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Brian L. Kerstetter Announces Candidacy



Longtime Prosecutor, Brian L. Kerstetter, an attorney in Lewisburg, has announced his candidacy for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, which is comprised of Union and Snyder Counties. Kerstetter is the son of retired Lewisburg Police Chief, Ron Kerstetter, and retired SCI Muncy R.N., Vicky Kerstetter

"As a judge, I will bring over 21 years of proven legal skills as a criminal prosecutor to the bench to ensure fair justice that helps protect the people of Union and Snyder counties," said Kerstetter.

"As a dedicated public servant, I have spent my career protecting victims' rights and putting dangerous criminals behind bars which is experience that our counties need now more than ever."

A qualified and accomplished attorney, Kerstetter has extensive experience both in and out of the courtroom. Throughout Kerstetter's career, which includes over 100 criminal jury trials, he has successfully convicted and obtained lengthy jail sentences for child abusers, drug dealers, rapists and more. He continues to work side by side with police, earning him the trust and respect of law enforcement.

"I had the pleasure to have worked beside First Assistant District Attorney Kerstetter during my 25 year career with the PA State Police when I was a Trooper stationed at the Selinsgrove barracks," said retired State Police Trooper, Scott Davis. "Brian has always been a pleasure to work with. His knowledge, character, skills, and integrity are second to none. I have witnessed Brian prosecute cases in the Court of Common Pleas on numerous occasions. Brian has always showed empathy to the victims of the crimes he was prosecuting. His knowledge and guidance to law enforcement ensured that cases were complete, and all elements of the crimes were covered. Brian was also fair and reasonable when dealing with violators and defense attorneys and always ensured justice was served and served fairly for all parties involved."

A graduate of Lewisburg Area High School, King's College and Ohio Northern University School of Law, Kerstetter was hired as First Assistant District Attorney by then District Attorney and current Union/Snyder Common Pleas Judge, Michael H. Sholley. Kerstetter also worked closely with now Union/Snyder President Judge Michael Hudock when they were both Assistant District Attorneys in the Snyder County District Attorney's Office.

Kerstetter is proud to have earned the endorsement of Union County District Attorney D. Peter Johnson and Snyder County District Attorney, Michael Piecuch.

"In addition to his private practice in Union County, Brian Kerstetter has been my trusted First Assistant DA here in Snyder County for many years. I believe wholeheartedly that he has the experience, knowledge and temperament to serve the people of Snyder and Union Counties as their judge." Snyder County D.A., Mike Piecuch.

For years, Kerstetter taught classes in the paralegal program at the McCann School of Business, and he has been a presenter and instructor on topics that include child and spousal support matters as well as the prosecution of DUI cases. Kerstetter has consistently argued both civil and criminal cases before all of Pennsylvania's appellate courts, including the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

"I am committed to always protecting an individual's Constitutional Rights and keeping our communities safe," said Kerstetter. "I will work tirelessly to ensure that justice is fair, that it is timely and that it is provided in the most cost-effective manner possible to decrease the burden on our already strained taxpayers."

In addition to his criminal law experience, Kerstetter also has extensive civil and family law experience having owned and operated his own law practice, the Law Office of Brian L. Kerstetter since 1999.

"As a lifelong resident and trusted attorney in Snyder and Union counties for over two decades, I have deep roots in our community and share the values of those who call this region their home. Throughout my private practice career, I have obtained a broad-based knowledge in all areas of the law our next judge will hear, and I have tried many civil and family law cases in both counties. You can trust that I will continue to work hard to earn the honor of serving as our next judge."

For the past twenty years, Kerstetter has served as the attorney for the Domestic Relations Offices in both Union and Snyder counties. He is the solicitor for several local townships, municipal authorities, and zoning hearing boards in both counties as well as counsel to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission. Kerstetter is a founding Board Member and is counsel for the Susquehanna Valley Law Enforcement Camp Cadet.

"My personal commitment to our region, and my in-depth legal experience in all aspects of the law, have prepared me well to serve as the next Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Union/Snyder Counties."

Learn more about the campaign at: www.kerstetterforjudge.com.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Kerstetter for Judge.

Doughnut Day

By Kay Poeth



Green Ridge Country Market in Mifflinburg makes 800-1000 dozen doughnuts for Fastnacht Day each year! Volunteers made 6,720 doughnuts for the annual Doughnut Day fundraiser at Rescue Hose Company in Beavertown!

Doughnut Day has its roots deep in Germany and is a popular Pennsylvania Dutch tradition here in the Valley. Fastnacht Day (also spelled Fasnacht) falls on Shrove Tuesday. Fastnacht is the time to indulge in pastries and rich foods before the Lenten fasting begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. It is a way to use up the lard, sugar, butter, and fat in the kitchen that are off-limits during the 40 days of Lent.

A Fastnacht is potato pastry, yeast-raised, and deep fried. The doughnuts can be plain, glazed, or coated in powdered sugar or cinnamon and sugar.

At Green Ridge Country Market located at 811 Forest Hill Road in Mifflinburg, Fastnacht Day is favorite among their customers. Each year the bakery makes 800-1000 dozen doughnuts with the most popular being glazed, filled, and sugared.

"All of our doughnuts are made from scratch with a mashed potato base," explained Gary Smith. "We make them every Friday and Saturday from November until the end of March."

Walking into the Rescue Hose Company in Beavertown was like stepping into the book, Homer Price by Robert McCloskey, one of my favorites. The chapter called "The Doughnuts" immediately sprang to mind with its doughnut machine that went on the rampage churning out doughnuts. "The doughnuts kept rolling down the little chute, just as regular as a clock can tick!"

Well, the kitchen at the Rescue Hose Company was a beehive of activity. Twenty-five volunteers kept the doughnuts churning on Monday, February 15 from mixing batter, to pouring the batter into the hopper, filling the oil, turning the doughnuts, coating them with sugar, and boxing them for delivery or pick-up. The volunteers started their duties by 8 am in a non-stop production!

The dedicated volunteers cranked out 560 dozen of the cake-like confections available in plain or sugared. Boxes filled with doughnuts lined the tables in the dining room of the fire company. They were available for pick-up throughout the day. Any extras of the 6,720 doughnuts made, and there were not many, were sold the following day.

According to Kristy Kratzer, "During this difficult pandemic time and with the recent passing of Paul "Popeye" Saylor, this event was a time for everyone to remember him...Whether it was with the EMS, Firefighting, or fundraising like this for the fire company."

"Proceeds from Doughnut Day benefits the Ladies Auxiliary," explained Terra Rheam as she placed sugar orbs into boxes. "The proceeds will be used to update the kitchen and dining room. Additional proceeds will be donated to the Rescue Hose Company for any equipment or safety needs."

Volunteers and community are an important aspect of the Rescue Hose Company. "We appreciate all the support the community gives us with each event throughout the year," said Rheam.

If you missed this year's Doughnut Day, make sure to mark your calendar and call the fire company next year!

Summit Sum Up! Virtual Event Feb. 25

By Kay Poeth

Summit Early Learning invites everyone to join them during an online event where you can learn about all of SUMMIT's educational programs for children ages 0-12. The mission of Summit Early Learning is "Building the future through early care and education one family at a time."

According to Bette Scott, Family and Community Outreach Specialist at Summit Early Learning, "We will be sharing information about each of our programs and we will be available to answer questions in an online 'sum up' of all that Summit offers."

Join the Virtual Summit Sum Up on February 25 from 9:30 am-11:00 am via Zoom. RSVP to Bette Scott at bette.scott@summitel.org or call 570-259-1818 to register. A Zoom link will be sent and those in attendance have the opportunity to win prizes from two drawings!

Lewisburg Children's Museum Adds More Days To Play

The Lewisburg Children's Museum (LCM) is pleased to announce they are adding an additional day to play each week. Starting Friday, February 19, the LCM will be open on Fridays 10:00 am-4:00 pm in addition to Wednesdays 10:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

"We are taking things slowly," says Kahla DeSmit, LCM Managing Director. "We are still facing numerous financial challenges due to decreased revenues, which resulted in partial and full furloughs for staff. But we feel like this is a step in the right direction."

The Museum has reopened with exhibit modifications, reduced capacity, and timed tickets. Tickets can be reserved online at: www.lewisburgchildrensmuseum.org/prices-and-hours.

Following CDC guidelines and mandates from the State, LCM staff and visitors are required to wear masks for those 2 years and older.

"Masks are currently the best method we have at reducing the spread of COVID-19," says Lindsey Walter, LCM Education Director. "We are looking at this very practically in that this is what we have to do to ensure safe play"

"We know that children need play now more than ever," DeSmit adds. "And families that are already visiting us on our current open days have expressed how much they appreciate the option for children to explore. People know and appreciate we are doing what we can to keep them safe and provide learning opportunities."

The Museum will also be open special hours on Monday, February 15 10:00 am-4:00 pm for Presidents' Day. Ticket reservations required.

The Museum continues to ask that families: only visit if they are well and have not had contact with someone who has COVID-19; maintain proper physical distancing from others not in your group; wash hands and sanitize often; wear a mask securely over the nose and mouth; and follow directional signage and instructions from the staff.

For more information about the LCM and to register for tickets, visit www.lewisburgchildrensmuseum.org.

Contact the Museum by email at lewisburgchildrensmuseum@gmail.com with any questions.

PA Farmers Union Members Virtual Annual Conference

Pennsylvania Farmers Union Annual Meeting will be "virtual" for the first time ever this year on Saturday, February 20, 2021, through Zoom starting from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please register at tinyurl.com/4m9z5xkf or call 717-576-0794 if you have any questions.

This first-ever virtual annual meeting will feature National Farmers Union's President Rob Larew, Pennsylvania Agricultural Secretary Russell Redding. Programming: A panel discussing the Fresh Food Finance Initiative, on the panel is Jay Young from Rising Spring Meats, Joshua Scheinberg, Ph.D., Eastern Regional Director, Veteran Coordinator, PDA, and Mike Roth, William Penn Fellow with PDA. We also have presentations on Mental Health in Farming by Scott Marlow, CEO of Long Rows Consulting, and COVID & Youth: Farmers, Food Security and a Global Pandemic with the extraordinary Maddie King from State College High School.

PFU will be presenting the Annual Jane Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award to Mary Louise Hutchinson, a Lifetime member of PFU. Mrs. Hutchinson managed the Farmers Union Milk Producer Association Co-op in Western, PA for 46 years. Mary, 92 years old, retired in 2019. We honor her and the service she provided to her fellow farmers.

"The Virtual Annual State Convention this year will highlight our work and our collaborative efforts on educational outreach and food safety training for Pennsylvania family farms," said Heidi Secord, PFU President. "Our speakers will provide valuable insights, important discussion points and focus our membership on pertinent policy issues."

Pennsylvania Farmers Union is a membership-driven organization committed to enhancing the quality of life of family farmers through educational opportunities, co-operative endeavors, and civic engagement. Become part of the solution and join today! PFU's Virtual Annual meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2021, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Zoom. Registration for the event is open to the Public, voting will be members-only. Register at tinyurl.com/4m9z5xkf and call with questions at 717-576-0794.

Web site: <https://pafarmersunion.org/join/>
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Selinsgrove Speedway Opens 2021 With STSS Mods March 20

With the 75th anniversary racing season looming, Selinsgrove Speedway is eyeing its season opener coming up on Saturday, March 20 at 2 pm when the Short Track Super Series Ice-breaker for combined modified competition takes the stage.

The STSS Modifieds will race 40 laps for \$5,000 to win, \$1,000 for 10th and \$400 to take the green flag from a purse totaling more than \$25,570 on March 20. STSS Crate 602 Sportsman will take part in a 25-lap feature with \$1,500 going to the winner and \$100 to take the green flag.

The speedway will then return a week later, on Sunday, March 28 at 2 pm with Mark Madness for the Modern Heritage 410 sprint cars and the super late models.

Modern Heritage of Mifflinburg recently announced its return as the 410 sprint car sponsor for the 2021 season that features a total of nine events for the big sprint cars including the wingless USAC 410 sprint race on June 17.

Located along Rt. 45 in Mifflinburg, Modern Heritage is a region leader in kitchen and bathroom custom design work and installation.

Offering not only full design and installation services, Modern Heritage carries full lines of flooring and cabinetry for every customer's needs at its showroom and on the web at www.modernheritage.com.

Apache Tree Service of Middleburg has also announced its return as sponsor of the IMCA/PASS 305 sprint cars at the track for 2021.

The Apache Tree Service 305s will compete in eight races during the year ahead, making their debut on April 10.

With 65 years of experience, Apache Tree Service offers a full line of tree services from stump and tree removal to trimming, chipping, lot clearing and aerial services. Apache Tree Service can be reached at 570.837.9692 or 570.837.2241.

And Slivinski Law Offices of Selinsgrove and Middleburg will again be presenting the Super 7 Series at the track in 2021.

The Slivinski Law Offices Selinsgrove Speedway Super 7 will again be a series of seven, two-division races that feature fast-paced, fan-friendly dirt track racing.

Series dates in 2021 will include the Ray Tilley Classic on April 25, USAC Sprints on June 17, World of Outlaws Late Models June 19, PA Speedweek July 4, 75th Anniversary July 20, USAC Silver Crown August 8 and the Jim Nace Memorial National Open on September 25.

Slivinski Law Offices has been serving the area's criminal, business and family law needs since 1977. Contact the offices at 570.374.5575 or 570.837.1200 or by visiting www.slivlaw.com.

Grandstand season reserved seats for the 2021 season at Selinsgrove Speedway are now on sale and can be purchased at a price of \$40 each while bleacher and lawn chair seating is priced at \$35. March 6 is the deadline for season seat renewals with all seats open for purchase by the general public thereafter.

Checks for seats should be made payable to and mailed to: Selinsgrove Speedway, PO Box 275, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

The oval and Selinsgrove Ford in Selinsgrove will host Race Day At The Dealership from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 6 featuring season schedules and seat sales.

Selinsgrove Speedway will host a practice session one week later on March 13 from 1 - 4 pm. View the entire 2021 slate of events posted at the track's official website, www.selinsgrovespeedway.com.

Keep up to date with all the latest speedway news, results, information and race status by visiting the website and by following the track on Twitter and Facebook.

Watch Wildlife Round The Clock From Home

Harsh winter weather can make it tough to get outdoors. But even in the worst conditions, the Game Commission's round-the-clock livestreams offer viewers a chance to connect with wildlife, all from the comfort of home.

A new 24-7 livestream from a black bear den in Monroe County launched this week. That brings the total to four Game Commission livestreams planned to run into the spring of 2021.

Last year's Farm Country Eagle Cam, which provides a bird's-eye view into a long-established nest in a giant sycamore overlooking scenic farmland, is back. The ever-popular Hanover, Pa. Eagle Cam has returned to the Game Commission after a year of being sponsored by Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. And the agency's Snow Goose Cam got up and running at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area in January, ahead of snow-goose migration through Pennsylvania, and the action is picking up.

All Game Commission livestreams can be accessed through the agency's website, www.pgc.pa.gov.

The livestreams are a collaborative effort by the Game Commission, HDOnTap and Comcast Business.

HDOnTap provides the streaming services and Comcast Business provides the internet connectivity for the two eagle cameras.

"HDOnTap is excited to partner with the Pennsylvania Game Commission for this cam's resurgence," said HDOnTap Co-Founder and CEO Tim Sears. "We were unsure if the opportunity would arise again for the live bear den cam. Watching the female and her cub was such a joy in 2019, it quickly became one of our staff's favorite cams to watch."

The den featured in the black bear livestream is the same one from the Game Commission's last black bear livestream two years ago, and the adult bear hibernating there could be the same one. Female black bears typically breed and have cubs every two years. Based on sounds picked up in the den, it's believed the adult bear in the livestream is with at least one cub.

Pennsylvania's black bears usually are born in January and begin walking in about eight weeks. They leave the den when 3 months old. During the 2019 run of the black bear livestream, the bears left the den, which is beneath a deck at a cabin, on April 11.

Game Commission Information and Education Director Steve Smith said the agency's livestreams allow viewers to see wildlife behavior unfold in front of them, at closer proximity than usually is possible in the wild.

"Viewers often tell us how appreciative they are of the entertaining, educational opportunities the livestreams provide, but also for how the livestreams have given them a whole new appreciation of wildlife," Smith said. "Those are among many reasons the Game Commission's wildlife livestreams remain so popular, and why we're proud to bring them back again this year."

This is the seventh year for the 24-7 livestream at the Hanover nest, located at Codorus State Park. The first egg of the year was spotted at the Hanover nest this week. HDOnTap Co-Founder Tiffany Sears said the livestream is one of the company's most popular. "Since 2015, viewers have enjoyed over 40 million hours of 24-7, live HD video and audio from the nest, as well as daily time-lapse clips on screens worldwide."

Bald eagles typically lay eggs in mid-February and, if the eggs are viable, they'll hatch in mid- to late March, with young fledging in June, but continuing to stop back at the nest.

Snow goose migration typically peaks at Middle Creek from mid-February to March.

Clinton County Speedway Announces Schedule For 2021 Season

The Clinton County Fair Association is pleased to announce the tentative schedule for the 2021 racing season at the 3/8 mile oval. The season will feature 25 events with a weekly 5 division racing program and the addition of some special race events throughout the year.

"We will feature the RaceSaver Sprint Cars, sanctioned by the Laurel Highlands Series or the Limited Late Models as our premier division," says race promoter Jason McCahan. "For most of the season, our premier divisions will rotate every other week with the pro stocks, 270 micro sprints, 600 micro sprints and four cylinders making every week a 5 division program."

The season will start with a practice session on Saturday, April 17th. The official season opener is scheduled for Friday April 23rd with the RaceSaver Sprints, Pro Stocks, 270 Micros, 600 Micros and Four Cylinders.

In addition to the speedway's regular Friday night operations, some special race events will be hosted in 2021.

The 410 Sprint Cars will make an appearance on Saturday, August 14th. Details for this event are being finalized, but the PA Sprint Car Shootout will feature a time-trial format for qualifications with the pro stocks and four cylinders on the card. The last time the 410 sprints were at the speedway was in 2011, when Lance Dewease, Alan Cole and Bob Howard were winners.

The annual Clinton County Fair in August will include 2 races events during fair week. Wednesday, August 4th will feature the 270 and 600 Micro Sprints plus the Pro Stocks and Four Cylinders. The Friday, August 6th program will be a Limited Late Model show as part of a 5 division race program.

Friday, September 3rd, the Limited Late Models will compete in the annual Len Stroud Memorial Race.

Saturday October 2nd will be one of the richest payouts with the Nittany 40 Championship for the RaceSaver Sprints and the C.W. Smith Memorial for the Pro Stocks.

Saturday, October 9th will be the season finale with a 50-lap Super Late Model Race.

The Kenny Wallace Dirt Racing Experience will make its debut at the speedway on Saturday June 5th, where fans can purchase a driving experience in a sprint car, late model or modified.

The speedway is still accepting marketing partners for the 2021 season. For the latest speedway information, visit the speedway's website at www.clintoncountyspeedway.com or follow the speedway on Facebook.

Middleburg Auction

The following items were sold on **February 16, 2021**
 Timothy: \$305 by the Ton; Grass: \$280 to \$290 by the Ton; Alfalfa \$250 by the Ton; Mixed: \$255 to \$360 by the Ton; Mixed: \$70 to \$115 by the Bale; Straw: \$110 to \$150 by the Ton; Straw: \$22.50 to \$40 by the Bale; Calf: \$5 to \$230 per hundred; Fats: \$68 to \$118.50 by the Ton; Cows: \$10 to \$74 per hundred; Bull: \$65 to \$104 per hundred; Feeder: \$20 to \$138 per hundred; Hogs: \$26 to \$108 per hundred; Pigs: \$10 to \$50 per head; Sows: \$15 to \$76 per hundred; Boars: \$1 to \$38 by the hundred; Sheep: \$97 to \$180 per hundred; Goats: \$10 to \$390 per head; Lambs: \$260 to \$355 per hundred.



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Drive-Thru Petition Party Help Elect Lori Hackenberg
 Feb. 20th, 7-12pm, Pepper Tree Restaurant Selinsgrove

West End Library Reading with Maverick
 Feb. 27th, 10:30-12:30pm, Sign up for 15 min. Slot 570-922-4773

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NOTE TO READERS:

To place events in the calendar please send them at least three weeks before the event so that we can publish it at least twice before the event. **The deadline for events is Monday by Noon.** The calendar goes by space available.

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Criminal Mischief Between 12:30-5a.m. January 15, at 266 Redtail Lane, in Buffalo Township. Matthew Mummey, 43, of Millmont, went to the residence of Gary Hinkle, 33, of Lewisburg, and caused damage to his 2013 Dodge Ram 1500 including a scratch, cut valve stems, and scratched rims at a cost of \$1,976.37. Charges for criminal mischief were filed through District Court 17-3-02.

Harassment/Physical Contact 8:01 p.m. February 23, at 425 Judy Road, in White Deer Township. PSP responded to a report of a domestic disturbance. Charges were filed against Russell Bastian, 53, of Milton, and Amanda Long, 33, of Watsonstown.

Crash 10:18 a.m. February 7, on I-80 E. on ramp from 15 N., in White Deer Township. A 2017 Isuzu driven by Howard J. Kline, 59, of Sunbury, was beginning to merge onto I-80 E., when Kline lost control and the vehicle rotated to the right. Kline's Isuzu then struck a guide rail on the south side of the roadway with its front end before fully rotating clockwise at which point the right side tire caught and tipped the vehicle onto its right side. Kline's Isuzu continued to spin until it was facing east and came to rest facing east on its right side. No injuries were reported.

Harassment/Physical Contact 2:51 p.m. February 10, on Ridgcrest Circle, in Kelly Township. PSP investigated an incident that occurred with a residence and an employee. It was determined no crimes were committed.

Theft/Pickpocket Between 12:30-1p.m. February 10, at Walmart, at 120 AJK Blvd., in Kelly Township. PSP investigated a theft of a wallet.

Crash 12:47 p.m. February 12, on Wildwood Road, in Limestone Township. A 2013 Ford Escape driven by Earl E. Rotharmel, 44, of Winfield, was traveling west on Wildwood Road, when it left the roadway via the north berm. The passenger side front fender of Rotharmel's Ford Escape continued traveling west approximately four feet when the front driver side bumper impacted a tree on the north side of the roadway. Rotharmel's Ford Escape spun a quarter turn, crossed both west and eastbound lanes where it came to rest approximately 40 feet from initial point of impact, facing north on the south berm. Rotharmel suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene.

Crash 9:47 a.m. February 10, on Trutt Road, in Union Township. A 2018 Jeep Wrangler driven by John H. Keller, 67, of Shamokin Dam, was traveling north on Trutt Road and struck the right leg of a pedestrian Micheal L. Diggan, 29, of New Columbia, in the northbound lane. Injuries of an unknown severity were reported. Keller was charged with driving vehicle at safe speed.

Criminal/Simple Trespass 4:09 p.m. February 14, on Shelly Circle, in Kelly Township. A 24 year old male, of Nescopeck, entered the residence of a 23 year old female, of Lewisburg, and was told to leave by her. The 24 year old male then continued to retrieve his belongings from within the residence, disregarding the actual communication to leave. The 24 year old male was arrested for trespassing.

Crash 2:01 p.m. February 14, on Col John Kelly Road at its intersection with JPM Road, in Kelly Township. A 2006 Chrysler Sebring driven by Shaquetta V. Simpkins, 25, of Lewisburg, was traveling north on JPM Road. A 2011 Toyota Prius driven by John M. Nakhla, 30, of Williamsport, was traveling west on Col John Kelly Road. As Nakhla's Toyota Prius was traveling through the intersection, Simpkins ran the stop sign and struck Nakhla's Toyota Prius. Simpkin's Chrysler Sebring proceeded to the northwest corner of the intersection and collided with a utility pole. Nakhla's Toyota Prius rotated clockwise and struck the same utility pole with its rear end. Both vehicles came to rest, Nakhla's Toyota Prius was facing north and Simpkin's Chrysler Sebring facing south. The passenger of Simpkin's Chrysler Sebring was extricated by the fire department. Injuries of an unknown severity were reported. Simpkins was cited for stop signs and yield signs.

Fleeing and Eluding 5:09 p.m. February 2, on White Deer Pike/I-80 E., in White Deer Township. PSP were investigating an incident in the White Deer Trailer Park. After the investigation was completed a pursuit began with a black 2013 Chrysler 300 bearing PA registration LCM-0322 where the driver of the vehicle was identified as Justyn David Holmes, 42, of Selinsgrove, and the passenger was Brian Michael Anderson. The pursuit lasted approximately five miles up the White Deer Pike at speeds up to 90 mph on ice, snow covered roadways. The occupants of the vehicle were apprehended and brought back to PSP Milton. The driver of the vehicle Justyn David Holmes was charged with the following through District Court 17-3-02: fleeing or attempting to elude officer (F3), three counts of recklessly endangering another person (M2), two counts of resisting arrest (M2), and multiple other vehicle code violations.

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Obituaries

Charles "Frank" Keister, 70, Penns Creek



Charles Franklin "Frank" Keister, age 70, of Penns Creek, passed away Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at his home after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born March 26, 1950, in Centre Township, Snyder County, a son of the late Raymond Sr. and Helen (DeLong) Keister.

His employment history included Riegles Feed Mill, Kinney Shoes, Zechman Well Drilling, Poloron Homes, Central Penn Wilbert Vault company and highway construction companies

James, Julian, Kinsley Construction and he retired from Mid State Construction. Frank and his companion Jean Riegel also operated a recycling business.

Frank enjoyed hunting and playing his guitar. Surviving are his longtime partner Jean Riegel; four children, Lucinda Piper, Loretta Campbell, Frank Keister Jr. and Melissa Rearick; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one brother, Roger Keister.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Kenneth "Buck", Harlan "Earl", Harold, Raymond "Pete" and Robert Keister; and one sister in infancy.

Graveside services will be conducted on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. in Penns Creek Union Cemetery with Pastor Jesse Bingaman officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Penns Creek Volunteer Fire Company or Penns Creek Ambulance.

Arrangements are by the Hummel Funeral Home, 574 Hill St., Middleburg.

Donald Houck, 763, Lewisburg

Donald M. Houck, 73, of Lewisburg, died on Friday, February 12, 2021 at Maria Hall, Danville, following a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

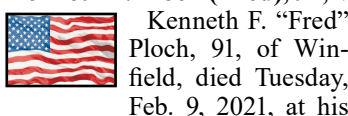
Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family with burial in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Marjorie L. Gill, 80, Lewisburg

Marjorie L. Gill, 80, of Lewisburg, passed away Friday morning, Feb. 12, 2021, at the Manor at Penn Village, Selinsgrove.

Due to COVID-19, services will be private at the convenience of the family.

Kenneth F. Ploch (Fred), 91, Winfield



Kenneth F. "Fred" Ploch, 91, of Winfield, died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at his

home.

Services are being planned and will be announced at a later date.

Harris A. Lemon, 91, Mifflinburg

Harris A. Lemon, 91, of Mifflinburg, died at 7:07 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at Heritage Springs Memory Care, Lewisburg, where he had been a resident since June of 2020.

A private funeral service was conducted with the Rev. Shirley Cornell officiating.

Mary A. Schlosser, 93, Lewisburg

Mary A. (Stremba) Schlosser, 93, of Lewisburg and formerly of Mahanoy City, passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at Elm-croft of Lewisburg.

There will be no viewing. Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Connie Ann Cowher, 83, Lewisburg

Connie Ann Cowher, 83, of Lewisburg, entered into eternal rest in her home surrounded by her family.

The family is planning to have a memorial service for Connie in May. "The Lady will have a Cuba Libre To Go!"

Nancy Everett, 84, Lewisburg

Nancy (Bellmeyer) Everett, 84, of Lewisburg, died Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at Buffalo Valley Assisted Living.

Services will be held at a later date.

Congressman Keller Named Ranking Member Of Education & Labor

Congressman Keller (R-PA) announced he will serve as Republican Leader of the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, one of five subcommittees within the Education and Labor Committee. The Subcommittee on Workforce Protections is tasked with addressing issues pertaining to wages and hours of workers, workers' compensation, trade and immigration issues in relation to employers and workers, and workers' safety and health.

On the new leadership position, Congressman Keller made the following statement: "I am honored to bring my 25 years of experience in private industry to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections as the Ranking Member. During my time working in the factory and managing operations at Conestoga Wood Specialties, I learned the importance of ensuring our employees have the necessary tools to do their jobs safely and efficiently. Every worker is essential as we continue to recover from this pandemic, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in this new role to strengthen our workforce and get Americans back to work."

In addition to his leadership role on the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, Keller is also slated to serve on the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education where he will work to find educational solutions for students from early learning through the high school level.

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The Union County libraries have 1040 and 1040SR forms in small quantities.

Federal forms may be obtained through the IRS website at www.irs.gov and may be printed at the libraries. Call the IRS at 800-829-3676 to request tax forms, instruction booklets, or publications be mailed directly to you. The deadline to file is Thursday, April 15, 2021.

Request PA Tax forms be mailed to your home by calling the PA Department of Revenue at 1-888-PATAXES. To file PA taxes online or to download & print forms go to <https://www.mypath.pa.gov>

Tax preparation is available by drop-off appointment with the Community Action Agency in Selinsgrove and Lewisburg. For more information and to schedule an appointment call 570-374-0181 or 1-877-497-1257. Library staff cannot offer tax preparation assistance.

For more information on taxes please visit our webpage at www.unioncountylibraries.org/2020taxseason

Nearly \$1 Million County-Administered Grant For Local Businesses

Edited by Kay Poeth

Rep. David Rowe (R-Snyder/Union) announced that Snyder and Union counties will be receiving a grant of \$966,082 from the Hospitality Industry Recovery Program, which is a locally administered funding program established through legislation from the General Assembly.

The department is prohibited from placing any additional stipulations on counties. Each county must contract with a Certified Economic Development Organization (CEDO) or a Community Development Financial Institution (CFDI) no later than March 1 to award grants. Each CEDO or CFDI shall receive applications no later than March 15 on a rolling basis until funding is exhausted or by June 15.

Each CEDO or CFDI shall approve or disapprove applications received by June 15.

Based on populations, Snyder County will receive \$457,268 and Union County will receive \$508,814. Hospitality businesses can apply to either the CEDO or CFDI, whichever the county contracts with.

"While I am happy to support a local effort that doesn't involve increasing taxes, I and thousands of my constituents are hoping to see a more long-term solution to help our working middle-class families and small businesses recover from such a devastating year of heartbreak and income losses caused by the governor's mandates," stated Rowe.

Evangelical Hospital Designated A Keystone 10 Hospital



Evangelical Community Hospital was recently officially designated a Keystone 10 hospital in Pennsylvania by the Department of Health. The Family Place, the Hospital's obstetrics unit, has been working toward this designation for some time.

The designation is given when a hospital achieves the 10 key components to successful breastfeeding programs. These steps include various stages of policy implementation, training of hospital staff, education and assistance for new mothers before birth and during the hospital stay, and establishment of breastfeeding support after leaving the hospital.

Keystone 10 is a quality improvement breastfeeding initiative developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and administered by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Its goal is to improve the protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding for all infants, mothers, and families in Pennsylvania.

The Keystone 10 Initiative was developed as a means of improving individual facility- and state-level breastfeeding care and rates, and ultimately, improving the health of mothers and babies. Evangelical is a non-profit organization that employs 1,900 individuals and has more than 170 employed and non-employed physicians on staff. The Hospital is licensed to accommodate 132 overnight patients, 12 acute rehab patients, and 18 bassinets. The Hospital serves

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To assist in our transportation efforts, rabbittransit has partnered with area organizations to off-set cost. One example is in Union, Snyder and Northumberland Counties, the Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way will support the cost of transportation to and from the COVID-19 vaccination site for individuals who do not qualify for a traditional transit program.

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Northumberland Bank News



The Northumberland National Bank is pleased to welcome **Patti Pensyl** to the commercial lending team. Originally from Shamokin, Patsy graduated from Bloomsburg University with a degree in accounting and moved to Baltimore to join the second largest savings and loan in the state.

Now back in Stonington, Patti Pensyl has worked in banking for over 37 years, and she values the ability to consult with customers and help them realize their goals. "Most of my career has been at larger institutions, which is a different atmosphere than at a smaller bank," Patsy says. "Every bank claims to be customer-oriented, but at a community bank, I really get to focus on our customers and provide service to them much more efficiently. At Norry Bank, we have the ability to look at customers and make those one-on-one lending decisions locally."

The Northumberland National Bank values Patsy's experience as she joins the commercial lending team, especially as second-draw PPP loans become available to local businesses through the Small Business Administration. To contact Patti for your commercial lending needs, call 570-701-3512.

The Northumberland National Bank is excited to welcome new vice president **Jim Shaffer** to lead investment services. From Sunbury, Shaffer graduated from Penn State University before starting his career in wealth management. He has spent the last 21 years working with individuals and businesses to craft investment plans



related to retirement, education savings, and generational wealth transfer.

In his new role, Shaffer is proud to work for a bank with community-based objectives and ideals. "I like that Norry Bank continues to grow but still maintains that family feel when you come in the door," he says. "We're big enough to provide the services that customers would expect, but we're small enough to keep that hometown, personal experience."

The Northumberland National Bank is pleased to recognize Jim Shaffer's Susquehanna Valley career history and talent as he oversees investment services. To contact Jim for your financial planning needs, call 570-847-9005.

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By: Sabrina Mikita, MD; Dermatology, UPMC



Dr. Sabrina Mikita is a dermatologist with UPMC seeing patients at SH Dermatology located at 1205 Gram-pian Blvd., Suite 1A, Williamsport. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 570-326-8060.

Our skin is one of our hardest working organs. It not only protects all the other organs in our bodies, and can repair itself, but it also regulates body temperature and detects and fights off infection. Healthy skin is an essential part of your overall health and wellness, yet most of us take our skin for granted, especially in the winter.

Winter's Effects on Skin

Frequent hand washing and sanitizer use may already be taking a toll on your hands as the pandemic continues, but as temperatures and humidity levels continue to drop, other body parts can also get itchy, cracked, and irritated.

The harsh winter can strip the skin's natural protective barrier, creating gaps in the outer most layer, allowing water to escape

promoting dehydration and irritants to get in. The dry environment may be responsible for that uncontrollable itch, as the inflammatory response kicks in and releases histamines. It can exacerbate inflammatory skin diseases such as rosacea, eczema, ichthyosis, and psoriasis, which suffer an impaired barrier function.

Tips to Avoid a Painful Season

If you are not prepared, the changes to your skin can make for a long winter. Knowing how your skin typically reacts to cold weather can help you create a routine ahead of time and keep your skin from reacting negatively to fall and winter.

- **Know Your Skin:** As winter approaches, try to remember how your skin changed during past winters. Maybe your skin stayed the same as it did in the summer. This could be because of the routine you have in place. If your skin changed and became dryer than usual, this may mean you need to better prepare your skin for winter.

- If you know your skin is prone to drying out from cold weather, a way to prepare your skin before and during the winter is to stick to short and warm showers. Long, hot showers can feel great after a cold day, but can strip your skin of important oils, leaving it dry.

- **It's All About Moisture:** Find a good moisturizer and use it before the cold weather hits and throughout the cold weather season. A moisturizer does exactly what its name implies: moisturizes. Moisturizing your skin in preparation for the cold weather and during the winter can help your skin from becoming dried out. An oil-free moisturizer that contains glycerin is best to help

keep skin hydrated.

- **Some Conditions Require Special Treatment:** If you have eczema or psoriasis, you will have to do more than simply slather on extra lotion and drink more water.

In the case of eczema, your body overreacts to an external trigger, such as dust mites or perfumes in cosmetics and soaps. Eczema develops as itchy, red skin, often in areas where skin touches skin, such as in the bends of the arms or knees. If you have eczema, it's important to use fragrance-free, hypoallergenic soap and moisturizers, as fragrances can cause allergies and further trigger itchiness and inflammation. One over-the-counter cream that may help provide relief from symptoms. You should also use scent-free hypoallergenic laundry detergent for the same reason. Certain fabrics, such as those made with wool, may be irritating to delicate skin as well.

In the case of psoriasis, a hyperactive immune response causes new skin cells to proliferate more quickly than old ones can be shed. The result is that cells pile up on top of each other, causing red patches with silvery scales. Psoriasis almost always requires prescription treatment because of the underlying autoimmune disease, but the best option varies depending on how much of the skin is impacted. Lack of sun exposure during winter months can also have an effect on psoriasis so your provider may consider phototherapy, a treatment that essentially involves using a light box to expose skin to controlled amounts of UV light in order to dampen inflammation.

Preparation Can Go a Long Way

Dry skin can make for an uncomfortable winter which is why preparation is key as we continue through the cold winter months. If you're having trouble managing your skin care, talk to a dermatologist. Your dermatologist can help you develop a routine and care plan to meet your skin's unique needs. If you're experiencing severely dry or chapped skin, or if you've recently developed a rash that's not improving, talk to your doctor as these could be signs of a dermatologic condition or symptoms of more serious illness or allergic reaction.

The Election Process Review Hearings

Edited by Kay Poeth

The theme of no uniformity among the state's 67 counties in terms of how elections and audits are conducted was highlighted by local election officials.

Counties are mandated to conduct an audit of randomly selected ballots equal to 2% of the votes cast or 2,000 (whichever is lesser) after each election and prior to certification. But according to one election official, the actual audit method can vary from a hand recount and tally to a simple re-scan of the ballots using a different machine depending on which county is conducting the audit.

Another official said allowing for pre-canvassing of ballots (counting mail-in ballots before election day) would give officials more time to complete post-election audits.

Election audits provide a much-needed double-check of the election results. The overall goal of an audit must be that there is confidence in the outcome, confidence in the integrity of the system, and confidence that all laws and procedures were followed.

"It is vitally important the committee hears from all stakeholders in the election process, whether they be election officials, or voters," said House State Government Committee Chairman Seth Grove (R-York).

The committee will continue to review Voter Registration during its next hearing being held on Thursday, Feb. 25. Other upcoming meetings include Certification of voting machines on March 4, Operation of voting machines with demonstrations on March 11, and Mail-in and absentee ballots on March 18.

Public Comment Welcome On Regional Transportation Issues

Survey open through March 3

Residents in an eight-county area of central Pennsylvania are invited to give their input and share transportation issues to help shape the region's next major transportation plan.

The SEDA-Council of Governments (SEDA-COG) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is updating its Long Range Transportation Plan which proposes practical solutions to transportation safety, maintenance, congestion, and mobility needs for Clinton, Columbia, Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, and Union counties.

The plan identifies transportation needs, goals, projects, and policies for a 20-year planning horizon, and is required to be updated at five-year intervals. The plan establishes the vision and objectives that guide public decisions affecting transportation facilities and services in the region.

Jim Saylor, director of SEDA-COG's Transportation Planning program, said one of the best ways the public can provide input is through SEDA-COG's online transportation survey.

"The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete but it provides valuable information for us. Are there issues we've missed? Does what we've gathered reflect your experience?" Saylor said. "This the first time we've asked for input using a tool like this and it will help us complete the plan and better focus on identifying transportation needs."

The survey is open now through March 3 and can be found at a website dedicated to the plan: <https://lrtp-seda-cog.hub.arcgis.com/>

The website also features an interactive map that shows proposed projects, traffic volumes and congestion, bridge and pavement conditions, freight generators, safety problem areas, flooding and rockfall prone areas, and railroads.

Don Kiel, senior principal program analyst for SEDA-COG's Transportation program, is leading the planning effort.

"We've added new data that people can look at and to help focus feedback on the region's transportation system and proposed new approaches to ranking our regional transportation projects for priority funding. We are employing new and better data that is important in selecting or prioritizing projects," Kiel said.

Additional public outreach will occur from March to April, along with plan finalization. The finalized plan will be up for adoption at the May public MPO meeting.

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Bluebird Nest Boxes Help Connect With Wildlife

It's soon time to say goodbye to winter and hello to spring.

Spring might not be "just around the corner," but bluebirds will be scouting out nesting sites before you know it, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission can help bring them and other songbirds to your backyard.

Bluebird nesting boxes built by staff at the Game Commission's Howard Nursery are available for sale, and can be ordered over the phone or purchased directly at the nursery office, the Game Commission's Harrisburg headquarters and Game Commission region offices. Nesting-box kits also are available.

Nursery staff build bluebird and other nesting boxes during the winter for annual sales to the public. A single box sells for \$12, plus Pennsylvania sales tax. When purchasing two or more boxes, the cost is \$11 each, plus sales tax.

Customers can select pre-built boxes or choose kits that can be assembled as a wood-working project. The kits provide a great opportunity for Scout troops, summer camps and other conservation groups to get involved with helping wildlife. Special pricing is available for organized educational activities. Call the Howard Nursery or region offices for details.

"Building and placing nesting boxes is a great project for individuals, families or civic organizations interested in connecting with wildlife in a natural way," said Bryan Burhans, Game Commission Executive Director. "What better way to usher in spring than attracting bluebirds to backyards and properties."

A brochure of the Game Commission's bluebird nesting boxes and other wildlife structures is available online by navigating to the Howard Nursery page at www.pgc.pa.gov. Place your cursor on the "Information & Resources" tab at the top of the homepage, then click "Get Involved," and select "Howard Nursery" to find the "2021 Wood Product Brochure."

The Game Commission's Howard Nursery has been manufacturing bluebird nesting boxes and box kits for more than 30 years. Each year, the nursery produces an average of 4,000 bluebird boxes and 10,000 kits. In addition to being sold to groups and individuals, they are also available to cooperators in the Game Commission's Hunter Access Program.

The nesting boxes constructed at the Howard Nursery are approved by wildlife biologists, and have been proven to attract bluebirds and other native species, such as tree swallows and house wrens. Bluebirds are beautiful songbirds native to Pennsylvania. They are cavity nesters that became less common because of a lack of suitable nest sites. Many nest sites have been lost through changing land-use practices, as well as urban and suburban sprawl. The decline in bluebird numbers is also due in part to non-native species, such as starlings and house sparrows, taking over bluebird nesting cavities.

Bluebirds are early nesters, and according to Game Commission biologists, now is the time to place new nest boxes, as well as to clean and repair existing boxes.

Boxes should be placed on a free-standing pole 3 to 5 feet above the ground, facing south, if possible, and facing a nearby tree or fence where young birds can safely land on their initial flights from the box. To reduce predation and competition from other species, no perch should be placed on the box; bluebirds do not need one.

Nesting boxes can be ordered and shipped directly from the Howard Nursery by calling 814-355-4434. Shipping and handling costs will apply. Shipping is not available from other Game Commission office locations. All purchases can be made with cash, check, money order or credit card. Sales will continue while supplies last.

The Howard Nursery is located at 197 Nursery Road in Howard, Pa. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The Game Commission's headquarters is at 2001 Elmerton Ave., just off the Progress Ave. exit off Interstate 81 in Harrisburg.

Game Commission region office addresses and phone numbers are available on the agency's website and in the Pennsylvania Hunting & Trapping Digest.

For more information on bluebirds, visit the Game Commission website www.pgc.pa.gov, click on "Wildlife" in the menu bar at the top of the page, then the "Birding" tab, and scroll down to "Eastern Bluebird" under the "Natural History" heading.

Pennsylvania's Deer Harvest: How It Compares

A look at the National Deer Association's 2021 Deer Report.

No state harvested more deer per square mile than Pennsylvania during the 2019-20 hunting season, 8.7. Pennsylvania was one of only three states to harvest more than 300,000 deer in total. These are just two of many insights shared by the National Deer Association (NDA) in their recently released 2021 Deer Report, a comprehensive update on the status of deer populations and deer hunting in the United States.

In addition, the percentage of mature bucks, those 2 ½ or older, in the harvest set a record, at 66%. That means only a third of the antlered bucks harvested in the 2019/20 season were 1 ½ years of age. According to Kip Adams, NDA's Chief Conservation Officer, "Pennsylvania deer hunters now shoot far more bucks that are at least 2 ½ years old than 1 ½ years. This is very different from hunting seasons in the past."

Pennsylvania 2019/20 Deer Season Quick Facts

- 1 of 3 states (Texas and Michigan) to harvest greater than 300,000 deer annually (163,240 antlered bucks and 226,191 antlerless deer)
- Sustainably harvested 8.7 deer per square mile (Tied for first with Delaware)
- Harvested 3.6 antlered bucks per square mile (Only Michigan harvested more, 3.7)
- Harvested 5.1 antlerless deer per square mile (Only Delaware harvested more, 6.2)
- Greater than 50% of antlered buck harvest was 2.5 years old or older for the 11th year in a row
- 66% of harvested antlered bucks were 2.5 years old or older, a new record
- 37% of harvested deer were taken during the archery season

The new Deer Report covers data from the 2019-20 hunting season, the most recent season with complete harvest data available from all major deer states. After 12 years of preparing this report, the NDA has expanded the scope beyond whitetails to include mule and black-tailed deer as well as whitetail subspecies like Coues and Key deer. A special section of the 2021 report contains information and harvest statistics on these other deer species.

Complete state-by-state estimates of total buck harvest, buck age structure, and many other harvest parameters are available in the full Deer Report, which also includes a look at numerous other critical issues for deer hunting. All NDA Deer Reports are available for free download from their website at: <https://www.deerassociation.com/about/deer-reports/>

Kip Adams, NDA's Chief Conservation Officer, provided an update from the National Deer Association's 2021 Deer Report, taking a closer look at Pennsylvania's deer harvest trends. Below is a link to his presentation, entitled How Pennsylvania's Deer Harvest Compares to Neighboring States and the Nation.

https://psu.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/Kip+Adams%2C+NDA+Presentation/1_mraveixy

For more about the National Deer Association be sure to visit their website. <https://www.deerassociation.com>

Longer, Not Shorter, Raccoon Hunting Season Proposed

Pennsylvania's raccoon hunting season likely will be slightly longer in the 2021-22 license year because of proposed Sunday hunting opportunities up for adoption in April.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission intends to maintain an October start to the raccoon hunting season and keep the season open through the firearms deer season and beyond. Additionally, raccoon hunters would have three Sundays – Nov. 14, 21 and 28 – on which they could hunt, based on the Game Commission's proposal.

A clerical error in the Jan. 23 Board of Commissioners meeting agenda misrepresented the Game Commission's proposed 2021-22 raccoon hunting season, making it appear as if the season would be closed during the firearms deer season. The error has been identified and the Jan. 23 seasons and bag limits news release available to view online has been updated with corrected season dates.

The season is proposed to run Oct. 23-Nov. 13; Sunday, Nov. 14; Nov. 15-20; Sunday, Nov. 21; Nov. 22-27; Sunday, Nov. 28; Nov-29-Feb. 19, 2022.

The board will consider these corrected season dates at its April 17 meeting.

Stacie Gaul Joins Advisory Council



Stacie Gaul, Associate Vice President of Capital Planning, Projects, and Facilities at Evangelical Community Hospital.

Andy Russell, former star linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and his wife, Cindy, have announced that Stacie Gaul, PMP, Associate Vice President of Capital Planning, Projects, and Facilities at Evangelical Community Hospital has joined the Central Susquehanna Region Russell Charitable Foundation Advisory Council and will help direct their future program initiatives and long range planning strategies.

In making their announcement the couple said: "We are especially pleased that Stacie will join our Susquehanna Valley Advisory Council endeavors

and share her considerable experience and expertise as part of our planning processes and assist in effectively and efficiently helping to orchestrate a focused approach related to our interests and community concerns. Stacie has a compelling history of community service and corporate accomplishment which adds additional depth of leadership to our Advisory Council" the Russell's commented.

In Stacie's role at the Hospital, she provides leadership and oversight of Hospital facilities including new construction and renovation projects including overseeing real estate management. Stacie has been a vital member of the Evangelical family of employees since 2009 serving first as a Project Manager, then as Director of Project Management, before advancing to her current role. She is a certified Project Management Professional.

In addition to her professional experience, Stacie is a 2019 graduate of Leadership Susquehanna Valley (LSV). One of the projects in which she participated during her time with LSV was the creation of a video introducing and promoting the concept of Everyone's Playground. That video can be viewed at www.everyonesplayground.com.

In 2018 Andy and Cindy Russell, frequent visitors to the Central Pennsylvania region, agreed to establish a regional office their Foundation in Lewisburg and named Fritz M. Heinemann of Kratzerville their Regional President with responsibility to manage the office and coordinate any initiatives that might ultimately be undertaken by the Foundation.

In 2019, in coordination with the Penn Township Supervisors and the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association, the Foundation undertook a \$500,000 fund drive with the purpose of establishing an all inclusive, barrier free, playground specifically designed for those with special need and other physical and cognitive disabilities. In the spring of 2020 the playground was officially dedicated and named "Everyone's Playground" located at the East Penn recreation complex on University Avenue in Selinsgrove.

"The successful accomplishment of raising the funds for Playground and then the completion of the facility was a remarkable achievement and I was pleased to be of the project" said Ms. Gaul "and now I look forward to continuing my involvement with the Russell Foundation Advisory Council and assisting with whatever might be in the future. Andy and Cindy are wonderful friends and advocates for the Valley and their commitment to our region is not only exciting but a special gift that benefits all who call this region home" she commented.

Members of the local Advisory Council include: Andy and Cindy Russell, Founders. Kendra Aucker, CEO, Evangelical Community Hospital, PA State Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver and Past Bucknell University President, Gary Sojka and his wife, Sandy, as Honorary Co-Chairs.

Other directors include: Simona Napoli Lovik, Council Chair, former PA State Representative Russ Fairchild, Co-Chair, and Art Bowen, Freddy Carlip, Stephanie Derk, John B. Fischer, Mark Monaghan, Joanne Troutman, Jayme Hilsher-Sherman, Rebecca Yeger and John Yogodzinski.

Stacie and her husband, Shaun, and their children Christian, Jackson and Vivian, reside in Lewisburg. Both Stacie and Shaun serve as Board Members of the Lewisburg Youth Football League and Stacies serves on the Board of the Regional Engagement Center in Selinsgrove.

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Virtual Mall Stores Go On Sale In February

The SUN Virtual Mall has announced that stores on the Internet will go on sale, starting in February. The idea behind building a virtual mall in north-central PA is an attempt to keep brick and mortar stores alive during the pandemic.

According to the mall's CEO, the mall will be a place where existing businesses can operate a store, whether existing or new, at a cost of only \$400 a month, which is \$100 a week. Almost all of the normal costs of operating a business will not exist in virtual reality. The mall can be a lifesaver for businesses struggling to survive because consumers are reluctant to go to stores right now.

The mall will have the appearance of a real mall in that there will be a view of the interior of a mall, store fronts and, most importantly video chat where storeowners can actually see their customers and even demonstrate goods by holding them to the cameras in most computers. If the store owner doesn't have one, they can be purchased for under \$30. This will facilitate face-to-face communication between seller and buyer.

Upon entering the mall, the consumer will be in "The Rotunda", and, after registering with their name, telephone number and e-mail, a drop-down search menu will provide access to stores by name, category or even city to help buyers actually buy locally clicking on any of these will take them to the store front, individually designed for each store. Upon entering they will be recognized, by name, by the store owner.

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West End Fire Co. Honor Award Winners



Special visitors in attendance were: U.S. Congressman Fred Keller, Fire Fighter of the Year: Brian Zimmerman, Presidents Award: Rich Meese, Community Support Award: Leon and Jason Martin representing Orchard Hill Welding, State Representative David Rowe

Saturday Feb 13th we had a small ceremony to honor our award winners for the past year. We had two special visitors stop by and assist with the presentations.

Earlier in the day we presented another Community Support Award to the West End Social Club for there ongoing support.

MidAtlantic Farm Credit Announces Farm Webinar

The final webinar in a free four-part series on farm transition planning with PA Farm Link and AgChoice Farm Credit.

"This webinar series is so important for the future of our region's farm families," says Tom Truitt, CEO of MidAtlantic Farm Credit. "Attendees will learn what they need to consider for farm succession, how to communicate with their family members, and how to put their plan into action."

Questions about Legal Implications around Transitioning the Farm will be held on February 22, 2021 11AM – 12PM, featuring Attorney Jody Leighty, Stock & Leader,

"A farmers' true measure of success is how well he or she plans and carries out the transition of the family farm to the next generation of farmers," Darlene Livingston, Executive Director, PA Farm Link.

Attendees can register for the webinar online at mafc.com/event/webinar-transition-planning. Once registered, participants will receive all of the materials via email and can join or watch the replays when convenient. If you have any questions you'd like our presenters to answer during the meetings, please email them to webinar@mafc.com. About MidAtlantic Farm Credit

MidAtlantic Farm Credit is an agricultural lending cooperative owned by its member-borrowers. It provides farm loans for land, equipment, livestock and production; crop insurance; and rural home mortgages. The co-op has over 11,700 members and over \$2.8 billion in loans outstanding. MidAtlantic has branches serving Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. It is part of the national Farm Credit System, a network of financial cooperatives established in 1916 to provide a dependable source of credit to farmers and rural America.

Dean's List

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Samuel Darer, Lewisburg

Edinboro University
Audrey MacPherson, Millmont

James Madison University
Janelle Callison, Winfield
David Swanson, Lewisburg

Seton Hall University
Sarah Bond, Lewisburg
Grace McBride, Lewisburg

Susquehanna University
Jessica Beachy, New Berlin
Yevangelina Mironenko, Mifflinburg
Danielle Underhill, New Berlin
Andrew Cooney, Mifflinburg
Morgan Fisher, Mifflinburg
Andrew Henry, Winfield
Brett Walker, Winfield
Emily Criswell, Mifflinburg
Jasey Gearhart, Lewisburg
Kyley Hoffmaster, Mifflinburg
Mario Colon, Lewisburg
Cassie West, Lewisburg
Marcos Colon, Lewisburg
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Joshua Bonner, Winfield
Ryan Wilson, Lewisburg
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Katelyn Ericson, Mifflinburg
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Abigail Miller, Lewisburg
Megan Reid, Mifflinburg
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Kelsy Stafford, Mifflinburg

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VIRTUAL MALL

SHOP SMALL AT THE S.U.N. VIRTUAL MALL!

It is time to bring the virtual world into this environment by the way of a virtual MALL. A shopping center. The key would be to enable stores with websites that emulated e-commerce sites without the costs of actually creating and maintaining the site. Also, producing enough revenue to allow failing stores or even start-ups to be able to pay a reasonable fee to participate— **just \$400 per month or \$100 per week.** Most importantly, our company would actually create the event virtually so that, instead of looking and acting like a convention or trade show, it would appear like a traditional mall with store fronts, and interior shops and an exterior and interior design of a mall. **Advantages to store owners? No store fixtures, electric bills, decor costs, even personnel unless they want it — and — in many cases NO INVENTORY either.**

Enjoy VIDEO CHAT so the business can talk live with customers and even show their product LIVE. **Advantages to shoppers? No driving, parking or walking problems.** Many local businesses will be easily available from the same site and, of course, no chance of catching the virus.

The SUN Virtual Mall has announced that stores on the Internet will go on sale, starting in February. The idea behind building a virtual mall in north-central PA is an attempt to keep brick and mortar stores alive during the pandemic. According to the mall's CEO, the mall will be a place where existing businesses can operate a store, whether existing or new, at a cost of only \$400 a month, which is \$100 a week. Almost all of the normal costs of operating a business will not exist in virtual reality. The mall can be a lifesaver for businesses struggling to survive because consumers are reluctant to go to stores right now.

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