



Liberty Fire Company Basketball Champions

By Russ Roper

BANGOR - Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander Company is a three-peat champion of the Bangor Summer Adult Men's Basketball League

Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander won the Tim Roper trophy for the third year in a row. Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander defeated Coolez HVAC in a best of three playoff series 2 games to none. Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander won the first game 71-66. High scorers for Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander Company were Dylan Benton with 19 points and Jeremy Ringland with 18. High scorers for Coolez HVAC were Bernard Davis with 26 points and Chris Bradley with 21 points. The second game was won by Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander by a score of 79 to 72. High scorers for Liberty Fire Company/James Alexander were Jeremy Ringland with 17 points and Justin Ringland with 15 points. High scorers for Coolez HVAC were Bernard Davis with 21 points and Chris Bradley with 19.

The Tim Roper Memorial trophy is given by the Roper family to the tournament champion each year in honor of their son and brother who died of multiple myeloma in 2012. Roper played in the league for several years and was point guard when the Pen Argyl High School basketball team completed in the Pennsylvania State Basketball Tournament in the 1980's.

The D&L is in search of a GIS Intern

By D&L

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Protecting PA Wildlife

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) recently announced formation of the Pennsylvania Wildlife Futures Program, a new partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine (Penn Vet) that will take a more active stance against diseases that impact wildlife in the Commonwealth. These illnesses include chronic wasting disease (CWD), which poses a serious threat to Pennsylvania's economy and the sport of deer hunting by negatively impacting the deer population; and West Nile Virus, the mosquito-borne disease that threatens human health and has endangered Pennsylvania's state bird, the ruffed grouse.

With regard to CWD, the goal of the partnership is to more quickly process deer samples submitted for testing by hunters. It currently takes weeks to months to obtain test results. The program will have 12 employees, one of which will work at PGC headquarters in Harrisburg. The others will be based in Chester County at Penn Vet's New Bolton Center.



DCNR's Role In The Fight Against Spotted Lanternfly

By: DCNR

HARRISBURG - As Pennsylvanians grow more aware of the seriousness of the ecological threat posed by the invasive spotted lanternfly, DCNR is taking some steps to help respond.

DCNR is not leading state efforts to combat the spotted lanternfly, as the insect's reputation for destroying agricultural products, like grapes, drew a strong response of action and information from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

DCNR's Bureau of Forestry is serving in a more supportive, collaborative fashion, leveraging resources and skills related to forestry work to help in the fight against this invasive pest.

The Division of Forest Health within DCNR's Bureau of Forestry routinely performs aerial surveys of Pennsylvania's forests (PDF), checking for tree dieback, mortality, defoliation, and foliage discoloration.

Aerial Surveys Help in the Fight Against Spotted Lanternfly

The Division of Forest Health used traditional aerial surveying methods to generate an Ailanthus map.

Ailanthus, the genus name of a common invasive tree called "tree of heaven," happens to be a preferred food and host in the life cycle of the spotted lanternfly.

If we know the location of colonies of tree of heaven, then theoretically, we should be able to find colonies of spotted lanternfly and contain them – helping to reduce their impact.

Tree of heaven has a distinctive look from the air. Female Ailanthus trees form heavy clusters of whitish seeds, highly visible from above.



Helicopter surveys in a grid pattern in areas in and surrounding spotted lanternfly quarantine zones helped develop a map of the tree of heaven.

This information is being shared with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, which will determine how it is used in the fight against the spotted lanternfly.

Factors the department must confront include:

Number and density of Ailanthus colonies

How many (if any) to eradicate
Which ones to use as "trap trees"

Site accessibility and landowner permission to enter property are also important factors.

Scientists in DCNR's Division of Forest Health have advised forest district managers in Pennsylvania state forests adjacent to the spotted lanternfly outbreak -- mostly concentrated at this time in southeastern Pennsylvania -- to inventory tree of heaven colonies as soon as possible.

This will enable a swifter, more effective response if/when the spotted lanternfly arrives in counties to the north and west of this invasive bug's range. Pennsylvania has 20 state forest districts.