

PIKE COUNTY DISPATCH

Community News At Its Best

Premier
Community
Newspaper
Pike County, PA

Serving All Of:

Pike County, PA
Port Jervis, NY
Monroe County, PA
Wayne County, PA
Western Orange Co., NY
Northern Sussex County, NJ
and Surrounding Area

Advertising Rates
Effective 11/1/2014

Call Us At
570-296-6641

Visit us at
www.pikedispatch.com

See us on Facebook®

PIKE COUNTY DISPATCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Serving Pike County 189 Years

Milford, Pike County, PA 18337

JOIN IN THE
FUN & WIN!
Two tickets to a
Black Bear Film!
See page 2 for details.

No. 7

75 Cents



Left, Col. George Bivens held a press conference at Pike County 91-1 Training Center on Monday, providing a likely profile of the sniper perpetrator who killed a Blooming Grove Barracks trooper and seriously wounded another. He also gave an update on the investigation. Barracks Station Chief Lt. Chris Paris, and Captain J. Dagnan. In the suit is Pike County District Attorney Ray Tonkin. Pike County Sheriff Phil Bucki is at the far right.

'Coward's' Sniper Round Killed Trooper At Barracks

By Ken Baunell & Chris James
BLOOMING GROVE — State police profiled the sniper who killed a Blooming Grove Barracks trooper and injured another last Friday as a "coward" who might have a beef against law enforcement, possibly related to an incident that was investigated by PSP Blooming Grove.

The 308 caliber bullets used to kill Cpl. Byron K. Dickson and critically wound Trooper Alex Douglas are the equivalent of the main sniper round used by the U.S. military since the 1970's, according to Shohola Counselor Bob Gallagher, a certified National Rifle Association instructor.

Police said the shooter might be an avid hunter or have formal firearms training, specifically with a rifle.

This training may have been received through the military or law enforcement. And this person may practice at a shooting range that is local to his or her place of residence or within driving distance," said Lt. Col. George Bivens, Deputy Commissioner of Operations.

Bivens spoke at a press conference held at the Pike County 91-1 Training Center in Lordsburg, N.M. on Monday afternoon.

He said, "This individual is a coward. He concealed himself,



Cpl. Byron K. Dickson

attacked our troopers without warning, and ran away. Our troopers never had a chance to defend themselves."

Bivens said that the investigation includes following up on hundreds of leads and tips, working with federal and state forensic specialists, evaluating evidence, and assembling a profile of the assassin.

Bivens said that investigators found the spot the sniper used to zero in on the targets.

The suspect may have been very vocal about the complaint and utilizing social media.

"We are looking for a person



Trooper Alex Douglas

who is likely to match the following profile:

- He is familiar with the Pike County area and may be a Pike County resident or resides within driving distance of the area.
- Have made several trips to the area, specifically to the PSP 91-1 Blooming Grove post to this incident.
- Have suffered some level of crisis in his life, he/she may be unstable; this being the catalyst for committing this crime.

Bivens said that PSP is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security, and other federal agencies. PSP is also extending the comprehensive investigation to adjacent states,

interfacing with New Jersey and New York state law enforcement agencies and the New York City Police Dept. Agencies across the nation are offering to help PSP. Bivens dispelled rumors. He said that the sniper did not fire at the medical helicopter or Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) at the scene, but that the helicopter landed at the barracks and took place during a two-minute interval. Some of the staff inside the building heard

interfacing with New Jersey and New York state law enforcement agencies and the New York City Police Dept. Agencies across the nation are offering to help PSP. Bivens dispelled rumors. He said that the sniper did not fire at the medical helicopter or Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) at the scene, but that the helicopter landed at the barracks and took place during a two-minute interval. Some of the staff inside the building heard

interfacing with New Jersey and New York state law enforcement agencies and the New York City Police Dept. Agencies across the nation are offering to help PSP. Bivens dispelled rumors. He said that the sniper did not fire at the medical helicopter or Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) at the scene, but that the helicopter landed at the barracks and took place during a two-minute interval. Some of the staff inside the building heard

interfacing with New Jersey and New York state law enforcement agencies and the New York City Police Dept. Agencies across the nation are offering to help PSP. Bivens dispelled rumors. He said that the sniper did not fire at the medical helicopter or Emergency Management Technicians (EMTs) at the scene, but that the helicopter landed at the barracks and took place during a two-minute interval. Some of the staff inside the building heard

Blooming Grove Lends Support

By Heather Adams
LORDS VALLEY — On Monday night, after a moment of silence and the regular township business was conducted, Supervisor Nicholas Mazza spoke about the recent shooting at the Pennsylvania State Police barracks in Blooming Grove. Soon after received phone calls from County Rich Caridi as well as the township emergency coordinator. At 4 a.m., Mazza came to the township to aid the manning with additional maps.

Supervisors Helen Yale and Randy Schmalz were also notified immediately. Although Schmalz was in Alaska, all the supervisors have been in constant contact to stay apprised of the situation.

Local fire, police, and ambulance services were called in for support, including both Herndon Farms Fire and Rescue and Blooming Grove Fire. They assisted with traffic control, road, the helicopter landings. Mazza reminded everyone that these are volunteers, who were out there all night, later in the rain, and using their own vehicles to respond to the crisis.

I think it says a lot about the nature and character of the people in our township," Mazza said. He also praised local contributions

of "blankets, food, coffee, and money," that have helped the responders and investigators over the weekend.

On Sunday, State Sen. Lisa Baker, State Rep. Michael Pfeiffer and Rosemary Brown, plus representatives from the Governor's office came to the Governor's office to talk with residents and answer questions they could. Mazza said, "They did reassure us we are going around the clock to solve the case."

Mazza said that he's spoken with a lot of residents, but I've not heard one expression of fear. I think our residents are angry. They are mad that this would happen, that somebody would do this to our State Police." He continued, saying that the incident has left the township personally, that the State Police are part of the community, shopping at the same grocery stores and have children attending the same schools.

In Other Township News
Effective immediately, the county has moved the local polling place from the Pike County Training Center to the Pike County Senior Center, which is located closer to the entrance to the county complex off Route 739.

The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of road salt and anti-skid in preparation for this winter, up to \$2,000 of each.

(Continued on page 3)



Blooming Grove Supervisors Nicholas Mazza, right, and Helen Yale, left, update township residents on response to the State Police shooting.

Full-Court Press To Apprehend Shohola Burglar

By Ken Baunell
SHOHOLA — Township supervisors addressed rumors that Shohola is not doing enough and invited police to brief the public on concerns about the mysterious and persistent burglar who has been breaking into cars and homes.

Supervisors spoke at a regular township meeting held at the township building on Twin Lakes Road, last week to a full house.

Supervisor Keith Raser, who worked 15 years on the Milford Borough Police Dept., as a part-

time patrolman, said that contrary to rumors, supervisors took comprehensive steps since Shohola recently, the night before the regular meeting. He said that in that incident, the burglar took cash only.

Carney said that there have been 10 car break-ins and home burglaries over a wide area, including homes on Route 434, Walker Lake, Twin Lakes Road, and Lackawanna Road. In every instance, the burglar took cash, but no electronics or other valuables.

One resident said at the meet-

ing that the burglar broke into her multi-story home located along the railroad track three times, most recently, the night before the regular meeting. He said that in that incident, the burglar took cash only.

Carney urged residents to call in anything or find something missing. Residents typically called the next morning. Apparently, in many instances, the residents were asleep.

Shohola Supervisor George C. Fluhr said that in a recent incident, he had the door locked last week, but the burglar jimmied the lock and

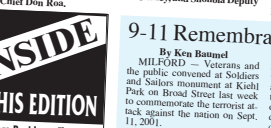
when the incident occurred, Carney was on duty and could have responded.

The resident whose home was burglarized the night before the meeting said that she did not discover the three incidents until the next morning. She also said that in the two previous incidents, she did not have her door locked. She said, "After all, this is Shohola." She said she is now less trusting and she had the door locked last week. The burglar jimmied the lock and

(Continued on page 3)



At a Shohola Township regular meeting held last week, a state and local police officers fielded questions from the public about a state and local who has been breaking into cars and homes, taking cash since June. From the left are Blooming Grove State Barracks Station Chief Lt. Chris Paris, Shohola Police Chief Scott Carney, and Shohola Deputy Police Chief Don Ross.



INSIDE THIS EDITION
Delaware Residents Fight Appeal By Auditors 4
DV Warriors Roll Over Hazleton 41-7 13

IN EVERY WEEK...
Port Jervis News 2
Calendar Events 6
Business & Religious Services 8
Obituaries & Personal News 9
Classifieds 10
Legals 14
Outdoor 15
Sports 15, 16

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony Held In Milford

By Ken Baunell
MILFORD — Veterans and the public convened at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in Kild Park on Broad Street last week to commemorate the terrorist attack against the nation on Sept. 11, 2001.

Keynote speaker Greg Protoski, Veteran of Foreign Wars Adjutant and Iraq War veteran, said that he was driving to work at Delaware Valley School District (DVSD) that morning when he heard the news of the attack. He was then working as a bus driver for DVSD.

Protoski spoke about 9/11 as the "Pearl Harbor of the 21st Century." He said that on 9/11, on his way to work, his National Guard unit called on his cell phone to activate him.

The Guard deployed his unit to General Zeno at the World Trade Center for two weeks and a few weeks later to guard bridges and tunnels in New York City until just past New Year's Day.

Protoski noted that the U.S.

response to the 9/11 attacks subsequently mirrored the nation in wars (in Iraq and Afghanistan) and counter insurgency initiatives to counter terrorist-sponsored organizations and governments deemed a threat to national security.

Protoski said that although together and patriotic are very high, that while not public patriotism, historically, seems only to be expressed after a tragedy and forgotten soon after.

Protoski suggested that the meaning of patriotism be taught to children at an early age. They should also be taught world history and American history at an understand the concept of sacrifices made by patriots throughout our history. Then, the veteran holidays and the annual 9/11 commemorative "would serve to reinforce patriotism."

VFW Chaplain John Kupilas said, "Let us be vigilant for new enemies that pose threats to us here and abroad. Let us learn the lessons of history that would allow us to continue to have freedom of choice of each of our patriots. Let us thank God for many blessings."

American Legion March Legat Post 8612 Commander Joseph Ryalat said, "Let us remember acts of courage by ordinary people helping others. Let us cherish our freedoms and be united in the midst of adversity."

Event Master of Ceremonies, Robert Fajdal announced that he is setting a new precedent in that by inviting civilians to participate in the commemorative ceremonies.

Fajdal invited four civilians to hear the traditional memorial presentation of the Remembrance wreath to the podium area for the Wreath conducted at every veteran-run events at Kild Park. Fajdal said that 9/11 attacks



At the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony held at Kild Park in Milford Borough last week, event keynote speaker, VFW Mountain Laurel member of Local 3, the Port Authority's union electrical contractor, during the 9/11 attacks. He offered VFW a choice of \$800 photos he discussed the feasibility of assembling a photo display from among Pesechnik's photos.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF PIKE COUNTY, PA



PIKE COUNTY DISPATCH

ADVERTISING GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS: EASY PAYMENTS

We make it easy to pay for your ads. We accept cash or check. Ask your advertising representative for a credit application if you would like to establish an account with us.

CO-OP OPPORTUNITIES:

Use co-op advertising dollars to increase your advertising space and frequency without increasing your actual cost. Many manufacturers and suppliers offer some type of co-op advertising program for the products you offer in your business. Your *Dispatch* representative will assist you in developing effective new co-op programs.

QUALITY ADS START WITH QUALITY WORK:

Any flaws on your ad (or photos) will be reproduced. If there is tape on it, the image of the tape itself may appear on your ad and possibly blur the type under it. To find out if a photo will reproduce well, photocopy it. If the grey tones wash out, or if the shadowy areas go black, it will not print well in the newspaper. Photos from catalogs and magazines, as well as faxes, do not reproduce well. Your logo should be sharp and clean. Do not send inkjet printed or digitized printed photos.

CORRECTION POLICIES:

Occasionally there may be an error in your ad. Please read your ad the first day it runs in the paper and let us know if there is a problem so we can correct it in the next issue. If we are at fault, we will adjust your charges based on the space the error occupies that first day. Or you may prefer a small correction ad in the next issue similar to the ones that major advertisers run. We will be happy to provide you with a correction letter for your customers if needed.

EMAIL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PDF:

All ad files in pdf format must be emailed by 10 a.m. Tuesday of the print week to ads@pikedispatch.com.

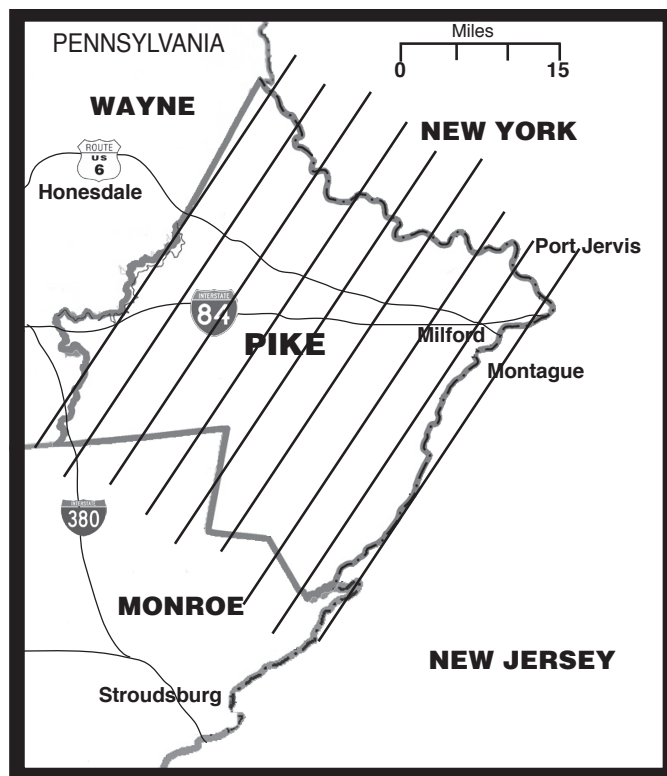
FREEBIES:

No Cost! Lost & Found, Free Pets. One ad per item per family at a time. 3 line limit. Must be submitted in writing to the Dispatch office by 9 am Monday, for Thursday publication.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY:

A directory of business for our readers created for easy access to the services often-times needed at the drop of a hat. Specially priced per column inch. Guaranteed at least 45 inserts through the year (maybe more), for \$650 total. You get 1 column x 1 inch per week, set to run on a continuous basis. Your advertising year begins from the day of the first insertion through the following year.

COVERAGE AREA



Coverage Area Includes These Areas

Bushkill; Dingmans Ferry; Greeley; Greentown; Hawley; Matamoras; Milford; Mill Rift; Newfoundland; Paupack; Shohola; Stroudsburg; Layton, NJ; Montague, NJ; Sussex, NJ; Port Jervis, NY; Western Orange County, NY

FORMATS

The Pike County Dispatch's Format is 6 column Broadsheet.
The Classified Section is in 9 column format.
Halftone Screens are 70 lpi.

MECHANICAL REQUIREMENTS

ROP (Display Ad)

Full Page: 6 col. x 21"

Size	Picas	Inches
1 col	12	2"
2 col	25	4-1/4"
3 col	38	6-1/4"
4 col	51.5	8-1/2"
5 col	65	10-3/4"
6 col	78	13"

CLASSIFIED

Full Page: 9 col. x 21"

Size	Picas	Inches
1 col	8	1-5/16"
2 col	16.5	2-3/4"
3 col	25.5	4-1/4"
4 col	34.5	5-11/16"
5 col	43	7-1/8"
6 col	52	8-5/8"
7 col	60.5	10-1/16"
8 col	69.5	11-9/16"
9 col	78	13"

TABULAR

Full Page: 6 col. x 13"

Size	Picas	Inches
1 col	9	1-1/2"
2 col	19.5	3-1/4"
3 col	30	5"
4 col	40.5	6-3/4"
5 col	51	8-1/2"
6 col	61.5	10-1/4"

ELECTRONIC GUIDELINES

ALL ADS MUST BE IN PDF FORMAT IF EMAILED

The Pike County Dispatch accepts ads electronically for use on a MAC platform.

PDF Files are preferred

We can work with:

- Email • CD's • Zip Disks
 - In Design 2.0
 - Photoshop CS
- PDF, EPS, or TIFF files



PHOTOS: We prefer JPEG format, however, EPS and TIFF formats are acceptable
EDITORIAL COPY: Should be in any text form, i.e. SimpleText, Microsoft Word, etc.

Advertisements sent directly to printer will have \$35.00 per page production charge for output

EMAIL ADDRESS:

ADVERTISING INFORMATION: sales@pikedispatch.com • REGULAR PAPER PDF'S/ARTWORK: ads@pikedispatch.com
EDITORIAL COPY/PHOTOS: pr@pikedispatch.com • CLASSIFIED DISPLAY PDF'S/ARTWORK: classified@pikedispatch.com

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF PIKE COUNTY

Pike County continues to be one of the fastest growing County in Pennsylvania, emphasizing the importance of sound planning. The 2010 Census shows the County population to be 58,335, a 23.9% increase from the 2000 Census.

POPULATION BY SEX/AGE GROUP 2010

	Number	Percent
Male	29,270	50.2
Female	29,065	49.8
Under 5 years	2,467	4.2
5 to 9 years	3,838	6.6
10 to 14 years	4,262	7.3
15 to 19 years	4,632	7.9
20 to 24 years	2,736	4.7
25 to 34 years	5,235	9.0
35 to 44 years	9,000	15.4
45 to 54 years	9,660	16.6
55 to 59 years	4,288	7.4
60 to 64 years	3,533	6.1
65 to 74 years	4,430	8.7
75 to 84 years	2,946	5.1
85 years and older	692	1.2
Median Age (years)	41.8	X
18 years and older	44,735	76.7
Male	22,235	49.7
Female	22,500	50.3
21 years and older	42,617	73.1
62 years and older	10,652	18.3
65 years and older	8,684	14.9
Male	4,130	47.6
Female	4,554	52.4

Source: US Census Bureau Center 2010

INCOME STATISTICS

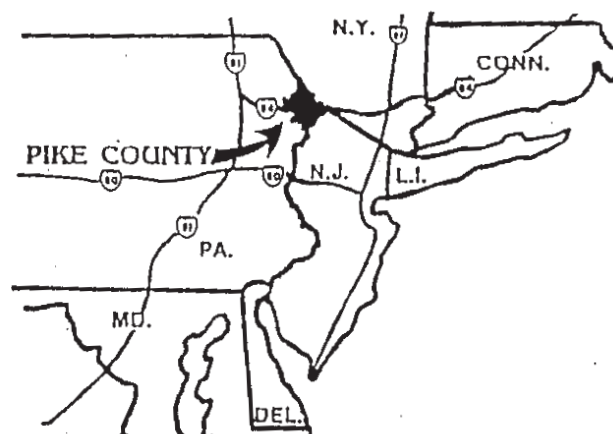
	2010	2000
Total Persons	46,302	57,850
Persons Per Household	2.63	2.52
Per Capita Income	\$20,315	\$27,408
Median Household Income	\$44,608	\$56,447
Median Family Income	\$49,340	\$61,729

Source: US Census Bureau & The Economic Development Council of NE PA

REGIONAL LOCATION

Pike County is strategically located within six hours driving distance of one-third of the nation's population. Interstate 84, crossing East and West through Pike County, provides direct access to New England, a direct connection to the New York Thruway, and connections with I-81 and I-80, making Pike County an excellent regional location.

Air and rail service are within easy access of Pike County. The nearby Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport, Stewart International Airport, and the Lehigh Valley International Airport each offer a Foreign Trade Zone and Inland Port of Entry.



From Milford Pike Co. To:	# Of Miles	From Milford Pike Co. To:	# Of Miles
Hartford, CT	140	Philadelphia, PA	125
Washington, DC	275	Pittsburgh, PA	350
Newark, NJ	70	Boston, MA	240
New York City, NY	75	Baltimore, MD	230

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Pike County is comprised of 13 local units of government; eleven Townships of the second class and two Boroughs. Townships are governed by a Board of Supervisors. The Boroughs are governed by a Council and a Mayor. The local municipalities are authorized by state statute to levy and collect taxes, provide a broad range of services, adopt and enforce regulations to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Pike County. The area of Pike County is 542 square miles.

The square mileage of each municipality is as follows:

Blooming Grove Township	74.1
Delaware Township	44.0
Dingman Township	58.2
Greene Township	58.1
Lackawaxen Township	78.0
Lehman Township	47.5
Matamoras Borough	0.8
Milford Borough	0.4
Milford Township	12.0
Palmyra Township	33.0
Porter Township	60.2
Shohola Township	46.0
Westfall Township	29.7



PIKE COUNTY
DISPATCH 2015
Business Service Directory

A directory of business for our readers created for easy access to the services often needed at the drop of a hat.

A special section, specially priced per column inch. Guaranteed at least 45 inserts throughout the year (maybe more), for \$650 total you get 1 column x 1 inch per week, set to run on a continuous basis. Your advertising year begins from date of first insertion through the following year.

This is a savings of over \$110
Off Weekly Insertion
One Ad • One Bill • Great Savings

BUSINESS NAME: _____ DATE: _____

OWNER (Signature): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

SIZE: _____

ART: ☐ INCLUDED ☐ WORKUP

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW!

AVAILABLE 1X2 @ \$1,050 (savings of \$350); AND OTHER SIZES

ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE PREPAID FOR YEAR

P.O. BOX 186 • MILFORD, PA 18337 • (570) 296-6641 • FAX (570) 296-2610

Email: sales@pikedispatch.com

Profile of Area Municipalities

CITY OF PORT JERVIS

Population: 9,136 (2010 Census)
 Land Area: 2.5 square miles
 Government: Municipal 10 Member Council
 with Mayor
 City Offices: 14-20 Hammond Street
 845.858.4014
 Tax Millage: County ~ 5.92
 City ~ 11.02
 School ~ 34.21
 Avg. House
 Prices: \$462,733 (2010 Census)
 Median Family
 Income: \$32,000 (2010 Census)

MILFORD BORO / TOWNSHIP

Population: 1,210 / 1,292 (2010 Census)
 Land Area: 12.5 miles / 12.6 miles
 Offices: 570.296.5540 / 570.296.7140
 Tax Millage: 40.0 / 8.00 (updated)
 Median Family
 Income: \$87,580 / \$85,803
 (Updated Estimate)
 Median House
 Value: \$345,800 / \$290,000
 (Updated Estimate)

WESTFALL TOWNSHIP

Population: 2,486 (2010 Census)
 Land Area: 31 square miles
 Tax Millage: 23.85
 Median Family
 income: 67,917

TOWN OF DEERPARK

Population: 8,410 (2010 Census)
 Land Area: 42,399 square miles
 Tax Millage: County & Town ~ 7.4618
 School ~ 26.58681
 Median income and house value not available

MATAMORAS BOROUGH

Population: 2,624 (2010 Census)
 Land Area: 3.1 square miles
 Tax Millage: 38.25
 Median Family
 Income: \$65,000
 Median House
 Value: \$193,000

SHOHOLA TOWNSHIP

Population: 2,486 (2010 Census)
 Township
 Office: 570.559.7394
 Tax Millage: 10.5

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP

Population: 12,190 (Census)
 Land Area: 59.9 square miles
 Town Office: 570.296.8455
 Tax Millage: City & Township ~ 29.30
 Median House
 Value: \$246,600 (2010 Census)
 Median
 Income: \$69,430 (2010 Census)

MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP

Population: 3,401 (2010 Census)
 Government: 5 Member Township
 Committee
 Taxes: \$2.50 per \$100
 Median
 Income: \$58,000
 Median House
 Price: \$143,000 (Estimate)

*Information was compiled from reliable sources;
 however, they may be subject to change. 8/8/2011*