



Remembering Honorable Edward G. Smith

By Rep. Ann Flood

HARRISBURG - The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania solemnly acknowledges the passing of the Honorable Judge Edward G. Smith with enduring sorrow and extends heartfelt condolences to his family.

On Friday, the Lehigh Valley delegation of legislators presented a condolence resolution to the family of the late Honorable Edward G. Smith. Judge Smith, a constituent in the 138th Legislative District, had served on the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Accompanying me to present the condolence resolution were Rep. Zach Mako, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, Rep. Joe Emrick, and Rep. Robert Freeman. The resolution was presented to Judge Smith's wife, Jennifer; his sons, Michael, Benjamin, David, Zachery, and Luke; as well as his father, Paul Smith.

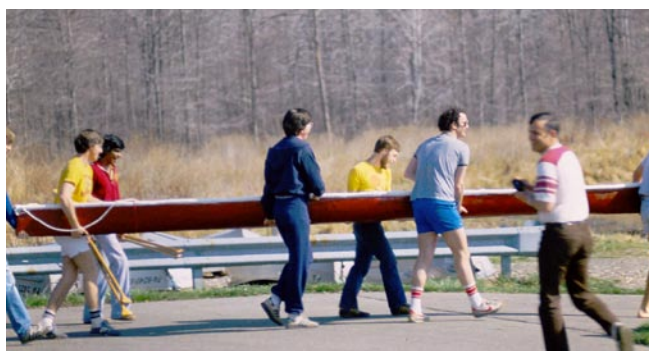
Minsi Lake

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The Temple Owls team is seen on the water in their canoe in one photo. But their boat is seen sinking in the one of the photos, though the students appear to be laughing it off! It was found a couple hundred feet east in 2017. It moved that far out into the lake by wave action from westerly winds.

Parks & Rec staff contacted Temple Engineering about the discovery. While their engineering department was appreciative of the outreach, the university said they have no plan.

Maybe Friends of Minsi Lake will in the future will display the canoe along with other items found in the lake bed from 2017 at the Totts Gap facility with the history of the Lake, one of the future upgrades on their list.



Health Coverage Enrollment Deadline Extended to Jan. 19

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PEN ARGYL - The deadline to enroll in 2024 health coverage through Pennie, the Commonwealth's official health insurance marketplace, has been extended to Friday, Jan. 19, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Anyone who misses the deadline will need to wait until next November to enroll unless there is a qualifying life event like losing other health coverage or moving.

Pennie is the only place where Pennsylvanians can get financial savings to reduce the cost of coverage and care. Currently, nine in 10 enrollees qualify and save over \$500 a month on average.

Health plans and prices change every year, so anyone needing coverage should review their options even if they have looked before. All health plans offered through Pennie provide comprehensive coverage, including care for pre-existing conditions and many free preventive screenings and vaccines. Current Pennie customers should update their account (family size, income and contact information) and see if they still have the best plan for their needs.

The monthly cost for health coverage through Pennie is based on income. Individuals making less will pay less, sometimes under \$1 a month. Those with higher incomes will pay a higher share of the health insurance premiums, and no one will pay more than 8.5% of their household income.

Pennsylvanians interested in shopping for and purchasing health coverage through Pennie can visit pennie.com or call Pennie customer service at 1-844-844-8040. Individuals in need of assistance navigating coverage options, can go to pennie.com/connect to find help.

