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Mill Rift, Pond Eddy Make Post Office "Right-Sizing" List

By Chris Jones
MILFORD — Two local post offices out of 3,700 nationally have made the "study list" the United States Postal Service has compiled as it goes about "right-sizing" its expansive retail network.
By "right-sizing," the Postal Service means either closing these mostly tiny post offices (after studying the situation of course) or turning them into "village post offices" operated by local businesses such as pharmacies and grocery stores.
The problem locally is that our tiny post offices might be the only place in town, with no nearby stores to "right-size" them into.
Take Mill Rift PA 18340, for instance. Several years ago, the Mill Rift Inn, the only commercial establishment in the Westfall Township hamlet, was destroyed by fire. Not only are there no local retail businesses left in Mill Rift, but the post office there is also the only local gathering place open on a regular basis.
Ray Diatolito, regional USPS spokesman for the area that covers Mill Rift, said that postal officials in each geographical district would have to weigh the effects of closings on communities like Mill Rift.
"We will solicit input from our customers," probably through questionnaires, he said.
He said Mill Rift was a non-delivery post office, where all the mail goes into post office boxes and residents come to pick it up.

This makes sense for Mill Rift because the hamlet is cut off from other population centers like Matorora, where the main post office is located, and many Mill Rifters reside on improved back roads.
There are also delivery routes during winter, with it being not at all uncommon for the hamlet to be cut off for a few days by snowdrifts blocking the only road into and out of the place.
It is not the first time Mill Rift has made the short list for elimination. The same goes for Pond Eddy NY 12770, a hamlet along the Delaware River in the Town of Lumberland that also made the recent list.
George Flood, who handles Pond Eddy's region for the USPS, said the Pond Eddy branch has 142 post office boxes and 64 customers on a highway contract route who get home delivery.
There are a few local businesses near the post office that could be "village post offices," he said.
The nearest post offices to Pond Eddy are Barryville, up the river, and Glen Spey, which is up the mountain and which houses the town offices.
Flood said the Postal Service would study the effects on the community of Pond Eddy, and the employees at the Pond Eddy post office before making any moves.
The last time the Postal Service downsized, in 2009, about 400 to 500 post offices closed nationwide, he said.



The United States Postal Service is studying tiny community post offices in Mill Rift, Pa., and Pond Eddy, N.Y., top photo, for possible closure or transformation to "village post offices."



A pre-Halloween Winter Lights Fund multifaceted event, including wine/beer tasting, proposed to take place at Ann Street Memorial Park in October is not stifling well with adjacent property owners, from the left Debbie Stevens who owns a house with her husband across the street from Memorial Park and Nancy Fish Hanna, who owns a house next to the park.

Bicycles And Wine-Tasting Don't Mix, Neighbors Say

By Ken Baumeil
MILFORD — Citing concerns about crowds, security, vendors, and traffic, Milford Borough Council delayed action on a Milford Recreation Commission Winter Lights pre-Halloween fund-raiser celebrating Norse gods that includes a cocktail to attract bicyclists and holding a wine/beer tasting.
The council held a conditional session hearing on the proposal presented by Michael Carson and John Gorski at Borough Hall on Monday evening. They also noted that a hayride on streets and stunt-bicycle demonstration at the ball field would be featured.
Council members voted unanimously to continue the hearing, pending the applicants giving more details on the proposal and answering concerns raised by council members and property owners adjacent to Ann Street Memorial Park and others.
Carson noted that bands are proposed to play all day and wine/beer-tasting set would take place hourly in the afternoon and early evening. The event would take place from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday. Part of the time is for set up and striking the equipment.
Council members and property owners presented testimony about their concerns. Carson and Gorski presented more details about the event than their preliminary-concept proposal given at a regular council meeting earlier this year.
Carson and Gorski gave a short video about ciciwa and explained that such events had been held in large cities, such as Bogota, Colombia in South America, Cleveland, Ohio, and New York City and Chicago.
Nancy Fish Hanna, who owns property adjacent to the park, said, "I want to go on record as opposing this. I don't think bicycling and drinking alcohol go together. People come to Milford for peace and quiet. People are here to escape the city."
Resident Debbie Stevens, who lives across the street, said that she and her husband Mike have already had a bad experience regarding drinking during a past Milford Music Festival held at Memorial Park. She said, "People got drunk. They were vomiting and peeing in my yard. She said that if the goal is to attract bicycle riding, she could not understand combining alcohol with such an event.
Carson said, "It is a tasting. We aren't serving pints." He explained that event organizers are seeking to invite Pennsylvania brewers and wineries to provide samples and explain their product to tasters. He said that the tasting would only take place every hour on the hour during Saturday and Sunday afternoon. He did not think people would get drunk in a tasting.
Council member Ed Kastrap said that attracting bicyclists and

Monument Dedicated

Order of Silver Rose monument, was devoted to recognize and honor victims of Agent Orange. During the Vietnam War, was dedicated at the Veterans Memorial Park and Education Center in Airport Park in Matorora Borough. From the left were event coordinator from Vietnam Veterans (VVA) Chapter 423 Tom Koss, an Agent Orange victim, and Pennsylvania state representatives Rosemary Brown and Mike Peder who saluted Linda Kozak, shared testimonials. Other veterans organizations also honored victims. And, Pike County Sheriff Phil Bucki, Milford police Dept. officers, Buffalo Riders, and other veteran groups escorted to the park an American flag that flew over Washington, D.C. and the Agent Orange flag used in the dedication from Apple Valley Village in Milford Township. See Opinion Page 2.

Two Men Drown Trying To Swim Across Delaware

By Chris Jones
BEACH LAKE, Pa. — The Upper Delaware River last week claimed two more swimmers who tried to swim to the Pennsylvania side from New York, the National Park Service reported.
The river is constantly moving, the current is deceptively strong and there are sudden deep-offs. Swimmers need to wear life jackets and should not attempt to swim across the river," commented NPS Superintendent Sean McGuinness.
The fatalities, which occurred in two separate incidents, brought the total to four persons who have drowned in the Upper Delaware River this summer. The other drownings involved watercraft.
In the first incident, on July 27, an 18-year-old Boy Scout leader, drowned while attempting to swim across the river with two companions about one mile above the Ten Mile River Access in Tusten Township.
NY witnesses said Rak struggled in the water, and his companions attempted to help but were unable to pull him safely to shore.
They were participating in a camping trip with Boy Scout troop #469 of Brooklyn.
Divers recovered his body on Thursday, July 28. Nearly 30 divers from seven dive teams and the New York State Police helicopter participated in the search.
Rak and his group were not wearing life jackets, the NPS said.
At approximately 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, Mariano Pacheco of Portugal drowned while attempting to swim across the Delaware just 41, was visiting family members in Amityville, NY.
He was swimming with a companion, but neither man was wearing a life jacket.
The Sullivan County Dive Team recovered Pacheco's body at 6:12 p.m. Saturday.
The Wall Street Journal estimates

Gold Specimens Worth \$400K Stolen From Mining Museum

The violation of the Museum is the most serious crime.
— Foundation President Richard Haack
...that Americans have sold about \$2.7 billion worth of gold in the first half of 2011, mostly family jewelry that gets melted down, from malls to church fund-raisers.
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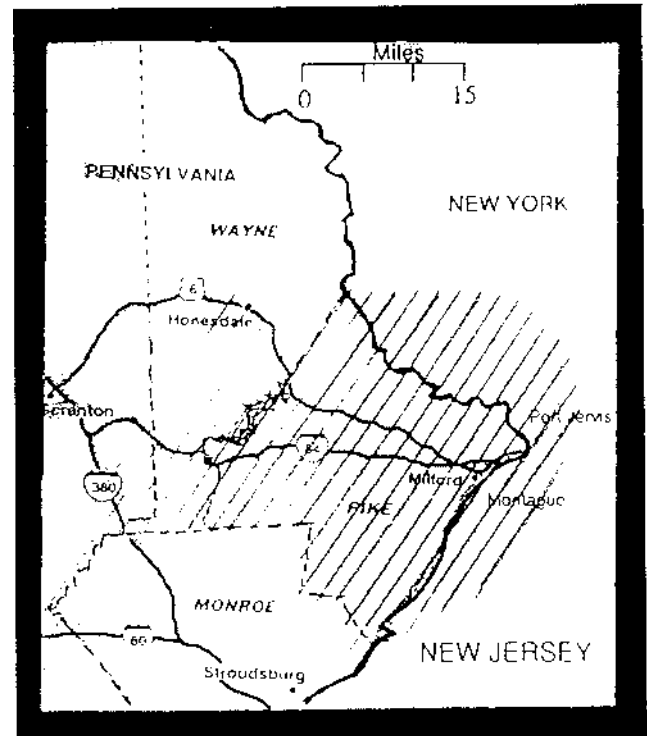
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9 col.....	78.....	13"

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5 col.....	51.....	8-1/2"
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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

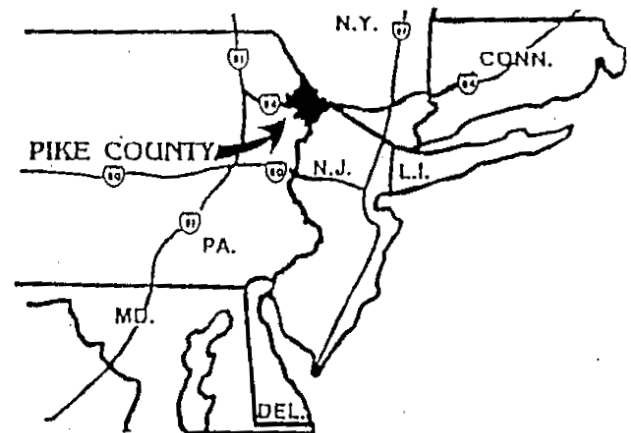
	2000	2010
Total Persons	46,302	57,850
Persons Per Household	2.63	2.52
Per Capita Income	\$20,315	\$27,408
Median Household Income	\$44,608	\$56,447
Median Family Income	\$49,340	\$61,729

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
Hartford, CT	140
Washington, DC	275
Newark, NJ	70
New York City, NY	75

From Milford Pike Co. To:	# Of Miles
Philadelphia, PA	125
Pittsburgh, PA	350
Boston, MA	240
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
Matamoros 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



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 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
Township
Office: 570.559.7394
Tax Millage: 10.5

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP

Population: 12,190
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*

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