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Microplastics revealed

PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center conducted a study of 53 waterways in Pennsylvania, including the Delaware and tributaries. State Rep. Perry Warren, right, collects a sample from the Neshaminy Creek at Tyler Park. See page A5.

Tinicum Twp. bridge saga continues

Historical value debated as environmental effects on land resurface

Cliff Lebowitz

The reopening of the crossing at Tinicum's Headquarters Road at Sheep Hole Road may be progressing as PennDOT's plan for a new two-lane bridge, but bitter controversy on the matter is continuing among competing groups of residents and their township supervisors.

Efforts are continuing toward clarifying key issues.

The present one-lane bridge was closed by PennDOT in 2011, and the two-lane replacement plan has been contested by residents advocating for rehab of the existing bridge on grounds of environmental protection, historic preservation, and traffic safety. Those residents have in turn been vigorously contested by other residents, who deny the legitimacy of those arguments, while emphasizing frustration about travel inconvenience, and especially increased response times for emergency vehicles, as a result of the closing.

The latter residents, with support voiced by two of their supervisors, have also been sharply critical of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), who has acted on behalf of those arguments before state and federal agencies, as well as federal court, and the local philanthropist who is understood to provide DRN's primary support for the matter.

At their March 2 public board meeting, the three supervisors entertained discussion with Kathryn Auerbach and Vladimir and Jesse Salamun, representing the rehab view, and Tim Cashman, representing intense frustration with the subsequent delay of PennDOT's plan.

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Demand for single-family housing down

Multifamily up in 2020 says Bucks County Planning Commission

Freda R. Savana

The number of single-family homes proposed in Bucks County last year was the lowest it's been in several decades. Requests for office space is also in steep decline, according to the Bucks County Planning Commission.

In its annual report, the commission said demand for multi-family housing has in-

creased dramatically, as have proposals for warehouse space.

Michael Roedig, the commission's director of planning services, said of the 988 units the commission was asked to review in 2020, the great majority were multifamily. "There was very little residential development" proposed said Roedig, during the planners meeting last week.

A total of 70 detached single-family

homes were proposed in 2020, according to the annual report. By comparison, 7,666 were proposed in 1987, said Evan Stone, the planning commission's executive director. However, 820 multifamily dwelling units came into the BCPC for review. Doylestown Borough has four proposed; Lower Makefield has 200, Middletown Township has 610 and Northampton has

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Pineville Tavern nears approval for greenhouse dining

Chris Ruvo

The Pineville Tavern is one step closer to being able to add a new outdoor dining option.

The historic Wrightstown establishment, whose history dates back to before the Revolutionary War, wants to build a greenhouse with open sides on its patio where patrons can dine al fresco.

On Monday, March 8, the Wrightstown Board of Supervisors discussed the project with Pineville owner Andrew Abruzzese at a public work session meeting held virtually online.

The board viewed the proposed project favorably and authorized the drafting of a resolution that would, if approved, set the Pineville on the path to erecting the greenhouse.

The resolution, which supervisors could possibly vote to approve or deny at their public Monday, March 15 meeting, will include certain conditions that the Pineville will have to meet.

These include limitations that will restrict any outdoor music to a type and volume level that doesn't cause disruption for neighbors.

Basically, don't expect any rollicking rock bands or bass-thumping DJs.

"The decibel level from vehicles on (Route 413) is louder than any music we would play," said Abruzzese.

Another condition of operation would likely pertain to lighting in the outdoor facility. Keeping LED lighting below 3000Kel-

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Doylestown cancels youth fishing program

Sponsoring organizations promise April comeback next year

Freda R. Savana

The COVID-19 pandemic has again caused Doylestown Borough to cancel its youth fishing program, including the popular opening day festivities that would have been held April 3, officials announced this week.

Also called off this year are the senior/handicapped fishing derbies, the borough said. The much-anticipated programs are sponsored by The Friends of the Borough Dam and the Doylestown Rotary, in partnership with the borough.

"When we took the step last year, we told you that we would be back better than ever. That is still our pledge to you, but unfortunately, we will have to wait another year," said borough Manager John Davis, in a statement.

He assured the community that the youth program is "still alive" and both it and the pond that sits along East State Street and is part of Chapman Park are being "actively managed."

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FREDA SAVANA

Doylestown Borough has been forced to cancel its youth fishing program at its Borough Dam for a second year due to the pandemic.

AARP hosts call-in session on vaccine distribution in Bucks

In an afternoon "town hall" Tuesday, Bucks County residents had an opportunity to call in and ask officials a range of questions about the county's ongoing efforts to get people vaccinated against COVID-19. Joanne Grossi, president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the AARP, hosted the program.

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Perkasie Borough now eligible for national historic status

Perkasie Borough's downtown area is now eligible to become a National Historic District after a determination by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office. It allows Perkasie Borough to submit a final National Register nomination to the Preservation Office in the coming months.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

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Penn Foundation employees honored

Penn Foundation Peer Specialists Walter Wright Jr. and Christopher Meholic were recently honored by Magellan at its inaugural Professional Development Network (PDN) Awards.

Wright Jr. received the Above and Beyond award. Meholic received the Best Team Player award.

Wright Jr. has been a Peer Specialist at Penn Foundation for 12 years. His peers nominated him for this award, writing, "Walter has always gone above and beyond to support his participants (and co-workers as well). Particularly during the pandemic, he has worked hard to provide effective and individ-



CHRISTOPHER MEHOLIC

ualized support to his peers. He heightened his interactions with vulnerable participants to help lessen their isolation. He has been flexible with his schedule, and he has creatively found ways to safely see his peers in the community.

"Walter has coordinated virtual meetings, supported new staff, and helped other Penn Foundation programs as needed during the pandemic. Walter never hesitates to lean in and provide support wherever and whenever it's needed."

Meholic has been a Peer Specialist at Penn Foundation for almost five years. Meholic's peers wrote in his nomination, "Chris is a steady influence with his fellow Peer Specialists. He practices mindfulness regularly and has been known to encourage his co-workers to

do a brief mindfulness activity to help them release tension and anxiety. He often uses humor to lighten challenging team conversations and is always willing to listen to anyone who needs to talk.

"Since the COVID pandemic hit, Chris has taken the time to be present for his co-workers, demonstrating a sense of positivity that is much needed during this stressful time. He has done all of this without judgment and with compassion for the entire team."

School bus association names executive director

The Pennsylvania School Bus Association has appointed Ryan Dellinger as its executive director.

As a legislative director within the Pennsylvania State Senate, Dellinger has developed working relationships with a number of state agencies, such as PennDOT and DCED. He has

a solid foundation of state government experience, including an in-depth knowledge of the legislative process.

Dellinger also served for a number of years in the Virginia Army National Guard as a mortarman in the 116th Infantry Regiment, 29th Infantry Division. He deployed with this unit in 2016 on a security forces mission to Qatar.

Dellinger lives in Etters with his wife, Darian, and their two dogs, Chloe and Abby.

Bucks County Opportunity Council announces new board members

The Bucks County Opportunity Council's (BCOC) board of directors recently elected four new board members.

As the lead anti-poverty community action organization in Bucks County, BCOC operates with a tripartite governing board that includes representatives of

the local government, private sector and constituents.

New member Ryan Baus, of Bristol, is a warehouse supervisor at Wazoodle Fabrics. In his position on the board, Baus will represent constituents. Baus is a current participant in the Economic Self-Sufficiency program.

Lara Christiano of Upper Black Eddy is a special education teacher with the LifeWorks Academy. In her role, she will also be representing constituents. She is a recent graduate of the Economic Self-Sufficiency program.

James Dacey of Chalfont is the vice president of DOLI Construction Company. In his role, he will be representing the private sector and business community.

Christina Kahmar-McGinley of Southampton is the executive director of the Foundation & Alumni Association for Bucks County Community College. In her role, she will be representing the private sector.

Camille Granito Mancuso: Chatterbox

Other than the pandemic and politics – though they are endless fonts of conversational fodder – lots of what is going on today in America is about individuality. Individual groups are calling to be recognized. That's great, but while we recognize the individuality as a great strength, the greater strength is in the beautiful blend we achieve as unique parts of the whole. As we discussed two weeks ago in my snowflakes column, we're all and each unique,

especially in this American nation, so we've got plenty of that.

Right now, for example, I, myself, am working long hand, under a sun-brella. I call it a sun-brella because it is sheltering me from the sun, not the rain. Part of my particular individuality is difficulty with bright light and, most of the time, that's sunlight. I could just wear sunglasses but, especially as I'm sitting in my living room, they would just make everything a bit too dark. So, as

ridiculous as it is, I'm under an umbrella ... in the living room.

Usually, I would just relocate myself – it's a long story. Cliff Notes: I've broken my foot and am, however temporary it may be, confined to one location at the moment. So, with the sun bouncing off my scratch paper, for this hour, I must just look ridiculous under my sun-brella, in the house. Luckily, I'm not superstitious.

So, part of my individuality is my issue with bright light but, like

Nothing dying on the vine

those snowflakes, each of us is unique. Whatever it is that makes each of us so completely, particularly, specific is what makes our whole world possible. Someone was first to venture out of the treetops or the cave; someone ate the first berry from a particular bush, wanted to see what was past some mountain, or created music by banging on different rocks.

For example, those who are willing to study for decades and train to drill a hole, whether in

someone's tooth or someone's head, make life sustainable. Of course, we can't all be dentists or surgeons, nor should we; society couldn't sustain itself, but neither can we all be ballerinas, butchers, or musicians. Variety is required to sustain life and each of us brings something different and unique to the table.

Most of us have been to an emergency room at some time, whether for our self or a loved one. The staff is comprised of people who chose a path which fulfilled them. We are all, then, the beneficiaries of their choice, dedication and expertise.

Every one of us journeys through life having various experiences with numerous types of dental, medical, educational and inspirational professionals. We also enjoy the impromptu and self-educated gifts of those of that particular bend. We all need others, help others, and enjoy or benefit from the skills and chosen dedication of others, and each of us has the right to discover, perfect, and share those dreams and skills.

Anyone, for any reason, left untapped as a resource is a potential life-saver left to languish. Just by being able to do some particular thing at any time and place, each of us gives to the others. My mom used to say, "One hand washes the other, but both hands wash the face." In that, we can certainly help one another, but it's best when we all help the crowd.

No one, for any reason, can be ignored as a resource for all to benefit from, and no one for any reason can be left untapped as part of a prosperous, healthy, viable and progressive society. Moreover, none of us, for any reason, can allow any other one of us to die on the vine. The hand we bind may be the hand the world awaits.

As one nation, fully developing each and every member of our society is our responsibility, our privilege, our strength, a jewel in our crown and, quite possibly, our saving grace as well. Each of us being free to pursue our dreams, assisted in that by our whole society, is the only way for our nation to be its best.

If we want to call ourselves the world's greatest nation, we must not only legislate one as a nation's people, we must behave like one as individuals.



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DCNR opening additional state park camp sites for trout anglers

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams (Dunn) announced campsites will be available at an additional 16 state parks to accommodate fishing enthusiasts who want to stay overnight on April 2 for the new statewide trout opener the following day.

A total of 34 parks throughout the state will provide camping at this time.

"We know how trout fishing and

state park camping often go hand in hand and we are doing our best to facilitate these traditional recreational pursuits," Dunn said. "This is a one-time extension reflecting pandemic-related changes to trout season's opening day set forth by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission."

Dunn noted anglers will have more than 2,300 campsites from which to choose for the season opener.

For the 2021 trout season, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will operate under a consolidated statewide schedule for all counties. Under this revised plan a single Statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day will occur Saturday, March 27, and a single Statewide Opening Day of trout season will take place Saturday, April 3.

DCNR's Bureau of State Parks is offering a one-time waiver of the transfer or cancellation fees so

customers can move reservations to the new statewide trout opening weekend. The waiver is being offered to customers who have a campsite reservation at the 17 campgrounds that are opening early and are scheduled to arrive on April 16 or 17 for the previously scheduled trout opener Saturday, April 17.

If customers are unable to change arrival dates to the new first day, they can either keep their exist-

ing reservations or cancel with no fee. Affected customers will have through Tuesday, March 30, to utilize this waiver. Sites will be available for transfers on a first-come first-serve basis by calling the call center toll-free: 888-PA-PARKS.

State park visitors are reminded out-of-state travel restrictions have been rescinded but precautionary COVID measures remain in effect.

Information is available on the DCNR website.

Hunterdon County officials warn public about theft scam

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Michael J. Williams, Sheriff Frederick W. Brown, and Acting Chief of Detectives Frank R. Crisologo are alerting the public to a recent theft scam.

"On Feb. 25, 2021, numerous scam calls were received, allegedly from the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office, telling people that they had failed to report for jury duty. The caller stated that warrants were going to be issued for their arrest unless they paid a fee to avoid issuance. One woman paid \$1,500 in green dot cards to avoid being arrested," Williams said.

"The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office will never contact anyone demanding money to avoid arrest,"

Brown added. "The IRS, Social Security, utility companies, or any other reputable company will not call demanding immediate payment. All citizens should be reminded to never give out any personal information or make any payments over the phone. Anyone receiving a scam call should

contact their local police department to report the call."

Following a few simple precautions, most people can avoid becoming a victim of a confidence scheme.

Do not reply to unsolicited emails or links attached to e-mails.

Do not engage in telephone con-

versations with anyone you do not know, especially about money.

If you are suspicious, contact the company or agency the caller allegedly represents by using the official listing for their customer service.

Scare tactics are used by thieves to demand money or personal informa-

tion. Do not simply accept as valid telephone calls, e-mails, and threats concerning bad credit, police, arrest, investigation, or an audit from an alleged governmental agency; you must verify. These are scams meant to scare unsuspecting persons into hastily fulfilling such demands.

New Hope named among most charming cities in PA

Ten of the most charming towns and small cities in Pennsylvania have been named by TravelMag.com.

The online travel magazine invited more than 100 travel writers, photographers and selected professionals to name the Pennsylvania towns they consider the most appealing. Those surveyed were asked to choose their top three towns and cities with populations of less than 100,000 people. All of the votes were then tallied to produce the final 10.

In alphabetical order, the list includes Bellefonte (Centre County), Bethlehem (Lehigh and Northampton counties), Gettysburg (Adams County), Huntingdon (Huntingdon County), Jim Thorpe (Carbon County), Lancaster and Lititz (Lancaster County), New Hope (Bucks County), Phoenixville (Chester County), and Stroudsburg (Monroe County).

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AARP holds COVID town hall with Bucks officials

Freda R. Savana

In an afternoon “town hall” Tuesday, Bucks County residents had an opportunity to call-in and ask officials a range of questions about the county’s ongoing efforts to get people vaccinated against COVID-19.

About a dozen callers, many frustrated and confused about being unable to get registered and receive doses of the vaccines, asked why Bucks is having so much trouble with the roll-out.

Joanne Grossi, president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the AARP, hosted the program.

“What’s wrong with me?” asked a 73-year-old caller from Doylestown, who said, as a grocery store cashier, she’s an essential worker. “I can’t get registered and I can’t get vaccinated.”

Dr. David Damsker, director of the county’s health department, sympathized with her and acknowledged that “the roll-out has made it very difficult” for an even distribution of the vaccines. However, he assured her, “there will be enough in the near future.”

Damsker provided a phone number to a health department call center – 215-345-3381 – for people having trouble registering online. He said employees there will help assist people with registration on the county’s website.

Bucks County, along with several other suburban Philadelphia counties, has been battling with state officials over its distribution of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. With the fourth highest population, Bucks officials stress it should be receiving far more doses.

Bucks County Commissioner Vice Chairman Bob Harvie said he’s hopeful that the state is “re-evaluating its metrics” and that Bucks will be receiving more vaccine going forward. As of March 8, a total of 41,000 county residents had received two doses and another 41,000 had gotten one. Bucks is providing 1,000 vaccines each day, the commissioner said.

There are currently three vaccination clinics open at the county’s community college campuses and officials said it will open two more sites in the coming weeks.

A caller, who said he and his wife live in Bucks County and winter in Florida, asked if they should get their first shot in Florida and their second in Pennsylvania when they return in April.

Damsker advised that it is best to

receive both doses in the same place, if possible, even if that means waiting beyond the recommended number of days in between.

“It would be difficult for us to do that for you,” the health director said, of providing the couple’s second shot. He said, protection from the first dose is greater than many realize and it won’t be harmful if they have to wait a little longer for their second.

Callers who asked why their second doses of Moderna were being rescheduled were told it was because some providers had incorrectly given out doses reserved as second shots, to those needing a first dose. It’s now taking time to “catch up,” said Damsker. “You will get your second doses,” he stressed.

Asked why some people from New Jersey are getting shots in

Pennsylvania, Damsker and Grossi said, federal law prohibits states from refusing to vaccinate people from another state. “You can’t exclude anyone based on residency,” the doctor said, adding, “Bucks residents are going to other states, too. I think it all balances out.”

One caller wanted to know how homebound people can get vaccinated. Officials said they are preparing “strike teams” to help identify these individuals and go to their homes to ensure they receive a vaccine.

Harvie said, the first team is visiting apartment complexes with the elderly and disabled on Wednesday. More outreach is needed, however, and people are encouraged to contact the county’s Area Agency on Aging and the county’s health department if they know of people who are unable to leave their homes.

Pine Run completes COVID-19 vaccination campaign

Pine Run Retirement Community has completed the distribution of COVID-19 vaccine to its residents and staff, a significant milestone in the fight against the deadly pandemic that has been spreading for more than a year.

“We are proud and grateful to be at the forefront of efforts to put an end to this pandemic, for Pine Run, for our wider community, and for our friends and loved ones,” said Pine Run Executive Director Maria Santangelo. “The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a terrible toll on families nationwide and here in our Pine Run community. We mourn with those who’ve lost loved ones, while we look ahead with hope to the days when the pandemic is behind us and we can come together in person once again.”

Because older adults are at especially high risk of developing extreme illness from COVID-19, vaccinating seniors has been a top priority in the distribution of the vaccine across Pennsylvania and



Pine Run Retirement Community residents Stephen and Carol Hirt recently were vaccinated against COVID-19 during a vaccination clinic at the senior living and health care campus in Doylestown Township.

The Village, as well as residents in Pine Run Lakeview, its personal care residence, and those in its skilled nursing, short-term rehab and secure memory care at Pine Run Health Center.

In addition, Pine Run’s staff members who wanted the vaccine have been fully vaccinated, another step in reducing the exposure of Pine Run’s residents to anyone who could carry and transmit the virus. New residents who move to Pine Run and new staff members

who join the Pine Run team will be offered the COVID-19 vaccine as supply allows.

Owned and operated by Doylestown Health, Pine Run Retirement Community carried out its vaccination campaign in partnership with Doylestown Health and CVS. By the end of February, Doylestown Health had administered more than 17,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine.

While Doylestown Health and Pine Run Retirement Community remain committed to providing vaccinations to individuals who qualify, the allocation of vaccine dosages is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and continues to be extremely limited. Doylestown Health is sharing updated information on COVID-19 vaccine availability on its website.

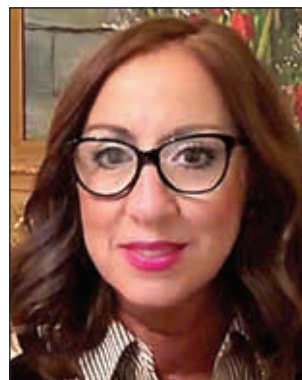
New Hope Historical Society appoints new executive director

The New Hope Historical Society has announced the appointment of Cynthia Hall as its executive director.

Hall is a highly engaged nonprofit leader who brings a unique breadth of experience to the Historical Society. As an educator and business leader she has helped to promote and advance the vision and mission of nonprofit agencies and strengthen their financial sustainability through a wide variety of programming, events and grants.

Recently, she designed an innovative educational tool that was adopted by Road Scholar for its domestic and international lifelong learning programs.

An avid hiker and biker,



CYNTHIA HALL

Hall is an active explorer, promoting a respect for the environment and creating events to help others enjoy the beauty of Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

She and her husband, Craig, live in the Lehigh Valley.

“Cynthia brings all of the right skills and experience to the New Hope Historical Society that we sorely need during this critical time in our history,” said Frank Policare, society president. “She will help us hit the ground running with a number of new projects in 2021.”

The New Hope Historical Society begins its 63rd year preserving New Hope’s history and culture. With the support of its nearly 500 members the Historical Society preserves the 18th century Parry Mansion, the society’s headquarters on South Main Street in New Hope, and the Parry Barn which is occupied by the Celt-Iberia Traders shop next to the Bucks County Playhouse.

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Girls Empowered is a nonprofit organization that provides empowerment programs to girls from elementary through high school. Separate awards will be given to an

elementary school (K-sixth grade), middle school (seventh-ninth grade), and high school (10th-12th) girl.

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Microplastics found in Pennsylvania waterways

Delaware River, Bucks County streams among those tested

At 53 waterways tested across Pennsylvania, microplastic contamination was found in every spot, including the Delaware River and Bucks County streams, according to a new report titled "Microplastics in Pennsylvania: a Survey of Waterways." The study was conducted by the PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center using methodology developed by NOAA.

The report provides new data on the presence of microplastics in water samples taken at many of Pennsylvania's most popular rivers, lakes, and streams, including from the Delaware River,

Neshaminy Creek and Tohickon Creek.

Samples from all 53 popular Pennsylvania waterways had at least one type of microplastic contamination. Microplastics are pieces of plastic less than 5 millimeters in diameter, which is smaller than a grain of rice.

A full list of waterways tested and the types of microplastics at each can be found in the report.

"The results of this study should set off alarms for all Pennsylvanians who love our state's rivers and streams," said Faran Savitz, conservation associate at the PennEnvironment Research

& Policy Center. "The staggering amount of microplastics we found likely means that no river, lake, or stream is safe from this increasingly common contaminant."

Along with the help of concerned citizens and elected officials across Pennsylvania, PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center staff collected water samples as part of the citizen-science project to identify plastic pollution in their local waterways.

The report's findings were announced at a PennEnvironment Research & Policy Center virtual news conference with U.S. Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-5), state

Reps. Tim Briggs (Montgomery County) and Perry Warren (Bucks County). Dr. David Velinsky, vice president of academy science at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, and Myrna Newman, the executive director of Allegheny Cleanways, also spoke.

Americans generate more than 35 million tons of plastic waste every year and less than 10% is recycled. The rest ends up as litter or gets sent to landfills or incinerators where it will release microplastics over time that can get carried by wind or rain into the environment. Microfibers, a type of plastic found in every waterway, come from textiles and are shed through normal wear and tear or routine machine washing, where they are then carried to waterways. It's almost impossible for water treatment plants to filter these pollutants out.

River clean-ups and conservation efforts help with more visible forms of litter and pollution, but the small size of microplastics makes it easy for them to travel from their source to waterways near and far, carrying contaminants and chemicals that work their way up the food chain through wildlife and humans

alike.

"If we don't want plastic in our bodies or in the bodies of fish, whales or birds, we need to stop the millions of tons of plastic that continue entering into the environment every day, every year," said Velinsky. "As this report illustrates, the small microscopic bits and pieces of plastic are present throughout our local environment and can pose an impact to wildlife and humans."

The report outlines a broad range of policy solutions to tackle the problem. These include passing such federal bills as the Break Free From Plastic Pollution Act which includes single-use plastic bans and producer responsibility provisions, and updating storm-water infrastructure to better capture rain and runoff laced with microplastics.

Results for each waterway and photos from sampling can be found at google.com/maps. Locations are tagged at the approximate point where samples were taken.

For the full report, visit pennenvironment.org/reports/pac/microplastics-pennsylvania.

Record number of people killed in U.S. car accidents in 2020

Freda R. Savana

Despite people driving far fewer miles last year due to the pandemic, there were more deaths from vehicle crashes than there have been in 13 years, according to The National Safety Council.

The increase marked a 24 percent year-to-year increase, the highest the NSC has calculated since 1924.

Nationally, an estimated 42,060 people died in car and truck accidents, an increase of 8 percent from 2019. An estimated 4.8 million suffered serious

injury in 2020, according to the NSC. South Dakota (33 percent) and Vermont (32 percent) had the largest year-to-year increases in vehicle deaths.

"It is tragic that in the U.S., we took cars off the roads and didn't reap any safety benefits," said Lorraine M. Martin, president and CEO of the National Safety Council, in a statement. "These data expose our lack of an effective roadway safety culture. It is past time to address roadway safety holistically and effectively, and NSC stands ready to assist all stakeholders, including the feder-

al government."

Federal government data shows Americans traveled 432 billion fewer miles in 2020, a 13 percent decline.

To make the nation's roads safer, the Road to Zero Coalition and the NSC issued these guidelines, among others, in 2018:

1. Equitable implementation of roadway safety laws, policies, procedures, infrastructure improvements. Communities of color are disproportionately impacted by motor vehicle accidents and deaths.
2. Mandatory ignition interlocks for convicted drunk drivers, lowering state BAC levels to .05 and better education about the nature of impairment and when it begins.
3. Lowering - not raising - speed limits.
4. Laws banning all cell phone use - including hands free devices- for all drivers.

Santarsiero hosts Community Conversation with Pennsbury Manor director

State Sen. Steve Santarsiero (D-10) highlighted the historic Pennsbury Manor in Falls Township, hosting a Community Conversation video discussion about the site, the many educational offerings and how it has stayed active through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ahead of Charter Day on March 8, Santarsiero sat down with Historic Site Director Doug Miller, to talk about William Penn's estate and its legacy in Bucks County and Pennsylvania.

"Pennsbury Manor is a historic gem in Bucks County, that continues to share the legacy of our founder William Penn through estate tours, school programming and events like Charter Day," said Santarsiero. "I am fortunate to represent a district with such rich history, dating back to the founding of our Commonwealth, and Pennsbury Manor respects the legacy of the property while making it accessible for the community and visitors."

Speaking on the influence of William Penn on many of core tenants of democracy, Miller noted, "What this historic site offers us is a springboard for people to learn about Penn's life and his legacy. Many people don't connect our daily lives to Penn's contributions ... but in some way Penn's legacy touches us each and every day."

The full video of the Community Conversation with Pennsbury Manor can be found at senatorstevesantarsiero.com/community-conversations-with-steve-pennsbury-manor.

Amazon donates \$25,000 to Family Service Association

Family Service Association of Bucks County is proud to be the recipient of \$25,000 gift through Amazon's NeighborGood Program. Family Service was nominated for this gift by of the Amazon Distribution Center in Langhorne, DEW4.

The NeighborGood Program was established in 2020 with the purpose of giving back to the communities in which Amazon operates. The goal is to engender goodwill and support local communities, non-profits and governments.

Vance Lofton, the area manager of the Langhorne Amazon Distribution Center and ambassador for the NeighborGood Program, nominated Family Service for this gift due to their wide array of programs and reach in the community.

"You can feel the passion in what their team does for the community. They've welcomed me and the rest of the DEW4 family with open arms. We all look forward to more community engagements and being more involved," said Lofton.

or. The full series is available at senatorstevesantarsiero.com/community-conversations.



DINNERS

McCaffrey's Prime Rib Dinner* Serves 8
 6-7 lb. Rosemary & Mustard encrusted Prime Rib with Bordelaise Sauce
 8 Individual Potato Gratin
 2 lbs. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 2 lbs. Steamed Green Beans
 1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$219.99
 *Prime Rib requires approximately 2 1/2 hours to reheat

1/2 Size McCaffrey's Prime Rib Dinner* Serves 4
 2-3 1/2 lb. Rosemary & Mustard encrusted Prime Rib with Bordelaise Sauce
 4 Individual Potato Gratin
 1 lb. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 1 lb. Steamed Green Beans
 1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$119.99
 *Prime Rib requires up to 2 hours to reheat

New All-Natural Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner Serves 8
 5-6 lb. Boneless Turkey Breast
 8 Individual Potato Gratin
 4 lbs. Herbed Bread Stuffing
 2 lbs. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 3 - 24 oz. container of Home-Style Turkey Gravy
 1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$129.99

1/2 Size All-Natural Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner Serves 4
 2 1/2-3 lb. Boneless Turkey Breast
 4 Individual Potato Gratin
 2 lbs. Herbed Bread Stuffing
 1 lb. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 2 - 24 oz. container of Home-Style Turkey Gravy
 1 dz. All-Butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$64.99

Traditional Ham or Spiral Ham Dinner Serves 8
 5-6 lb. Boneless Maple-Glazed Ham OR 7-8 lb. Bone-in Spiral Ham
 8 Individual Potato Gratin
 2 lbs. Pineapple Stuffing
 2 lbs. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 1 dz. All-butter Brioche Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$129.99

New 1/2 Size Traditional Ham Dinner Serves 4
 2 1/2-3 lb. Boneless Maple Glazed Ham
 4 Individual Potato Gratin
 1 lb. Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots
 1 lb. Pineapple Stuffing
 1 dz. Dinner Rolls
 7" Ricotta Cheesecake
 \$64.99

No substitutions on holiday dinners

Items must be heated before consuming. Please see the Instruction Sheet included with pick-up.

New BRUNCH FOR 6

10" Quiche Lorraine
 Berry stuffed French Toast for 6
 2 lbs. sliced Maple Glazed Ham
 1 lb. steamed Asparagus with Vinaigrette
 2 lbs. Potato Home Fries with Peppers & Onions
 Shareable Tiramisu, Profiteroles in Chocolate & Berry Crème Brûlée
 \$69.99

A LA CARTE

Home-Style Turkey Gravy (24 oz.).....\$7.99 ea.
 Vegetable Gravy (16 oz.).....\$5.49 ea.
 Bordelaise Sauce (16 oz.).....\$6.99 ea.
 Steamed Green Beans (1 lb. package).....\$7.49 ea.
 Tri-color Roasted Baby Carrots (1 lb. package).....\$7.49 ea.
 Mashed Potatoes (2 lb. package).....\$10.98 ea.
 Herbed Bread Stuffing (2 lb. package).....\$13.98 ea.
 Pineapple Bake (2 lb. package).....\$13.98 ea.
 All-Natural Roasted Boneless Turkey Breast.....\$12.99 lb.
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 Individual No-Turkey Turkey.....\$8.99 ea.

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7" Apple Pecan Tart.....\$16.99 ea.
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Menu available for ordering in-store, by phone or online! Please place your Easter orders by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday March 31st. All other orders require 48 hour notice. Menu items are available 3/26/2021 through 4/3/2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic & the safety of our Associates & Customers, we are not able to slice Hams or Prime Ribs for the upcoming holidays. We apologize for the inconvenience.

HOLIDAY HOURS • **CLOSED** Easter Sunday
 All orders must be picked up on Saturday, April 3rd by 5:00 pm.

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LETTERS TO THE HERALD

“Stop the Steal” yielded more than \$200 million

To the gentleman who contributed the March 4 letter “Losing Over 60 Court Cases but He (Trump) Persists”

No Sir, he’s not stupid nor is he delusional. He is shameless; he is endlessly greedy; and, somehow, he can never have too much of what the Big Lie is really all about: Money.

Trump’s “Stop the Steal” fundraising effort yielded an estimated \$207.5 million in the three weeks between Nov. 3 and Nov. 23.

The basic pitch was, “The Democrats and radical left are trying to steal this election and President Trump needs your emergency support right now. With no time to waste and results coming in by the minute, do your part to help the campaign until the very end by pressing 3 right now to contribute to elect President Trump.”

John Farmer Jr., professor of law and director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, has explained that while commercial speech – speech whose primary purpose is to obtain

money or elicit spending – has been considered unprotected by the First Amendment, non-violent political speech cannot be edited or censored for misleading content. In other words, lying is part and parcel of political speech, and Trump’s “Stop the Steal” campaign — the ultimate Big Lie — was thereby protected under the First Amendment.

In addition, since Citizens United, the Supreme Court has defined political contributions of money as “speech,” also protected by the First Amendment. We could argue that perhaps the millions of Americans who contributed money to Stop the Steal were either delusional or stupid — though “misled” or “deceived” might be kinder.

The fact remains, however, that for Trump the Big Lie was both a rational and an extremely profitable undertaking.

Joseph Falconi
Upper Makefield

Campaign advertising banked on fear

By voting to strip Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee

assignments in the House of Representatives, Brian Fitzpatrick undoubtedly thinks he has reinforced his credentials as the most independently minded Republican in that legislative body. But I refuse to be fooled.

Fitzpatrick won his seat in the 117th Congress by relying on the same hate, fear, and racism that animates Trumpism.

His campaign advertising drove home the shrill warning that a vote for Christina Finello was a vote for defunding the police – as if the House of Representatives has any real control over what municipalities and counties spend on law enforcement.

One television ad included footage from the riots that coincided with some Black Lives Matters protests last summer, which transmitted the unmistakable message that Fitzpatrick was all that stood between bucolic Bucks County and mobs of rampaging blacks.

Gregory J.W. Urwin
Doylestown Borough

Without reform, system is not truly democratic

The first 100 days of Biden’s presidency are under way and I’m hoping that he and Congress will make reforming our democracy a top priority. The best way to do that is by passing the For the People Act.

The For the People Act is a bold piece of legislation that would strengthen our democracy for generations to come.

The law would dismantle numerous barriers to voting and representation, like gerrymandering, racist voter ID laws, unnecessary hurdles to registration, and felony disenfranchisement, adding millions of new voters to the rolls.

It would also reduce the influence of big money in our politics by enacting limits on donations from lobbyists and increasing the power of campaign contributions from Americans by enacting a small-donor matching program.

Without this much-needed reform, our political system will never be truly democratic or fully representative, meaning our government will continue to work only for the privileged few.

Elycia Lerman
Lambertville, N.J.

What would George Orwell say today?

George Orwell once wrote, “...whether the British ruling class are wicked or merely stupid is one of the most difficult questions of our time, and at certain moments a very important question.”

If Orwell were writing today he might very well ask the same question slightly differently. “Whether the Republican Party are wicked or merely stupid is one of the most difficult questions of our time, and at this moment, the most important question.”

The answer to that question may very well determine America’s future over the next generation.

Don Crouthamel
Sellersville

A letter to spring

Dear Spring, Please. We need you. It’s enough. It’s your turn.

Hasn’t this been the winters of winters? With all these things fermenting upside down? If ever I was brought up close to my Norwegian heritage of dismal spirit during a long dark winter, I feel it now.

Can you give us something to greet our eyes as we meet the day? Can you show that life is still bursting? There are hungry little projects churning in my breast. And a wanting to see what last year’s work expresses.

Can you get my husband and me out into the yard where we thrive? Let the windows be open. Your ephemerals, that ever so tender and brief little prelude as they

so quickly rebirth themselves. Appearing as if scampering through the woods and everywhere.

Spring, please, please. I promise (oh, do help me), I will not begrudge the leafing out of all the trees (as they should and must and do) that thrusts us into our deep woodland shade. And makes tomatoes impossible.

And you know, we will learn things. So much. And next year will appreciate your ways even more. And get what it’s all about even better. Spring, we are so young. You know that. But so appreciating and so willing.

Quite sincerely,
From all of Us
By way of Pamela West
West Rockhill

Less screen time, more outdoor time

It’s happening in Silicon Valley. It’s being incorporated into the lives of more and more family members working in high tech at places like Google and Apple. And it’s also here in Bucks County.

What are we talking about? Less screen time. More experiential learning. The correlating factor in all of this is the philosophy behind a less digital driven education for children. As technology has ramped up exponentially, the Waldorf way of teaching is an example of successful educating in a tech-free environment.

Locally, River Valley Waldorf in Upper Black Eddy has remained steadfast in its screen-free teaching methods shared by over 150 schools of its type around the country.

The pandemic has brought untold challenges to teaching. As we pass one full year of living with the new normal, hindsight is insight. The success that a less digital way of teaching brings can be integrated into any learning situation, whether in-person, hybrid, or fully remote.

Alex D., parent and board member at River Valley Waldorf School highlights some reasons why tech-free learning is so valued. “As an IT professional, I see there are a lot of positives in using screens from a technology perspective, but from an education and parent point of view, there is a higher value in a nonscreen school environment.

“Children are focused on engaging directly with people, and learning via pencils, chalkboards, art supplies, books, etc. instead of those items being replaced by digital devices. There is value in knowing how to use the tools first before

replacing them with a screen.

“With Covid, that wasn’t entirely possible, so we pivoted to remote classes as needed, but simply viewed it as a solution in the moment, keeping the digital usage as minimal as possible to fill the gap until it was safe to return to in-person screen-free learning.”

A tech-free education allows children to discover and problem solve in a manner that inspires creativity – promoting experiential learning, interaction with others, and development of social skills. This is important at any stage of development, but perhaps especially in the younger years. A recent article by the Lehigh Valley Health Network discusses the topic of screen time and children, citing the distinctions between positively interacting on a video call vs. digital media that distracts from social interactions.

Utilizing screens more during the current times of pivoting between in-person, hybrid, and remote learning is an understood necessity, yet the pendulum swing has begun trending toward a low- or lower-tech education. It’s a matter of how it is being used rather than how often.

It doesn’t mean that this style of teaching won’t ever have children using screens. It just means they are encouraged to learn without having to rely on it. It’s this aspect that can drive the implementation of necessary screen time during pandemic.

Keeping the time limited, not relying on it, and continuing to promote the experience of screen-free learning. In some ways, it may be more important than ever.

Janine Carroll, Upper Black Eddy

HISTORY LIVES Jean Rollo, Doylestown Historical Society



Doylestown’s Dr. Amos Barber. Amos Walker Barber (1860-1915) was born in Doylestown and grew up in the family home at 140 E. State St. He attended the Doylestown public schools and graduated from the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania in 1883. In 1885 he was recruited to run a civilian hospital at the site of Fort Fetterman in eastern Wyoming Territory, and during his first year, 25-year-old Barber was appointed the U.S. Army’s chief surgeon at Fort Fetterman. He originated the system of treatment for rattlesnake bites and was an authority on gunshot wounds. It was said among the settlers that he never refused to respond to a call, no matter how arduous a journey it entailed.

After resigning his commission in the U.S. Army, Barber continued to practice medicine in Wyoming. When the territory was granted statehood in July 1890, Barber was nominated by the Republican Party to serve as Secretary of State under Wyoming’s first governor, Francis E. Warren (1844-1929). Just two months later, Gov. Warren was elected to

the U.S. Senate, and Barber became acting governor until January 1893. He is credited for having avoided a bloody range war in 1892 between the state’s cattlemen and settlers.

After again serving in the Army during the Spanish-American War in 1898, Barber returned to his home in Cheyenne where he gave his entire attention to his private practice of medicine. It was said that he was probably the best-known surgeon between Omaha and Salt Lake City. Dr. Barber was an intimate friend of many notable characters, including the E.H. Harriman (railroad magnate), Dr. Silas Weir Mitchell (American physician and author) and Theodore Roosevelt (president of the United States).

Doylestownhistorical.org



DR. AMOS BARBER



Waldorf Schools encourage outdoor activities and screen-free learning. This is a group of children at River Valley Waldorf School in Upper Black Eddy.

What should have been said ...

In the March 4 story covering the Stockton Borough Planning Board meeting of March 2, it is stated that Avon Road Partners, the developer, is from New York. People have also posted on social media that the company is from New York. The fact is that it is domiciled in New Hope. Avon Partners moved its corporate office to New Hope in July.

Daylight Saving Time

Snow still on the ground but Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 14. On Thursday, March 11, sunrise is at 6:19 a.m. Sunset is at 6:02 p.m. On Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, sunrise is at 7:09 a.m. Sunset is at 7:09 p.m.

Letters to the Herald

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Herald names Count the Shamrocks winners

Siobhan Donaldson

— **Loretta Wysocki** of Doylestown

8. Bergin's Chocolates — two boxes of butter cremes or assorted chocolates (milk and dark)
— **Ken Detweiler** of Sellersville
— **Sarah Mindler** of Springtown

9. Ten Thousand Villages — \$15 gift certificate
— **Mary Gray** of Doylestown

10. Basil Bandwagon — two \$25 gift certificates (contact the Herald for gift certificates, 215-794-1096)
— **Fay Macheski** of Warminster
— **Mary-Jane Clemens** of Chalfont

11. Ironbound Hard Cider — T-shirt
— **Marge Golden** of Warminster

12. Pierre's Chocolates — \$25 gift certificate
— **Carol Spencer** of New Hope

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Buckingham - Keith Balderston, Dottie McGowan, Jacob Goerner, Karen Smyth, Michael Goerner, Bill McBride, Susan Balderston, Tom McGowan JR, Pam Lutz, Tobi Timko, Ginny Clemens, Janet Chaki,
Buckingham Springs - George Calantuono
Carversville - J. Walter Livezey III

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Deadline for agriculture risk coverage enrollment looms

Agricultural producers in Pennsylvania who have not yet elected and enrolled in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2021 have until March 15 to do so.

Producers who have not signed a contract or who want to make an election change should contact their local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center to make an appointment.

"In times like these, from winter storms to a pandemic, we're reminded of the importance of managing risk," said Dan Smeal, acting state executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Pennsylvania. "The Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage programs provide critical support to farmers to protect them from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues."

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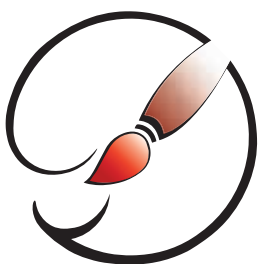
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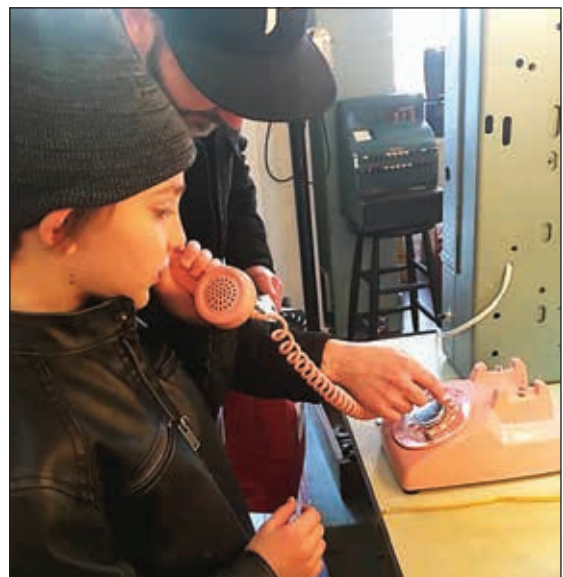
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As technology rules, Vintage Vibe turns the other way

Freda Savana



MEGHAN AND DAVID PIERSON, owners of Vintage Vibe in Doylestown, are celebrating five years in business. Their East State Street shop features uniquely repurposed vintage radios and TVs and much more.



FREDA SAVANA

Elias Savana, 9, tries out a rotary telephone at Vintage Vibe in Doylestown. The store, that's celebrating its fifth anniversary, repurposes retro items.

Walking into Vintage Vibe is like entering a world that's at once both familiar and foreign.

In the small shop, tucked among a string of other stores along East State Street in Doylestown Borough, you'll find your grandparents' radio restored to its original beauty, but now with Bluetooth; an updated 1940s television, and a restored record player that brings a rush of memories.

Meghan and David Pierson launched the unique retro store five years ago and are celebrating the anniversary throughout March with a raffle and discounts.

"We're giving these vintage things a second life," said Meghan. "Normally, they'd be stashed away in someone's attic or in a dark corner of a basement."

The couple scour flea markets and antiques shops in search of long forgotten items that would likely be lost to time were it not for their keen eye and love of returning everything — from old phones, AM radios, ancient televisions, cash registers, typewriters and more, to the 21st century.

"David can fix or repurpose almost anything," said Meghan, of her husband, "and I was in the interior design business, before we honed in on this idea."

From floor to ceiling, the store is filled with stuff that shakes free the past and all the nostalgia that comes with it. Whether it's antique lighting, a pink rotary telephone or an old kitchen clock that reminds you of your grandmother, or, perhaps, introduces you to her, Vintage Vibe is a place that draws you in for a closer look. A place that connects you to past genera-

tions. "We take once useful things and attractive items that are now obsolete and return them to working order," said David. "In many cases, we improve upon their functionality with modern innovations, like Bluetooth, so that they can be enjoyed in today's homes." A restored and updated record

player from decades past is so special, Meghan said. "It gives you an incredible, warm sound ... it has character."

The Piersons chose Doylestown for their store because it's a "perfect fit," said Meghan. "We love the look of the town, we love that it's a walking town and we love getting to know everyone." Visit the store March 20, from

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and March 21, from noon to 4 p.m. and enter a free raffle for a Vintage Bluetooth Radio Speaker. The winner will be announced at 6 p.m. March 21. There's also a 10 percent discount to thank the community, the Piersons said.

Online appointments are available and custom orders are also welcomed.

Downtown Perkasio eligible to become National Historic District

Perkasie Borough's downtown area is now eligible to become a National Historic District after a determination by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, the borough announced on March 8.

The decision is the first of a three-part process. It allows Perkasio Borough to submit a final National Register nomination to the commonwealth's Preservation Office in the coming months. After local public comment and a review by the state Historic Preservation Board, a favorable decision by the board in Harrisburg would be sent to the National Park Service for its approval of a Perkasio National Historic Dis-

trict. "The borough has worked for the past five years to ensure Perkasio takes its rightful place among the most cherished hometowns in Pennsylvania," said Scott Bomboy, chair of Perkasio Borough Council's Historical Committee. "It is an honor long-deserved, and hopefully state and federal officials will agree when they review our final nomination."

The state Preservation Office determined Perkasio's central area, above the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek, is eligible under National Register Criteria C, for Architecture. The state Preserva-

tion Office and Perkasio Borough will determine the historic district's proposed boundaries in the near future, with the Perkasio's original core downtown area anchoring the district. Perkasio Borough's earliest borders extended from parts of Third Street to Ninth Street, bordered by Walnut and Race streets. It is expected the proposed Perkasio National Historic District will include additional buildings adjacent to Perkasio's old downtown.

The state determined Perkasio's period of historical significance began with the construction of the Landis Ridge tunnel in the 1850s and extended into the 1950s. As

the boundary is adjusted, the area of significance period may be extended.

Richard Grubb and Associates of Cranbury, N.J., worked with Perkasio Borough Council's Historical Committee on the resource survey that led the eligibility determination. The preliminary finding was made in February by the state, and basic information about the determination is now on PA-Share (phmc.pa.gov/PA-SHARE), the state's new historic preservation resource website.

The final designation of a National Historic District in itself does

not protect historic structures from demolition or regulate how owners maintain their properties. But owners of historic properties contributing to the district may become eligible for historic preservation tax credits and preservation easements, under certain conditions.

Currently, Perkasio has two other districts eligible for the National Register: Lake Lenape Park and the Bridgetown-South Perkasio district. The National Park Service approved the Perkasio Park Camp-Meeting as a National Historic District in September 2016.

Pearl S. Buck International hosts Volunteer Orientation Session

Pearl S. Buck International has a range of volunteer opportunities that offer many ways for someone to make a difference.

Orientation will be held at Pearl S. Buck International, 520 Dublin Road, Perkasio, 1 p.m. Thursday, March 18.

The Volunteer Orientation Session includes learning more about

the mission, touring the National Historic Landmark property and discovering how individuals can share their talents with the nonprofit organization.

Volunteers at Pearl S. Buck International choose from tasks as varied as serving as a tour guide for visitors to the National Historic Landmark Home of Pearl S. Buck, helping

with the archival collection, working in the International Gift Shop, processing letters from sponsored children, or assisting with special events such as the annual Holiday Craft Show or signature Taste of the World reception. Volunteers are also invited to bring their special talents to the organization. This has resulted in many projects such as a public quilt show, book discussion groups, a Pearl Buck play, a photographic book of the Pearl S. Buck House, and more.

Pearl S. Buck International has implemented strict health and safety protocols due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic to protect the well-being of all volunteers, visitors, and staff. Read more at pearlsbuck.org/reopening/.

For information on volunteering with Pearl S. Buck International, visit pearlsbuck.org/volunteer.

Sale at Wild Birds Unlimited in Buckingham benefits local organizations

Wild Birds Unlimited, a national franchise dedicated to the century-old hobby of backyard bird-feeding, is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

In honor of this milestone, the local store in Buckingham Green will donate 40 percent of its sales over four days to four organizations. Ten percent of sales each day will be donated to a different group.

The dates are as follows: Monday, March 15, the Bucks County Audubon Society; Tuesday, March 16, the AARK in Chalfont; Wednesday, March 17, Lulu's Dog Rescue; and Thursday, March 18,

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County.

"As we all know, fundraising has been difficult during COVID-19. We wanted to give back to a few organizations near and dear to our business and our hearts," said Lisa and David Mergen, the store owners, via email.

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A time to celebrate a global week

Anna Katz

International Women's Day, celebrated this year on March 8, is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women and marking a call to action to continue the fight for women's equality.

The theme this year is "Choose to Challenge"—a challenging world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. Someone who continually "chose to challenge" throughout the course of her life was the founder of Pearl S. Buck International. Pearl S. Buck lived those

words in all aspects of life—by nature she questioned and challenged everything in her environment, inquisitive as a writer and challenging as a humanitarian and advocate for human rights. Women's rights and women's equality were at the forefront of social justice issues Pearl chose to challenge. She engaged in a years-long evolutionary process of examining women's roles in China and the US, emerging with a foundational understanding reflective in the following quotations found in her book "Of Men and Women."

"For no country is a true democracy whose women have not an equal

share in life with men and until we realize this we should never achieve a real democracy on this earth.

"...that happiness for men and women is in the greatest freedom for both that is consistent with equal opportunity. Freedom without opportunity is meaningless. Free men and free women, working on equal terms together in all the processes of life—and what is this but democracy?"

"Of Men and Women" was published in 1941—80 years ago. Although her path was winding, forcing her to challenge "who was responsible for the state of affairs

between American men and women," ultimately she understood that men, women, and the structure of society needed to change for freedom and democracy to thrive. To understand the path she pursued toward achieving this end, stay tuned for the new virtual Pearl S. Buck on Women exhibit due out April 2021.

Celebrate International Women's Week by creating the bridge of opportunity to freedom for young girls around the world. Through child sponsorship, marginalized and impoverished children, many of whom are young girls, benefit from the opportunity to not only go

to school but to complete their education, lifting themselves and their families out of poverty.

Child sponsorship allows "girl power" to flourish, leading to women's empowerment through education that leads to successful careers and making their own positive impact in the world. Find out more at pearlsbuck.org/sponsor-a-child/

People can donate to further ensure that Pearl S. Buck's legacy of supporting women's empowerment continues for generations to come.

Anna Katz is president and CEO of Pearl S. Buck International.

Salem Church program addresses promises, controversies of COVID vaccine

Salem Church's online social justice series continues with "A Shot in the Arm: The Promises and Controversies of the COVID vaccine."

Join Salem Church via Zoom at 7 p.m. Thursday March 18 for a free presentation and Q&A with Dr. Glenn Rall, one of the country's top virologists.

It is generally thought that the beginning of the end phase of this pandemic will be the arrival of protective vaccines against SARS

CoV-2. While progress in vaccine development has been truly remarkable, resulting in multiple safe and effective vaccines heading to market, close to 50% of Americans say that they are not likely to get the vaccine. Where does this hesitancy come from, and what kinds of education can be put into place to refute false beliefs and provide concrete guidance for making a decision?

The discussion will focus on the basic biology of what vaccines

"do" and an up-to-the-moment assessment of where we are, followed by a discussion of some of the existing societal concerns that might interfere with a speedy end to this national nightmare.

Dr. Glenn Rall is a professor and the chief academic officer at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. In addition to his duties at Fox Chase, Rall is also an adjunct professor in the microbiology and immunology departments at the University of Pennsylvania, Prince-

ton, Thomas Jefferson, Drexel, and Temple universities.

Rall's laboratory studies viral infections of the brain and the immune responses to those infections, with the goal of defining how viruses contribute to disease in humans, including cancer. His service to the scientific community includes membership on the Autism Speaks Scientific Advisory Board, editor of various journals, program chair of the American Society for Virology, and co-authorship of the top-selling

textbook, "Principles of Virology."

The event is part of a monthly series, "Thursdays for Justice," hosted by The Social Action Network of Salem Church. The free, year-long discussion series, on the third Thursday of each month, focuses on justice and social impact issues. Each discussion will begin at 7 p.m. and last for one hour.

More information and upcoming discussions in the series are at Salemstrong.org/Thursdays-for-justice.

Retired rear admiral talks about going from Bucks County to Congress

The public is invited to join a virtual conversation with retired Rear Adm. Margaret Grun Kibben, a former resident of Warrington, from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in celebration of Women's History Month.

Hosted by Bucks County Community College, Lower Bucks Campus, registration for the event is required.

Rear Adm. Margaret Grun Kibben, recently retired from the U.S. Navy, brings decades of decorated experience in the military and government sectors, providing executive advisement regarding moral, ethical and spiritual leadership. Her topic, "Leadership in the Public and Private Sector, Dr. Kibben's Journey," will provide a personal perspective.

As an indication of Dr. Kibben's



REAR ADM. MARGARET GRUN KIBBEN

thoughts on leadership, she's been recently quoted saying, "Through-

out my experience in the military and now in government, I have been made keenly aware that when people acknowledge their innate skills, ground their actions in moral purpose, and use their God-given voice, their leadership can't help but make a difference."

She entered active duty in the United States Navy in 1986, receiving her Master's and Doctorate of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J. While at the Naval War College, Kibben was a senior fellow at the United States Institute of Peace.

As a founding member of AI and Faith, she has engaged herself in the emerging debate on the ethical development of Artificial Intelligence and related technologies, researching and speaking on the ethics of artificial intelligence. In January, she became the first woman to serve as chaplain in either Chamber of Congress and the 65th chaplain of the United States House of Representatives.

There is no charge to participate in this presentation, but preregistration is required at: bit.ly/zoombcc.

Wesley Enhanced Living residents receive COVID-19 vaccines

Wesley Enhanced Living has reached a milestone in offering the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to residents across its six senior living communities located across Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties.

"At Wesley Enhanced Living, we are committed to supporting our residents and staff members in living healthy, engaging and vibrant lives," said Jeff Petty, president and chief executive officer at Wesley Enhanced Living. "After such a challenging year, working to coordinate and facilitate COVID-19 vaccination clinics has been a top priority for our team as we collectively work to establish a sense of normalcy again in our lives."

In close coordination with county and pharmacy partners, all residents at each Wesley Enhanced Living community have had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As of March 2, nearly 90% of Wesley Enhanced Living residents have received the

first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, some have already received the second dose and additional vaccination clinics are planned in the coming weeks.

"Our leadership team is so proud of our residents, staff and their families. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, we have felt a hopeful sense of positivity and optimism across all six of our communities," said Petty. "We are thankful our resident vaccine-rollout program has been met with such enthusiasm, as we look forward to lifting certain restrictions – where appropriate – in the near future."

PennDOT to address Doylestown highway improvement project at public meeting

PennDOT is hosting a virtual public meeting discussing the planned improvement project for Easton Road and New Britain Road in Doylestown Township. The meeting will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on March 11.

Community members will have the opportunity to comment on the two proposed roundabouts set for construction. Attendees will also review preliminary intersection designs, associated multi-use path modifications, environmental features and the anticipated project schedule. Organizers will demonstrate the project's purpose and need.

Advanced registration is required to receive the meeting link and sign-in instructions. To register, email c-ggumas@pa.gov.

Credit union launches community initiative, donates to Philabundance

With the coronavirus pandemic impacting the country, many non-profits have been stretched thin and need resources. In an effort to help make a difference, TruMark Financial Credit Union launched its "Concern for Community" initiative.

Food insecurity across the country has risen significantly since the pandemic laid off 14 million workers in the U.S. from February to May, according to the Pew Research Center. Pantries have been struggling to keep the shelves replenished with nutritious staples. To help combat food insecurity, TruMark Financial will be donating \$2,500 per month to Philabundance for a total of \$30,000 in 2021.

In addition to the Philabundance donation, smaller monthly initiatives also are scheduled throughout the year. Each month the credit union will select different organizations to receive resources needed for their clients. Resources range from socks, hats, mittens, and backpacks to cleaning supplies for people transitioning into their own homes.

In January, to kick off the program, the credit union donated a total of 100 blankets to shelters in the area. The following shelters each received a supply of blankets: Good Samaritan Services in Phoenixville, Betheseda Project in Philadelphia, Pathways PA in Media, Family Service Association of Bucks County and Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line.

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South Hunterdon defeats Del Val for Skyland title

Jeff Moeller

On Sunday afternoon, South Hunterdon head girls basketball coach Gene Schaedel was still waiting to receive a championship trophy for the Eagles' 47-41

Girls basketball

defeat of Delaware Valley to capture the Skyland Conference Silver Division title.

After a 15-year hiatus from their last championship – the NJSIAA Central Jersey Group I crown in 2006 – Schaedel and his girls could wait a few more days.

“For us, this is big,” said Schaedel. “We didn’t expect to win seven games in a row. But I thought we could finish the season strong.”

“Our schedule was balanced and worked for us. This is great for our seniors and everyone else considering what we had to deal with all year and being shut down (due to COVID outbreak) for two weeks. It will be memorable for our players.”

Senior Rebecca Phillips, who was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player, nearly had a triple-double performance against Delaware Valley with 19 points, 15 rebounds and six steals. Fellow senior Kate Robinson added 10 points for the Eagles, who finished 10-3 overall.

Phillips knew it was a long journey over the past few weeks.

“It was very exciting to win the sectional title this year and a really nice way to finish our last season,” said Phillips. “We all worked really hard this season and it’s nice when it feels like all of your hard work has paid off. Along with winning the title, it was great to finish on a seven-game winning streak.”

“I don’t know if we necessarily expected to have such a strong finish at first, but we had really good momentum going. Towards the end of the season, we really started playing well together and we were having a lot of fun.”

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MICHAEL A. APICE

District playoffs heat up final days of winter

Faith Christian's Branko Stanisic battles for a rebound with Jenkintown's Iman Jackson during Monday night's District One Class A semifinal, hosted by the Drakes. Faith, the No. 3 seed, fell to No. 2 Jenkintown 49-39. More photos from the Class A semifinal, as well as highlights from the first week of district playoffs, on page B2.

Cummiskey buzzer beater sends CB East to district quarterfinals

Karen Sangillo

In his wildest dreams, Jacob Cummiskey couldn't have come up with this scenario.

The freshman on the Central Bucks East boys basketball team hit a buzzer beater to lift the host Patriots

Boys basketball

past Boyertown, 51-50, in the second round of the District One Class 6A tournament on Tuesday night.

“That was by far the biggest basket of my career,” Cummiskey said. “I’ve never hit a game-winner before. I guess I couldn’t have picked a better time to do it.”

“This was a really close game. There was never a point when I was sure we were going to win and honestly, I had my doubts. I thought it would go right down to the end, but I never thought I’d be the one to make the winning shot.”

The Patriots were trailing, 50-49, when Joe Jackman missed a shot that would have given them the lead.

“When Joe missed that basket, at that point, I thought it was over,” said Cummiskey, who ended the game with 10 points, four assists and three rebounds.

“But then they missed a foul shot and I was screaming to my teammates and they got me the ball. I found myself in the open court and that’s what I do best so I put it up there and hoped for the best.”

“I was on the ground while it was in the air so I was just watching it. I didn’t even know the time. I heard

the buzzer go and everyone started running and I was confused. I didn’t even know the game was over and then it hit me that I actually had the game-winner.”

Both Boyertown (10-6), the 10th seed, and CB East, seeded seventh, had opening-round byes. For the Patriots, that meant a seven-day layoff between their league finale with Central Bucks West and their first postseason game.

“We were a little rusty in the beginning and I think that’s because we had the bye, but they had all the same problems because they had a bye, too,” Cummiskey said. “As the game went on, we were both starting to hit our shots and it was really competitive.”

The two programs are familiar with each other, having been on each other’s non-league schedule in the 2018-19 and 2019-2020 seasons.

“We have mutual respect for each other,” said CB East senior Jason Markowitz, who had six points and three steals. “We knew they’d be tough, and they were. What a game. Both teams really played their hearts out.”

CB East jumped out to an early lead, ending the first quarter ahead, 15-10, and by halftime leading, 24-20.

“We never really built up a big lead and they caught us,” Markowitz said. “I thought it was over, but I had a lot of confidence in this team. I’m so happy for everyone.”

“I took it personally when they started to pick it up and get into the game. I felt like defense needed to change the game, so I took the

challenge of guarding No. 5 (Salata) and he did not score on me. At the very end when we were down by one, I couldn’t even watch the game. I was shaking. What a play.”

Jackman led all scorers with 13 points, including two 3-point goals. He is the program’s all-time leader with 130 3-pointers in his career.

“I was scared,” said Jackman, speaking of the final seconds of the game. “Obviously there’s going to be a little fear; we were down by one and there were only a few seconds left. But I was still confident, and the freshman, he was composed. He made the shot when we really needed it. We love him; he’s a great kid.”

“A win’s a win. It just feels good that we get to move on. Boyertown’s a tough team. They gave it their all and so did we. It was fun to play against them.”

Jack Hamilton had 11 points and eight rebounds,

The Patriots (13-3) advance to Friday’s quarterfinals where they will take on 18th seed North Penn (12-6) at 7 p.m. at CB East. The Knights upset second seed Conestoga, 52-45, to earn the chance to play CB East.

It will be the third meeting of the season for the two, as both programs hail from the Suburban One League Colonial Division. CB East was the league champion, while North Penn finished third. North Penn won the first game between the two, 71-66, while the Patriots won the rematch, 57-46.

“We’re looking forward to it,” Jackman said.



COURTESY OF ANDREW ZALESCIK

Drew Zalescik, the state of New Jersey’s leading scorer, poses with South Hunterdon Athletic Director Jason Miller, left, and coach Kevin McCarron, right, after tallying his 1,000th point.

To the point South Hunterdon’s Zalescik somehow hits milestone

Don Leyboldt

When South Hunterdon’s 2019-2020 season ended, there was a great chance that Drew Zalescik would enter the Eagles’ 1,000-point club the next winter. He needed 255 points – a number he smashed as a junior.

When COVID forced South Hunterdon to condense its schedule, there was no way, no how Zalescik would enter the 1,000-point club. High school players don’t average 25 points a game.

But neither pandemics nor defenses stopped Zalescik. During his fifth straight 30-point game, Zalescik hit the 1K milestone in South Hunterdon’s 61-58 March 1 win over Manville.

“I went to high school games when I was younger and have always seen their banner. It’s been a milestone I wanted to reach because I feel like 1,000 points isn’t something you should try to get,” Zalescik emphasized. “It is something that should come naturally if you are playing as hard as you can.”

Zalescik averaged 29 points per game this season, which led

the entire state of New Jersey. He went for 30 seven times in a dozen games.

“He is a long defender who gets a bunch of deflections and tips, and creates problems on defense,” noted South Hunterdon head coach Kevin McCarron. “He is our best rebounder right now, especially for a guy who is not a big. He’s got a knack for being around the ball. And he is a quiet leader. He does things the right way, has a smile on his face, never has a negative word and the other kids look up to him for that.”

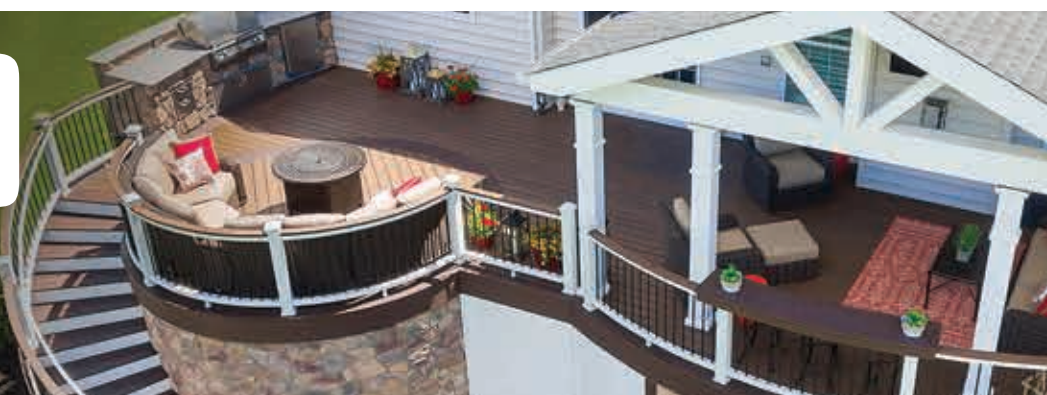
Zalescik led South Hunterdon in scoring in all three of his varsity years. Last season, Zalescik averaged 18 points per game while guiding a 17-9 Eagle squad to the second round of sectionals. Zalescik averaged 22 points per game during two Eagle five-game win streaks. His 39 points in an 80-77 overtime win over Keyport marked a new career high; Zalescik also ranked second on South Hunterdon last year in steals and rebounds.

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SPORTS

South Hunterdon crown, Cummiskey heroics highlight first playoff week

Don Leopoldt

They are the champions!
 No. 3 **South Hunterdon** (10-3) topped No. 4 Delaware Valley 47-41 on March 5 to claim the Skyland Conference Silver Division championship. Rebecca Phillips scored 19 points and grabbed 15 rebounds while both Kate Robinson and Eve Durkee-Neumann added 10 points. The Eagles used a 15-0 second quarter run to put away No. 6 Manville 48-36 in the March 1 quarterfinal and traveled to top No. 2 Belvidere 40-31 in the semifinals. The Eagles carry a seven-game win streak into next season.

The No. 6 **South Hunterdon** (4-8) boys ended their season last Saturday with a 76-62 loss to No. 4 Manville in the Skyland Silver Division third-place game. The Eagles flew into the winner's bracket with their 47-38 win over No. 3 Warren Hills on March 2. South Hunterdon won four of their final seven games.

In Pennsylvania, No. 7 **CB East** (13-3), the SOL Colonial champ, topped No. 10 Boyertown 51-50 on Jacob Cummiskey's buzzer beating layup in a Tuesday night District One 6A second-round win. Joe Jackman's 13 points paced the Patriots. East advances to face No. 18 North Penn, upset winner over No. 2 Conestoga, in Friday's quarterfinal. No. 16 Methacton topped No. 17

CB South (9-7) 46-38 in class 6A boys first-round action on Saturday. The Titans finished in a three-way tie for second in the SOL Colonial with North Penn and No. 12 **Pennridge** (13-6), who fell 56-52 to No. 5 Perkiomen Valley in Tuesday's second round. The Rams won their final five regular season games.

The No. 19 **CB South** girls (9-8) throttled No. 14 WC Henderson 43-26 in Class 6A first-round action on Saturday. Junior Taylor Hinkle nearly singlehandedly outscored the Warriors with her 21 points. The Titans advance to face rival No. 3 **CB East** (14-1) in a second-round Wednesday game. The Patriots ran the table this winter en route to an SOL Colonial title. No. 10 **CB West** (11-5) also traveled to No. 7 Unionville for a second-round Wednesday night game. The peaking Bucks take a six-game win streak out to Chester County. Both results were unavailable at press time.

The East/South winner will play the No. 6 Ridley/No. 11 Pennsylvania winner in Saturday's quarterfinal. The West/Unionville winner takes on No. 2 Plymouth Whitemarsh/No. 18 Souderton the same day.

The SOL Freedom co-champion No. 2 **New Hope-Solebury** girls (16-4) topped No. 3 Pope John Paul II 39-35 in Tuesday's Class 4A semifinals. Reagan Chrenick's dozen points paced the Lions while

Rachel Saxton and Kate Dougherty added seven points each. New Hope advances to Friday's final at No. 1 Gwynedd Mercy (13-1).

No. 2 **New Hope-Solebury** (6-13) played No. 1 Pope John Paul II (13-1) late Wednesday night in the District One 4A boys title game. The Lions won four of their last nine to close the year including stunning 6A CB East 61-56 on Feb. 26 behind Alex Walinski's 25 points.

The No. 3 **Palisades** (9-8) girls beat No. 6 Northern Lehigh 53-45 in the March 4 District 11 Class 3A quarterfinal but fell in Saturday's semifinal 45-36 to No. 2 Palmetton. NJIT-signee Trinity Williams was named this season's Colonial League MVP. The Pirates assembled a seven-game win streak in the middle of the season.

No. 4 Salisbury defeated No. 5 **Palisades** 59-29 in the District 11 3A boys quarterfinal on March 4. Brandon Fox and Liam Carey both averaged in double figures this winter for the Pirates (7-13).

The No. 2 **Faith Christian** girls (11-5) fell gamely to No. 1 Jenkintown 57-47 in the March 9 Class A District One finals. Jenkintown was the only team to top Faith in Bicentennial play this season.

No. 2 Jenkintown topped No. 3 **Faith Christian** (7-9) 49-39 on Monday in the boys' Class A semifinal.



Faith Christian's Shane O'Connor flies through the air and lands on the Drakes' Roan McCall in Monday's Class A semifinal game.



Faith Christian's Branko Stanasic drives in for two against Jenkintown's Jadan Welch.



Faith Christian's Peyton Curry gets double-teamed by Jenkintown's Cole Krinvic and Iman Jackson in the Drakes' 49-39 victory.



Jenkintown's Sean Mizzoni fouls Faith Christian's Peyton Curry.



Faith Christian's Branko Stanasic can't believe the call as Jenkintown's Jadan Welch lends a hand.



Faith Christian's Daniel Meeh gets a handful when Jenkintown's Emmet Tweh rejects the shot.



Faith Christian's Shane O'Connor gets some tight defense against Jenkintown's Dan Ecker.

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SPORTS



Faith, CR North wrestlers stand atop podium at Super Regionals

Alderfer, Hauserman lead list of state qualifiers

Jeff Moeller

Faith Christian's Eric Alderfer may have captured the top medal in his weight class at the PIAA East Class

Wrestling

2A Super Regional at Pottsville High School last weekend, but he didn't like the path he took to get there.

"I didn't think I had a good tournament," said Alderfer, a junior who won the 138-pound class. "I just wanted to find a way to punch my ticket (to Hershey)."

"I feel like most of the pressure is off to get there, and I can just go out there and have fun."

Fellow 138-pounder Kyle Hauserman, a senior at Council Rock North, took the top spot in the PIAA East Class 3A Super Regional at Quakertown, which saw Mason Ziegler – the host Panthers' own wrestler – record a third-place finish at 106.

Palisades senior Ben Haubert finished second at the Class 2A Super Regional in the 172-pound class.

Council Rock North junior Tony Burke (106) was third and so was Council Rock South junior Matt Colajezzi (106) and Central Bucks East junior Quinn Collins (215). Central Bucks West junior Carl DiGiorgio (215) earned an invite with a fourth-place finish.

The top four wrestlers in each weight class were awarded a trip to the PIAA championships in Chocolate Town.

Alderfer, who finished eighth last year at states, took the initiative to build on his experience last year.

"I feel a lot stronger," he said. "I didn't know what to expect, and it was a little nerve-wracking."

"At the beginning of this year, I didn't have a good start in my first few matches. But I feel over the last few weeks, I got my mojo back. I feel really good and pretty confident about going out there."

Faith head coach Ben Clymer watched Alderfer (21-3) excel along the way this season.

"Eric has been doing an awesome job, and I believe he has a

real chance," said Clymer. "Last year, he was a little shocked and didn't wrestle like himself."

"He is wrestling well again right now. He has the right mentality, and that has shown in close matches."

Hauserman, who finished third and fourth in respective trips to the state tournament, has an unblemished 18-0 mark heading to Hershey. He has dealt with the complexities of being the No. 1 seed in his weight all season.

"I know that I always have a target on my back when you're the one seed," Hauserman said. "They will come at me because it's a big moment for them too. I have to keep a good position and wrestle every match like I know I can. I think I've been doing that so far."

Ziegler, a freshman who will be making his first trip to states, plans on enjoying the moment as he works toward the big prize.

"This feels amazing," said Ziegler. "It has been such great year, and I feel good where I am at."

"I am one step close to winning a state title."



COURTESY OF ANDREW ZALESCIK

South Hunterdon's Drew Zalescik puts up a shot during his team's 61-58 March 1 victory over Manville.

Zalescik hits milestone

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"What I like about Drew is that he is a team guy," McCarron said. "It's not about him ... ever. Drew is best when he has other aspects of his game going."

"Everything around scoring improves scoring," Zalescik added. "It starts with the little things. Rebounding, blocking shots and playing solid defense translates into transition which translates into scoring which translates into our team winning."

This Feb. 24, Zalescik personally outscored Belvidere 38-34 in a 77-34 Eagle rout. Five days later, Zalescik tallied a new career-best 43 points while breaking the 1,000-point plateau against Manville.

"I've grown mentally," Zalescik feels. "Last season, I was boxed and oned the last two games of the season. I had never had that experience, and I was exhausted. I didn't know how to respond. This year, I mentally prepared and trained myself for that."

"Teams are face guarding him, focusing on him, running multiple guys at him and he is still finding a way to do it," McCarron explained. "He has always done it but now he is getting other people involved, which takes the pressure off of himself. Most scoring in the early part of games isn't from forced shots. It comes from putbacks, steals and other aspects of the game."

Zalescik showed an uncanny

ability of getting to the foul line this winter. He sank more foul shots this season than last season, and in half the number of games.

"He is scoring from all three levels: around the basket, mid-range and 3s," McCarron observed. "He is going to the basket a lot this year and getting rebounds and putbacks."

"The key thing was my physicality and getting to the rim," Zalescik echoed. "In years past, I'd usually sit on the perimeter or take mid-range jumpers. This year, I grew to 6-foot-2 so I'm now challenging opponents more at the rim. I'm getting a lot of and-ones and I've been practicing free throws."

South Hunterdon (4-8) closed 2021 by finishing fourth in the Skyland Conference tournament. Zalescik's career will continue at the Merchant Marine Academy. He heads to Long Island in early July for Indocs.

"My family and I have always been interested in the military and it was always a goal of mine to go to a military academy," Zalescik explained. "What solidified the decision were the resources and opportunities there. I don't want to stay in one skill set or at one skill level. It's important to have an environment that will help me improve year by year and grow as a player and a person off the court."

Zalescik elevated his game from "very good" to "elite" this season. He certainly did not stay at one skill level.



COURTESY OF GENE SCHAEDEL

The South Hunterdon girls basketball team defeated Delaware Valley 47-41 to capture the Skyland Conference Silver Division title.

South Hunterdon girls basketball

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Robinson recalled the enduring rigors over the past four years.

"Winning the sectional title was a huge deal to not only our team but to the seniors especially," said Robinson, who missed all of last season with an ankle injury. "During our freshman year, we had four total wins and all of us freshman played a lot, most of us even started. Going from only winning four games an entire season to winning the sectional title felt amazing because we grew as players and we now have something to prove it."

"I couldn't be more proud of this team because we had so many obstacles against us. We had started off with a shortened season, and we had a two-week quarantine, which gave us even less games. We then came out of quarantine with a very ugly loss to this team (53-34). I think that was the start of our motivation."

Fellow senior Yurelis DeJesus, one of the first players off the bench, also recalled their former plight.

"Winning the sectional title was everything to the whole team," she said. "We seniors

really progressed from winning only four to seven games my freshman and sophomore year to being No. 1. It was all a huge jump."

"It was a bit scary coming back for me since I did take a year off, but it all worked out and it was like I never left. It's a bittersweet moment, and I am grateful that we got to all play together."

Schaedel credited sophomore Eve Durkee-Neumann, who had a stellar defensive game holding Delaware Valley leading scorer Carol Anne Bredeson to five points, more than a few points shy of her nearly 14 points per game average. Durkee-Neumann was named to the all-tournament team.

He also saw the seven-game win streak – that ended the

following day with a win over Belvidere in their season finale – as a true character test.

"We managed to win the rubber match with them (Delaware Valley)," he said. "We made a big run against Dunellen to pull out a big win. Even though we got crushed by Bound Brook, we were a different team."

"We took a big step up from last year. We then had a big, one-point road win at Belvidere. Both teams played really well, but it gave our kids a lot of confidence for a big finish."



COURTESY OF ANDREW ZALESCIK

Drew Zalescik on the free-throw line.

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SPORTS

CB West seniors take talents to collegiate level

Mary Jane Souder



MARY JANE SOUDER

At CB West's college commitment recognition ceremony are seniors, from left, front row, Julia Flood, Jackson Spradlin, Luke Shank, Claire Engebret; back row, Jeremy Tuz, Roman Berretta, Jayden Morris, James Lutz and Cole Young.

Julia Flood served early notice that she would be a force to be reckoned with in cross country. As a freshman, the Central Bucks West senior finished fourth out of 370 runners, and she's done nothing but get better since then.

When it came time to choose a college, Flood chose the University of Hartford from a final list that included Temple, Duquesne and La Salle. She will compete in both track and cross country.

"I always envisioned myself running in college, but it really started my sophomore year," Flood said. "I saw a bunch of people running in college, and I thought that was interesting, and it was something I wanted to do."

"I really liked the coaches at Hartford – they were really welcoming, and I felt like I was really wanted there. That was one of the major factors."

Flood was one of nine Central Bucks West senior recognized on Feb. 17. Luke Shank, Jayden Morris and James Lutz will play soccer at the collegiate level.

Shank will attend Holy Family University but also considered Bloomsburg, Moravian and DeSales.

"I really liked the campus and everything they had to offer," Shank said. "The current players really welcomed me, sent me messages on social media, and the coaches were just really nice."

"I've always wanted to play in college. I started to drift away, but junior year I started progressing, getting more looks. That's when I realized it was something I could do."

Lutz and Morris will be teammates at Elizabethtown College. Lutz, who will major

in business, also considered Catholic University, Muhlenberg and Scranton.

"Ever since probably seventh grade, I knew I wanted to play in college," Lutz said. "Honestly, Elizabethtown was one of the only schools I got to visit. I went up and I really liked it. I thought it was the best choice for me."

Morris was looking for schools with strong business and marketing programs with good internships.

"That's why I ultimately decided on Elizabethtown," said Morris, who also considered Moravian, Ursinus and Muhlenberg. "I also knew the coach because he recruited my brother. We've had some family go there. It felt like the right choice."

"When I was younger playing on club teams, it was my

goal to get to the next level, and I'm glad I was able to achieve that."

Jackson Spradlin and Cole Young will continue their football careers at Shippensburg University and Ursinus College, respectively.

Spradlin, who will major in business management, also considered PSAC rivals Millersville and Kutztown.

"I felt most at home, I felt most comfortable at Shippensburg, and the education and football program are excellent," Spradlin said. "Since seventh grade, I always knew I wanted football to hopefully pay for my education. Through high school, I worked really hard and got a lot better at it."

Young, who plans to major in exercise and sports physiology, dreamed of playing in the NFL as a youngster.

"College football was never a doubt in my mind," said Young, who also considered West Chester and Shippensburg. "The deciding factor was the coaching. I've gone to Coach (Steve) Devlin's camps when he was coaching at Wood. I got to know him really well through the years, and it just felt like family there."

Roman Berretta and Jeremy Tuz have committed to play collegiate baseball. Tuz has chosen Lebanon Valley College where he will major in biology.

"They have a really good after undergrad program," said Tuz, who also considered Delaware Valley and Ithaca.

"I think 100% of their bio grads from last year either had graduate school lined up or job lined up right after college. I think I was on the track

(to play college baseball) without knowing I was on the track. When it came time to make a decision about whether or not I would pursue it, I was all in on it."

Berretta, who plans to major in computer science, chose Albright from a final list that included Cairn, Eastern, Chestnut Hill and Gwynedd Mercy. He chose Albright because of his connection with the coaches.

"I've been talking with them the longest out of all the schools," Berretta said. "They seemed to really put the team emphasis first. They were very diligent in keeping in touch with me, and they really just have a great family atmosphere at the school."

"I've wanted to pursue college baseball since eighth grade. I was coming off a shoulder injury, and it just motivated me to want to get better and play more. It just really showed my love for the game."

Claire Engebret will continue her field hockey career at The College of New Jersey where she will major in computer science. Playing collegiate hockey has been a goal since she entered high school.

"I was also doing some track and performing arts and choir, so I had to make a decision," said Engebret, who also considered Stevens Institute of Technology and Ursinus. "I decided that field hockey was my true passion."

"The coaching staff at The College of New Jersey is absolutely amazing. Hearing them speak so passionately is absolutely amazing. Alongside the very competitive field hockey program, they also have strong academics, strong core principles. It was unquestionable where I should go."

Lafayette football star prepping at St. Luke's for NFL combine tests



Yasir Thomas and St. Luke's combine preparation team, from left, Mike Cerimele, Matt Hoover and Imad Azar, utilize video footage to analyze technique on Thomas' 40-yard sprint.

It might have all been different if not for COVID.

Yasir Thomas' quest for a pro-football career had to take a timeout over the past year because of the COVID crisis. But now, thanks to his determination and work ethic, and the coaching of St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Performance team, the 22-year-old former Lafayette College standout's playbook includes invitations to NFL combine workouts that could get him the exposure he needs to play at a professional level.

On March 9, the 6-foot, 210-pound Thomas was in Indianapolis, Ind., to show his

abilities in front of NFL/CFL scouts at the Pro-Day workout, which could edge him closer to the goal he has chased since graduating from Lafayette last May. He's waiting to hear about invitations to Temple University and Villanova University Pro-Days later this month and keeping his sights on other opportunities to make a professional football squad.

"The NFL, CFL, Mexico or overseas. I just want to play in the big league," Thomas said.

St. Luke's coaches help train athletes of all ages and skills levels and also have the expertise and experience to prepare

professional athletes for combine event workouts, said Mike Cerimele, St. Luke's community ambassador for sports medicine and sports performance specialist, who has built the program over the past 17 years.

"We have the top-notch facilities, equipment and experienced staff to train promising athletes for the intense combine events," said Cerimele. "We're providing a service to help players like Yasir reach for their goals."

Since the start of 2021, Thomas has been working out at St. Luke's Fitness & Sports Performance Center – Union Boulevard under the supervision of Cerimele, Matt Hoover and Imad Azar. Four days a week, they work him on speed, strength and conditioning, honing the skills and techniques he used to excel as a defensive back at Lafayette. One day a week, he backs off the explosive, max-level training and does yoga and other restorative exercises to help his body rest.

Azar calls Thomas' football prowess, "exceptional," adding, "He's made our job easy."

"I love working with these guys," Thomas says of his St. Luke's team. He trained alone after graduation, last year, so "we're helping finetune him," said Hoover.

They spent the past 10 weeks breaking down each combine event and implementing a strict speed and strength training regimen, which has translated into his increased strength and power performance.

"It's all about technique and being relaxed on the field," added Thomas, who nods to Malcolm Jenkins, Jamal Adams and Jabrill Peppers as his NFL safety role models.

"Yasir was in peak form last year, but then COVID hit," explained Cerimele. "Now we're dusting him off so he can peak at the right time. He's a great learner."

Thomas says he's ready for the rigors of the combines and hopefully the demands of the NFL.

His coaches agree that he has the talent and heart and has put in the time and training.

"He listens, processes and applies what he learns here," said Hoover. "We love working with athletes who are coachable, like Yasir."

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Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 31 – Feb. 6) is an annual celebration of Catholic education across the United States.

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) dubbed this year's theme as "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

Although different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lots of snow, the week at St. Isidore was filled with school-wide events that help students reflect on the uniqueness of Catholic schools.

St. Isidore School decided to

serve local community and businesses this year with proceeds from a coin drive, "Coins for Coffee." Families collected their coins, checked their piggy banks, searched their homes, under their couch cushions, earned their own and raised over \$2,000. The proceeds were used to purchase coffee and goodies for local essential workers including Quakertown and Richland Township police stations, Quakertown and Richlandtown post offices, Phoebe Richland, Independence Court and Fire Station No. 1.

In addition, St. Isidore teachers and staff wanted to recognize the hard work of their fellow local educators, so they treated the staff of nearby Quakertown Elementary School.



A St. Isidore student delivers a message of thanks to members of the Richland Township Police Department.



Students at St. Isidore deliver goodies as a show of thanks to members of the Richlandtown Post Office.



Students thank members of the Quakertown Post Office for their service.



Members of the St. Isidore School community drop off goodies to the staff of Phoebe Richland.



A St. Isidore student delivers messages of thanks to a member of the Quakertown Police Department.

Even during pandemic, students flourish in clubs, activities at Palisades

Donna V. Holmes

Open for face to face and online learning since the beginning of the school year (Aug. 31), Palisades students, families, and staff have been working diligently to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the community, to keep schools open and allow face to face and online programs (K-12) to flourish for the nearly 1,500 students enrolled.

Limiting the number of positive cases among students and staff has been in no small part because of the commitment of the school board, administration, faculty, staff, students and parents. The development of a Health and Safety Plan, which was board approved in July, is the foundation for Palisades' success. Regular communication about any positive cases in the district, reminders about hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing, as well as resources for testing, vaccines and improving mental health are consistently distributed across the district.

Academics during the COVID

pandemic is just the beginning of the Palisades story. Beginning in the fall, with the onset of the fall sports season, student-athletes have competed in PIAA sanctioned athletics programs as part of the Colonial League and District 11. Sports teams continue past the winter months with postseason meets for wrestlers and postseason games for both girls and boys basketball teams.

The high school's marching band performed at games in the fall and went on to compete in local Virtual Marching Band Competitions hosted by Cavalcade of Bands and Nationally through the University of Central Missouri.

Throughout the school year, middle school and high school students also participated in theatrical, as well as instrumental and vocal musical online performances which are aired for parents, guardians and other community supporters.

Heading into the spring, Palisades sports will continue with baseball, softball, soccer and track.

And that is again, just part of the

story. Palisades' nationally recognized cybersonics robotics team will take to the world's stage this year, competing virtually in a new platform with newly devised benchmarks for achievement with teams across the globe.

Organizations like the high school's debate team and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) participants have also tasted success so far this year.

Educators, coaches, and other volunteers in the district are all creatively finding ways to engage and excite students. From online workouts for the field hockey team in the stadium, to volunteering in distributing meals to the community with the help of the Palisades Community Foundation, to the online cooking and crafting activities for elementary students, the district and school community members are creating ways for students to remain connected to learning in and out of the classroom.

Donna V. Holmes is the director of community relations and development for Palisades School District.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia hosts virtual career fair for educators

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Catholic Education will host a virtual career fair for educators interested in teaching pre-K-3 through eighth grade for the 2021-2022 academic year on Friday, March 19.

Subject areas include religion, math, science, social studies, STEM, English language arts, foreign language, music, art and physical education.

Interested candidates must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university. Pennsylvania certification is desired. Clear criminal background and child abuse history checks are required in addition to Archdiocesan Safe Environ-

ment Training.

Submit resumes to Jeanne Steitz, administrative assistant to the assistant superintendents for elementary education at jsteitz@archphila.org and include "Career Fair" in the subject line by Tuesday, March 16.

A link to participate in the virtual career fair will be provided once registration is received. The next virtual career fair will be held on Friday, April 16.

For information about current open positions for administrators, teachers, and support staff for parish and regional elementary schools in the five-county region, visit <https://aopatholic-schools.org/about/careers/>.

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TOPP opens applications for type 1 diabetes camp scholarship program

Type One Parent Project (TOPP Foundation) will once again be providing need-based camp scholarships to Camp Nejeda for children and teens living with the daily challenges of type 1 diabetes (T1D).

Camp Nejeda, located in Newton, N.J., is a specialized residential diabetes summer camp that provides 24-hour medical attention and offers the opportunity for children and teens to experience the joy of sleep-away camp with peers who share the same medical condition. Campers have fun while learning self-reliance, self-confidence and how to better manage their diabetes. Due to COVID-19, Camp Nejeda plans to operate camp sessions at

50% capacity during the 2021 summer months. Visit campnejeda.org for more information.

The scholarship will help defray the cost of camp because TOPP understands that the medical costs of T1D can be daunting, and a specialized diabetic camp can be a further financial hardship.

TOPP will be issuing a limited number of scholarships to families who demonstrate a financial need and live in Bucks County, Montgomery County, or Philadelphia County.

The application deadline is April 30. The application can be found at toppfoundation.org.

Gateway Health "Ensures" fight against senior hunger through \$100K donation

Philabundance, a hunger relief organization in Greater Philadelphia working to end hunger, has received a donation of \$100,000 from Gateway Health Plan Inc. (Gateway Health), a managed care organization dedicated to caring for the "total health" of its members, to be used to purchase Ensure Nutrition Drinks for senior citizens in need across Southeastern Pennsylvania.

The donation is part of a larger community commitment from Gateway Health. Recently, Gateway Health committed millions of dollars to local organizations across Pennsylvania to support nonprofit organizations, community partners

and Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) programs.

Since COVID-19 began impacting the Greater Philadelphia area, Philabundance has seen up to a 60% increase in need, with 40% of its current clients accessing the charitable food network for the first time. To help fight senior hunger during the winter months, the Ensure Nutrition Drinks purchased through Gateway Health's gift will be available to Pennsylvania-based Philabundance partner agencies including senior centers, food pantries, community centers and more.

For information, visit philabundance.org.

St. Luke's to offer 3D-printed casts

The days of the plaster and fiberglass casts for immobilizing injured or broken limbs may soon be over, like rotary phones and party lines. With the introduction of 3D-printed, durable plastic casts by ActivArmor, of Colorado, many of the inconveniences of traditional casts could become history, replaced by a range of benefits.

ActivArmor is a custom-made device that form-fits the anatomy: hands, wrists, arms and lower limbs. St. Luke's University Health Network is the first health care organization in Pennsylvania to offer this innovative option, possibly rendering traditional casts obsolete in time.

Dr. Kristofer Matullo, St. Luke's board-certified orthopedic surgeon who specializes in disorders of the hand and wrist, will debut the ActivArmor product in early March in the region. He's impressed with its construction and benefits for patients.

"This device is really going to improve patient comfort, convenience and quality of life," said the network's chief of the division of hand surgery. "It is lighter in weight, easier to maintain and offers the wearer the convenience of being able to scratch an itch through the lattice-like openings in the cast."

To make the cast, a 3D scan is



A 3D cast by ActivArmor.

made of the affected appendage, then the image is sent to ActivArmor using proprietary software. The printer creates two, "clamshell-like" halves of the cast, which are then fitted onto the patient's affected body part. It can be locked on like a cast or removed like a splint to allow swelling of an injured area to subside.

The ActivArmor product comes in a variety of colors. Because of its lattice-like spaces, wound care, treatment with advanced healing technologies, cleaning of the skin or sanitizing the device to remove pathogens like the coronavirus all can be done while the cast is being worn.

The 3D cast can get wet and wearing it doesn't impinge on many activities of an active lifestyle, including sports. The plastic is recyclable and 100 percent biocompatible, said Megan Augustine, network director of St. Luke's Simulation Center, who researched and spearheaded the introduction of ActivArmor to St. Luke's orthopedics department. She calls it "a perfect match for improving the overall quality of care for our patients here at St. Luke's." It will be available to orthopedic patients throughout the St. Luke's network.

Foundation to hold workshop on helping struggling loved ones

Lenape Valley Foundation (LVF) is offering a free virtual workshop called "Helping a Struggling Loved One: Access-

ing Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in Bucks County." The workshop will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on March 24 via Zoom.

The one-hour lunch and learn session will address situations when one feels that something is just "not right" with a loved one. They may have depression or anxiety; however, family and friends don't know where to start. This session will offer insight on how to identify when

mental illness or substance use may be present and how to access treatment and other support.

The workshop will be led by Nicole Wolf, M. Ed, director of training and education at Lenape Valley Foundation and Ana Rosado, LSW, CAADC, clinical director at Bucks County Drug & Alcohol Commission, Inc.

The workshop is free, but registration is required to receive the Zoom link and information.

Pennie health insurance marketplace opens COVID-19 enrollment period

Uninsured Pennsylvanians can act now and enroll in 2021 coverage during Pennie's COVID-19 Enrollment Period.

Pennie, Pennsylvania's state-based health insurance marketplace, is provides individuals across the Commonwealth additional time to enroll in health insurance to protect them and their families from the cost of the COVID-19 virus.

This enrollment period is in-line with President Biden's recent executive order and is open for all who have been impacted by COVID-19. Anyone otherwise eligible to enroll in coverage through Pennie can do so from now until May 15.

"The economic and public health implications of the pan-

demie have only strengthened the argument that accessible and affordable health insurance is a necessity. As COVID-19 has universally impacted Pennsylvanians, we felt it was an imperative to re-open Pennie, allowing the uninsured and the underinsured to get coverage and access financial assistance to help pay for it. To act now, go to pennie.com to explore options and enroll as soon as possible," said Pennie's Executive Director Zachary W. Sherman.

Although this enrollment period does apply to Pennie's current customers, they are not obligated to change their plans. If customers are satisfied with their current 2021 coverage, no action is necessary.

Pennie customers enrolling through the COVID-19 enrollment period will have coverage beginning the first of the following month. For example, if a customer enrolls on Feb. 28, their coverage will start on March 1. However, if a customer enrolls on March 1, their coverage will start on April 1.

Customers are strongly encouraged to enroll as early in the month as possible to ensure timely processing. The latest effective date associated with this enrollment period will be July 1.

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Arts

Monthly art series from River House at Odette's, celebrates local artists, first exhibition is 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 16 with Pearl Mintzer, a pioneer in computer graphics and digital art. Visit riverhouse-newhope.com/happenings/new-hope-art-ist-series or call 215-682-2022 for details.

Fairs

Spring Craft Fair at Quakertown Farmers Market, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 20 and 21. Located in the North Lot, features local artists with handmade items. Visit quakertownfarmersmkt.com for details or call 215-536-4115.

Festivals

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Alba Vineyards, three seatings: noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. March 13, 14, 20, 21. Includes one wine flight and one charcuterie, advance registration required, for more information call 908-995-7800 or email wine@albavineyard.com.

Games/Sports

"Lucky Charms" Bingo hosted by FACT Bucks County at 7 p.m. on March 11. Enjoy Bingo, trivia, and other exciting games. Prizes awarded, special guest appearances. For tickets and details visit factbuckscounty.org/upcoming-events.

Lectures/Seminars

At-Home Anthro LIVE from Penn Museum at 1 p.m. March 16. 30-minute virtual sessions are aimed at ages 5 to 12 and explore themes relating to the Hindu celebration Holi, including Mehendi (henna tattoos) and the use of colorful powders. Sessions are free, visit penn.museum/calendar to register.

"Holi, Triumph, and Colors," 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on March 17, teaches families with children ages 5-12 about Hindu deities and how to make organic colors for their own Holi celebration. Presented by Penn Museum, visit penn.museum/calendar to register.

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Grand Homes & Gardens Distinguished Speakers Series, hosted by Morven Museum and Garden. Join the armchair travel series with "The Woman of the House" as this year's theme. Programs are all virtual, 6:30 p.m. March 11, March 16 and March 23. Visit morven.org/grand-homes-gardens or call 609-924-8144 for details.

Symbols from within, and symbols from without: The Celtic Revival and the Harlem Renaissance, a virtual lecture by Tara Guissin-Stubbs of Oxford University, 4:30 p.m. on March 19. Free, no registration required. For more information and Zoom link visit arts.princeton.edu/events.

Special needs trusts and planning with Law office of Richard L. Newman, 6 to 7 p.m. on March 23. Know all of your options when planning for the future of your loved one with disabilities. Email michele@newmanelderlaw.com for a link to join.

Movies

ACME Screening Room, virtual screenings. Visit acmescreeningroom.org.

ACME Film Club, watch the film on your schedule and join the Zoom meeting each week. "All That Heaven Allows" and "Far From Heaven," 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. March 11. Films are free. Register: acmescreeningroom.org.

County Theater, Doylestown, marks Black History Month with special films via virtual screenings. Information: CountyTheater.org.

Museums

Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site reopening March 12. Site will be open for tours Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours include new offerings to explore, timed tickets must be purchased online in advance at easternstate.org.

Historic Nazareth walking tours, hosted by Moravian Historical Society, resume at 4 p.m. on March 13, every second Saturday from March through September. Tours last 45 minutes to 1 hour, more info at moravianhistory.org/walking-tour or call 610-759-5070.

Virtual tours of Fonthill Castle and Central Court at the Mercer Museum, 45-minute virtual experiences feature a 30-minute recorded guided journey followed by a live Q&A conversation with experienced tour guides. Tours run through March and April, various dates and times, visit mercermuseum.org/virtual-programs for details.

Colonial farm experience with the Mercer Museum, virtual presentation for families to explore the daily life of colonial farmers. 1 to 2 p.m. on March 12, April 23. Advance registration required, visit mercermuseum.org/virtualprograms.

Meet the Makers: Battering in Colonial Times, a virtual presentation from the Mercer Museum, 1 to 2 p.m. March 19, April 16. Join a Colonial shoemaker and the owner of a general store and learn how people in early America bartered for the household objects they needed to survive. Visit mercermuseum.org/virtual-programs for info.

Music & More

Olysses Quartet, through March 26, part of the Zoellner Arts Center at Lehigh University's "On Stage at Home" series. Information: zoellnerartscenter.org, info@zoellnerartscenter.org or 610-758-2787 x0.

Sellersville Theater, live events with limited in-person seating and livestream options. Tickets and information: st94.com.

Sourland Mountain Happy Hours, hosted by the Sourland Conservancy, held via Zoom from 6 to 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month, March 4 through June 3. Local artist performances, bespoke cocktail and other happy hour deals. Ticket holders will receive a

link via email, proceeds benefit the musicians and the conservancy. Information and tickets: sourland.org.

George Street Playhouse opens 2021 streaming season with Theresa Rebeck's "Bad Dates," available through March 14. "A hopeful tale of dates gone wrong and looking for Mr. Right." Tickets can be purchased at georgestretpayhouse.org.

Irish Coffee House Concert with "Uncle" Gerry Dignan, online event at 7:30 p.m. on March 15, hosted by Voices Chorale NJ. Performance includes a range of music from ballads to fast Irish "mouth music." Register and details on https://www.voiceschoralenj.org.

Celtic and roots music virtual concert from Perkasio Patchwork Coffeehouse featuring Seasons, five siblings who play a fusion of the two genres. Live on the Coffeehouse YouTube channel from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on March 20, link available at perkmenno.net/calendar-of-events.

Town and Country Players announces Signature Series Sundays, featuring free Zoom plays. "Backyard Fairytale" by Michael John McGoldrick, 1 p.m. on March 14; "Cozy Murder" by Judy Klass, 1 p.m. on March 21; "Miss Woodhouse Presents" by Kayla Hambek, 1 p.m. on March 28. Request link via tandcplayersonline@gmail.com.

Nature

Saturday morning bird walks at Silver Lake Nature Center, offered at 7:30 a.m. March through May. Meet outside of the SLNC Visitors' Center at the Welcome Kiosk near the parking area. Free, email pacutter@buckscounty.org or visit silverlakenaturecenter.org for details.

Free guided walk on Silver Lake Nature Center trails, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21. Leisurely and informative walk covering seasonal topics. Meet outside of the SLNC Visitors' Center at the kiosk near the parking area. Register by

visiting silverlakenaturecenter.org or by calling 215-785-1177.

Maple sugaring at the Nature Center at Washington Crossing State Park, 1 to 2:30 p.m. March 13, 1:30 to 3 p.m. March 14. A participatory demonstration in the procedures of home maple sugar production, advanced registration required, call 609-737-0609.

"Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants" presented by the Washington Crossing Audubon Society at 8 p.m. on March 15, a free online presentation by agronomist Jane Hurwitz. Talk teaches how to attract and support butterflies with native plants. Email contact.wcas@gmail.com to register.

Winter birds of the park at Washington Crossing State Park, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on March 21. Walk in search of a variety of winter bird species and some early spring migrants. Advanced registration required, call 609-737-0609.

Sales

Soup sale at Lahaska United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. to noon on March 20, many varieties available, call 215-788-4236 for details or visit lahaskaumchurch.org.

Support Groups

Virtual Parent & Caregiver Support Groups, offered weekly in English and Spanish by The Family Support Organization of Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. Information and Zoom link at 908-223-1191 or FSO-HSW.org.

Virtual Memory Care Support Group for caregivers and families of those with dementia and Alzheimer's, noon to 1 p.m., first Thursday of each month via Zoom. Facilitated by BriAnne Gerhard, provided by Artis Senior Living of Yardley. Contact charris@artismgmt.com or 267-392-5945 for the Zoom invite. Attendees are welcome to eat lunch during the meeting.

Proceeds of St. Patrick's Day weekend fare at Deck benefit Playhouse

The Deck Restaurant and Bar at Bucks County Playhouse, situated on the Delaware River in New Hope, will celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend (March 12 to 14) with traditional Irish fare and drink specials for dine in and to go.

restaurant at 267-270-2989 or by visiting PlayhouseDeck.com. Pick-up and delivery to a 10-mile radius from the restaurant is available. All the proceeds from The Deck Restaurant and Bar support the nonprofit mission of Bucks County Playhouse.

"We will be celebrating the St. Patrick's Day holiday with Potato Pancakes, Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef & Potatoes, Stuffed Cabbage and Nutty Irishman Bread Pudding," Restaurant Manager Michael Mandato said. "Our entire regular winter seasonal menu will also be available for dining or take-out." Visit the website for menu

details. Drink specials include pints of Slyfox Nitro O'Reilly's Stout, Guinness Nitro Cans and a special feature cocktail, "Irish Potato Martini." Delivery is available for a fee. Contactless curbside pick-up is also available. After placing an or-

der on the website, patrons drive to Bucks County Playhouse parking lot, call or text 267-270-2989, and the order is brought to the car. For information about The Deck Restaurant and Bar, visit the website. For information about Bucks County Playhouse, visit bucks-countyplayhouse.org.

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New Hope author writes children's fiction book

"The Hide Away: Sillie and Wawabird," a new book by Belkis Finalet, has been released by RoseDog Books.

In "The Hide Away," readers find Sillie and Wawabird once again inseparable and creative. As clouds form in the sky, they scat-

ter to build a hiding place for their cat, Boomba, and themselves.

The adventure begins as they hunt for supplies around the house. Wawabird finds a rug to add color and warmth to their hideaway. Sillie questions where Wawabird got the rug, but with

the excitement of building and hammering and playing, Wawabird's wrong doing is forgotten ... until their parents notice. The little girls continue to create while learning life lessons along the way.

Finalet has continued the ad-

ventures of Sillie and Wawabird. "The Hide Away" is her second published book in the series of stories developed in the 1990s. Each story published has evolved to represent her enduring love and adventures with her twin sister.

Finalet emigrated from Cuba

with her family in 1968. She is married and now resides in New Hope. A few of her favorite hobbies include hiking with her two dogs, oil painting, and gardening.

For information, visit dorrancepressroom.com or rosedogbookstore.com.

Bach Choir announces modified festival plans

Due to the ongoing gathering restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Bach Choir of Bethlehem announced that it will modify its 2021 Bethlehem Bach Festival to offer live-streaming concerts and events. Audience members – if any – will be allowed on a limited basis according to pandemic protocol in May.

Board President Harold Black also announced that Artistic Director and conductor Greg Funfgeld has set a new retirement date in response to the compromised 2020-2021 season, which saw restrictions that prevented the choir from rehearsing and presenting concerts.

Conductor Funfgeld will lead The Bach Choir and Bach Festival Orchestra through June 2022, completing his 39th season. Executive Director Bridget George

had earlier revised her retirement date from December 2020 to June 2021 and will leave her position at that time. Candidates for both positions have been identified and transition plans will continue.

Despite being unable to present concerts to a physical audience, Funfgeld produced performances this season through virtual programming, including monthly Bach at Noon concerts, weekly Moment of Comfort videos, and an online Christmas Concert that was viewed by people around the world. Starting in the fall of 2021, he will open a new season of concerts with plans that include the full choir and orchestra presented to a live audience.

In his note to Choir members, Mr. Funfgeld reflected, "I have asked myself the question, 'What is required in this time, in these

circumstances, so that The Bach Choir can have the best possible transition to new leadership and the brightest future?' This seems to be the best solution going forward. We have a relationship

built on years of wonderful music making and caring for one another. We are a family in many ways. I'm grateful for the challenges and opportunities we have now and look to the future with

great optimism and the highest hopes. I can't wait until we can start making music together again – in the same room, face to face, voices soaring. How glorious that will be!"

Teens create quarantine-inspired performance art piece

After COVID-19 caused shutdowns in March 2020, local teens congregated on Lights, Camera, Acting!'s (LCA) online platform to create a student-led piece that conveys life during quarantine. Actors expressed themselves through a variety of art formats, all from their homes.

The piece, titled "The Boring 20s: A Vaudevillian Tribute," begins as quarantined teens ex-

press what life is like in isolation and what they miss from "normal" times. Next, a day in the life of a Zoom student reveals the frantic mornings associated with online schooling. LCA students then perform a situational comedy presenting the everyday characters that appear on a Zoom call and the shenanigans that ensue. Finally, teens present the woes of locating toilet paper, wearing masks and assimilating

to the "new normal."

"LCA is a place where our students can feel safe and be themselves," said Aviva Meyrowitz, founder of Lights, Camera, Acting!. "Providing this consistent environment in our online platform during these difficult times was a natural progression for our studio."

"The Boring 20s: A Vaudevillian Tribute" is available to view in its entirety on YouTube.

Police News

Bucks County DA

Charged: Patrick Dando, 35, of Elmwood Avenue, Bensalem, with felony counts of aggravated assault and strangulation, along with misdemeanor counts of simple assault, disorderly conduct, receiving stolen property and theft by unlawful taking and a summary offense of harassment.

He was taken into custody March 8, by agents with the U.S. Marshals Service and Bucks County Detectives. He had been on the run since the Friday, March 5 attack that resulted in the charges.

Dando had been out on bail in two domestic violence cases – despite objections from the Bucks County District Attorney's Office – when he attacked the same victim a third time last week, the DA's office said, this time pushing her down a flight of concrete steps and choking her until she blacked out.

Dando was arraigned by District Judge Michael Gallagher and was sent to Bucks County Correctional Facility on \$250,000 bail.

Doylestown Township

Arrest warrant: issued for Tyrell A. Winchester, 33, Feb.

25, for theft by unlawful taking, access device fraud and related charges.

Winchester is accused of stealing personal property from a business in the 700 block of Edison Furlong Road and the subsequent use of stolen credit cards.

Anyone with information on Winchester's whereabouts is asked to contact the Doylestown Township Police Department at 215-348-4201 or submit a tip to Crimewatch.

Newtown Township

Arrested: Keith Johnson, 33, of Yardley, Friday, March 5, in connection with more than 1,000 thefts, police said. During his arrest, numerous items were recovered including purses, gift cards and other personal property, they said.

Johnson was arrested following an investigation by a local law enforcement task force into thefts that occurred in 2019 and 2020 throughout Bucks County and New Jersey.

Anyone who can provide additional information related to the thefts is asked to contact the Newtown Township Police Department.

PA State Police

Burglary: reported in the 2100 block of Spinnerstown Road, Milford Township, at 1:33 p.m. Feb. 19.

Troopers from the Pennsylvania State Police Troop M Dublin barracks responded and determined three men who posed as a water testing crew entered the residence and once inside, entered the victim's bedroom where they stole antique coins.

The men then drove off in a white Chevrolet Malibu, bearing temporary registration plates and traveled north on Spinnerstown Road.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Pennsylvania State Police Dublin Criminal Investigation Unit at 215-249-9191.

Plumstead

Charged: Christina Bennett, 31, of Pipersville, March 6, with simple assault and harassment after police were dispatched to a residence in the 5800 block of Bradshaw Road for a domestic dispute.

When officers arrived, they observed a man with a bloody injury to his body as well several

scratches and fresh abrasions. Officers also located several broken items about the residence and located a highly intoxicated woman. Further investigation revealed the woman was responsible for the man's injuries, police said.

Bennett was arraigned before District Judge Mark Douple who set a \$25,000 unsecured bail and she was released. Bennett is awaiting her preliminary hearing.

Richland

Cited: Michael Wayne Hager, 53, of Coopersburg, for retail theft, after police were called Feb. 14 to Walmart, 195 N. West End Blvd., where he was detained.

Charged: Jessica Marie Harlow, 28, of Spinnerstown, with retail theft and receiving stolen property, Feb. 17, after police responded to Walmart, 195 N. West End Blvd., for a retail theft with one female detained. Harlow also was wanted on an active warrant.

Retail theft: of Ray Ban and Nike glasses, valued at over \$5,000, Feb. 26, from Vision-Works, 684 N. West End Blvd., by a man who fled the scene.

Charged: Heather Jane Darcy, 33, of Lansdale, with retail theft and receiving stolen property, Feb. 8, after she was detained at Walmart, 195 N. West End Blvd.

Cited: Lynn Clark Kalix, 52, of Quakertown, for retail theft, after he was detained at Walmart, 195 N. West End Blvd., Feb. 17.

Cited: Brian Edward O'Donnell, 64, of Quakertown, for harassment Feb. 24, after police were called to Walmart, 195 N. West End Blvd., for the report of a customer who pushed a Walmart employee.

Warminster

Robbery and shooting: reported in progress, at PCS store, 269 E. County Line Road, at 3:49 p.m. Feb. 25.

Upon arrival, officers found an employee with a single gunshot wound to the stomach. The employee stated that two men entered the store and began to rob him. During the course of the robbery, one of the men shot the employee.

Both men then ran out the rear of the store and ran east through the rear parking lot toward Newtown Road to a vehicle. Surrounding agencies assisting Warminster Police checked the surrounding area, with negative results.

The injured employee was transported to Abington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Warminster Police at 215-672-1000.

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BUCKS COUNTY HERALD LIVING ENTERTAINMENT - ART



Designer House preparations ongoing through winter

On a March day trucks carrying stones arrived at Mearns Mill Manor to create a parking area for the 46th annual Bucks County Designer House & Gardens.

John Haines, owner of the H&K group donated the material from local quarries, manpower and equipment for installation of the parking lot. Frank DiMola and his son Nick supplied the trucking for Heritage Conservancy. The equipment operators were Superintendent Eric Stull and dozer operator Tim Keiser.

The 1870s mansion is located at 545 Almshouse Road in Ivyland, and it is owned by the Heritage Conservancy.

Mearns Mill Manor will be open for tours daily from May 2 to May 30. Admission to the house will be by timed tickets purchased in advance. Social distancing and COVID-19 screening protocols will be in place.

Mearns Mill Manor, the 2021 Bucks County Designer House.

Herald Photographs



Nick DiMola.



Laying the base for the stone.



(Right) Frank DiMola from DiMola and Sons.



Eric Stull and Jeff Lukens from Heritage Conservancy, owner of the property.



Tim Keiser bulldozer operator.

Dining

Susan S. Yeske: Recipe of the Week Salmon for brunch

What if you could have one of the area's most prominent chefs guide you through the creation of brunch for six from the comfort of your own kitchen while also helping a good cause?

That's exactly what 75 participants did last weekend as a fundraiser for the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition's "Come to the Table" Virtual Brunch.

Leading the Zoom class from his Bucks County home was chef Max Hansen. Also participating in the event was Bucks County Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia. All proceeds benefit the women's coalition.

Participants received their information packets in advance, which included "Ode to Women" drink recipes from the Yardley Inn and from one of the Canal House Cooking books authored by chefs Melissa Hamilton and Christopher Hirsheimer. They were encouraged to make one of the drinks to sip during the

program, and to make the dishes at home while Hansen appeared live onscreen.

After Hansen shared his recipes for an elegant brunch featuring smoked salmon, Marseglia offered her own "recipes" for a better Bucks County including tackling mental health issues and environmental concerns. She also talked about the county's "Help Hub" for "one-stop shopping" for service departments. For information through the Hub call 215-348-6201, or send an email to TheHub@buckscounty.org.

The event also was to celebrate International Women's Day on March 8. March is Women's History Month.

For more information on the women's coalition see the website bcwac.org.

This is one of Hansen's recipes he shared for the virtual brunch; it's perfect for those who like their eggs soft and pillowy. Other salmon recipes were for salm-



BUCKS COUNTY HERALD FILE PHOTO BY SUSAN S. YESKE

Prominent local chef Max Hansen taught a virtual cooking class to benefit the works of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition.

on napoleons and "everything" bagels.

Slow-Scrambled Eggs with Smoked Salmon, Scallions and Fresh Dill

Serves 6

- 12 large organic eggs
- 3 tablespoons water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 ounces cream cheese (Chef Max Hansen prefers Philadelphia brand version of lowfat Neufchatel)
- 4 scallions, washed well, cleaned and sliced very thin
- 4 tablespoons fresh dill
- 2 ounces smoked salmon, sliced thin
- Salt and pepper (S&P)

1. Scramble the eggs thoroughly in a large bowl with the 3 tablespoons water, and season lightly with S&P.

2. Melt the butter in a large nonstick sauté pan. The key to making these eggs soft and creamy is cooking the eggs very

slowly over low heat, so make sure the heat is low the entire time.

3. Pour the thoroughly whipped eggs into the sauté pan and start slowly stirring with a wooden spoon or a heat-proof spatula. Break up the cream cheese into the eggs and continue stirring.

4. These eggs will take at least 10 minutes to start to become thicker. If you like your eggs more cooked you can cook longer and make them slightly stiffer. The entire purpose of cooking eggs this way is to make them very soft and light, almost custard-like.

5. Once you have reached your preferred consistency stir in the fresh dill and check the seasoning for S&P; adjust accordingly.

6. Divide the eggs equally on 6 plates. Lightly place a few pieces of the julienned smoked salmon on top of the eggs and sprinkle with the finely sliced scallions.

Philabundance swimming in 50,000 pounds of salmon donated by AquaBounty

AquaBounty Technologies, Inc., a land-based salmon farming pioneer, is donating an estimated 50,000 pounds of its conventional Atlantic salmon to Philabundance, a Philadelphia-based hunger relief organization committed to ending hunger for good.

AquaBounty raises Atlantic salmon in carefully monitored freshwater indoor tanks at its farm in Albany, Ind. The contribution to Philabundance is one of multiple donations AquaBounty is making to organizations serving those who face hunger in local communities.

COVID-19 has reduced the demand for salmon in restaurants and institutional feeding programs, and AquaBounty decided to use its excess supply of conventional salmon to help feed families affected by the economic downturn.

AquaBounty will provide frozen Atlantic salmon fillets for Philabundance to distribute to those in need throughout Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. The planned donation is worth approximately \$250,000 and provides much-needed protein that is hard to come by for food banks due to the pandemic.

"Salmon is a fantastic protein source filled with omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins and minerals," said Philabundance CEO Loree D. Jones. "Sadly, fresh protein often can be too pricey for clients choosing between heating their homes and feeding their families. Thanks to AquaBounty's generous donation, Philabundance clients will have access to restaurant-quality salmon without having to break the bank during these trying times."

AquaBounty salmon are raised by a team that carefully monitors all conditions at the farm to en-



JONATHAN GONZALEZ

Philabundance staff pick up salmon donated by AquaBounty Technologies, Inc.

sure the fish thrive. The fish are free of antibiotics and other contaminants, and AquaBounty's operations represent an efficient and sustainable way to raise Atlantic salmon that is good for

the fish, good for consumers and good for the planet.

"At AquaBounty, we believe in using science and technology to help feed the world and solve global problems, like food scar-

city and climate change," said AquaBounty President & CEO Sylvia Wulf. "Working with Philabundance to provide healthy Atlantic salmon that is a safe, secure and sustainable source of healthy protein to those in need, allows us to share the seafood we love, while leaving our world a better place."

Since COVID arrived in Philadelphia last year, Philabundance has seen up to a 60 percent increase in need, with 40 percent of clients utilizing the charitable food network for the first time.

"When people face hunger, they often struggle to meet other basic needs as well," said Joe Lasprogata, vice president, new product development, at Samuels and Son Seafood Co., a Philadelphia-based seafood distributor of AquaBounty Atlantic salmon. "We at Samuels and Son are happy to support this generous donation program..."

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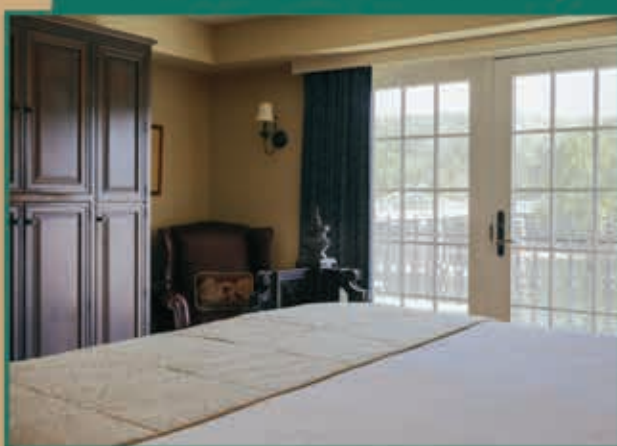


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Metro Esports virtual reality and tech learning center open in Bucks

Metro Esports, an esports lounge and technology-based education center is now open.

Located at 1388 Street Road in Warminster the 7,000-square-foot facility features 20 gaming computers (Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch), 10 flat screen televisions and two virtual reality rooms. It also has a virtual reality (VR) escape room and a VR driving experience, complete with NASCAR Racing and VR Roto chairs.

Recognizing COVID-19 safety as a priority, the facility will operate at a limited occupant capacity, while observing CDC guidelines and protocols within the center.

The facility will host regular amateur and professional esports tournaments, leagues, teams, and events across a variety of games and genres. In addition, Metro Esports has a state-of-the-art studio

for those interested in creating podcasts, live streams or exploring broadcast or music engineering.

Shaon Berry, owner of Metro Esports is a Bucks County resident and was a leading youth sports executive. Berry spent the last 10 years creating high-profile programs and events tailored to college student-athletes, many of which were televised on the NFL, CBS, and ESPN television networks.

"I transitioned from traditional sports to esports, because this multi-billion-dollar tech industry offers incredible career promise for any and all young teens and adults," said Berry. "You can be a superstar in so many different categories from pro-gamer, programmer, game designer, engineer, streamer, organizer, team owner and so much more. When you

combine education and esports, your possibilities are endless."

In addition to being a venue for esports, Metro's goal is to bridge the STEM/STEAM gap by offering a variety of affordable technology-based courses. Classes are available online and in-person for students age 12 and up. The courses are taught by college professors and industry experts and are designed to be completed in four months, giving students access to technology education in less time than a traditional university course of study.

Students who complete courses at Metro Esports will receive an industry-recognized certificate and introductions to partner companies, such as Comcast, Microsoft, Logitech and SAP for internship opportunities. For information about Metro Esports, visit online.



Ari Evans, director of Esports, helps a guest check out the Virtual Reality gaming area at Metro Esports on its opening day.

Bucks County Bar Association receives awards from state association

The Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) presented County Bar Recognition Awards virtually to the Bucks County Bar Association during the 55th annual Seminar of the Conference of County Bar Leaders on Feb. 25.

Recognized for its Bucks Keystone Attorneys pro bono recognition program, Child Advocacy Initiative and COVID-19 updates and resource

newsletter, donations to local food pantries and Young Lawyers Charity Golf Outing, the Bucks County Bar Association is one of 20 local bar associations in Pennsylvania honored this year for sponsoring projects that improve the legal profession, justice system or community. The awards are presented annually by the PBA.

"We are so proud of the innovative projects and programs that members

of each local bar association initiate to better serve its community," said PBA President David E. Schwager. "We are even more proud to recognize these good works each year and applaud the efforts of the many volunteers that contributed to their success."

The association's Keystone Attorneys program was designed to highlight those who go above and beyond

in their pro bono service, donating 50 hours or more of legal services in one year to help people who otherwise could not afford counsel.

The association's Child Advocacy Initiative is a cooperative effort between the bar association and foundation, the Court of Common Pleas, the district attorney's office, the county's guardian ad litem office and the public defender's office. This effort

is designed to provide a voice to children involved in certain types of court proceedings.

In reaction to the changes in businesses and the courts due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the association launched efforts to provide information and resources to members via the association's website and town hall-style meetings and offered pertinent continuing legal education courses.

Aqua Pennsylvania's Bristol plant earns award

Aqua Pennsylvania's Bristol Water Treatment Plant has received the Phase III Directors Award from the Partnership for Safe Water, a program developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the American Water Works Association, and associated partner organizations to guide water utilities towards improving water quality by optimizing system operations.

Aqua's Bristol plant was presented this award for achieving the program's Directors Award level of performance. The Directors Award is awarded by completing the Self-Assessment and Peer Review phase of the Partnership program, which includes comprehensive evaluation of treatment plant



Aqua Pennsylvania Bristol Water Treatment Plant staff include, from left, Operating Engineer Tom Bannon, Plant Manager Eric Damon, Utility Worker Nate Hornikel, Plant Manager Trevor McMullen, Treatment Technician Matt Kauffman and Production Specialist Kevin Rosen.

operations and performance, identification of performance limiting factors, and the development of action plans to achieve optimization.

Aqua's Bristol plant was one of a select group of utilities honored by the Partnership and AWWA, the largest and oldest worldwide organization dedicated to safe water.

"The Bristol plant is the fourth Aqua Pennsylvania plant to have

received director-level awards from the organization," said Aqua Pennsylvania President Marc Lucca.

"I am proud of the team that worked hard to make this possible including our Vice President, Production Todd Duerr, Treatment Director Matt Miller, Production Director Jeff Bickel, Plant Manager Eric Damon and all of the plant staff who made this possible."

Wellness Coaches creates COVID-19 plan

Blue Bell-based Wellness Coaches has created a two-prong approach to provide companies with the knowledge, resources and a road map they need to navigate the new COVID-19 landscape and remain vital, relevant and productive in the marketplace.

The first prong is the Pandemic Preparedness for Business training program (PPFB), designed to offer corporate leaders and all employees the tools they need to comply with new regulations and safety guidelines set forth by OSHA.

Some of the program's highlights include: comprehensive COVID-19 infection prevention; a safety platform to lower risks of lawsuits; and cost-saving tactics to implement into operations.

The second prong provides daily, on-site COVID-19 screening and testing for any size employment group and events. State-of-the-art technology coupled with full on-site customizable mobile testing sites spearheaded by experienced medical and clinical teams are a few of the features provided.

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Some of the industries served by Wellness Coaches' COVID-19 preparedness program include entertainment and travel, corporate events, private parties and nonprofits.

With six different testing options, a speedy and seamless testing process and training available, Wellness Coaches is proving full, all-inclusive COVID-19 programs so businesses can focus on what they do best. For information, visit Wellness Coaches USA online.

Trenton company offers interactive way to boost recycling rates

In effort to help organizations and companies increase recycling rates and reach their sustainability goals, international recycling leader TerraCycle created ReZound, an easy-to-use device that attaches to recycling bins and encourages recycling through positive audible feedback.

The device can be installed in nearly any recycling bin and comes pre-loaded with 20 recycling themed sound clips. Every time a recyclable is placed in the bin, ReZound will play music, a fun sound effect, or encouraging

words to make recycling an interactive and rewarding experience.

With a weather and tamper-resistant design and the option for a solar-powered charging function, ReZound devices are functional anywhere, allowing recycling bins to be placed outdoors with little maintenance or supervision required. ReZound can also be customized with sounds for use in: offices, stadiums, parks and recreational centers, schools and college campuses, music venues and event centers, and theme parks and

zoos.

"At TerraCycle, we are constantly innovating new ways to drive our mission to 'Eliminate the Idea of Waste'," said Tom Szaky, TerraCycle founder and CEO. "ReZound offers a fun, engaging way to educate and motivate more people to recycle and reduce waste in their communities."

To learn more about the ReZound device, visit terracycle.com/en-US/pages/rezound. To learn more about TerraCycle, visit online.

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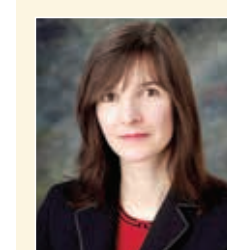
Antheil Maslow & MacMinn of Bucks County announced the addition of Jennifer Dickerson to the firm's Family Law practice group.

Dickerson practices exclusively in the area of family law, handling a variety of issues, including divorce, child support, alimony/spousal support, equitable distribution and child custody matters.

Prior to joining the firm, she worked as a staff attorney with the Bucks County Domestic Relations Office, after three years as Judicial Law Clerk to Bucks County Judge Alan M. Rubenstein in the Family Law Division of Bucks County Court of Common Pleas.



JENNIFER DICKERSON



GRACE M. DEON

Grace M. Deon recently participated as a guest lecturer for law students enrolled in Temple University Beasley School of Law's Federal Judicial Clerkship Clinical Honors Program.

Deon was part of a panel discussion lead by federal Judge Mitchell S. Goldberg about a variety of employment law topics, with an emphasis on litigating such claims before federal courts.

Deon is a shareholder, president and CEO of Eastburn and Gray, and her law practice includes Employment, Commercial and Special Education litigation. She is a past president of the Bucks County Bar Association. Deon is the first woman to lead a major law firm headquartered in Bucks County.

Dr. Barry Arkles, Gelest, Inc. chair, founder and CEO and Pipersville resident, was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

Election to the NAE is "among the highest professional distinctions accorded to an engineer." Dr. Arkles is recognized for his "contributions to organosilicon materials and organometallic and biochemical reagents."

He contributed scientific advances and inventions with positive impacts extending beyond the professional community to the global public. His record of innovation and accomplishments in applied materials science, surface chemistry and biotechnology is demonstrated by his contributions to medical devices, such as contact lenses, and semiconductor fabrication, particularly ILD (interlayer dielectrics) and interconnect metallization.

"Dr. Arkles' election to NAE membership recognizes the value of the characteristic hybrid chemicals technology he and Gelest have cultivated," said Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation (MCC) President and CEO Masayuki Waga. "We are proud of his achievement."

Gelest, headquartered in Morrisville, is an innovator, manufacturer, and supplier of silicones, organosilanes, metal-organics, and specialty monomers for advanced technology end markets including medical devices, life sciences, microelectronics, and personal care.



BARRY ARKLES

Credit union launches financial AmericanHeritageU

American Heritage Credit Union has launched AmericanHeritageU, a financial wellness and education platform for members, Workplace Partner employees, associates, and the community as part of its corporate social responsibility strategy.

American Heritage's long commitment to financial wellness includes more than 100 financial wellness seminars and webinars annually for the communities it serves. With the

increase of virtual learning and engagement, the credit union developed AmericanHeritageU as a robust online learning platform to allow members and citizens of the community of all ages to improve their financial wellness in order to achieve their financial goals.

AmericanHeritageU houses a Learning Lab to help individuals work through difficult financial situations, create budgets, manage

their day-to-day finances, save for the future, and assist users on their journey toward financial freedom. The AmericanHeritageU platform features: guided online learning; virtual and in-person learning (webinars and seminars); on demand content; and free financial counseling through Money Management International.

For information or to register, visit AmericanHeritageCU.org/AHU.

DCNR plans whitewater release into Tohickon Creek

On March 20 and 21, whitewater boating enthusiasts will converge in Bucks County when the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources releases water from Lake Nockamixon into Tohickon Creek. Releases are historically sched-

uled on a semi-annual basis, occurring on the third weekend in March and the first weekend in November. The whitewater releases from the Nockamixon State Park dam provide suitable whitewater boating conditions downstream through

Ralph Stover State Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Water releases begin at 4 a.m. Several hours later, the release will create whitewater conditions at Ralph Stover State Park, according to park officials. Suggested hours

for viewing the release and boating activity are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. DCNR officials remind boaters that this is a technical whitewater with Class three and four rapids that require boating skills. Boaters should be aware of and abide by the

safety code of the American Whitewater Affiliation. Boaters must wear appropriate personal flotation devices, take appropriate precautions to prevent hypothermia and use only craft designed for this type of water.

OBITUARIES

Deadline for Obituary submission - Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Rodney D. Henry



Rodney D. Henry, age 85, died March 1, 2021, as a result of bladder cancer. He was born Jan. 1, 1936, the son of the late Robert B. Henry and Olive Naomi Erisman Henry in Quakertown, Pa.

He graduated from Quakertown High School, 1953; Wesleyan University, BA 1957; and University of Pennsylvania Law School, LLB 1960. He served as a judge advocate in the United States Air Force, from 1961 to 1964, where he was separated from active service with the rank of captain. He met his wife, Janenne J. Henry, who survives him, a native of Manhattan, Kansas, at Earnest Harmon Air Force Base, Stephenville, Newfoundland, when she was a teacher at an Air Force dependents' school.

He practiced law in Quakertown from 1964 to 2021, for the last 20 years as a partner with his son, Carter P. Henry. For 24 years he was the treasurer of Richland Library Company. He was a singer, a reader. He read German literature with Dr. Viehmeyer at Schwenkfelder Library for many years. Recently, he had renewed college friendships via the Internet and in person with nine fellow Wesleyan graduates.

Along with his wife, he is survived

by his daughter, Melinda Henry, of Mies, Vaud, Switzerland, his son and daughter-in-law, Carter and Sarah Henry, of Quakertown, and his grandchildren, Grace and Patrick. He was predeceased by his sisters, Professor Barbara H. Long and Patricia A. Davis.

Services are private. Arrangements are in the care of the C. R. Strunk Funeral Home, Inc. (www.crstrunk.com) Quakertown. Contributions in his memory may be sent to Richland Library, 44 S. Main St., Quakertown, PA 18951, or to United Friends School, 1018 West Broad St., Quakertown, PA 18951.

Dr. David L. Dondero



Dr. David L. Dondero of Lambertville, N.J., passed away on Monday, March 1, 2021, surrounded by his cherished family. He was 80 years old.

A doctor of podiatric medicine, Dr. Dondero established his practice in Lambertville 43 years ago. He also had an additional office in Lawrenceville. Though he had transferred his Bridge Street office practice to another podiatrist, he continued to see patients in their homes and at his home office. His patients knew Dr. Dondero for his dedication, skill, kindness and gentle humor.

A native of Belmont, Massachusetts, David spent his early years

there. His family later lived on the West Coast and eventually moved back East. After high school David enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he was trained and served as a dental technician. His choice of duty was inspired by his mother, one of the first dental hygienists in the country. He went on to study pharmacology, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston and his Master's degree in Pharmacology from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science (now the University of the Sciences). He was later awarded his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia (now a part of Temple University). During his student years he served as a lab instructor and was member of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity. His love of knowledge was lifelong. He was an Eagle Scout and served as a camp counselor.

David married Peggy Ann Claywell of Moorestown, N.J., where they lived at the start of their marriage and began a family. The opportunity to be in private practice brought them to Lambertville. David was active in their parish, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church where he served as a lector. He was a third degree member of the St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus Council. David was also a past president of the Lambertville-New Hope Kiwanis Club, a life member of the Lambertville B.P.O.E.

Lodge 1020 and a Master Mason with the Lambertville Masonic Lodge. He also founded the Capital Division of the NJ Podiatric Medical Society.

David enjoyed an active life with Peggy and their family. They were avid travelers. He loved spending time on the water, boating, snorkeling and sailing and in the air as a licensed pilot. He was a longtime member of a Seattle based Flying Club. He was a nature enthusiast and an outdoorsman. He loved the outdoors and camping and was an expert marksman. On his family farm he could often be found riding his tractor and tending to his goats, llamas, and chickens.

David shared all his interests and activities with his family. In addition to his wife Peggy, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Elena M. Dondero and Edward R. Coff of Wrightstown, Pa.; and his son Frank E. Dondero of New Hope. He doted on his grandchildren Sean David Dondero, Dylan Kenneth Dondero and Kara Ann Dondero of New Hope. He is also survived by his former daughter-in-law and his grandchildren's mother Melissa Nanni of New Hope; his godson Mark Madden of Buzzards Bay, Mass.; his lifelong friend and "brother" Russell Enos of Clark's Summit, Pa., and a multitude of family and friends. He was the son of the late Frank E. and Dorothy H. Tarbox Dondero.

The memorial mass will be offered on Thursday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 44 Bridge St., Lambertville, N.J. 08530.

There will be visitation on Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. until departure for church at the Van Horn-McDonough Funeral Home, 21 York St., Lambertville, NJ 08530 (vhmfh.com).

Committal services will follow at St. Magdalene's Cemetery in Flem-

ington, N.J.

Please note that attendees must be masked and follow social distancing guidelines.

Funeral services will be streamed via Zoom. Details to be posted on the funeral home website.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in David's memory may be made to Delaware Valley Council of Church Food Pantry, 1 Cherry St. # 1, Lambertville, NJ 08530 or to the Mercer County Wildlife Center Friends, PO Box 161, Titusville, NJ 08560.

Robert P. de Groot



Robert P. de Groot of Revere, Pa., aka "Bob," to his cherished wife and his amazing and eclectic friends; Brother, Dad, Grandpa, Uncle Bob; that unyielding Eagles fan, and so much to so many ... passed away on Thursday, March 4, 2021, surrounded by his family, at St. Luke's in Bethlehem, Pa.

Bob was the husband of Christine (Scarff) de Groot. The couple married on June 21 of 1976, and dedicated their lives to their sons, Robert James and Cornelius Scarff de Groot, as well as to their growing family, and their beloved community, the village of Revere, Pa.

Born in Queens, N.Y., on Nov. 29, 1943, Bob was the son of the late Cornelius and Helena (Slovacek) de Groot. He lived a life of service to others, even if it were only for a kind word, a lunch box, or a cup of coffee. He had the resume of a person who lived by what he valued and respected, and most importantly, loved.

After graduating from Notre Dame High School in 1962, Bob attended the Ben Franklin College in Washington, D.C. and later joined the Navy. Afterwards, he returned to Revere, and took up working with his dad, Cornelius, at the Revere General Store, determined to find his path. During these times, Bob continued to grow the business at the General Store, and eventually bought the store from his parents.

Bob was the owner/operator of the Revere General Store for many years. He also worked at Fred Bean's Dodge/Subaru in Doylestown for a period of time. In addition to work and family life, Bob committed many years (16) and multiple terms to the Palisades School Board. And through all of his 77 years, Bob's number one hobby was collecting, which he happily did for all of his family. He collected Eagles stuff for the boys (his sons); spoiled the grandkids (and

customers' kids) with candy and eclectic toys and gadgets; and quietly spoiled the cats with Chris's help.

In true "Bob" fashion, he persevered, and never let an opportunity pass to know his customers' needs and make sure he stocked for any request. He enjoyed working side by side with his wife, Chris, and just a staircase away from his baby sister Lil. He was visited daily by friends and loyal patrons that he loved and appreciated. He also enjoyed the visits from his sons and their families, Bob always worked the hardest to show how much he loved and appreciated those closest to him. He forged bonds that lasted all of his life, and will continue well beyond.

Bob loved, and was loved; he worked hard, and counted his blessings; he respected and was respected.

In addition to his wife Christine, Bob is survived by his sons Robert J. (Cheney), and Cornelius S. (Krissey) de Groot. He was also survived by his grandchildren Kyle Martin, Isabella, Cornelius, and Francis de Groot. Bob was the brother of Lillian Crum, Charlotte de Groot, and Cory Whitehead, and the late Richard de Groot. Bob's family will receive friends on Thursday March 18, 2021 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Shelly Funeral Home, Easton & Keller's Church roads, Plumsteadville. Service and interment will be held privately. To ensure COVID-19 protocol masks and social distancing will be required. It will be expected that you exit the funeral home once you have offered condolences to the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bob's memory may be sent to the Ottsville Fire Company, PO Box 26, Ottsville, PA 18942, Palisades EMS, 2330 Township Road, Quakertown, PA 18951, or the Lords Pantry, 4050 Durham Road, Ottsville, PA 18942.

To send condolences to the family, please visit the funeral home website below.

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Nora L. Grimison



Nora passed on the same day she was born ... miraculously her 90th. A few notables have done likewise ... Shakespeare, Betty Friedan, but knowing that Johnny Longden, a world-famous jockey from the UK, passed on his birthday, too, would have amused her. She loved everything about horses.

She never quite stepped out of the shadow of those who came before her, but she carved out her own life path of riches. She was a New Hope local for most of her life, born during the Great Depression and still a child while World War II raged. After attending Buckingham Friends School and Holmquist (now Solebury School), she graduated from Philadelphia's Moore College of Art in 1954, majoring in illustration. Afterwards she did what many women of her generation did ... married well and had children. She would never admit this, but she loved kids, loved their energy. While her five children were still at home, she became a popular school bus driver; carting her rowdy charges around in a bus named Nora's Ark. Raising kids and working, however, did not stop her from drawing her beloved horses on the envelopes of unopened mail and matchbook covers, occasionally honoring someone's request for a portrait (of their horse).

As talented as she was, being an artist wasn't her thing, but people were. She was a gifted storyteller and loved to engage others with anecdotes of local color and history making her a natural in hospitality where she was employed for more than 25 years. People remembered her, and it wasn't unusual for patrons to visit her at her home when they returned to the B&B the following year.

She was a lot of fun to be around. She was smart and pretty and loved nature. Her joie de vivre never wavered; she poo-pooed the death and age business. In her last year here, she coined the phrase, "butterflies are free." And now so is she.

Nora is survived by her sister, five children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Kevin W. Jagoe: Living by Heart



KEVIN W. JAGOE

This year, each thing that brings us even just a bit of joy or escape or peace seems to have extra pressure placed upon it.

That weekly time alone in the car on a quiet drive away from a too full house. That weekly time with family on Zoom when we see our grandchildren or children when we are otherwise in a too-quiet house. The Christmas decorations that we kept up longer this year, their twinkling lights adding just a bit more glow to the long nights.

With meteorological spring upon us, it feels as though the very promise of spring is holding more of our hopes than in other years.

Perhaps spring is not a particularly bad place to rest our hopes. Spring will inevitably come. The days grow longer, warmer weather will follow, and green shoots

and buds will arrive too. All of these will be harbingers of a new season, a returning of more observable life in the nat-

ural world around us.

The caution I offer is not to hold back hope, but rather to place it in even more things. We need more sources of hope these days. Perhaps even things that are not guaranteed, which come with a bit of risk.

We can hope for renewed commitment to the safe commu-

nity practices for gathering. We can hope for changes in how we build infrastructure to support life in a changing world. We can hope for deeper relationships with loved ones we haven't been able to touch in too long.

When we place hope in things that are less a question of when they will happen and more a question of if they will happen, we need a different form of hope.

In situations like hoping for spring, we are using a more passive kind of hope: something that we can look forward to as a source of joy. This is important; it keeps our emotions up during challenging times. And in situations like hoping for positive outcomes in society, we are in need of an active hope. This form requires us to be engaged in the process to will the desired outcome into existence.

Hoping for spring

So I invite you to engage in both forms of hope as the season turns. Place hope on those things that are sure to come true and those things that require you to participate to make them happen. Remember that active hope is also a relational hope, we need to tend to our piece of the work to make it happen.

Hope both for the crocuses to bloom and for changed behavior of ourselves and of others. Both, and more, are possible.

The Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe is minister of BuxMont Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – a community of believers, nonbelievers, seekers, and skeptics. Find them at buxmontuu.org.

Authors discuss how Muslims, Jews can make peace

Muslim American Sabeeha Rehman and Jewish American Walter Ruby will discuss a new book they co-authored called "We Refuse to be Enemies – How Muslims and Jews Can Make Peace One Friendship at a Time" during Pebble Hill Church's virtual celebration at 10:30 a.m. March 14, on Zoom.

"We Refuse to Be Enemies" is a manifesto concerned with the rise of intolerance and bigotry in the United States.

Together Rehman and Ruby have spent decades doing interfaith work and nurturing cooperation among communities. They have learned that, through face-to-face encounters, people of all backgrounds can come to know the Other as a fellow human being and turn her or him into a trusted friend. In this book, they share their experience and guidance.

Tapping their own life stories and entering into dialogue within the book, they explain how

they have found commonalities between their respective faiths and discuss shared principles and lessons, how their perceptions of the Other have evolved, and the pushback they faced.

They wrestle with the two elephants in the room: the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and polarizing material in the histories and holy texts of Judaism and Islam. And they share their vision for reconciliation, offering concrete principles for building an alliance in support of religious freedom and human rights.

Sabeeha also authored the memoir, "Threading My Prayer Rug. One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim," published in July 2016 by Arcadia Publishing. The book was short-listed for the 2018 William Saroyan International Prize for Writing, and named to the Top 10 Diverse Nonfiction Books 2017, by Booklist.

She is an op-ed contributor to the Houses of Worship column of

the Wall Street Journal.

Ruby had a life-changing experience as a reporter covering the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace in Seville, Spain, in 2006, and decided to dedicate himself going forward to the mission of nurturing ties of communication, reconciliation and cooperation between Jews and Muslims.

Ruby worked as a journalist for more than 30 years. He is a co-author, together with his brother Dan Ruby, of the recently published memoir of Holocaust survivor Michael Edelstein titled "Live Another Day: How I Survived the Holocaust and Realized the American Dream."

Ruby presently writes a blog focused primarily on politics titled Walter Ruby: Keeping Hope Alive. Visit bywalterruby.blogspot.com/.

The Zoom link is: us02web.zoom.us/j/87422989585?pwd=S092TmZUQnJ-SUKE1Y05sZHRrOTNwdz09.



PEYTON PETTY

A mountain of food was donated after Salem Church in Doylestown asked neighbors to help those in need.

Salem Church neighbors donate mountain of food

When neighbors were asked by Doylestown's Salem Church to help rebuild the food banks after the holiday rush, they sprang into action, donating over 1,500 pounds of food in less than six weeks.

"If this pace keeps up, we will collect more than we did last year, and that was a record breaker," said Michael Flanagan, head of Salem's Social Action Network.

In 2020, the church collected over 4,400 pounds of food, diapers and other household items for local food banks.

"Salem collects food all year long, but around Valentine's Day we have a special push. The holidays empty the food banks out, and they really need help," Flanagan said.

"It's a hard time for everyone so we weren't sure what to expect. This incredible response shows once again that Doylestown has heart – a huge heart. We'd like to thank the entire community for their help."

as a land for conservation, and launched the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve.

All are still prospering. The cheese factory, which began with two employees in 1952 and produced five pounds of cheese per day now has 160 employees and produces 8,000 pounds of cheese per day.

The Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve is now 26,000 acres and has 600 direct and indirect employees.

of one of the country's volcanoes and active lava flows, and a service project with Newtown Friends School's sister school Bajos de San Luis.

The "Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve" or "rain forest above the clouds" established by the Quakers is 4,600 feet high in the Tilaran Mountains of northern Costa Rica. National Geographic calls it "the jewel in the crown of cloud forest reserves."

The Quakers chose Monteverde because its cool climate would accommodate the dairy farming they planned as their livelihood. By 1972, the Quakers had purchased and farmed thousands of acres of land, built a Quaker school and a Meetinghouse, established a highly successful cheese factory, set

Newtown Friends stream film on Quakers in Costa Rica

The adult class of Newtown Quaker Meeting will view via Zoom the film "Sweet Home Monteverde" at newtownfriends-meeting.org at 9:45 a.m. on First Day (Sunday), March 14.

The film tells the true story, beginning in 1950 just months after the U.S. entered the Korean War, when four Quaker war-resisters from Fairhope, Ala., led some 40 people to immigrate to Costa Rica, a country that had just abolished its army in 1948.

Monteverde is also the site of biennial trips by Newtown Friends School's seventh and eighth grade Spanish students from the Quaker Meeting's local pre-K to 8 school. Some of the highlights of the trip include a three-night home-stay with a Costa Rican family, a tour



Quakers work the land in a scene from "Sweet Home Monteverde."

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Tinicum Twp. bridge saga continues

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In response to a complaint that Supervisors Rich Rosamilia and Chair John Blanchard had been supporting PennDOT's plan, through their encouragement of Cashman, and therefore "not being good stewards for the township," Supervisor Jim Helms noted the supervisors had never taken such a position, while Rosamilia, who has served as the board's liaison on the matter since 2013, described various actions he has taken in attempts to end the stalemate.

When Auerbach said supervisors could have formally resolved in favor of environmental and historic protection, as she said other municipalities had done toward getting PennDOT to change bridge plans, Blanchard said he would investigate an example she provided. Auerbach also said the recent decision in federal court to dismiss a suit brought by DRN was limited to the legitimacy of PennDOT's procedure-following, and maintained that supervisors' oath of office mandated their support for federal laws relat-

ing to the protection issues.

Among several other topics, discussion also included mention of controversial key events in the matter that have occurred during a timeline that goes back before the bridge closing, including consideration of the township's taking responsibility for maintenance of a rehabbed bridge or a new one-lane structure. Rosamilia said PennDOT has maintained that the Federal Highway Administration would only fund construction of a two-lane bridge, according to their "data" on the crossing.

Cashman insisted that various environmental and historic arguments, such as concern about the effects of altering the course of the Exceptional Value-designated Tinicum Creek, are without merit. Auerbach added that the cost for the rehab, categorically rejected by PennDOT as not possible, denying the opinion of a DRN bridge rehab consultant, would be \$1.5 million, while the proposed new two-lane would be \$4.5 million. She accused PennDOT of pursuing many other highly question-

able two-lane replacement projects throughout the state.

As supervisors broke for an executive session, Blanchard noted he did not see any reason for concern about the new bridge proposal resulting in new traffic safety issues.

With greenlighting by the National Park Service said to be completed, the matter is understood to now be in the hands of the Army Corps of Engineers and the state Department of Environmental Protection, for final permitting for PennDOT's plan.

Demand for single-family housing down

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six, the report said. The shift, said Stone, is driven by the marketplace. "There's an increase in demand and the developers are responding to that." Additionally, the scale of single-fami-

ly developments has gotten much smaller than in past decades. Rather than hundreds of homes in a development, there may be just a handful, Stone noted.

While the rise in multifamily projects may help with

housing "attainability," said Stone, "affordability is more of a challenge and (multifamily housing) doesn't address that as much as it could or should."

The increase in proposals for nonresidential - or warehousing or manufacturing - space

reflects the "shifting trend in how people are attaining their goods," Stone said. More distribution centers are critical to people receiving products faster. There were proposals for approximately 2.6 million square feet of nonresidential

space last year, according to the BCPC annual report.

Although 2020 and the COVID-19 pandemic were an anomaly, Stone said the trends in multifamily housing and a growing demand for warehouse space will continue.

Doylestown cancels youth fishing program

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The fishing hole will be stocked with large-mouth bass, bluegills, minnows for forage and a small

number of trout. Davis said, children, accompanied by an adult chaperone, seniors and the handicapped can still fish at the pond.

Throughout the season, the borough said, the community organizations hope to make improvements to the area, including fish

habitat structures, improved signage and landscaping.

"Although it is not the season we would prefer, our goal is to provide

fishing in 2021 as much-needed outdoor activity for the community," said Davis. "Your generosity continues to make this possible."

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Memoir describes family's Alzheimer's journey

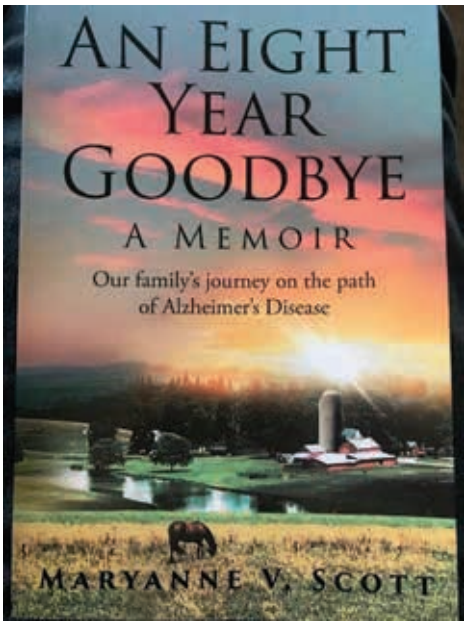
Doylestown native Maryanne V. Scott has published "An Eight Year Goodbye," a memoir about her family's journey with Alzheimer's disease.

Samuel Valenti grew up during the Great Depression, working on the family farm in New Jersey. He married the love of his life and had a daughter and son.

Later in his life, Valenti started to lose his precious memories and his abilities to Alzheimer's disease. His slow cognitive decline lasted for eight long years with his children by his side.

"An Eight-Year Goodbye" is the story of his journey through this debilitating illness with some suggestions from the author on how to handle some of the heartbreaking challenges Alzheimer's presents.

It is also a story of love and



A Doylestown native writes about a family member's Alzheimer's disease.

compassion as Valenti's children watch their father go from the vital, independent, vibrant man that they grew up with to the feeble, confused man who was no longer able to communicate with his family.

Pineville Tavern nears approval for greenhouse dining

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vin will be required, as will turning off the lights in the greenhouse once the final customer has vacated the area. Similarly, parking lot lights will also be turned off when the last staff member leaves for the night.

Abruzzese indicated that he was agreeable to meeting those and other conditions. "We want to make our neighbors happy," he said.

Built in the 18th century, the Pineville has been a feed mill, general store, hotel and tavern.

When liquor licenses became mandatory in the mid-1800s, the Pineville was one of the original 13 recipients of such a license in Bucks County. The Abruzzese family purchased the Pineville in 1989 and continued to operate it.

JKC Gallery showcases Heather Palecek

Mercer County Community College's (MCCC's) James Kerney Campus (JKC) Gallery has kicked off its first in-gallery photography show in almost a year.

The exhibit, "Resist Convenience," showcases the photography of Heather Palecek and is available for viewing through April 1. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays at 137 N. Broad St., Trenton, by appointment.

Palecek, who is based in Hamilton, N.J., is an artist and educator who works in the mediums of pinhole photography, lumen printing, cyanotype and mixed media cameraless photography.

She is a curator of the popular MCCC "Third Thursdays" photography exhibits along with Habiyy Shu'Aib and host Michael Chovan-Dalton that bring photographers together with the public once a month. Her work centers around the theme of relationships and explores connections humans have to nature and to each other.

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 - Pre-diploma challenges
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 - Small seal
 - Breakfast hrs., typically
 - Slow, on scores
 - Brook, rainbow, or speckled
 - Verbal stalls
 - Light and spacious
 - Arthur and Bjorn rival
 - "The Road _ Traveled"
 - Some MLB hits
 - St. Patrick's place
 29. Patrick's place
 - They parallel radii
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 34. One in a six-pack
 36. Gnocchi ingredient
 39. Ruby, e. g.
 40. Volvo competitors, formerly
 42. Some writable discs, for short
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 45. Peut_ (perhaps, to Pierre)
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Puzzle by Linda Dunn of Furlong.

Family Service Association names Julie Dees chief executive officer

Family Service Association of Bucks County has named Julie Dees as the nonprofit organization's chief executive officer as of Jan. 1.

She has been serving as acting chief executive officer since Aug. 28. Dees will be responsible for advancing the strategic direction of Family Service in addition to managing the day-to-day operations.

Dees brings over 20 years of both clinical and leadership experience with a proven record of exceptional results. She brings to the role a reputation for fostering organizational growth, staff development, and developing positive community relationships.

"Being able to commit my life's work to our mission to listen, care



JULIE DEES

and help every day is both a privilege and responsibility that I take

very seriously," said Dees. "My roots are in Bucks County, so investing in our local community is a natural extension of my past, present and future."

Dees previously served as the director of behavioral health at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center, where she founded and led the Penn Center for Opioid Recovery and Engagement (CORE) team.

Dees has two grown children and lives with her wife in Bala Cynwyd. Dees is a decorated United States Air Force veteran who received her master's degree in psychological counseling from La Salle University, Master's of Business Administration from West Texas A&M University, and her bachelor's degree in psychology from DeSales University.

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Gratz Gallery presents Fine American Paintings Sale

Gratz Gallery and Conservation Studio is again partnering with Invaluable.com to ring in the spring season with its fourth annual Fine American Paintings Sale and Live Online Auction event, beginning at noon Sunday, March 21.

The sale will present almost 100 lots of fine art by American and European artists. Included are a wide selection of impressionist, realist, folk art, modern, abstract and surrealist art, decorative art, as well as a few unknown treasures and gems.

Works included in the sale reflect a wide spectrum of American art genres, from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries' Hudson River style and American Impressionism, all the way to 20th and 21st centuries' contemporary and modern art.

Some of the highlights represented are a rare Pennsylvania landscape by famed furniture

designer Wharton Esherick, "Kaaterskill Falls," a landscape by Hudson River painter John Frederick Kensett, an elegant, environmental female portrait by Charles Courtney Curran, and impressionist landscapes by John Pierce Barnes, Emile Gruppe, and Henry Snell.

Included also are bold and colorful autumn foliage paintings by S. George Phillips and classic Bucks County winter snow scenes by Walter Emerson Baum. The sale offers a greatly varied selection of paintings, etchings and drawings of all mediums.

Also included in this sale are paintings by Philadelphia artists and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts students and teachers like surrealist Leon Kelly, abstract painter Leonard Nelson and African American painter Bernard Harmon, who created vibrant, large scale, expressionist



"Amish School" is an oil on canvas by David Ellinger (1913 - 2003).

portraits of friends and students.

A special cross section of paintings in various mediums is included of the very prolific painter and Pennsylvania Academy student,

Albert Van Nesse Greene. It was at the Academy that he studied under and was greatly influenced by the noted Pennsylvania impressionist Daniel Garber.

Last but not least the sale is highlighting a fine collection of paintings by American folk artist David Ellinger, whose life and connection to rural Pennsylvania produced a quintessential representation of Pennsylvania Dutch family and farm life in his works. Visit the Gratz Gallery website for a full auction catalogue link.

This is an online exclusive auction, held in cooperation with the auction platform Invaluable.com. Interested bidders must register and place bids with the gallery's online auction collaborators. Invaluable.com allows for both absentee and live real-time online bidding. For added convenience, download the Invaluable app to your smart phone. Floor bids are accepted by telephone only.

In-person preview opportunities at Gratz Gallery and Conservation Studio in Doylestown are by appointment only.

Arts and Cultural Council presents Artist Chat online

"Wine down" and re-energize with the Arts & Cultural Council of Bucks County at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, on Zoom for art-inspired casual conversation and creative camaraderie.

Join in for a special arts presentation by Bucks County fine artist Cindy Roesinger, who will talk about her Cadence series of paintings. Participants can enjoy a casual "get together" following her presentation.

Register in advance for the event at us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwvcO-ppzkoHt-JsWRJTDgKwiKZnzGAnPjfv. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

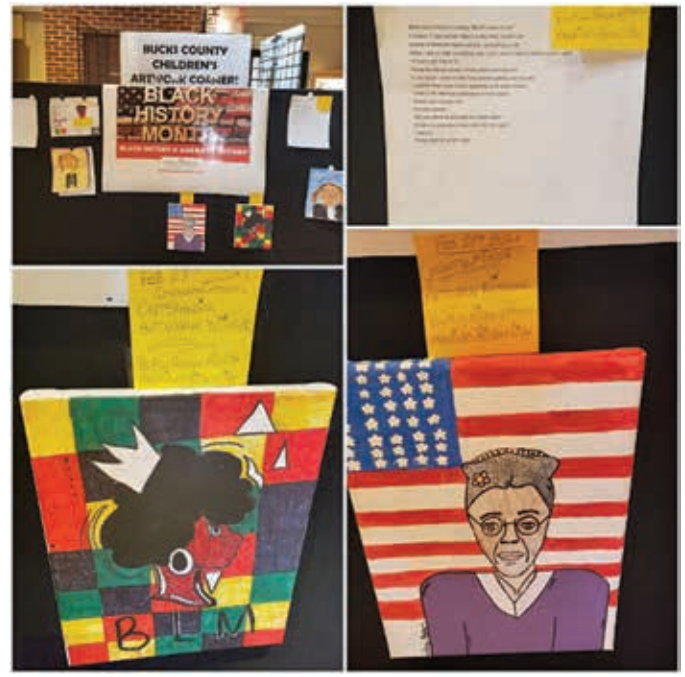
Artist Chats will continue monthly on the third Thursday of the month. There is no fee for these programs.



"Cadence #37" is an oil on canvas by Cindy Roesinger.



Children's artwork celebrates Black history.



Children's artwork celebrates women's history.

Children's artwork honors Black history, women's history months

America's History Live continues at the Bucks County Visitor Center, 3207 Street Road, Bensalem, through March 21.

Its focus is on the anti-slavery and women's suffrage movements, featuring the historic "Newtown Hall" of Newtown.

Life-sized replicas of many of the nation's abolitionists, and early women's suffrage pioneers are on display, spanning America from the early 1800s through the early 1900s. The exhibition also honors several key women from Pennsylvania who were instru-

mental in the women's right to vote.

The Bucks County Children's Corner of artwork and crafts – in celebration of Black History Month and Women's History Month – with students' artwork submissions is on display.

America's History Live organizer Shirley Lee Corsey reached out to surrounding school districts, including Bensalem, the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, and Council Rock. The artwork theme is "What does Black History/Women's History mean to

you?"

"We sought to showcase the children's creativity by supporting various forms of artistic expressions they wished to create – drawings, paintings, writings and/or poetry. Each of the top artwork winners to-date have been notified they will receive a \$25 gift card.

Students with their parents, teacher, and/or school administrator are invited to "MASK-UP" and come to the Bucks County Visitor Center at 1:30 p.m. Saturday March 20, to receive their gift.

Adriana Groza is next Artsbridge Distinguished Artist

March is unpredictable: some years it's "in like a lion and out like a lamb," some years it's the opposite.

This month's Artsbridge's Distinguished Artist, Adriana Groza,

celebrates and captures the unpredictable in her "go-with-the-flow" abstract fluid acrylic paintings. On Thursday, March 18, she will demonstrate her unusual brush-free technique and will show some of her work at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

"My best works are active and imply movement across the space, or they emerge from, or descend into space for the observer," Groza said.

She applies her foundation color and then allows her feelings and imagi-



"Self Portrait" is by Adriana Groza.

nation to wander free with the fluid pigments.

"I am unlocked to bring to light what arises on the canvas before me. In that sense, I am as much a spectator as a creator, as my paintings take shape."

Several unconventional instruments and techniques are used to move the paint around without a brush. Her demonstration will show the surprising effects achievable with fluid acrylics.

Born in Transylvania, Romania, Groza lives and works in Hamilton N.J. To learn more about her, visit her website. To register for the Zoom presentation, "A Fluid Art Experience, Art With Fluid Acrylics," visit artsbridgeonline.com/site/.



"Imaginary Seascape" is by Adriana Groza.

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Mercer Museum, Fonthill Castle offer new slate of virtual programs

The Mercer Museum & Fonthill Castle, operated by the Bucks County Historical Society (BCHS), have announced a new slate of virtual programs this spring that are designed to bring local history and the legacy of Henry Chapman Mercer and his concrete castles in the heart of Bucks County, to audiences in their own homes.

Throughout the months of March and April, these virtual experiences will showcase the architectural beauty and historic significance of the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle, and invite online viewers to learn more about the buildings and the vision of the man who built them.

By combining recorded film, historic photographs and live virtual interactions with museum guides, these virtual programs offer a new way to experience Smithsonian-affiliate museums in the digital age.

The virtual programs, all presented via Zoom, cover a variety of topics for audiences of all ages, including virtual tours of the Mercer Museum's Central Court, Fonthill Castle's labyrinth-like interior, Henry Mercer's legacy and personal story, family programs in a Colonial-style log house, and guest speakers covering specialized local history topics.

"These new virtual programs are designed to educate, inspire and delight. We are always looking for new ways to create meaningful cultural experiences, and are thrilled that virtual programming makes our castles more accessible than ever," said BCHS Vice President of Community Services & Marketing Marjan Shirzad.

Offerings include:
Virtual tour – Highlights of Fonthill Castle, at various dates and times;

Virtual Lecture – Henry Chapman Mercer: A Legacy Built in Concrete, 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays: March 31 and April 28;

Friends of BCHS– Virtual Lecture: The Private Henry Mercer, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 15;

Virtual Family Program – Colonial Farm Experience, 1 to 2 p.m. Fridays: March 12 and April 23;

Virtual Family Program – Meet the Makers: Bartering in Colonial Times, 1 to 2 p.m. Fridays: March 19 and April 16; and

Virtual Lecture – Postcards of Bucks County: The Complete Arnold Brothers Series, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 27.

For information and registration, visit mercermuseum.org/virtualprograms.



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"Meet the Makers: Bartering in Colonial Times" is among the virtual programs being made available by the Bucks County Historical Society.

Timely "Diary of Anne Frank" at Music Mountain is a must-see

John Dwyer

"The Diary of Anne Frank" (a.k.a. "The Diary of a Young Girl") is one of the seminal pieces of 20th century literature.

It was written during the WWII Nazi occupation by Anne when the Frank family went into hiding in what is now known as "the secret annex" of Otto Frank's business, Opetka in Amsterdam in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands.

They went into hiding because their eldest daughter, Margot, had received papers that she would be going off to a work camp. They were accompanied by Otto's business partner, Hermann Van Pels, and his wife, Auguste and, son Peter. Eventually, they were joined by the Pels's dentist, Fritz Pfeffer.

The first diary was bought by Anne's father for her 13th birthday, which would have been her bas mitzvah...the day the child became a woman on June 12, 1942. Ironically, the Franks were Jewish progressives and did not observe that tradition. It goes to August 1944, when they were sent to the concentration camp. Anne was 15, when she died of typhus in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945.

The play was written in 1955 by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett and was later adapted for a movie in 1959. In the diary, play and movie, different characters' names were changed. The Van Pels became the Van Daans and Pfeffer, the dentist, became Albert Dussel.

It is must-see theater at Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, N.J. The cast, expertly directed by Molly Chase, has given us so much to think about. Our own present time may not be history repeating itself, but it feels like it's rhyming.

Antisemitism is still alive, as is racism and others. Generational blame for present circumstances



The cast of "The Diary of Anne Frank" performs at Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville, N.J.

exists. Hiding then and quarantine now weighs heavy on the soul. The whole piece and its execution breathes relevance.

This play is the very meaning of ensemble. Much credit is given to the Chase, whose last project at Music Mountain was the equally excellent production of "The Laramie Project."

Ari Gelb plays Anne with delight and wonder, as this girl becomes a woman. At different points her Anne is giddy with joy, frustrated, angry and oddly bewildered at her changing body and her attraction to boys.

Tyler Brennan as Peter Van Daan doesn't seem to act but is. He is that natural, which is to say that good.

Alex Klein, as Putti Van Daan, Mr. Frank's business associate, is an actor's actor. Having appeared recently as an insane man, a school child, a ghost and now a middle-aged Jewish businessman, his talent is truly impressive.

JoMarie Apelt has the showy role of Petronella Van Daan, Putti's wife, that won Shelly Winters an Oscar in the film. She wrings every nuance out of her role. She made big choices and it has paid off with big wins.

Kudos to Erik Snyder and Lar-

en Waksman as Anne's parents, the ever-versatile Roger Madding as Mr. Dussel, as well as the excellent pair of Madison Kotnarowski and Mike Prikril as the household's intermediaries with the outside world.

A special acknowledgment to the work done by Karl Weigand for set design, construction and dressing and to the amazing Chris Cichon for lighting.

The atmospherics are important. The space needs to be claustrophobic for the 10-member cast but spread enough apart so Cichon can throw a spot on a two person scene.

God's creation took six days and rest. As there are only four days between changing shows, Cichon creates the sun and Weigand the earth in less than four. Impressive. Especially in the context, that for two years the Frank lived in that world and this cast and we the audience are privileged and terrified for two hours to live in it again.

The show runs three weekends ending on March 21. You can attend the show both live and virtually. The theater observes COVID protocols and has an air scrubber HVAC. For information and tickets, visit musicmountaintheatre.com.

Wordsmiths Reading Series features award-winning poets at BCCC

Bucks County Community College's Wordsmiths Reading Series invites the public to hear award-winning poets Lynn Levin and Grady Chambers read from their works at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 12.

Hosted by program director Ethel Rackin, the reading series is presented live on the college's YouTube channel, YouTube.com/BucksCCC. The event is free and no registration is needed.

Levin is a poet, writer, translator, and teacher. Her most recent poetry collection, "The Minor Virtues" (Ragged Sky, 2020), was listed as one of spring 2020's best books by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Her poems have appeared in Boulevard, The Hopkins Review, Artful Dodge, Rattle, on Garrison Keillor's The Writer's Almanac, and other places.

Her previous poetry collections include "Miss Plastique," "Fair Creatures of an Hour," and "Imaginarium." She is the translator from Spanish of "Birds on the Kiswar Tree" by Odi Gonzales and co-author of "Poems for the Writing: Prompts for Poets." The 1999 Bucks County Poet Laureate, Levin teaches at Drexel University. Her website is lynnlevinpoet.com.

Chambers is the author of "North American Stadiums"

(Milkweed Editions), winner of the inaugural Max Ritvo Poetry Prize. His poems and stories have appeared in The Paris Review, Boaat, 32 Poems, American Poetry Review, The Sun, and elsewhere. Chambers, a former Wallace Stegner Fellow in Creative Writing at Stanford University,

lives in Philadelphia. His website is gradychambers.com.

The Wordsmiths Reading Series continues at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 16, with poets Maggie Smith and Cleveland Wall.

To learn more, contact Professor Ethel Rackin at Ethel.Rackin@bucks.edu.

For the Love of Opera celebrates anniversary of RBG's birth

On Monday, March 15, a new operatic event will showcase U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's favorite arias on what would have been her 88th birthday.

Presented by the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH), Opera Philadelphia, and the Lowell Milken Center for Music of American Jewish Experience at The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, "For the Love of Opera: Celebrating RBG's 88th Birthday" will feature commentary as well as performances recorded this month in NMAJH's Dell Theater and UCLA's Schoenberg Hall.

A lifelong opera fan and advocate, Ginsburg often spoke publicly about her love for the art form. The plots of her favorite operas often paralleled her professional pursuit of justice. "For the Love of Opera" will feature arias from her favorite operas and highlight operas that deal with legal issues, justice, and equality.

A longtime member of NMAJH, Justice Ginsburg became the



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The late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

21st inductee into the museum's Only in America Gallery/Hall of Fame in 2019.

For The Love of Opera will air at 8 p.m. March 15 via Facebook Live on the NMAJH, Opera Philadelphia and the Lowell Milken Center Facebook pages, with a limited number of Zoom slots also available. It also will be available on-demand after the event. Visit nmajh.org/events/for-the-love-of-opera/ to learn more.

See the world from home with National Geographic

Bucks County Community College brings the world to your living room with National Geographic Live!, online events featuring live question-and-answer sessions with NatGeo moderators.

Presented by Bucks Live!, the next event is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, with "Feats of Filmmaking."

Meet two filmmakers known for capturing extreme feats of adventure in some of the world's most remote and inhospitable environments.

Bryan Smith brings stories of

adventure to the screen from the South Pacific's deepest canyons to the frozen waters of Niagara Falls. And Keith Ladzinski takes on the seemingly impossible — including chasing tornadoes, or hanging from massive natural arches — to document the endeavors of the world's most elite adventurers.

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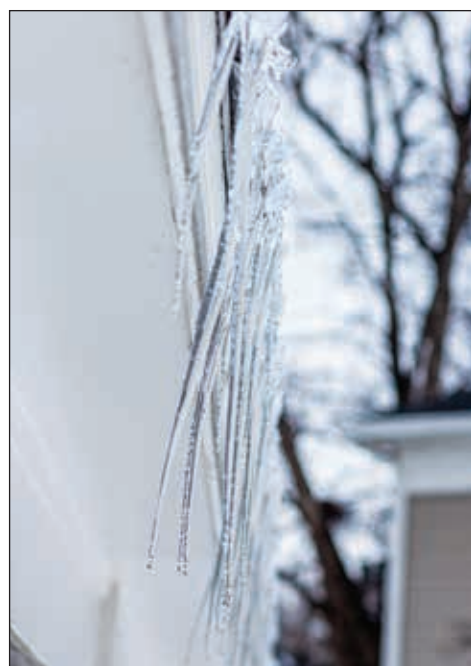
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Bad winters cause many headaches for homeowners and community associations: sore backs from shoveling, empty bank accounts from high heating, bills from hiring plows, and general cabin fever. Just when the drudgery of winter should be lifting and the warm sun of spring coming, ice dams can wreak havoc inside homes. It is important to understand that ice dams and resulting leakage are a weather-related phenomenon that can occur on a structurally sound, healthy roof.

Ice dams occur when a large amount of snow or ice accumulates on the roof and then begins to melt. The snow melts by either the daytime sun or because too much heat is escaping through the roof. Afternoon sun may reach certain areas of a roof, like the top, and be blocked from other areas. As a result, it may be nearly impossible in some cases to prevent an ice dam from forming. The melted snow reaches the edge of the roof or the gutters, and the water turns into ice.

The ice forms at the roof edge because the roof overhang does not benefit from home heat escaping higher up on the roof. Even if the attic is properly insulated, the metal of the gutters is colder than the roof, so when the water reaches the gutter, it can quickly turn to ice. This ridge of ice is called an ice dam.

When additional snow melts, the ice dam prevents water from running off the roof. The



water backs up underneath shingles, flows into the home, and causes interior water damage. Real catastrophe can happen when late winter or early spring rains start before those ice dams have time to melt. Ice dams can result in significant damage to home interiors, and if left unrepaired, to roofing structures. There are simple steps homeowners can do to protect

their home from ice dams.

1. Ensure that all gutters are clean prior to the first snowfall. Clean gutters give trickling water the proper avenue off the roof.

2. Make sure attics are properly vented. Correct roof ventilation ensures heat is not trapped in the attic facilitating snow melt. Pay special attention to bathroom fans and dryer vents which blow warm, moist air into your attic space when not vented outside.

3. Attics need to be properly insulated. The proper amount of insulation will prevent heat from escaping the attic. Also, high hats or recessed lights produce significant amounts of heat when they are mounted into the ceiling and not properly insulated.

4. Lower pitched roofs are more susceptible to leakage should an ice dam form. Be sure to pay particular attention to prevention efforts in these areas.

For those preparing for a re-roofing project, there are roofing products designed to mitigate interior damage caused by ice damming. Waterproof leak barrier installed under the shingles is standard in roofing design.

The leak barrier products do not prevent the formation of ice dams. Rather they are a defense to help keep water that has already backed up under the shingles from penetrating the roof and entering the home's interior. The width of the leak barrier/ice dam protect membrane may be determined by the homeowner or reroofing project manager.

Generally, the leak barrier product is between

3 and 6 feet wide. The wider the leak barrier, the more protection it provides if water starts to back up on the roof. Roofing professionals recommend 6 feet of protective leak barrier. This is also the recommended distance for the more robust roofing warranties which exist for consumers, such as the GAF Golden Pledge and the Certainteed 5 STAR warranty. The products recommended for your next roofing project are, for instance, GAF's weather watch and Certainteed's winter guard.

Also, if gutter cleaning is not a priority, a gutter guard system should be considered.

If, despite your best efforts, ice dams have formed on your roof, roofers and insurance agents caution homeowners against trying to remove ice and snow themselves. Roof ice can make inspections and remedies dangerous. If an active leak from ice damming has formed, the immediate relief is to either remove the snow, remove the ice dam, or remove some of both. Removing the ice dam requires work that can damage the roof material. As a result, assessment and repair is best left to roofing professionals.

Ice dams are a winter headache. Prevention and quick remedial action are the keys to avoiding substantial property loss and repair costs. Roofing professionals are available to inspect and recommend the best prevention and repair options for your home or community association.

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The basic protection of masks is required for all meetings with clients and property viewings contain no more than three people at a time. Standard practices also include wearing gloves and booties for property viewings, depending on customer preferences or requirements of a property seller.

Sellers are advised to prepare their home for property viewings by having all lights on and closet doors open for the purpose of minimizing touch in their homes. Many sellers provide wipes or hand sanitizer in the homes for sanitation purposes. The real estate professional will often have it with them as well. Many realtors wipe down countertops, doorknobs and railings after showings. Fresh booties and gloves

are used for each showing.

Property buyers, sellers, realtors, contractors and inspectors are asked to complete a health and safety acknowledgement form answering some health-related questions before entering a property. Questions about possible exposure, status of one's current health and the like are asked either verbally or completed on a form to be provided to a listing agent before entry to a property. The seller has the ultimate approval, based on how the form is completed, to allow or decline someone entering their home.

This year has seen a busy seller's market due to low inventory, record low interest rates and a high number of qualified buyers seeking lifestyle changes or looking to make real estate investments. If you are considering selling your home, now would be a good time to contact a real estate professional.

This year has seen a busy seller's market despite the COVID-19 pandemic.



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When Ictinus designed the Parthenon in 447 BC, as chief builder

or "architekton" in Greek, he sculpted full-size prototypes for the building components that would then be copied by masons to fabricate and assemble of the building. During the Renaissance, architects made great strides in developing accurate scale drawings of plans, elevations, perspectives, and scale wooden models. The drawings and models were then used by builders to construct the structure. These architectural techniques carried through most of the 20th century.

In the digital age of today, plans are rarely drawn by hand. Architects have returned to designing three-dimensional models that can appear at full size. However, the models are now virtual, designed utilizing computer programs, and printed in two-dimensional scale drawings and three-dimensional "camera views" from anywhere within or outside the model. Multiple design options can easily be evaluated by copying models and changing specific elements of the design.

Great improvements in architectural software now help architects communicate more effectively with their clients. A picture is worth a thousand words.

Builders can use a three-dimensional model to prepare accurate construction estimates earlier in the design process. Those models allow the architect to correct potential construction collisions of different building systems, such as structure, plumbing, HVAC, lighting, and finishes. Eliminating ambiguity in architectural drawings translates to less guessing for the contractor and lower construction costs for the owner.

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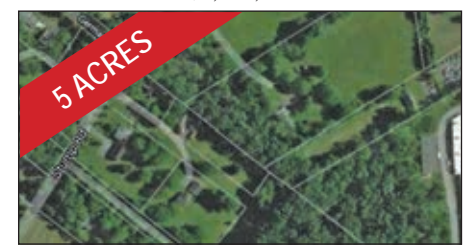
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Existing-home sales tick up 0.6% in January

Existing-home sales rose in January, marking two consecutive months of growth, according to the National Association of Realtors. From a month-over-month perspective, buying activity varied in the major regions. Year-over-year, all four areas recorded double-digit gains in January.

Total existing-home sales, completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops, increased 0.6% from December to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 6.69 million in January. Sales in total climbed year-over-year, up 23.7% from a year ago (5.41 million in January 2020).

“Home sales continue to ascend in the first month of the year, as buyers quickly snatched up virtually every new listing coming on the market,” said Lawrence Yun, NAR’s chief economist. “Sales easily could have been even 20% higher if there had been more inventory and more choices.”

The median existing-home price for all housing types in January was \$303,900, up 14.1% from January 2020, as prices increased in every region. January’s national price jump marks 107 straight months of year-over-year gains.

Whereas much of the economy has suffered due to COVID-19, the housing sector has been one of the few bright spots according to Yun. In NAR’s latest quarterly report, home prices in every tracked U.S. metro area increased during the fourth quarter of 2020.

“Home sales are continuing to play a part in propping up the economy,” Yun said. “With additional stimulus likely to pass and several vaccines now available, the housing outlook looks solid for this year.”



Yun says he expects more jobs to return, which will spur homebuying in the coming months. He predicts existing-home sales will reach at least 6.5 million in 2021, even with mortgage rates likely to inch higher due to the rising budget deficit and higher inflation.

Total housing inventory at the end of January amounted to 1.04 million units, down 1.9% from December and down 25.7% from one year ago (1.40 million).

Unsold inventory sits at a 1.9-month supply at the current sales pace, equal to December’s supply and down from the 3.1-month amount recorded in January 2020. NAR first began tracking the single-family home supply in 1982.

Properties typically remained on the market for 21 days in January, seasonally even with December and down from 43 days in January 2020. 71% of homes sold in January 2021 were on the market for less

than a month.

First-time buyers were responsible for 33% of sales in January, up from 31% in December 2020 and 32% in January 2020. NAR’s 2020 “Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers” revealed that the annual share of first-time buyers was 31%.

Individual investors or second-home buyers, who account for many cash sales, purchased 15% of homes in January, up from 14% in December 2020 but down from 17% in January 2020. All-cash sales accounted for 19% of transactions in January, unchanged from December but down from 21% in January 2020.

Distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales) represented less than 1% of sales in January, equal to December’s percentage but down from 2% in January 2020.

“This year, more than ever, we are prepared and eager to help families and neighbors secure housing,” said NAR President Charlie Oppler, a realtor from Franklin Lakes, N.J. and CEO of Prominent Properties Sotheby’s International Realty. “NAR is working to close the racial homeownership gap, secure equal access to housing for all Americans and address housing affordability issues plaguing communities across the country.”

Oppler cited NAR’s recent “Snapshot of Race and Home Buying in America,” which reported wide differences in homeownership rates across racial groups, and said more work is needed.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 2.74% in January, up from 2.68% in December. The average commitment rate across all of 2020 was 3.11%.

HUD to enforce Fair Housing Act, protect LGBTQ rights

The National Association of Realtors applauded HUD’s announcement that it will enforce the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. HUD’s move, based on the Supreme Court’s reasoning from last June’s Bostock decision, effectively expands civil rights protections to LGBTQ Americans seeking

housing and housing-related services. The decision follows an executive order from the Biden administration directing federal agencies to implement the Supreme Court’s interpretation in all federal civil rights activities.

“NAR has long championed LGBTQ rights in the housing market, first calling for expanded protections in 2011,” said

NAR President Charlie Oppler, a realtor from Franklin Lakes, N.J., and the CEO of Prominent Properties Sotheby’s International Realty. “There are few greater human needs than housing and to exclude LGBTQ individuals from the protections afforded to other Americans is cruel. This is a just and historic decision by HUD.”

Since 2011, NAR’s Code of Ethics

obligates realtors to provide equal professional service without discrimination based on sexual orientation. In 2013, that obligation was extended to include gender identity.

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Toll Brothers announces new community in King of Prussia

Toll Brothers, the nation’s leading builder of luxury homes, today announced it has closed on the acquisition of a 79.6-acre land parcel located near the intersection of DeKalb Pike and Henderson Road in King of Prussia, Pa. The site is the future location of the company’s new home

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Located in the heart of King of Prussia, Stonebrook at Upper Merion will include 278 new homes, including 213 two-story

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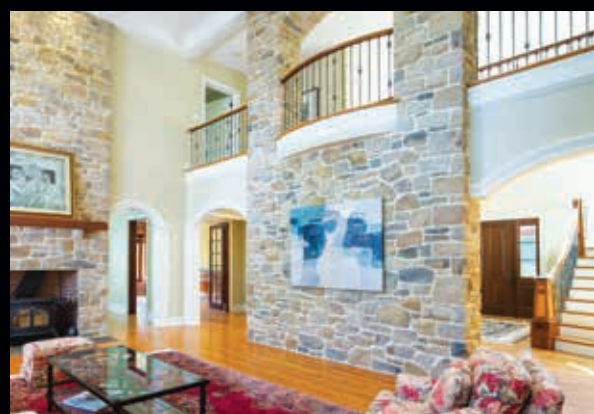
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