens can:

- Confirm their voter registration status;
- Locate their polling place and get directions;
- Find contact informa-

tion for each county election office;

- View a demonstration video of the voting system used in each county;
- File a complaint if they encounter any difficulty or questionable situation at

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CTC recognizes Kane High student

PORT ALLEGANY — The Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9 (IU-9) Career Training Center (CTC) in Port Allegany has recognized Jeanine Beane of Kane for her achievements. Beane is a senior completing her third year in the health assistance program. She is from Kane Area High School. Jeanine has been a great help to her instructor through the three years she has attended the school through her use of technology and motivation to involve other students and the community in activities. The recent change in school circumstances due

to COVID-19 has not been an obstacle to her. She has continued to stay in contact with her teacher and is progressing well in her assignments. Beane is a member of the student committee and demonstrates her leadership through assisting in the growth of fellow students. Her strength is in her organizational abilities. She plans to attend nursing school in the fall. Jeanine will begin work to obtain her Skills USA Advanced Career Essentials credential. One of the best examples of her motivation is

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Kane school meal program ends



The Kane school meal program for all children in the Kane Area School District under the age of 18 is ending today with final distributions. Ready to hand out meals at the "grab-and-go" site at the Kane Middle School west entry are, left to right: Angel Kelly, AmeriCorps worker; and Monika Lyons and Tina Gentile, cafeteria workers. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that closed schools March 13 for the balance of the school year, "grab-and-go" meals for lunch and breakfast have been distributed at four sites in the school district. With the close of the school year Thursday, the meal program also is ending.

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Convenience store in Kane takes action to keep customers safe during pandemic

By Ted Lutz
 Staff Writer

The University Korner (UK) convenience store in Kane is taking action daily to help keep its customers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The independent store at Chestnut and South Fraley streets is following disinfecting and health safety guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention.

The store has installed protective plexiglas shields at the checkout counters. Large empty plastic totes are stacked in front of the checkout points to keep customers at least six feet away from the counter.

Markings on the floor leading to the checkouts remind customers to prac-

tice "social distancing" and stay at least six feet from others in line of customers waiting to check out.

"We're trying our best to follow the CDC recommendations and maintain a safe environment," said Waleed Shahid, manager of the family-owned UK store.

Shahid said store employees wear face masks. Customers, too, are expected to wear face masks in the store, he said, in accordance with CDC standards.

"Safety is our main concern," he said.

UK is open from 5 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and from 6 a.m. to midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

"We sanitize the store every night after closing," Shahid said. He said em-

ployees wear disposable gloves while they wipe down frequently touched surfaces such as door-knobs, countertops, cooler handles and shelving.

"We're doing our best to prevent the spread of the virus during this pandemic," Shahid said.

UK has shut down its indoor bathrooms. The store has added to its expenses by providing an outdoor portable toilet that is cleaned by the contractor on a regular basis.

Like many small businesses, UK has taken a major financial hit during the pandemic.

"We've shut down our food," Shahid said. "We're no longer making subs."

Gasoline sales now are only half of normal, Shahid said.

"People aren't coming

out of their houses," he said.

Health officials have urged the public to "stay home" except for essential activity such as grocery shopping or checking on elderly relatives.

Even with the downturn in gasoline sales, UK is continuing its program to financially help the Kane Area Community Center. One cent from every gallon sold at UK is donated to the center on a monthly basis. UK is the only gasoline station in Kane to assist the center in this manner.

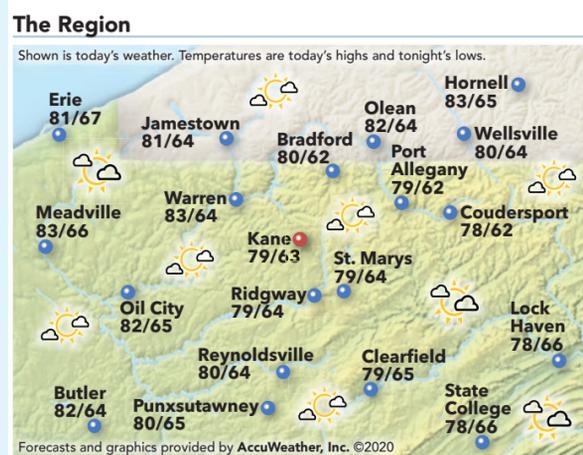
Shahid said UK is hoping to weather the storm and stay in business during the health crisis.

"We're losing money," he said. "We're just trying to survive."

WEATHER

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Tips given for workers in nursing homes

WASHINGTON— The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued an alert listing safety tips employers can follow to help protect nursing home and long-term care facility workers from exposure to the coronavirus.

Safety measures employers can implement to protect workers in the nursing home and long-term care industry include:

- Screen workers and residents regularly for signs and symptoms consistent with the corona-

virus. Send sick workers home or to seek medical care;

- Closely monitor and take additional precautions regarding employees and residents who may have been exposed to an individual with the coronavirus;

- Ask visitors to inform the facility if they develop a fever or symptoms consistent with the coronavirus within 14 days of their visit;

- Maintain at least 6 feet between workers,

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Photo by Ted Lutz

Separated by a plexiglas shield, manager Waleed Shahid, right, waits on customer Amber Couch, left, of Kane at the UK convenience store in Kane. Like many other small businesses, UK is suffering financially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kane Streets Department workers face health risks daily as they continue to serve taxpayers

By Ted Lutz
 Staff Writer

The Kane Borough Streets Department has never missed a beat in serving the public and taxpayers during the three-month-and counting COVID-19 pandemic.

"We've always worked," Streets Department Supervisor Mick O'Rourke said.

The crew— which includes two full-time workers and three part-time employees— operates from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. The "invisible virus" certainly is the main concern and risk for essential workers such as those with the Kane Borough Streets Department.

However, there are other work-related issues.

"We've been out there in all types of weather," O'Rourke said. "We've had snow, freezing rain, heavy rain and high winds since the pandemic began."

The department supervisor said the members of the street crew wear face masks when they are "in the close vicinity of people."

O'Rourke said only one employee at a time is permitted in a borough truck or piece of equipment such as the street sweeper.

Containers of hand sanitizer made by CJ Spirits of

Kane are available for borough Streets Department workers and are frequently used.

Employees wash their hands with soap and water "several times during the day," O'Rourke said.

"The safety of our workers is most important," O'Rourke said. "We're taking safety precautions when we're out in public."

O'Rourke believes the "biggest danger" for Streets Department employees comes when inconsiderate Kane residents litter berms and other public places with garbage, cans and bottles.

"Every day, we're out there picking up trash," O'Rourke said. "We wear gloves, but you still don't know where the litter came from or what the people touched."

He said the crew often finds the same type of garbage along borough streets "day after day."

With the advent of warmer temperatures, the road crew now is concentrating on street sweeping, mowing in parks, pothole patching and cleaning debris from storm sewers, O'Rourke said.

He said the workers practice "social distancing" by staying at least six feet apart when working to-



Photo by Ted Lutz

The Kane Borough Streets Department continues to work on a regular basis during the COVID-19 pandemic. The crew includes, left to right: supervisor Mick O'Rourke, assistant supervisor Bill Cook, Dakota Bray, Bob Udovich and Will Davis.

gether on a project.

He said residents could help by keeping their grass clippings off borough streets. He said the clippings often jam up storm drains.

O'Rourke said most residents cooperate with the borough and its Streets Department.

"We're doing the best we can during this pandemic," O'Rourke said. "It's the people's tax dollars at work."

said. "Some of our parks saw record attendance in April, and with warming weather, DCMR anticipates even more people seeking outdoors opportunities to connect with nature and exercise."

Facilities such as cabins, cottages, lodges

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More state parks are opening

Harrisburg— Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn has announced a phased re-opening of more state park and forest facilities in keeping with Governor Wolf's direction to ensure Pennsylvanians have opportunities to safely enjoy outdoor rec-

reation and help maintain positive physical and mental health.

"With appropriate protocols in place to ensure safety and as staffing permits, this department continues working to reopen our state parks and forests so that Pennsylvanians can realize all benefits associated with being outdoors," Dunn

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LETTERS & OPINION

Will Americans Submit to a Second Lockdown?

On March 24, President Donald Trump said he wanted the country and the economy "opened up and just raring to go by Easter."

Easter came and went. And Trump was mocked for being aspirational and unrealistic. Yet, with Ascension Thursday at hand, 40 days after Easter, the president seems to have been ahead of his time.

The country, as a whole, is, and has been, opening up. Sunday's New York Times reports that, for weeks now, more than two-thirds of the states have been relaxing restrictions as Trump had urged.

The reasons: weariness with the lockdown and sheltering in place, a growing belief that the worst of the pandemic is behind us and undeniably positive news from several fronts in the coronavirus war.

"New Cases in U.S. Slow," ran The New York Times top headline Sunday, adding the cautionary warning, "Posing Risks of Complacency."

The facts suggest a positive trend. The number of newly confirmed coronavirus cases in the U.S. has been dropping for a month. The number of deaths has fallen from 2,200 a day in April to closer to 1,400 a day in mid-May. Several days last week recorded fewer than 1,000 deaths, an awful toll but a clear improvement over April.

As of Friday, the rate of new cases of the coronavirus was declining in 19 states and rising in only three. New Orleans and Detroit have seen sharp drops. The number of new cases in New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island has dropped. New cases in Cass County, Indiana, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where meatpacking plants had seen outbreaks, have declined.

"On eight of the past nine days," said the Times, "there have been fewer deaths announced than there were seven days prior, indicating that the virus toll appears to be easing. More than half of the 24 counties that have recorded the most coronavirus deaths, including Oakland County, Mich., and Hartford County, Conn., are seeing sustained declines."

Still, the thrust of the Times article was about the new crisis we will be courting, should we try to resume normal activities too soon. Do that, says the Times, and we could easily forfeit all the progress we have made.

Message: Social distancing, shel-

tering in place, wearing masks, working at home — the practices that broke the back of the pandemic — should be sustained for those able to do so.

Clearly, the opening in many states has been driven by popular protest and public demand. Crowds have ignored social distancing to demonstrate for an end to the shutdown. Protesters have refused to wear masks and engaged in the time-honored practice since the '60s of civil defiance and disobedience.

The protesters seem to be saying: We deplore the losses and know the risks, but we cannot live our lives behind closed doors in our homes until the elites tell us, as though we were children, when we may go out in the yard.

Hence, the next question we are all likely to confront:

If there is a sudden resurgence of the coronavirus, a second wave, and the media elite and blue state governors demand a new shutdown, a new closure of beaches, parks, shops, restaurants and churches, will the people of this republic comply with those de-

mands or defy them?

Will the nation answer back to the elites: We did that. We sheltered in place. We wore the masks. We socially distanced. We stayed in our homes. We stayed home from work. We have done all we were told to do to contain the virus. But, now, with the shutdown having put 36 million Americans on unemployment and sunk our GDP to Depression-era levels, we're going back to work.

The political divide has already begun to appear.

Among those making the case for ending the shutdown and reopening the country and economy will be Trump, red state governors like Ron DeSantis in Florida and Brian Kemp in Georgia, conservatives in Congress and populists.

The proponents of a second shutdown will be liberal governors and mayors, the mainstream media and the Nancy Pelosi wing of Congress.

It should not go unmentioned that the latter's political interests are best served the longer the shutdown endures and the worse the economic

situation on Nov. 3. If the economy has failed to begin a robust recovery by fall, the greater the odds that Joe Biden wins the White House.

Yet, even if the pandemic returns in the fall, the establishment cannot keep the country closed indefinitely.

Prediction: If the people conclude they have done all they can do to mitigate the suffering from a virus they cannot eradicate, they will resist the imposition of another shutdown, and the establishment will have neither the will nor ability to push them back into their homes.

Ultimately, the people will decide when this shutdown ends, and when a plurality so concludes, the elites will be swept aside.

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Americans may be willing to pay \$5 trillion to stop the spread of the coronavirus and save lives

By DIEGO C. NOCETTI & LUCIANA ECHAZU
Clarkson University

(THE CONVERSATION) The Research Brief is a short take about interesting academic work.

The big idea
A new analysis suggests Americans are willing to pay about US\$5 trillion to stop the spread of COVID-19 and save as many lives as possible — dwarfing the \$3 trillion Congress has so far agreed to spend to support the U.S. economy and its workers. To get to that figure, we calculated the implicit value of public intervention measures like social distancing and statewide lockdowns — meant to prevent people from catching COVID-19 and possibly dying — by estimating how much people are willing to pay to have them implemented.

We conclude — based on modeling the spread of the disease and examining epidemiological and economic data — that the average person is essential-

ly willing to pay \$15,000 to reduce the rates of infection through social distancing, shelter-in-place and other interventions. We then multiplied that by the population of the U.S. to get an aggregate figure.

Why it matters
Health officials tend to argue that strong social distancing measures should remain in place for a prolonged period of time, while others want the restrictions lifted immediately. Economists frequently calculate what people are willing to pay to find an answer to questions like these. The U.S. Department of Transportation, for example, uses an estimate of \$28,800 per injury avoided for minor injuries and \$9.6 million per life saved for interventions that reduce fatality risks — such as building a new highway or adding a train line.

Clearly, it would not be reasonable to wait to ease the restrictions until the fatality rate of COVID-19 falls to zero. We accept deaths arising from the seasonal flu and deaths that could

be avoided by allocating more resources to medical research, and we readily accept potentially deadly hazards in our daily activities, like when we get in a car. The key is to find the right balance, as we often do with other risks, ensuring that the costs of the measures adopted do not exceed the benefits.

Our research shows that, in the aggregate, the benefits in terms of lives saved and morbidity avoided can well justify the enormous economic costs brought by social distancing measures. An important caveat, however, is that since most of the benefits of these measures accrue to a relatively small group of highly vulnerable individuals — while the cost burden fall on the entire population — not everybody may willingly accept those measures, as evidenced by protests against the lockdowns.

What still isn't known
Our results are suggestive, but preliminary. Some of the assumptions of our model regarding the spread of the virus, the risk factors associated with severe illness and how hospitals respond to a surge in demand may prove wrong. In addition, much empirical analysis remains to be done, especially in relation to the nonmonetary benefits and costs of social distancing interventions.

What other research is being done
The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a lot of interest among economists, as you'd expect. The European Economic Association alone lists more than 250 projects exploring data related to the pandemic, ranging from trying to understand the macroeconomic consequences to evaluating the effectiveness of social distancing interventions.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, May 27, the 148th day of 2020. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 27, 1935, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Schechter Poultry Corp. v. United States*, unanimously struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act, a key component of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" legislative program.

On this date:

In 1199, King John of England was crowned in Westminster Abbey nearly two months after the death of his brother, Richard I ("The Lion-Hearted").

In 1861, Chief Justice Roger Taney, sitting as a federal circuit court judge in Baltimore, ruled that President Abraham Lincoln lacked the authority to suspend the writ of habeas corpus (Lincoln disregarded the ruling).

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois.

In 1912, golf legend Sam Snead was born in Ashwood, Va. Author John Cheever was born in Quincy, Mass.

In 1933, the Chicago World's Fair, celebrating "A Century of Progress," officially opened. Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was first released.

In 1941, the British Royal Navy sank the German battleship Bismarck off France with a loss of some 2,000 lives, three days after the Bismarck sank the HMS Hood with the loss of more than 1,400 lives. Amid rising world tensions, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" during a radio address from the White House.

In 1942, Doris "Dorie" Miller, a cook aboard the USS West Virginia, became the first African-American to receive the Navy Cross for displaying "extraordinary courage and disregard for his own personal safety" during Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. O'Brien*, upheld the conviction of David O'Brien for destroying his draft card outside a Boston

courthouse, ruling that the act was not protected by freedom of speech.

In 1993, five people were killed in a bombing at the Uffizi museum of art in Florence, Italy; some three dozen paintings were ruined or damaged.

In 1994, Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to the emotional cheers of thousands after spending two decades in exile.

In 1995, actor Christopher Reeve was left paralyzed when he was thrown from his horse during a jumping event in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In 1998, Michael Fortier (FOR-teeur), the government's star witness in the Oklahoma City bombing case, was sentenced to 12 years in prison after apologizing for not warning anyone about the deadly plot. (Fortier was freed in January 2006.)

Ten years ago: On the defensive more than five weeks into the nation's worst-ever oil spill, President Barack Obama insisted his administration, not oil giant BP, was calling the shots in the still-unsuccessful response. The Senate Armed Services Committee and the full House approved measures to repeal the 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" law that allowed gay people to serve in the armed services provided they hid their sexual orientation. Activist Lori Berenson walked out of a prison in Peru after serving three-quarters of a 20-year term for aiding leftist rebels. (Under her parole, Berenson had to remain in Peru until December, 2015; she then returned to New York.)

Five years ago: The U.S. government launched an attack on what it called deep-seated and brazen corruption in soccer's global governing body, FIFA, indicting 14 influential figures on charges of racketeering and taking bribes. Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, an aggressive advocate for conservative family values, launched a 2016 Republican White House bid. Nebraska's Legislature abolished the death penalty over the objections of Gov. Pete Ricketts, a Republican supporter of capital punishment.

One year ago: Meeting in Japan with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, President Donald Trump said he was "personally not" bothered by North Korea's recent short-range missile tests, which had rattled Japan. Forty inmates were killed in riots at three prisons in Manaus in northern Brazil, a day after 15 inmates died during fighting among prisoners at a fourth prison in the same city. Former baseball All-Star and batting champion Bill Buckner died at the age of 69; he had become best known for allowing a ground ball to roll through his legs in the 1986 World Series, won by the New York Mets over Buckner's Boston Red Sox.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 97. Former FBI Director William Sessions is 90. Author John Barth is 90. Actress Lee Meriwether is 85. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 85. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 84. Rhythm and blues singer Raymond Sanders (The Persuasions) is 81. Actor Bruce Weitz is 77. Former Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) is 76. Singer Bruce Cockburn (KOH'-burn) is 75. South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is 73. Singer-actress Dee Dee Bridgewater is 70. Actor Richard Schiff is 65. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (The Creatures, Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 63. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 62. Actress Peri Gilpin is 59. Actress Cathy N. Davidson is 59. Comedian Adam Carolla is 56. Actor Todd Bridges is 55. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 54. Actor Dondre Whitfield is 51. Actor Paul Bettany is 49. Rock singer-musician Brian Desveaux (Nine Days) is 49. Country singer Jace Everett is 48. Actor Jack McBrayer is 47. Rapper Andre 3000 (Outkast) is 45. Rapper Jadakiss is 45. TV chef Jamie Oliver is 45. Alt-country singer-songwriter Shane Nicholson is 44. Actor Ben Feldman is 40. Actor Michael Steger is 40. Actor Darin Brooks is 36. Actor-singer Chris Colfer is 30. Actor Ethan Dampf is 26. Actress Desiree Ross (TV: "Greenleaf") is 21.

Thought for Today: "Great wisdom is generous; petty wisdom is contentious. Great speech is impassioned, small speech cantankerous." — Chuang-Tzu, Chinese essayist (c.369-c.286 B.C.)

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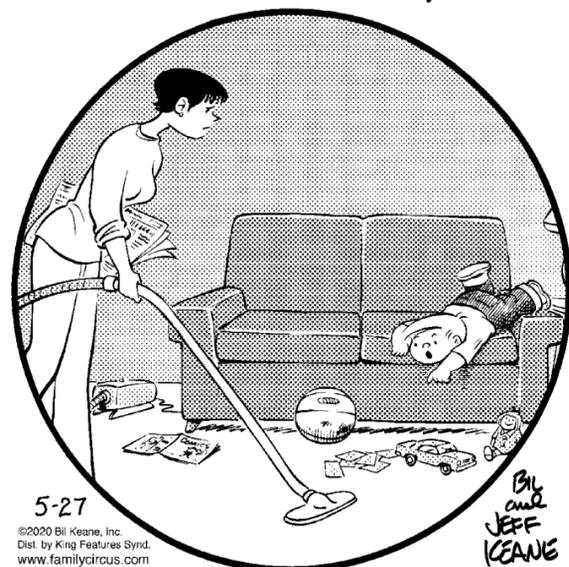
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population, 13.92 miles, \$2,570.74.

The city of Bradford is receiving the peak aid of \$15,240.54 based on a population of 8,770 and 33.7 miles.

Other major recipients include: Bradford Township, 4,805 population,

34.41 miles, \$10,210.88; and Foster Township, 4,316 population, 38.11 miles, \$10,012.11.

The lowest allocation of \$998.63 is going to Sergeant Township with a population of 141 and 7 eligible miles.

STUDENT

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her involvement in the school safety committee. In her role, she tracks and posts accidents and minutes from monthly meetings. She also assists in organizing educational activities such as the yearly Safety Fair. This safety fair takes coordination from all shops, students and teachers. The safety committee is facilitated

by faculty members and consists of students from all school classrooms. Students review OSHA guidelines, audit the building monthly for safety concerns, and review any shop related accidents or safety concerns. Students learn the importance of being proactive about safety in the workplace.



Photo Submitted

The IU-9 Career Training Center (CTC) has recognized Jeanine Beane of Kane for her achievements.

PARKS

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and yurts will open Friday, June 12.

DCNR is following Governor Wolf's plan and process for reopening Pennsylvania using red, yellow and green colors to outline restrictions in place for that county. The red phase has the most restrictions, which are eased as counties move to yellow and green. DCNR is following this approach to begin opening facilities in counties that are designated as yellow.

Regardless of any county color designation, all state parks and forests will now have at least one restroom in day use areas and in marinas statewide open to the public. Additional cleaning protocols are in place to help protect park and forest visitors.

In addition, the public can still access DCNR trails, lakes, rivers, streams, forests, roads, and parking areas statewide for recreation.

All nine marinas in state parks are open, or will be on their typical opening date. Shoreline mooring sites at all state parks also are open. In addition, three public golf courses in Caledonia and Evansburg state parks and Michaux State Forest are authorized to be open to the public. These golf courses are operated by private concessions.

Boat concessions (which are privately operated) in red counties will remain closed. Boat concessions in yellow counties are permitted to be open, but in many cases are not. State parks should be called directly for more information about marinas and boat concessions. Except for one restroom in each day-use area, all state park and forest facilities in the red phase will remain closed until changes are made consistent with Governor Wolf's guidelines for reopening.

All picnic pavilions, playgrounds, nature play areas, interpretive centers, amphitheaters, and group camping facilities statewide will remain closed indefinitely. Beach and pool facilities will be closed through at least Friday, June 5.

All programs, events, and large gatherings at state parks and forests

CAUSER

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Program and fund it by repealing the Mobile Telecommunications Broadband Investment Tax Credit. This credit is currently limited to \$5 million per year and is available to mobile telecommunication providers to invest in broadband equipment in Pennsylvania. The \$5 million would instead be directed toward a grant program.

"As part of our annual Performance Based Budgeting process each year, the Independent Fiscal Office found approximately 90% of the spending incentivized with this tax credit would have occurred without it," said Dunbar, who serves as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. "We can put this funding to work in a far better way in the form of a competitive grant program to promote investment in some of the areas most in need of broadband service."

Under the bill, the grant program would be administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority. Along with the \$5 million appropriation called for in the bill, additional state and federal

in counties that are designated red are cancelled through June 15. Based on availability, organizers will have the option to reschedule later in the year. No new reservations for these activities are being taken.

In counties designated yellow, any events with more than 25 people will be cancelled. If the event is under 25 people and outdoors it will be allowed to occur, however any indoor events will be cancelled. Picnic tables in state parks will be dispersed to allow room to spread out and avoid crowds. Campsites and cabins should only be used by members living in the same household as part of COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

People who live in areas still under stay-at-home orders should not travel long distances for outdoor recreation, and instead should look for opportunities close to home. Pennsylvania has 6,000 local parks and more than 12,000 miles of trails available (check first to make sure they are open, as some local parks are closed).

Visitors can help keep state parks and forest lands safe by following these practices:

- Avoid crowded parking lots and trailheads
- Bring a bag and either carry out your trash or dispose of it properly
- Clean up after pets
- Avoid activities that put you at greater risk of injury, so you don't require a trip to the emergency room
- To help avoid exposure to COVID-19 and protect others, and still enjoy the outdoors:
 - Don't hike or recreate in groups - go with those under the same roof, and adhere to social distancing (stay 6 feet apart)
 - Wear a mask
 - Take hand sanitizer with you and use it regularly
 - Avoid touching your face, eyes, and nose
 - Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or flexed elbow
 - If you are sick, stay home

Pennsylvania has 121 state parks, and 20 forest districts.

funding could be directed to the account and used for grant awards.

Entities eligible for grants would include non-governmental entities with the technical, managerial and financial expertise to design, build and operate high-speed broadband service infrastructure within this Commonwealth; and rural electric cooperatives or local development districts in the Commonwealth. Any nongovernmental entity that qualifies for a grant would have to invest from its own funds at least 25% of the project cost.

Preference would be given to projects in the most unserved areas of the Commonwealth as defined by the Federal Communications Commission's minimum speed requirements and to projects that already have federal funding allocated to them.

The committee also approved House Bill 2438, which would allow rural electric cooperatives to use their existing infrastructure to deploy fiber lines for broadband service. Both bills now go to the full House for consideration.

Death Notice

Johanna L. Rolick, 88, formerly of Kane, passed away Monday, May 25, 2020 at Sena-Kean Manor in Smethport.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the Cummings Funeral Home, Inc.

Mt. Jewett trail club may meet outdoors

MT. JEWETT — The Mt. Jewett Memorial Public Library will not be opening until after the end of May.

So, at this time, no meeting is scheduled at the library on Thursday. Future meetings will have to be decided on a month to month scenario.

However, the club is considering a meeting with those who are interested, (board members and anyone else that feels safe attending the meeting), maybe outside if the weather is good, possibly Saturday.

"We could 'tailgate' at the parking lot in Mt Jewett, just to go over a few things," Club President Carolyn Stroup said. "We can still respect the Social Distancing guidelines."

"We need to schedule a work party to prepare for our picnic tables and maybe install the bollard gates," Stroup said. "MDF is wanting to deliver the two picnic tables they are donating to the trail club."

The rubber mats have been removed from the trestles - thank you Jack Forquer, Ken Stroup and Matt Fowler for getting it done. "There is always weeding trimming that can be done or picking up small sticks, branches and limbs along the trail (and thank you to those that have already been

doing this). The horse trail has been trimmed back and signs checked.

"We have a few more benches to add along the trail and need to order more. One bench being donated is a memorial to Jim McGill who passed away last month. The folks that donated the money for this bench would like to see it put in Mt. Jewett.

"We have also received memorial donations for Randy Rittberg and Glenn Powell. Thank you to those that donated and our condolences to the families.

"Angela Cornelius has put together the final draft for our first interpretive sign and it will be sent to our printer soon.

"Our 'pocket' cards are printed & available for 'handing out.'" Please contact Jack Forquer to get your cards.

"No word on the July races or the Fall Festival yet, whether (they) will be happening or not; hopefully by June we will know more.

"The Kinzua Bridge State Park has been full the past few weekends - so if we want to sell any food (hot dogs, candy bars, 50/50 raffle tickets) we could make a lot of money. We just need volunteers to set up at the end of the trail and start selling."

FUNDS

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agreement during a business meeting held via teleconference. In-person meetings have been put on hold due to the virus crisis.

In other business, the commissioners:

■ Proclaimed May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

"Each business, school, government agency, faith-based organizations, health care provider and citizen has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts," the commissioners said in the proclamation.

Daniel J. Wertz, administrator of the McKean County Department of Human Services, presented a list of mental health agencies that county residents can call for assistance.

The list includes: PA Warmline, 1-855-284-2494 (24-hour toll-free line available to individuals struggling with the emotional challenges of the pandemic).

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-8255 (24-hour toll-free and confidential line to support people in crisis or emotional distress) or Text "PA" to 741741

McKean County Crisis Line, 1-800-459-6568 or 814-362-4623 (24-hour toll-free and confidential line to support people in crisis or emotional distress)

Reach Out PA Feedback Form, <https://www.governor.pa.gov/reach-out-pa-feedback-form/> (online form to offer information about mental

health service strengths and needs)

■ Announced that summer hours for county offices begin Monday, June 1. The summer hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

■ Heard Duffy announce that the 2020 Census in the county is "moving forward." Most of the count so far is through self-reporting.

■ Approved a debt ordinance of \$300,000 for the Bradford Regional Airport. The funding is needed for the renovation of the terminal at the airport on Route 59 in Lafayette Township.

■ Approved an agreement with the Albert Monitoring Service of Harrisburg for internet security.

■ Approved a one-year lease with Barracuda of Bellwood, Pa. for internet services. The cost is \$3,422. The commissioners went with a one-year lease rather than an optional three-year lease for \$9,680.

■ Approved an agreement with Steel Fusion of Monessen, Pa. for laboratory services for certain drug screening work.

■ Renewed an agreement with Avanco of Clifton Va. for a child accounting and profile system.

■ Approved a grant application for the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Bradford.

■ Announced that the next business meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9 at 10 a.m. As of now, the forum will be another teleconference session.

TODAY'S
THE DAY

Stop Smoking.

Pre-school graduation held at Family Drive-In



Photos submitted

The "graduation" for children in three Kane pre-school programs was held Saturday at the Family Drive-In on Route 6 just east of Kane. Wesley Pre-School at the First United Methodist Church, the Kane Community program at the Presbyterian Church in Kane and the Kane Day School at the Tabor Lutheran Church are participating in the joint "graduation." Restrictions were in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A combined total of 47 children— all 4 or 5 years old— wore "caps and gowns" for the ceremony. These children are among those scheduled to enter kindergarten in August at the Kane Elementary School.

The Lutheran Home



Photo submitted

After months of being stuck inside due bad weather, the residents are loving being outside the facility with staff members. Pictured is Resident Ed Bliss getting a little sun therapy and regular therapy at the same time!

Olivia Stone graduates Summa Cum Laude at Thiel College

Olivia Stone, daughter of Tim and Julie Williamson of Ludlow and Charles Stone of Warren graduated on May 3, 2020 from Thiel College in Greenville, PA. Olivia earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education/Special Education at Thiel. She graduated with a final GPA of 3.93 earning the highest

Latin Honors of Summa Cum Laude. Olivia made the dean's list with honors all eight semesters. She maintained her academic standings while participating in the following activities: Chi Omega women's fraternity, Alpha Chi (junior and senior academic honorary) Les Lauriers (service honorary), Order of Omega Greek

Life honorary, Lambda Sigma (sophomore honorary), National Society of Leadership and Success and Thiel Players for Costuming. Olivia worked as a Resident Assistant for two years also. Olivia's future plans are to move to south central Virginia where she will be teaching 3rd grade this fall.

TIPS

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residents, and visitors to the extent possible, including while workers perform their duties and during breaks;

■Stagger break periods to avoid crowding in break-rooms;

■Consider alternatives to in-person large group gatherings (e.g., staff meetings, resident activities);

■Continually monitor personal protective equipment (PPE) stocks, burn rate, and supply chains. Develop a process to decontaminate and reuse PPE, such as face shields and goggles, as appropriate. Follow CDC recommendations for optimization of PPE supplies; and

■Encourage workers to report any safety and health concerns.

The new alert is available for download in English and Spanish.

Visit OSHA's Publications webpage for other useful workplace safety information.

The alert is the latest effort by OSHA to educate and protect America's workers and employers during the coronavirus pandemic. OSHA has also published Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19, a document aimed at helping workers and employers learn about ways to protect themselves and their workplaces during the ongoing pandemic.

Visit OSHA's coronavirus webpage frequently for updates. For further information about coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to help ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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