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From Your Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors has taken action on a number of matters including the following:

- ♦ The bridge on Langan Road has been damaged and as a result, Langan Road between Union Mill Street and Buena Vista Drive has been closed until repairs or a bridge replacement can be completed.
- ♦ After repeated unsuccessful attempts to prevent dumping and the accumulation of garbage at the Salvation Army box site on Route 435, the supervisors have notified the Salvation Army to remove the boxes from the site and discontinue the service. Any further dumping of garbage or junk by individuals will result in appropriate legal action. This area will be patrolled by our police department.
- ♦ As the township has done in past years, they entered a separate contract with Eagle Lake to provide police services, particularly on weekends.
- ♦ There were two proposals submitted by companies seeking state approval for medical marijuana producing facilities in Covington Township. Neither company received a state permit, thus at this time, there will be no facilities within the township.
- ♦ The supervisors directed the Zoning Officer to modify the Zoning Ordinance and submit a proposal to restrict the size and duration of election signs within the township.
- ♦ The Board of Supervisors approved a request of the Covington Fire Company to review, as part of the permit process, Commercial floor plans and to also have a set of plans for commercial buildings on file.
- ♦ The spring fishing derby was reasonably successful and included a total of forty six students under the age of fifteen.
- ♦ The supervisors accepted a report from the Recreation committee regarding the upcoming bicentennial, summer party and fishing derby.

It's Back To School Time Again

Although I have been working with and to some extent, monitoring young men and women for most of my life, I do not in any way consider myself to be an expert on adolescents and adolescent behavior. However, with the school year just beginning, there are a few suggestions I have which may save you some future agony, turmoil and often accompanying disappointment.

1. Don't fail to tell your child or children every day that you love them and don't forget to include some encouraging words.
2. Establish everyday chores and/or requirements that you expect your children to accomplish.
3. Develop specific daily family time when you can discuss the days events with your child (Perhaps dinner or when they first get home from school).
4. Regardless of your child's age, make sure you establish a specific time for homework, studying and within reason, a reasonable bedtime.
5. Be exceptionally cautious about the general behavior and attitudes of your child's friends. Get to know them and, if possible, their parents. Don't be hesitant to invite them to your home or at least speak with them.
6. Although children are growing and becoming more mature, particularly as they enter the late middle school and the early years of high school which will certainly generate noticeable personality changes. You should be on the lookout for changes in grades, sharp changes in attitudes and possibly friendships.

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Covington Township at your Service

Board of Supervisors (570) 842-8336 ~ Chairman David J. Petrosky (Meeting 1st Tues. of the month @ 7pm; Work session last Tues of the month @ 7pm)

Building Inspector (570) 842-4607 David Lamm, 8am - 5pm

Dept. of Public Works (570) 842-8356 ~ Director Thomas M. Yerke

District Magistrate (570) 842-2111 ~ John Mercuri, Esquire

Fire Dept. (570) 842-4130 ~ Brad Jones, Fire Chief

Main Office (570) 842-8336 ~ Kate Tierney, Secretary; 9am-4pm Monday-Friday, Moffat Estate

Pavilion Rental (570) 842-7580 ~ Marlene Beavers

Planning Commission (570) 842-6548 ~ Denise Hokien, Secretary (Work Session 1st Wed. of the month @7pm, Meeting 3rd Wed. of the month @7pm)

Police Dept. (570) 842-6400 ~ Bernie Klocko, Chief

Real Estate Tax Collection (570) 842-8336 ~ Kate Tierney (Tues. 9am-12pm, 1-3pm; Wed. & Thurs. 9-11am, or by appointment)

Recreation Committee (570) 842-8336 (Meeting 3rd Thurs. of the month @7:00pm)

Senior Center (570) 843-6485

Sewage Enforcement Officer (570) 842-9333 ~ George Van Brunt

Sewer Authority Office (570) 842-0757 ~ Ann Bentler, Manager (10am-6pm Monday-Friday; Meeting 2nd Tues. of the month @7pm)

Township Engineer (570) 237-5254 ~ Mary Louise Butler, P.E., Engineering Surveying Consultants & Design, Inc.

Earned Income Tax & Local Service Tax Collector (866) 701-7206 ~ Berkheimer Assoc.

Zoning Office & Zoning Hearing Board Secretary (570) 842-0457 ~ Melinda Thomas (8am-4pm Mon.-Fri.)

Zoning Officer (570) 842-0457 ~ William J. Wright (9am-12pm Monday-Friday or by appointment)

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Back to School Time Again

7. If you should suspect any type of alcohol or drug abuse, immediately make an appointment to talk with your child's school guidance counselor, teacher or administrator. Generally speaking, they are in an excellent position to carefully observe relationships, potential problems and give you solid feedback.
8. Keep your focus on social networking, FaceBook, SnapChat, Instagram, etc. (see article on page 5)
9. Don't be fooled or misinterpret statements which include when your child says that everyone is doing it or everyone has a particular item. Everyone or everybody - i.e. Everyone is going, Everyone has one, Everybody does this, Everyone is allowed. When your child starts a statement with "everyone", you can generally be assured that is likely an exaggeration.

Remember, as a parent, you have every right and a responsibility to know where your children are, who they are with and what they are doing. Although initially, this may lead to a few negative interactions, in the long run, your children will thank you.

North Pocono School Performance Evaluation



Congratulations to the North Pocono School District for their outstanding performance. This year in the annual schools evaluation report.

North Pocono had a composite score of 94.4% and finished fifth overall out of thirty three Northeast Pennsylvania school districts. The scores are based on performance in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment in the areas of math, English, language arts and science. It also includes scores on SAT tests (college boards) and Keystone exams.

We are indeed impressed with the great work the North Pocono teachers, administrators and students are doing at North Pocono.

Find Your Name Contest

The hidden name from our last newsletter was Edith Shaffer. They won a gift certificate compliments of Kay's Pizza. Another name chosen randomly appears in this newsletter. Can you find your name? Call (570) 842-0457 to collect!

Advertising

Covington Corner is distributed quarterly to approximately 1,000 households and/or businesses and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in advertising in our newsletter, please call Melinda Thomas at (570) 842-0457.

The cost of a 2" x 2 1/2" ad is \$25.00.

From Your Police Department...



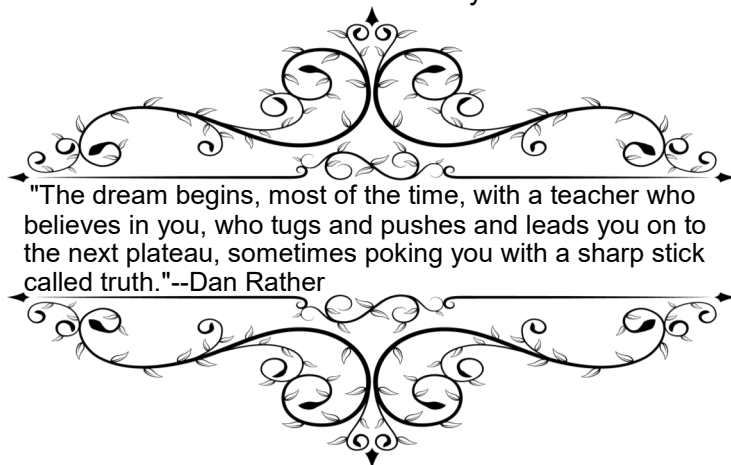
School Bus Traffic Laws

As the summer comes to an end a new school year begins. This means additional vehicles will be on the roadway as you make your commute to and from work each day. It is important to pay close attention to the other vehicles as you travel to your destinations, especially when approaching a school bus. *Here are some reminders to ensure the safety for all when approaching a stopped or slowing school bus:*

1. When approaching a stopped school bus with red lights and a stop sign/arm activated, you must stop. This goes for BOTH directions.
2. You must wait until the flashing lights and stop sign/arm are deactivated before continuing on your way.
3. When approaching or overtaking a slowing school bus with amber lights activated, you may pass with caution and be prepared to stop.
4. A school bus operator may report any violation to the local authorities. The violator may then be charged accordingly. The violation does not have to be witnessed by a Law Enforcement Officer.
5. A violation of this section will result in a fine of \$250.00 as well as 5 points against the operator's driver's license.

Every year, multiple children are killed or seriously injured due to school bus violations. These violations are avoidable and should be taken very seriously. Please use caution when approaching a school bus at all times.

The Covington Twp. Police Department is also happy to announce the addition of a 2017 Dodge Charger to the fleet of patrol vehicles. The new vehicle was recently put into service at the end of July.



Neighborhood Events

Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 5207 Breakfast - 2nd Sunday of each month 9 am-noon (adults \$5 child 12 & under \$2)

NP Rotary Club—Meets at the Elmhurst Country Club on Thursdays 6 pm (at alternate NP sites January through March) (570)842-2547

Minisink Lions Club—meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at the VFW—contact Patrick Verrastro (570) 689-2843

Covington Fire Co. Women's Auxiliary— Meets the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm call Betty for more information (570) 842-0448

NP Kids Closet - Supplies clothing to needy area children. In need of all sizes in socks and underwear. Also, gently used shoes & sneakers of any size. To make a donation or for an appointment, please call Sara Keating at (610)390-7961 or (570)689-4383.

NP Food Pantry— Bill's Plaza (next to Tasty Swirl) every Thursday noon -1 pm. Proof of North Pocono School District Full-time residency required. Dry goods donations appreciated. (570) 842-4741

Parish Buffet Breakfast—St. Eulalia's Church, Elmhurst, 3rd Sunday of every month 8:30 am -12:30 pm in church hall (65+ \$5) (12-64 \$6) (6-11 \$3) (5+ under free)

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS)—each Tuesday 6:30pm, Moscow Borough Building, Van Brunt St. Moscow

Jefferson Twp. Fire Co.—Station 29 All You Can Eat Breakfast first Sunday of every month 8 am—noon

NP Library - (all weekly events) Children's Story & Craft Hour on Tuesdays at 11 am; Bridge Club Fridays 12:30 pm; Family Game Night Thursdays 5 pm; Family Movie Night last Friday of each month 7 pm; Adult Book Club on the third Thursday 6 pm; Mexican Train Tuesdays 12:30 pm; Lap-sit Story Hour for children up to 2 years old on Fridays at 10 am; Third Saturday is Science Saturday 11 am (570) 842-4700 www.lclshome.org/npocono

Business 2 Business—Meets every Thursday 8-9 am at Friendly's in Dunmore (570) 842-2808

Moscow Mason Lodge - Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, Lodge Hall, Green St., Moscow, Dinner 6:30, Meeting 7:30 (570) 842-6591



North Pocono Cultural Society - Meeting 2nd Monday of each month, 7 pm at the Moscow Borough Building 123 Van Brunt Street, Moscow (570) 357-1672.

NP LovinLife Ministries - meets every Wednesday 7pm Bible Study at the Swartz Residence, 21 Swartz Drive. New members are welcome. (570) 842-3205

The Lucky Horse Shoes 4H Club - meets the 1st Sunday of each month 1 pm at Woodlands Stables, Freytown Road call Carol (570) 842-3742.



September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			LaFesta Italiana September 1st - 4th Located at Courthouse Square, Scranton PA		1	2 Recycling 9-11am
3	4 NPSD closed Township offices are closed <i>Labor Day</i>	5 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	6 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	7 "If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate." ~ Sandy Dahl, (wife of Flight 93 pilot) 2002	8	9 End of Summer Fun Day 5-9 pm Moffat Estate
10 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am Adults \$6 / Kids \$3	11  Never Forget 9/11	12 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	13 "One of the worst days in America's history saw some of the bravest acts in Americans' history. We'll always honor the heroes of 9/11. And here at this hallowed place, we pledge that we will never forget their sacrifice." ~ President George W. Bush 2008	14	15	16 Recycling 9-11am Meatloaf Dinner Gouldsboro Fire Co. 4-7pm
17 "Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." ~ Shira Tamir	18	19	20 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	21 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	22 	23
24 "Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower." ~ Albert Camus	25	26 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	27 "Fall has always been my favorite season. The time when everything bursts with its last beauty, as if nature had been saving up all year for the grand finale." ~Lauren DeStefano	28	29	30

How Old Glory Got Its Name



A number of you may have heard a part of the story of the "old sea captain", and how that name has become known as a synonym for the flag of the United States. Have you ever wondered why a sea captain naming his flag "Old Glory" would make that name a synonym for our flag?

William Driver from Salem, Massachusetts, a sea captain, was to take command of his first merchant ship. On his 21st birthday, his mother presented him with a twenty star flag made for him by his mother and his lady friends. Accepting the flag, Driver thanked them and said that he was naming the flag his "Old Glory".

Driver carried his flag around the world during his sea career. When he retired from the sea, Driver took his flag to his retirement home in Nashville, Tennessee where he flew it on patriotic occasions. The Captain's wife and daughter reworked

the flag, updated it to 34 stars, and put an anchor denoting his sea service in the lower right hand corner.

When Tennessee seceded from the Union in 1861, Driver hid his flag from the Confederates by sewing it inside of his comforter. Gary & Marion Kane Union forces entered Nashville on February 28th, 1862, Driver met them and took a Union Captain to his home where he tore open the comforter and showed him his flag.


Driver escorted by a group of Union soldiers took his flag to the statehouse. He climbed to the dome and raised his flag over the city. As he did, he was reported to have said: "Thank God I have lived to raise "Old Glory" on the dome of the capitol of Tennessee. I am now ready to die and go to my forefathers." Until that moment, the term "Old Glory" was simply Driver's personal name for his flag. The publicity surrounding his action brought him fame, and gave national recognition to his private nickname.

Thereafter, "Old Glory" was recognized as a synonym for the United States Flag. "Old Glory" measured 9 feet 5 inches by 17 feet. It is now in the Smithsonian Institute. And that, compatriots, is the rest of the story.



October 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 What has ears but can't hear a thing? - A cornfield	2 What reads and lives in an apple? - A bookworm	3 Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	4 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	5 What did the little tree say to the big tree? - Leaf me alone	6 What runs around a farm but doesn't move? - A fence	7 Recycling 9-11am Pasta Dinner 4-7pm Gouldsboro Fire Co.
8 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am \$6/\$3 12pm Purse Bingo Spring Brook Fire Co.	9 NPSD closed Township offices are closed <i>Columbus Day</i>	10 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	11	12 Why do trees hate tests? - Because they get stumped by the questions	13	14
15 What do you get when you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter? - Pumpkin Pi	16	17	18 Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	19 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	20 Who won the skeleton beauty contest? - No body	21 Recycling 9-11am
22 A family of fall leaves were trying to change a light bulb. A squirrel walked by and asked why the bulb wasn't changed yet and the red leaf said, "Because we keep falling."	23	24	25	26 What kind of makeup is a ghosts favorite to wear? - Mas-scare-a	27	28 Maple Lake UMC Roast Beef dinner 4-7pm Community Halloween Party @ 2pm Gouldsboro Fire Co.
29	30 	31 Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm <i>Halloween</i>	Rummage Sale @ Maple Lake U.M.C. <i>Saturday, October 7th</i> 9am-3pm, bake sale & light lunch available <i>Monday, October 9th</i> 1pm-4pm (Bag Day)			

Social Networking May be Great, But How Do You Keep Your Kids Safe?

Social networking sites help all of us stay connected to family and friends. However, it's important to make sure your child knows how to be safe while online.

You want your child to be safe, but it's challenging to keep up with this ever-changing technology. You may also feel like your child is much more internet-savvy than you are. Still, as savvy as your teen may be, he or she may not be fully aware of the dangers of online networking and the precautions they need to take.

The following information from the National Crime Prevention Council will help you better understand social networking and enable you to talk to your teen about staying safe.

The **four major dangers** of using social networking websites and apps are:

1. **Oversharing information** -

When creating a profile page, most social networking sites will ask for personal information, such as a home address, birth date, and phone numbers. If the page's privacy settings aren't set correctly, this information will be made public to anyone who visits the user's profile page. Keep in mind that even if the account settings are set to the strictest privacy settings, users are still at risk of having their accounts hacked.

The biggest threat of oversharing, though, is identity theft, which can happen in obvious and not-so-obvious ways. An obvious way would be someone asking for a Social Security number. A not-so-obvious way is luring a user to click on a link that allows the criminal to download the us-

er's personal information. The anonymity provided online makes it easier for computer criminals to go undetected.

Internet Safety

Do You Really, Really Know Who You Are Chatting To?




Someone Online May Be Lying About Who They Are

So keep safe, don't give out your personal information such as full name, phone number, address, school name, photos and passwords to people you are chatting with online.

And never, never meet an online-friend alone. Make sure you are with a trusted adult in a public place.

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November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Planning Commission Work Session 7pm	2	3	4 Recycling 9-11am
5 	6	7 Election Day Soup Sale -All Day Spring Brook Fire Co. Board of Supervisors Meeting 7pm	8 "None is more impoverished than the one who has no gratitude. Gratitude is a currency that we can mint for ourselves, and spend without fear of bankruptcy." - Fred De Witt Van Amburgh	9	10 NPSD closed	11 Wine Tasting Festival 12pm - 6pm Spring Brook Fire Co. <i>Veteran's Day</i>
12 VFW Post 5207 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11:30am Adults \$6 / Kids \$3	13	14 Sewer Authority Meeting 7pm	15 NPSD early dismissal Planning Commission Meeting 7pm	16 Recreation Committee Meeting 7pm	17 NPSD early dismissal	18 Recycling 9-11am
19 "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." - Melody Beattie	20	21	22 NPSD early dismissal & closed through November 27th	23 Township offices are closed <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 Township offices are closed Black Friday Super Bingo @ 6:30pm Gouldsboro Fire Co.	25
26 "The way to happiness is what I call Zero-Based Gratitude. Each day be happy and grateful for what you have, independent of yesterday and of other people" - Jonathan Lockwood Huie	27	28 NPSD back to school Board of Supervisors Work Session 7pm	29	30		

The Opioid Epidemic...A Very Brief History

Opioids are highly addictive narcotic medications generally used by physicians to control or moderate pain. In 1979, a Boston University School of Medicine Doctor, Hershel Jick, studied a database on the number of patients who had developed an addiction after being given narcotic painkillers. His conclusion stated that of the twelve thousand patients using opioids while in the hospital, only four had become addicted. No other data was provided. This study was subsequently published in the prestigious New England Journal of Medicine. The study set into motion a series of events in which pharmaceutical companies out to capture a share of this potential financial bonanza, began to heavily market the opioids to doctors who were told of its non-addictive properties. Unfortunately, over time, the massive increase in prescriptions and misuse of the powerful drugs fueled an ever growing increase in addicts. In certain parts of the country unethical practices were used to market the drugs. Pill mills were opened and operated by unscrupulous physicians, many of whom provided prescriptions for money. A two hundred dollar (\$200) limited examination would get you a prescription for sixty or more opioid pills which could be used or resold at a profit. The number of addicts and deaths began to climb rapidly. In the United States, today there are over one hundred (100) deaths from overdoses every day.

The peculiar fact is we now have an epidemic in which every pill is legitimately purchased, legitimately filled by a pharmacist and legitimately paid for by the recipients. For the first time since heroin was invented, the root of the epidemic was not street gangs or drug mafia but doctors and drug companies. Over time the high cost of obtaining the legitimate drugs and the decreased street availability has led to a cheaper more powerful illegal replacement known as Black Tar Heroin direct from Mexico. As a result, we now have neighbors, students, friends and people from all walks of life and every imaginable background addicted to prescriptive and illegal drugs. Not only is the person who is addicted suffering, but family and friends also suffer.

After recently finishing the book entitled *Dreamland* by Sam Quinones, I encourage those of you who desire to learn more and fully understand this menace to pick up a copy. It is a haunting and eye opening examination of the devastation of opioid abuse across America.

Remember: Talk to your children, know where they are, who they are with and what they are doing.

Veteran's Corner

By Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Renna

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

FROM: CHOICE to CARE

VA Secretary David Shulkin has offered a replacement for the poorly designed and managed Choice program, which was enacted in a rush in 2014 to try to improve access to private- sector Health care when Veterans are denied timely, convenient services in VA facilities.

The Choice plan allows Veterans to use VA contracted civilian provider networks if they live more Than 40 miles from VA primary care or must wait longer than 30 days for an appointment. The New Veteran Coordinated Access and Rewarding Experiences (CARE) program would scrap Those restrictions, which Congress passed only to hold down costs.

But CARE also has familiar features of managed care. Enrolled patients would be empaneled To VA primary care physicians who would control access to private- sector care based on Clinical needs and the health-care goals and desires of patients. Also, for the first time, VA Would offer urgent care or walk-in clinics, which Veterans could use at no charge two times A year and be charged thereafter \$50 per visit.

Source: Legion Magazine

North Pocono Senior Center

OPEN Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 9 am to 2 pm
~ for adults 55 and over ~

Located directly behind the Covington Police Department
on Route 435 in Daleville

If North Pocono School District is closed or delayed due to bad weather, the Senior Center will be closed.

Transportation and further information on our schedule of events can be obtained by calling (570) 843-6485

Activities include:

Bingo
Bingo dinner
Pinochle tournaments
Pinochle lessons
Red Hat Meetings
Dominoes and lessons
Holiday parties
Brunch



Clothes Closet

WHEN: Last Thursday of every month
TIME: 10am-4pm
WHERE: Daleville United Methodist Church
423 Dorantown Road, Covington Twp PA 18444
DETAILS: Free clothing available for men, women, and children.
* Light snacks will be available.
* Donation accepted of new or gently used, clean clothing on Monday's & Thursday's 7am-12pm.
* Emergency clothing, leave a message at (570) 842-6776



An obituary printed in the NY Times.....

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declines even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches become businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for the assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- By his parents, Truth and Trust,
- By his wife, Discretion,
- By his daughter, Responsibility,
- And by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- I Know My Rights
- I Want It Now
- Someone Else Is To Blame
- I'm A Victim
- Pay Me for Doing Nothing

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

COMMONLY ASKED LEGAL QUESTIONS

By Attorney John J. Mercuri

What is identity theft?

Identity theft happens when someone steals your personal information and uses it without your permission. The theft of your information can be made from your internet activities or from an ordinary paper trail, credit card receipts, bank statements, etc.

How do thieves get information about your identity?

It is well publicized that some identity theft occurs from massive hacking events. However, even people who work for legitimate businesses can steal personal information which they can access through their employment at various businesses, medical offices or government agencies. Of course, there is also the danger of physical theft of your wallet, purse, mail or other items that show your personal information.

How can you protect your information?

You should proofread your bank statements, credit card statements, and all other loan or account statements immediately upon receiving them. It is also a good idea to go online and check your credit card statement on a more frequent basis. You should shred all documents that show any personal, financial or medical information before disposing of them. As to your internet activities, you should not respond to any messages that seek personal information because legitimate companies will not ask for such information. Don't click on any links in an email message unless you are absolutely certain that it is a legitimate link from a legitimate sender. Often times even the email accounts of your friends and acquaintances can be hacked and massive emails sent out bearing their seemingly legitimate email names. You should always keep anti-virus and anti-spyware and firewall up to date on your computer and always update to your browsers latest operating system.

What can be done once your identity is stolen?

You can call one of the nationwide credit reporting companies and ask that a "fraud alert" be placed on your credit report. The company that you call will contact the other two national companies who will also put fraud alerts on your files. This first reporting of a fraud alert is good for 90 days. You can get a free credit report every 12 months from each of the 3 nationwide credit reporting agencies. Each report may be slightly different. If you see any mistakes or signs of fraud communicate with the agency. Finally, you have the right to remove fraudulent information from your credit report and stop a debt collection company that is relying upon fraudulent information or identity theft. This is done by creating an Identity Theft Report by filing a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint or calling them at 1-877-438-4338.

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Keeping Kids Safe

2. **Falling for a fake identity** - Social networking sites make it very easy to pretend to be someone else.
3. **Sharing your location** - It can also increase their vulnerability, potentially opening them up to being robbed, sexually assaulted or worse since predators use this to track your teen's movements and determine when they are alone.
4. **Posting photos** - Photo editing tools allow people to manipulate online images in any way they choose, whether for good or bad.

Encourage your teens to follow these three simple safety tips:

1. **Don't provide optional information.** When creating a profile, it's not necessary to enter all of the requested information.
2. **Don't be an open book.** Profiles have three levels of privacy, "open to everyone", "open to friends of friends", and being "open to friends only". "Open to friends only" is the strictest level of security. This ensures that only the people your teen has accepted as a friend can view his or her information.
3. **Do accept "friends" - but only people you know.** This will help to protect your teen from spammers, pedophiles, and others who use social networking sites to commit crimes.

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Internet Safety

Keep Your Personal Information

TOP SECRET



**NEVER GIVE AWAY
TO SOMEONE YOU
ONLY KNOW ONLINE :**

- ☒ Your Full Name
- ☒ Your Photos
- ☒ Your Phone Number
- ☒ Your Address
- ☒ Your School Name
- ☒ Your Passwords

WHY ?

**Because cyber-creeps
can use this info
to find you.**

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The annual End of Summer Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

This is a free event offering fun for the whole family that's sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and is under the direction of Marlene Beavers.

There will be a concert by the enjoyable and hilarious Airport Pickers Band, along with complimentary food and refreshments.



Spend an evening with us at the Moffat Estate, enjoy the music, meeting new people, and even a beautiful sunset!