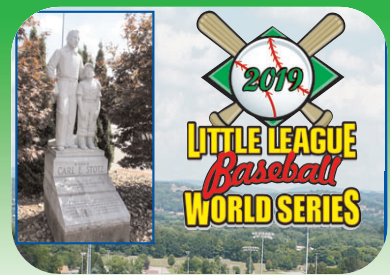


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Little League World  
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## League hosts Candidates Night

2-of-3 special election  
candidates appear

BY MATT FARRAND  
The Standard-Journal

LEWISBURG — Two of three candidates seeking special election votes for the 85th District State House seat debated in Lewisburg Tuesday night.

Dr. Jennifer Rager-Kay, the Democratic nominee, and Clair Moyer a Republican write-in candidate, debated the district in a question and answer session. Both pledged the night would have a civil tone.

David Rowe, Republican nominee, was invited but not present and had previously cited another commitment for his not attending.

Rager-Kay and Moyer

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Clair Moyer, Republican write-in candidate, and Dr. Jennifer Rager-Kay, Democratic nominee for the 85th District special election touched on virtually all major issues in a Tuesday night debate.

## Milton board approves \$10M renovation project at Baugher

Construction could start in just over a year

BY KEVIN MERTZ  
The Standard-Journal

MILTON — The Milton Area School District school board on Tuesday unanimously approved moving forward with a \$10 million renovation project at Baugher Elementary School.

John Howard, of the Architectural Studio, told the board he will be drafting the final bid specifications and documents,

and securing any necessary approvals from federal, state and local authorities in the coming months. He expects the project to be placed out for bid next summer.

Pending board approval of the bids, he said construction should start Oct. 1, 2020, and take 18 months to complete.

He noted students will be in class as the work is done, and will be moved to various sections of the building to accommodate the work.

Howard said the estimated

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## Alarm sounded at Montour Preserve

Editor's note: Today's feature is the first of 2 detailing the plight of Montour Preserve, a popular recreation spot for the region.

Publicly used land could become private if funding not restored

BY KEVIN MERTZ  
The Standard-Journal

WASHINGTONVILLE — Since 2015, Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) Director Bob Stoudt said 4,338 acres of publicly accessible land in the county has been transferred to private ownership. There's a possibility the 650-acre Montour Preserve could join that list in just one year.

In late 2014, as Talen Energy was taking over ownership of PPL's Montour plant, Stoudt said MARC learned educational programming was going to be discontinued at Montour Preserve — which had been owned and operated by PPL prior to Talen assuming ownership.

"(MARC) had done

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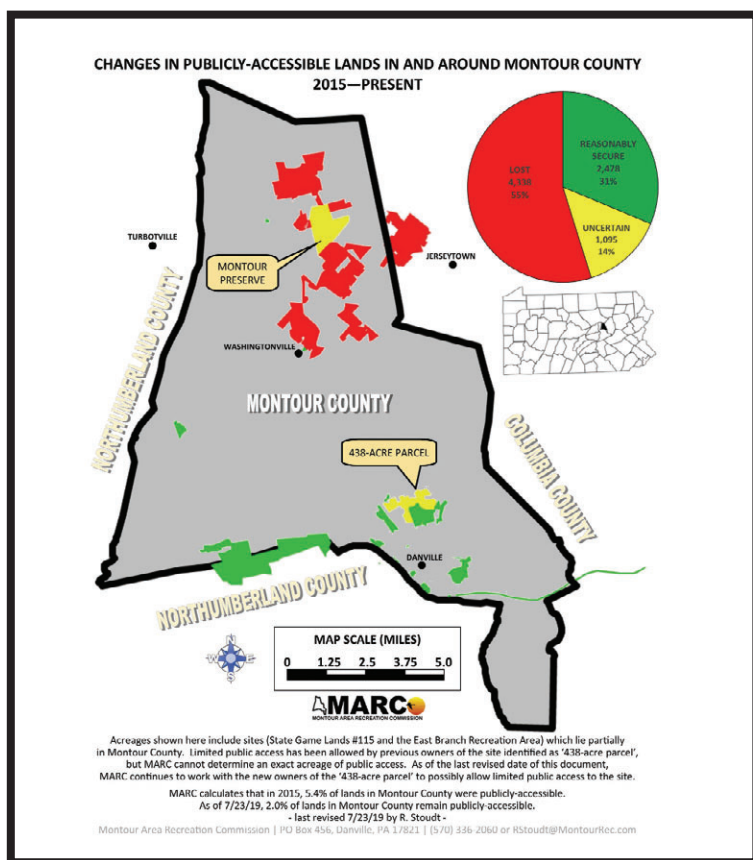


Image provided by Bob Stoudt

Since 2015, 4,338 acres in Montour County have shifted from public to private use, according to the Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC). Much of the land is in the area of the Montour Preserve, which could also fall into that category if additional funding isn't attained to support the facility.

## Work at WR expected to wrap before 1st day of classes

BY KEVIN MERTZ  
The Standard-Journal

TURBOTVILLE — An approximately \$524,400 paving project at the Warrior Run middle and high school complex should be wrapped up this week, just in time for the first day of classes on Aug. 22.

"In terms of completion, weather dependent, the parking lot itself should be finished this week," Superintendent Dr. Alan Hack said.

The work will create added

parking in front of the middle school for faculty, staff and special events.

"There will be clearly defined spaces for visitors," Hack said. "The clear delineation will be that the parking lot for visitors will be separated from the bus loading and unloading zone."

While a sidewalk will separate the parking lot from the area where busses pick students up at the end of the school day, Hack said the new

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