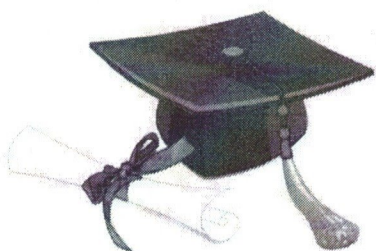


# A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS

BEAVER FALLS, PA

SPRING/SUMMER 2020



## Blackhawk High School 2020 Graduates

**Mackenzie Amalia** daughter of Bob and Audrey Amalia of Patterson Heights, graduated 4th in her class with a 4.27 GPA. She is a 2 Year member of the National Honor Society, of which she was the NHS Nursing Home Co-Chair, a 4-year Student Ambassador, 4-year member of Key Club, 2-year member of Leo Club, and a 4-year member of the Varsity basketball team of which she was Co-Captain. She was also a 4-year letter winner, 2019 Prom Committee co-chair and 2019 member of Homecoming Court. Mackenzie, who is a member of St. Monica Parish, is a Blackhawk Little Cougar 4 year referee and instructor for various basketball camps and clinics. She was also 2-time First Team All-State player as a Junior & Senior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State as a Sophomore, and Mackenzie was named The Post-Gazette 2020 Fab 5 Player of the Year. Mackenzie's continued successes are as follows: Tribune Review WPIAL Top 10 following her Junior season, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 4A Fab 5 Player following her sophomore, junior & senior season, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette All-Section following her sophomore, junior & senior season. Beaver County Times 2020 Co-Player of the Year, 2020 Section MVP, All-Section Team following her

freshman, sophomore, junior & senior seasons and Top 20 All-Star a 3-time Section-Champ, 1-time WPIAL finalist and 3-time State playoff appearance, scored 1,794 points, becoming Blackhawk Girls basketball all time, 2nd leading scorer and a member of the 1,000-point club, during her junior season. Mackenzie also became the first Lady Cougar to have a triple double, holding several school records for assists in a game-14, assists in a career - 571, assists in a season - 181, and 3's in single game-

8 an 8 year member of Drill for Skill AAU basketball for which she has been named several times as a USJN AAU All-Star, she was also Miss PA Basketball Terrific 10. Mackenzie will attend Robert Morris University on a full basketball scholarship. She plans to major in Biology.

**Ethan Bellan**, son of Paul and Erin Bellan of Eighth Avenue, grandson of Rosemary and Ron Bellan of Eighth Avenue and of Robert and Mary Fabian. Ethan received the Marian Jones Live-Laugh-Love Spirit Award Scholarship and the Pitt-Race Stout Family Scholarship. He is working this summer at the Housing Authority of the County of Beaver and will be attending Pittsburgh Technical College in October for HVAC and will return to Brighton Health Mart during his schooling.



### Avery Cantwell

### Gwyneth Carter

Alex Ceriani – son of Donna and Frank Ceriani of Seventh Avenue. Alex is a high honor student and a two-year member of the National Honor Society. He received yearly Academic Excellence Award honors - top 15% in class; and received BHS student-athlete awards.

Upon graduation from Blackhawk High School, Alex was awarded the Blackhawk Legacy Scholarship, the Edward Sahli Memorial Beaver Falls Rotary Scholarship, the Flick Service Award Scholarship, and the Beaver Valley Contractors and Suppliers Association Scholarship. Alex is also the recipient of the Chancellor Award Scholarship through Penn State University, and he was the recipient of the Pittsburgh Foundation Shaw Family Trust Scholarship Award for \$4,000.00.

Alex will be attending Penn State University in the fall and will be majoring in Nuclear Engineering. He plans to continue with his education and obtain a Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering and work in research or education.

Alex has helped to deliver our Patterson Heights' *A View from the Heights* newsletter since 2011; Alex is a Beaver Falls' Tiger Pause Youth Ministry after-school program tutor.

### Michael Culler

### Madelyn Dufala

### Madison Freshcorn

### Peyton Landfair

### Joseph Pagani

Angela Puglia – daughter of Michael and Jean Puglia and Granddaughter of Jean Gropp – all of Fourth Avenue. Angela was a member of the Concert Choir, Concert and Marching Band, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honors Society, and the Music Academy. She also performed in the school musical all four years, performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Chorale and participated in several PMEA choir festivals. In the Fall Angela will be attending Miami University in Oxford Ohio to study Zoology.

### Maureen Regis

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



**A Note from the Editor** ... It has been a long and very strange past six months – I hope you are all well and becoming acclimated to this “new normal” in which we find ourselves. This issue is long overdue and I do apologize, but hope you find it useful and enjoyable. If you are new to Patterson Heights ... WELCOME!

As I look at all the graduates, as well as the new residents, I am struck by all of the talent we have in this little corner of Beaver County. The *View From the Heights* is a community effort and depends on members of our community for articles, data entry, layout, proofing, assembly and ... DELIVERY! If you or anyone ( of any age!) in your household is interested, willing and able to do any of these tasks please contact me ... I am ... **Ruthanne Bentley** – you can reach me at [rben64@comcast.net](mailto:rben64@comcast.net) and I would love to hear from you.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer!

Ruthanne



*There has been a lot of Real Estate "movement" in the Heights this Spring and a complete report is not yet ready to publish, but if you are aware of "newcomers" on your street or neighborhood please introduce yourself and make them aware of the Heights! We hope to get all our new neighbors recognized soon!*

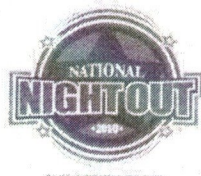
**Three Twenty One Development  
510 Sixth Avenue**

**Phil and Debbie Fatula  
403 Seventh Street**

**Valerie Patsiga & Raphael Brown  
756 Seventh Avenue**

**Jacob Thompson and Melissa Pastirak  
499 Fourth Street**

**Richard and Delores Tressler  
723 Eighth Avenue**



**National Night Out  
moved to Tuesday 6  
October 2020**

Now would be a good time to start planning for your neighborhood "Night Out" event to meet with your new neighbors as well as those "not so new"!



## **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR**

### **2020 BOROUGH TAX CHANGES**

The Borough tax bills were mailed on March 1. Due to potential financial hardship caused by the Corona Virus lockdown in May, our Borough Council passed Resolution 20-05-1 to extend the DISCOUNT period for the Borough taxes until August 31, 2020. The resolution also eliminated any penalty on the Borough taxes up to December 31, 2020. The revised periods are:

**March 1 – August 31                      DISCOUNT**

**September 1 – December 31      FACE**

**After December 31      PENALTY & LIEN FILED**

Any residents who pays their Borough taxes using installment payments are not affected by these changes, and should continue to pay their installments according to the schedule printed on the tax bill.

### **2020 SCHOOL TAXES**

Blackhawk School District tax bills were mailed July 1, 2020. There are no changes to pay periods for the 2020 School Tax bills.

**TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS ARE BY  
APPOINTMENT, 724-494-1846**





## Eagles in the Heights

Greetings neighbors! Since I've known her for a long time Ruthanne asked me to write a few words about my experience with the big birds down the hill and she knows I like that kind of stuff. For those of you who don't know me, I have lived in Patterson Heights on and off for 40+ of my 60+ some odd years. Debbie and I just settled into an old house on 7<sup>th</sup> Street (next door to the one in which I grew up) after I retired from the chemical industry last July. We had spent the last 28 years living up on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue where she raised a couple of "Heights Kids", while I traveled relentlessly. Retirement is bliss and climbing around in the woods behind the house is something I enjoy now more than I did when I was a 4 year-old following my father around in his new patch of green.

When I was a kid there were only 2 types of large black birds flying around the neighborhood and I imagine you know both of them well; laughing crows heckling from an oak or sugar maple and silent turkey vultures ominously searching for a snack on the local updrafts and thermals. Thanks to a bunch of interested folks (not-the-least Rachel Carson, our local environmental hero), birds of prey are back in great numbers after the DDT ban was enacted in the '70's by USEPA. As a result, a 3<sup>rd</sup> large black bird (actually dark brown but looking black from far away) is successfully negotiating the hills above the Beaver River. This one has a white head and tail (at least as an adult) and to call it large does not do it

justice. The Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) female nesting in a large sycamore tree above the last bend in the Beaver River easily checks in over 10 lbs with a wing span around 6 ½ feet and her mate, although clearly smaller, is no less imposing.

Bald Eagles are doing so well in the lower 48 that they are no longer considered endangered by USEPA, and the pair nesting below us is no exception. According to the regional PA game warden, the local pair built this nest 3 years ago (overcoming one stretch of significant weather damage) and has raised three broods. This year the female laid two eggs (2 is normal in a range from 1-3) on or about Feb 7 (early around here but not unheard of) and hatched two eaglets in the second/third week of March. As you read this, I imagine both of these eaglets (now almost as big as their parents) have fledged the nest. The young fledged "juveniles" are mostly dark (camo brown and some white) and will not display their bright white head and tail feathers for another 4 years or so. In the meantime, these two will follow cues from their parents and join the numerous other juveniles and mature adults fishing the local waterways until they pair up and build nests of their own.

To see this nest, the best idea is to wander down to Big Rock Park in New Brighton and take advantage of the mounted binoculars at the bend. The nest is the giant mass of sticks and limbs about 3/4 of the way up one of the peeling white sycamore trees on this side of the river. If you are lucky you will see the adults sitting in a tree near the nest or on the flood plain. Look for a flash of bright white. As for the juveniles, you can see many flying around the area - just look up! From a distance you might think it is just another hawk or a turkey vulture, but after a while you will get used to their size, shape, and wing pattern and you can confidently say to yourself, "That is an eagle". We are lucky to have them so close to us. Enjoy the summer.

Phil Fatula

May 2020



## **Patterson Heights Borough News and Info**

### **Use Your Resources**

It's always a bit surprising that more people do not know that Patterson Heights has its own website. You can find it at [www.patterson-hgts.com](http://www.patterson-hgts.com). Even if you simply Google "Patterson Heights," the search will show you the link to the website. On the site you can find a great deal of current information, such as a listing of the Borough Council members and their contact information, other officers such as the Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Code Enforcement Officer, Tax Collector, and Secretary. There is information about current and upcoming festivities, a calendar of events, and a collection of all the Borough Ordinances, both old and new. You can also find and download forms, like applications for zoning and building permits.

The website is a good place to start whenever you are looking for information about something related to Patterson Heights. If you have a specific question, you can also email, [pheights600@gmail.com](mailto:pheights600@gmail.com) (a new email address), or call the Borough Office at (724) 846-0677. Remember, though, that the office is only manned part-time, and if you need more immediate assistance, call the Secretary or any council member on their cell phones.

### **Don't Forget Your Permit**

With so many of our residents working reduced schedules, many of you are getting around to adding that deck, porch, or shed. If you are unsure if you need a permit for your project, be sure to check with the Borough Office, NOT with your contractor. If you put your fence in the wrong place, and have to move it, shorten it, or get a variance, the result can be more expensive than the original project. An application for a zoning permit costs \$75, but a zoning variance starts at \$800, and the process could easily end up costing 2 or 3 times that amount.

## **What About the Park? The Food Trucks?**

The Park has been reopened, and we hope to have food trucks again beginning the second week of July. We will probably be asked to wear masks as much as possible, and to maintain social distancing. Better to be safe than sorry.

### **Primary Election**

The June 2 Primary Election results were predictable, primarily because most races were uncontested. The majority of votes in Patterson Heights were submitted by mail. 90 mail-in ballots were received at the Courthouse, while 72 voters came in on election day. Republican and Democratic participation were equal, with 81 voters from each party. Between mail-in and in-person voting, Patterson Heights participation was about 36%. Countywide, Democrats turned out at a rate of almost 42%, while about 37% of Republicans voted. Total voter turnout was just under 40%, with 20,000 requests for mail-in ballots, and 38,000 votes actually cast. While it is difficult to predict the pandemic situation on Election Day in November, it is safe to say that the turnout will be much higher. In-person voting will be set up in much the same way (masks, social distancing), but there will be many more voters waiting. People should seriously consider using mail-in ballots.

***Watch the website for more information.***

### **Yard Waste Pickup**

It seems like we have discussed this topic a hundred times on the website. Please refer to [www.patterson-hgts.com](http://www.patterson-hgts.com), or call the Borough Office if you have any questions.

*Jack Doyle*, Borough Secretary





LITTLE FREE LIBRARY™  
TAKE A BOOK • RETURN A BOOK

## News from the Little Free Library

Summer and warm temperatures are once again with us, as is the virus, unfortunately. If you've been past the LFL, and/or grabbed a book or two, you have probably noted our new roof. Like many "homes" we've had a recurring leakage problem which has now been rectified, thanks to Ethan Bellan and a few helpers. All is dry and the inside has been recently repainted. While there are exterior cosmetic actions to be taken, they will also be completed at a later point. However, with this better weather we can now get out and about and pick-up some summer reading from the LFL. We are placing books in every week and note that you are also rotating your reading materials and keeping our bookshelves fresh. There has been an influx of new books, so thank you so much for your support and sharing with our community.

A great shout out to our new sister LFL on Darlington road! At the top of Fourth Street, look right and across the street – it's an easy-to-spot lovely red LFL. So now you have even more choices and reasons to stop and find a refreshingly new read while on your summer stroll. Welcome, sister library; we're so pleased you are here.

As always, it is you, the community of readers, and those who encourage knowledge through books, who have made our own Little Free Library a continued success. Thank you.

*Sue Pokego*

Little Free Library Head Librarian  
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## PATTERSON HEIGHTS LADIES AUXILLIARY

Ladies Auxiliary ended the year in December 2019 with a celebratory dinner and plans to continue meetings in early 2020. However, like many groups, all was on hold until a 2019-2020 final meeting was held in June.

Officer elections were held, with Fran Levinger as President, Carol Wagner as Vice-president, Sue Pokego as Secretary and Nancy Tyger as Treasurer. Plans concerning Election Day bake sales and yearly meatball sandwich sales were discussed, as well as several other ventures, with further conversations to be held when it is deemed safer to continue with public ventures. Since the sandwich sale is held in October, and Election bake sale is in November, they are both tentatively planned and will be either solidified or rejected at the September meeting.

In an unanimous vote, Marge Gropp was recognized as a life-long and honorary member for her work within the Ladies' Auxiliary, and as a volunteer fireman and firetruck driver for our Patterson Heights Fire Department. Thank you, Marge, for your years of dedicated service to the Fire Department and to the Auxiliary.

In a combined effort, Chief Medlin and crew from the Patterson Heights Fire Department, and ladies from the Auxiliary celebrated the birthdays of Phyllis Aluseo, Auxiliary member and former mayor, and Marge Gropp, former auxiliary member and volunteer Fireman, with a drive-by of Fire trucks and members, and included trucks from nearby townships as well as the Beaver Falls police, while neighbors socially distanced on lawns and wished happy birthdays to these two special women who have given much to our community.

On September 8, the second Tuesday of the month, we will hopefully begin the 2020-2021 year. The evening will begin with covered dish supper prior to the meeting. We extend an invitation to the women in the community who would like to spend a few hours each month giving back to the community – come and join us and share a meal – find out what we do for the firemen and Patterson Heights, as well as discovering who we are. Give it a try: come as a guest – stay as a member.





## MEET DUKE

**BIRTHDATE OR AGE:** Ich werde 5 Jahre alt sein (oops Es tut uns Leid..sorry, sometimes I confuse my Englishes). I will be 5 years in July – I think the July 4 fireworks are really for me – even if I don't want them?

**NICKNAMES:** At the age of 5, I hope they stop calling me Dukey, Dukey Bear, (Handsome Man is a-okay) und, Ach du Lieber! Duke-ums?? Although young at

heart, a man of my stature needs the royal name to which I fits. My doofy Familie.

**BREED:** I am the tops, I am the man! Ich bin ein Riesenschnauzer or to non- Deutsche ...I am a giant Schnauzer – and gorgeous – go ahead – check me out – I ... am...the...man. Ich bin der Konigder Schnasuer!!! Ja!

**OWNERS:** Meine Familie sind Josh, Cassandra, Torryn, Aryi and Indy Cuddy. I was with "For Pete's Sake Rescue" when I let them find me, and now we share all things...well, they're not great on sharing the candy stuff, but I'd gladly share my kibbles if they should so wish. So far they haven't....

**PET'S OCCUPATION(s):** Being multi-talented, I lend those talents to such activities

as bed warmer and/or great protector of the family couch (wherever and whenever needed, natch) while one of the most, most important is as the nightmare eliminator management position to which I rush schnell! It ist ein super, special important position for my youngs...they give much loves, and this is how I can give much loves back, as you can see. But there are two jobs which I also do relish, one

being ein – treat taster! Sometimes those yummy smells waft so close to my nose that I have a difficult time with controlling the wait-for-the-bites and chewies which follow. Although the other is housework, and necessary, my other job is just plain fun. After Mom changes my water dish, I drink deeply and fully (from the BOTTOM) and proceed to help mop the kitchen, living room and dining room floors and any short person who happens to be in the way.

**FAVORITE TOY:** Men of action must remain in tip-top shape, strong and ready for life's shifty little ploys, so my "toy" as mein group calls it, is in reality my ready-for- whatever-life-throws-at-you gym station – and I do share with my little sibs...they grab and pull...I pull harder. Indeed...the tug-of-war rope plays all necessary muscles as I keep in shape to protect the ones I love.

**LEAST FAVORITE THING:** We all have our little secrets, our tiny breaking points which leave us weak. I'm afraid that I'm a bit afraid of being alone. It's all and well to patrol the premises while guarding the familie, but when they are not home – guarding is a lonely business.

**RULE I LIKE TO BREAK:** Gute Traeur! Or as we say at home – Good Grief! When one deals with near perfection, what is the need of rules? I am totally serious, peoples – this peoples has no rules! Count on it – Good Dog! Good Dog!! (Note the CAPS!...best ever!)

**CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER DONE:** I do not do crazy. I never have and I never will...do crazy...ever! But on one occasion I did exert my independent spirit (Schnauzers do that upon occasion, you see) much to the chagrin of my peoples. We were beaching – sun, water, excited little ladies and Mom and Dad...und me. Couldn't help it - just couldn't. With absolute abandon and carefree flip of the muzzle, I decided to have a bit of a run; so I did. It was not crazy and definitely not running away as opined by my peoples. So...just who're you going to believe?



The one who knew what he actually did – me – or the ones who only think they knew what I'd done? I rest my case.

**PERFECT DAY:** This is probably shared by many of my colleagues: We start the day with a lovely car ride, have munchies sometimes, then the afternoon finds us hiking together about the neighborhood with many sniffs and hallos! to neighbors, more treats, and cuddle snuggles after the baked chicken on the counter has been stolen and enjoyed. [ Wait! Did I just say "stolen chicken"? You're not going to print that are you? I'll give your guys my extra special treats if you keep quiet! They'll know who did it!! I told them it was one of the neighbor's cats! I am sooo bad dog...bad dog!...]

\* If you are considering

acquiring a new

pet, please think of adoption. Give a sweet cat or dog the chance



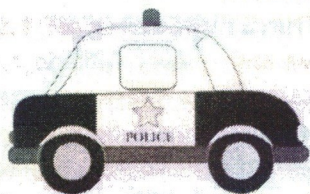
to have its perfect day with someone who loves him/her.

If you would like your special buddy or buddies in the View, just contact Sue Pokego @ [spo4@comcast.net](mailto:spo4@comcast.net) or 724-846-0186

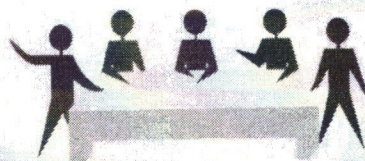
#### **NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**

FOR PATTERSON TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**724-775-0883**



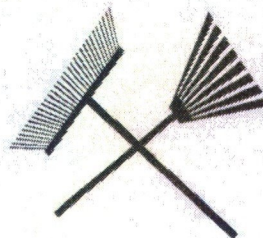
If you see or hear any activity in the Patterson Heights area that is cause for concern, do not hesitate to call and report to the Patterson Twp. Police Department.



**Patterson  
Heights  
Historical  
Committee**

The Patterson Heights Historical Committee has received so much donated material that it is now in need of an additional display case. Reasonably priced – or donated would be great! Thanks to all who have donated Patterson Heights historical items.

*Phyllis Aluseo*  
724 846 3937



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