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The 22nd Annual Lewisburg Polar Bear Plunge

By Jamiee Joiner



them break up ice along the riverbank in previous years to allow a place for people to run and plunge, this year's frigid temperatures and icy winds were on a whole different level than I can recall in any of my Ice Festival visits. In comparison, last year I saw many ice sculptures melting on the first afternoon of the festival, and this year, there was not a chance of that happening.

Watching group after group jump into the pool all ended quite similarly. The excitement they jumped in with quickly disappeared as they left the water and the bitter cold air assaulted their cold, wet bodies. Their smiles turned to shock, and shivers immediately set in as soon as they stepped out of the near-freezing water into a sub-zero wind chill. Thankfully, Geisinger staff were stationed at the exit of the pool and acted with pit-stop precision wrapping participants in blankets to combat the threat of hypothermia. Their efforts ensured that the shock to the system remained a fun personal challenge rather than a medical emergency.

This year's event saw a strong initial interest with one hundred participants pre-registered, but it was clear that the weather ended up being a deterrent for some who decided not to show. I counted nearly seventy-five brave souls that day, but I am still not sure if they were brave or just crazy.

Participant, Luis Viquez, who has worked at Bucknell University for the last four years but will be leaving at the end of this year, participated in the plunge. When I asked why he would want to do this, he replied, "It was a great way to say goodbye to a town that has been so good to me." He further explained about the aftermath of the plunge saying, "It's not that bad, just the toes."

Another participant told me he was doing the plunge since his friend told him that "he was not tough enough to do it."

As I was exciting the boat launch area walking to the car, a female plunger was quickly running past me to her vehicle screaming, "Everything is ice!"

At least this year's Ice Festival truly lived up to its name.

The Lewisburg Ice Festival is known for bringing the residents of the Susquehanna Valley out for some frosty fun, but this year, Mother Nature made sure that we all had to brrrr-ace ourselves for the coldest weekend of the year. The 22nd Annual Polar Plunge, held on Saturday, February 7, 2026, saw a shift from the usual plunge event as the William Cameron Fire Department made the call to prioritize safety over tradition in the face of brutal winter weather.

While the Susquehanna River usually serves as the place for the plunge, the blistering conditions with temperatures hovering in the low teens and sharp, biting wind gusts prompted a change of venue. To ensure the safety of both the polar plungers and rescue personnel, the William Cameron Fire Department helped to create a large pool setup near the boat launch instead of having participants run into the open river. While I have witnessed

Mifflinburg Students Compete in TSA Regional Leadership Conference



The Technology Student Association (TSA) fosters personal growth, leadership and opportunities in technology, innovation, design and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs. The Region 7 Leadership Conference was held at Muncy Area High School on Saturday, February 7, 2026.

The following Mifflinburg students placed in the Top 3 or were a State Qualifier in the following events.

- Computer Aided Design - Engineering**
4th Place - Chloe Albright
- Board Game Design**
4th Place - Chloe Albright
- Fashion Design**
2nd Place - Chloe Albright, Adison Hertzler and Makenzie Hertzler
- Music Production**
1st Place - Collin Tressler
- Team Technology Bowl**
6th Place - Collin Tressler, Logan Showers and Chloe Albright
- Team Technology Problem Solving**
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- Transportation Modeling**
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 Michael S. & Debra K. Phelps, to White Pine Holdings LLC, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 730,000.00.
 Mark H. & Rhonda H. Wenger, Mifflinburg to DAVID W. & Tracy L. Burkholder, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 70,000.00.
 Robert M. & Laurie M. Derr, Millmont to Derr Living Trust property in Swengel, Lewis Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Jeffrey P. Sr. & Donna L. Byerly, Mifflinburg to Byerly living TRUST property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
 Andrew C. & Kristen M. Gemberling, Lewisburg to Andrew Barbella, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 300,000.00.
 Carol A. Hopkins & Geanna D. Lively for Cathy M. Long, to Lisa A. & Dennis L. Snook, Allenwood property in Gregg Township for the sum of 200,000.00.
 Matthew E. Jr. & Kira Bean, Dalmatia to Pamela J. Klinger, W. Milton property in West Milton, White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Michael J. Fornwalt, New Columbia & Melissa J. Fornwalt, Montoursville to Michael J. Fornwalt, New Columbia property in White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Brian T. Kessler & Caitrin M. Grove for Rosemary A. Grove to Michael & Emily O' Connor, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 301,000.00.
 Bethanne Boyer, Mifflinburg to Jeremy L. & Suzanne C. Dressler, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 1.00.
 FMGG, LLC, Lewisburg to Cory L. & Suzanne /v. Heath, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 620,000.00.
 Bryan N. Laubach, New Columbia to Charles W. & Kerri A. Moscariello, New Columbia Property in White Deer Township for the sum of 1.00.
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 D.Lucille Leitzel, Richfield & Samuel S. & Joyce L. Leitzel, Richfield to Seth S. Leitzel, Liverpool property in Hartley Township for the sum of 35,000.00.
 Richard & Glenda Fry, Mifflinburg to Ritz Finance LLC, Mifflinburg property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 200,000.00.
 Joanne M. Schrader, West Milton to 535, Inc, Lewisburg 2 properties in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 285,000.00 & 335,000.00.

Contra Dance
 February 14, 7-10pm, Heiter Center, 100 N. 5th St., Lewisburg
Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc and Senior Centers
 February 16, closed
Democratic Petition-Signing
 February 19, 5-7pm, 204 Market St., Lewisburg
MJHS Class of '65
 February 20, 12pm, Middleburg Hotel
MJHS Class of '70
 February 20, 11:30am, Rayaudas
Democratic Petition Signing
 February 21, 11am-3pm, 204 Market St., Lewisburg
Seed Exchange
 February 21, Community Room Selinsgrove Borough Building, 1 N. High St., Selinsgrove, snow date February
PQG of Susquehanna Valley's Stitch and Gab
 February 22, 1:30pm, East Buffalo Township Building, Fairground Rd., Lewisburg
SnowFest 2026
 February 22, 12-4pm, Raymond B. Winter State Park, 17215 Buffalo Rd., Mifflinburg
PQG of Susquehanna Valley's Stitch and Gab
 February 23, 10am-3pm, Reitz Blvd., Lewisburg
MJHS Class of '66
 February 25, 9am, County Line Restaurant
Knitting Workshops
 April 11, must register and pay by March 25, info found at www.svswg.org
CONTINUOUS EVENTS
MJHS Class '64 Luncheon
 Third Thursday every month, Hotel Middleburger
SAHS Class '65
 2nd Tuesday every month, 12:15pm, Perkins
Dinner by the River
 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, 6pm, 18 Market St., Lewisburg

MILTON STATE POLICE
Hit & Run 3:22 p.m. February 4, on I-80 W. mile marker 204.6, in White Deer Township. A 2021 Ford F-150XLT was legally parked on the right shoulder of I-80 W. The Ford F-150XLT was previously disabled from a mechanical failure on February 3. The crash occurred as the unknown vehicle was traveling west on I-80 and struck the Ford F-150XLT sometime between February 3-4. The Ford F-150XLT sustained disabling damage to the driver side rear wheel and axle. The Ford F-150XLT was at rest on the north side of the shoulder of the roadway, facing west.
Crash 11:58 a.m. February 3, on Red Ridge Road, east of White Spring Road, in Limestone Township. A 2016 Jeep Cherokee driven by Misty H. Scolese, 50, of Millmont, was traveling east on Red Ridge Road when it exited the right side of the roadway and struck a utility pole. Scolese sustained suspected minor injuries and was taken to Wellspan Evangelical Community Hospital by her family. Scolese was cited for driving on roadways laned for traffic (single).
Megan's Law Failure to Comply Between 3:58p.m. 10:35 a.m. January 7-February 3, at 323 Market Street, in Lewisburg. PSP Troop F-Milton Criminal Investigation Section investigated a Megan's Law Failure to Comply with registration requirements involving Shane Doane, 39, of Mifflinburg. Through investigation it was determined that Doane was in violation of failing to comply with the requirements with his Megan's Law Requirements requiring Doane to provide accurate information. Charges were filed against Doane through District Court 17-3-01 where a warrant was obtained. Doane was apprehended and then transported to the Union County Prison where it was arraigned on \$20,000 bail.

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Church News

Ashes to Go
 February 18, 8-9am and 12-1pm, Outside St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3249 N. Old Trail, Shamokin Dam
Winter Night of Worship
 February 20, 7pm, Boyer Mennonite Church, 1472 West Ridge Rd.
Senior Community Lunch
 February 26, 11:30am-1pm, Emmanuel United Church of Christ, Corner of Vine and Market St., New Berlin

Crash 4:37 p.m. February 6, on SR 104 at its intersection with Wildwood Road, in Limestone Township. A 2017 Toyota Rav4 driven by Juana D. Madrid-Castro, 29, of Sunbury, was traveling west on Wildwood Drive. The Toyota Rav4 slowed down without coming to a complete stop before proceeding through the stop sign controlling the intersection with a left turn signal activated. A 2024 Honda CRV driven by George M. Richard Jr., 73, of Middleburg, who was traveling north on SR 104, struck the Toyota Rav4. The Toyota Rav4 spun around before coming to rest, down over the embankment northwest of the intersection facing east. The Honda CRV came to rest in the roadway, facing north. All occupants were transported to the hospital for medical evaluation.
Crash 7:42 p.m. February 6, on Beaver Run Road, in Buffalo Township. A 2026 Chrysler Pacifica driven by Jane E. Gylmquist, 35, of School Lane, NJ, was traveling south on Beaver Run Road. While traveling downhill, the Chrysler Pacifica began to lose control due to the snowy road conditions. The Chrysler Pacifica crossed over the northbound lane and struck a utility pole approximately 10 feet off the roadway on the south side of the roadway. After impact with the utility pole, the Chrysler Pacifica traveled approximately 10 more feet before coming to rest to the south of Beaver Run Road, facing south. The Chrysler Pacifica was traveling at approximately 40 mph at the time of the crash. No injuries were reported. Gylmquist was issued a warning for driving at safe speed.

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From: Ash
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From: Michaela R.
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Obituaries

Joan E. Emery, 89, Mifflinburg
Joan entered into rest at 2:53 a.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at Nottingham Village, Northumberland.
Born December 7, 1936, in Danville, she was the daughter of the late Herbert and Lois (Klapp) Miller. She was first married to John Yocum from 1954 until 1969. On July 23, 1971, she married Rodney W. Emery, who preceded her in death in 2025.
Services will be held February 21 from 10-11am, at Roupp Funeral Home, Inc., 8594 Old Turnpike Road, Mifflinburg.

Janet Belle Dutrow, 93, Mifflinburg
Janet entered into eternal rest at 11:36 a.m., Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at Brookdale Grayson View Senior Living Center, Selingsgrove.
She was born January 12, 1933, in Centre Hall, a daughter of the late Blaine and Alta (Cummings) Leister. On June 20, 1953, in Centre Hall, she married Donald "Ray" Dutrow, who preceded her in death on November 11, 2015.
A visitation and funeral service will be held Febraury 14, from 10-11am, at Mifflinburg United Methodist Church, 279 Market Street, Mifflinburg.

D. Louise Ritter, 96, formerly of Mifflinburg
Louise entered into rest at 3:40 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2026, at Heritage Springs, Lewisburg.
She was born March 20, 1929, in Elysburg, a daughter of the late Chester J. and Beulah C. (Adams) Pensyl. On May 17, 1952, in the St. John's Lutheran Church, Mayberry Township, she married Wilbur "Wil" L. Ritter, who preceded her in death December 17, 2011.
A service was held Februrayr 11.

Eileen P. Prowant, 81, Lewisburg
Eileen died on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at Wellspan Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.
Born November 28, 1944, in Red Lion, she was a daughter of the late Leon A. Sr. and Edna P. (Anderson) McCleary. On January 21, 1967, she married Rev. Edward E. Prowant, who survives.
A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026, at St. Paul's @ The Farm, 50 Brookpark Cir, Lewisburg.

Kay Hilkert, 84, Lewisburg
Kay died February 4, 2026 at home.
She was born on July 22, 1941 in Lewisburg to the late Ernest R. and Ethel A. (Murray) Hilkert.
Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Senator Culver Announces Senate Passes SB 1014 Cell Phone Policy for Schools

Senate has passed SB 1014 to address cell phone distractions in Pennsylvania schools and commended the governor for highlighting the issue during the budget address.
SB 1014, introduced by Sen. Devlin Robinson, advanced through the Senate Education Committee before receiving Senate approval by the Senate. Culver said the bill is intended to support learning by helping schools set clearer expectations for cell phone use during instructional time, while allowing commonsense flexibility for legitimate needs.
"Students learn best when they can engage fully in the classroom, and teachers deserve tools that support an environment where instruction comes first," Culver said. "SB 1014 is a practical step to help reduce distractions, strengthen classroom learning, and support schools as they focus on student success."
Culver said she appreciates the attention being brought to this issue and looks forward to advancing the bill through the legislative process.
"A thoughtful policy should prioritize learning, include transparency for parents and taxpayers, and maintain high standards while allowing reasonable exceptions for medical needs and emergency situations."



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SPORTS NEWS

THE VIEW FROM HEAR

BY RON BOLT

The sport is called football for a reason. The right legs of Seahawk punter Michael Dickson and kicker Jason Myers had as much to do with the Super Bowl win as Kenneth Walker III and the Hawks defense. Dickson punted seven times and placed three of them inside the six yard line. That is why he is the highest paid punter in the NFL at over \$4M per year. Myers set a Super Bowl record with five field goals.

The Seahawk defense was dominant against a below average offense with Patriots QB Drake Maye clearly playing with a bad right throwing shoulder. Maye would have had an issue hitting water from a boat, especially with such a porous offensive line.

Seattle QB Sam Darnold didn't win the game but he also did not lose it because he didn't have any turnovers. Maye had a fumble and threw two interceptions, one of which was returned for a TD. Walker was deservedly named game MVP becoming the first running back to do so since the Broncos Terrell Davis in 1998.

It's not often we get consecutive blowouts in a Super Bowl. This year's game was much like last year when the Eagles blew out the Chiefs, the only difference was the Eagles scored touchdowns and the Seahawks kicked field goals.

Hawk fans should give a lot of credit to Russell Davis for this Super Bowl team. Russ was the QB for the only other Super Bowl title for Seattle. He was traded to Denver in 2022 in what has been called the second worst NFL trade ever. The Hershel Walker trade from Dallas to Minnesota will be #1 for a long time.

The Seahawks received three players and five draft picks which included Denver's first and second picks in 2022 and 2023. Those picks turned out to be OT Charles Cross, OLB's Boye Mafe and Tyreke Smith, 3-time All Pro CB Devon Witherspoon and DE Derick Hall. Three of those started for the Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

In closing the book on the NFL season for this year, I think Drake Maye has already played in his last Super Bowl. He will become this generation's Dan Marino with a lot fewer career yards.

All of sport is being more and more infiltrated by politics and there is so much wrong with this. We go to games and have watch parties with friends to escape all the noise that exists in our everyday life. You can enjoy a game with someone no matter their religious beliefs or political affiliation. Sports have always been the best form of escapism and reality. Currently at the forefront are the Olympics and the Super Bowl halftime show.

Despite the Olympic goals for international peace during the Games, politics have disrupted the Olympics throughout its history. Whether it's through boycotts, propaganda or protests Politics with the Olympics are inevitable.

From Jesse Owens at the Berlin Olympics to Americans Tommie Smith and John Carlos raising their black-gloved fists during our National Anthem in Mexico City for the US treatment of black citizens. The Munich Massacre in 1972 when Palestinian terrorists took Israeli athletes hostage and the US boycotting the 1980 games in Russia and Russia staying away from the 1984 games in LA.

There's fervent talks this week about some of our US athletes expressing the fact they do not agree with some things happening in our country. Those opinions are being met with some disdain and the fact those Olympians should not represent our country. Last I checked, those same US Olympic athletes are protected by our First Amendment as are all of us.

This year's Super Bowl halftime show was a very polarizing and political flashpoint. I, like most of you, did not understand what was being said but I knew the message that was presented in a very entertaining manner. What if Luciano Pavarotti was still alive and performed at the halftime show of The Super Bowl? I don't speak Italian but I know his performance would have been beautiful as well.

I'm not going to download any Bad Bunny songs anytime soon. I respect the appreciation he has for his Latino roots and all of the American citizens born in Puerto Rico. To quote none other than Ronald Reagan about Latinos, "They demonstrate the importance of real work, producing things of real value, building communities of shared values that enrich America and keep us strong and free."

In a surprise move on a story I've mentioned a few times, an Alabama judge denied Charles Bediako's motion to finish out the season on Bama's basketball team. Congrats on a rare win for the NCAA.

Wrestling will take center stage this weekend. The #2 ranked Ohio State wrestlers come to Penn State to take on the #1 ranked Nittany Lions. On

Saturday the 2A southern sectionals will take place in Mifflinburg. If you're free, head on over to the Burg to watch some really good wrestlers compete. Mid-West, Lewisburg and Mifflinburg all have a chance to shine. Selinsgrove will start at 3A Districts the following weekend.

The local basketball teams are wrapping up their regular seasons and positioning themselves for the second season. The Grove girls finished their second half of the season playing much better than they did early on.

They lost to Danville 39-34 with Madi Merrell scoring 13 on her old team. In a 43-26 win over Central Mountain Merrell scored 24 and surpassed 1,000 points for her career which covers two seasons at Danville and two seasons at Selinsgrove. Grove finished their second half of the season going 7-4 and finished 8-14.

Mifflinburg (10-9) exploded for 21 points in the third quarter to beat Montoursville 52-31. Brooke Gessner had 16 points with Avery Reibosome and Parice Shuck chipping in with 10 points each.

The Reibosome freshmen twin-towers that are Avery and Mia combined for 25 points, 16 boards and 5 steals to lead Miff to an easier than expected win over Milton 40-27. Shuck had 9 points to help offset the injured Gessner. The Lady Cats will need to improve their foul shooting before Districts begin.

Mid-West could not recover from a slow start in losing 51-27 to Jersey Shore. They were outscored 23-4 in the first quarter. Emma Wagner had 13 for the Mustangs. Izzy Walter and Wagner each scored 18 points to hang with Greenwood but Mid-West fell just short in a 51-42 loss.

The Lewisburg defense failed to show up for the second half as they gave up 41 points to undefeated Central Columbia. The final score was 64-35 as Teagan Osunde had 10 points for the Green Dragons. Later in the week Lewisburg lost to defending state champion Loyalsock 37-31.

Mifflinburg boys (14-8) finished their regular season by doubling up Line Mountain 68-34. Cheeky Griffith led all scorers with 26 and Grady Brubaker had 12 and Hunter Bolick 11.

Selinsgrove destroyed Hughesville 71-29 as Xaivier Jackson became the first Seal to score 1,000 career points in 25 years. Jackson finished with 20 and Mac DeFazio 14, Noah Walter 13 and Griffin Parker 12. Grove outscored the Spartans 39-8 in the second half.

Grove was upset by Danville 66-62 in spite of Jackson's 23, Mac's 12 and Jack Piecuch's 11. The Seals finished their regular season at (15-7) by dusting off Big Spring 53-45 with Jackson notching 23 and DeFazio 18.

Lewisburg continued to roll as they handled Loyalsock 66-37. Cooper Mowry led all scorers with 23 and Nazir Meredith and Rebiria Jemama added 12 each. The Green Dragons outscored Sock 35-11 in the middle two quarters. The Dragons had no issues in beating Berwick 81-22. It was 58-9 at halftime! Mowry hit on six treys and Jack Siegal had 10 points.

The Olympics have reminded me how much I despise sports that are scored by judging, skating and free-style skiing to name a few. Real sports have stopwatches and goals scored. Why does college basketball become much more interesting after the Super Bowl? Comments and questions can be sent to theviewfromhear74@gmail.com

A River Rat's Ramblings: 1957 Valentine's Day

By Jim Charles; Vol. 6, Story 2

Remember my last story about how easy life was being a river rat on the island? Here's the sad story of a poor river rat boy who, in one day, was plunged into the chaos and drama of girls!

The night before Valentine's Day, I was sitting peacefully at our kitchen table, writing my name on Valentine's Day cards, one for each kid in my class. Next to me sat a shoe box with a slit cut in the lid, which will serve as my mailbox for the kids in my class to put their cards into. The next day after lunch, we played some games, our room mothers brought drinks and treats for us to have a party. At the end of the day, we exchanged Valentine's Day cards and hurried home.

When I got home, I laid the box on the kitchen table, changed into play clothes and went outside to play. As it was getting dark, mom called for supper. As I walked in, I could tell something was different. My sisters were acting weird, not new to me, but this was different. After we said grace and as we started to eat, both Linda and Carolyn started saying, "Oh Jimmy, will you be my special Valentine?" over and over again. Finally, dad cleared his throat and said maybe this could wait until after supper. I realized, while we were eating, that when the girls cleared the table for supper, they opened my box and read all the cards. There was one card from a girl in my class, I will call C, that seemed to indicate that she liked me more than just as a classmate. The girls and even Tim were relentless until I went to bed.

As I lay there waiting for sleep to provide respite from this new dilemma in my life, I couldn't get my head from racing off into the future (my future). The next morning, our household was more normal. Little did I know that was about to change. I got to school and as usual, hung with a group of boys at the east entry door of the Pine Street School. As the doors opened, two girls came up to me and asked, "Jimmy, do you like C?" Not wanting to offend anyone, I said "Yes, I like C", as the guys were pushing me through the doorway. My morning went fine until recess. Earl came over to me and said, "You better come over and see this." Right there on the sidewalk, written with chalk, was a big heart with Jim + C in the middle of it.

I wanted to run but knew I couldn't so I did nothing and waited for the chorus of "Jimmy likes C" to start, which it did. As soon as we went back into class and I sat down, a ball of paper hit me on the back of the head. You guessed it... Jim + C inside of a red heart!

I endured the rest of the day and on the way home, I came to the realization that most of the Pine Street School must know about C. That night, mom asked if I had a girlfriend. I explained to her what happened, that I did not want a girlfriend. She asked me if C was a friend, which she was. Mom said, however I handled this, do not lose that friendship and always treat her with respect. It was great advice but didn't make any of this any easier.

As I got to school the next morning, there was the girl possie waiting for me. There were four girls surrounding me, "Do you like C?" "Yes." "Do you think she's cute?" "Yes." "Will you be her boyfriend?" "No."

Again, the doors opened and I'm pushed inside by the group of boys I hung out with. Now I'm sitting at my seat thinking how I answered their questions when C walks into our room. I could tell she had been crying and just then Mrs. Bolig asked C to step out into the hallway. Within minutes, Mrs. Bolig opened the door and asked me to join them in the hall. Mrs. Bolig said that the girl possie (my words) told C that I did not like her and I did not want to be her boyfriend. I explained to C and Mrs. Bolig that I told the girls that I liked C, just like I like all of my classmates. I told them that I thought she was cute (she was, like in a fifth-grade kind of way. I didn't say that last part out loud.) I also told them that I didn't want to be C's boyfriend, but I didn't get the chance to say that I didn't want to be anyone's boyfriend. I told C that I like being her friend and hoped things could stay that way.

A bit of a smile came to C's face and Mrs. Bolig had us go back to our classroom. I was feeling good that things were back to normal... little did I know of the workings of the female mind, but that's for another story!

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Annual WFBM Radio Sharathon 2026

By Kay Poeth

WFBM Radio Sharathon will be held on Thursday, February 19-Sunday, February 22. WFBM Radio Network, comprised of three FM listener-supported Gospel stations in the Central Susquehanna region, raises its support with this 3-day live broadcast event each year. The theme of this year's event is "Faith in Action for a better tomorrow" was submitted by 12-year-old Rosswell Snook of McClure. The phones will be open to take your calls and the doors will be open for snacks and fellowship.

Sharathon begins on Thursday live on the air at 1 pm, including interviews with guests. There will be lots of Southern Gospel singing and live interviews with broadcasters and community leaders.

On Friday there is a special live broadcast of "Stand In-The Gap Today" with a noon program right in the auditorium of Faith Baptist Church, located at 85 Snyder Ave., Beaver Springs, with special guests Alan Tucker, Gary Moore, Sam Rohrer, Isaac Crockett, Dave Kistler and Gary Dull. You won't want to miss the interview with State Representatives David Rowe and Stephanie Borowicz, along with Stacy Garity, State Treasurer.

Attend the Open House beginning on Thursday and continuing Friday and Saturday. Tour the facilities, experience the

interviews, enjoy local gospel singers as they are being aired, and of course, come to the Saturday live concert. Tune in on your radio at 90.5 FM Beaver Springs/90.1 FM Selinsgrove/90.5 FM Kulpmont, live stream from home, or come to experience in-person the many guests and broadcasters. You can meet the staff and tour the facilities to see where it all happens!

On Saturday, February 21, beginning at 9 am there will be a special Truth Talk Live with Dave and Gary broadcast, followed throughout the day with gospel singing by Barry Stone and Deborah Kline. Plan to attend the uplifting Gospel Concert beginning at 6 pm featuring Vessels of Mercy, Faith Quartet, and Nottingham Four. It is always a highlight of the event.

On Sunday, February 22, Sharathon week concludes with Sunday School Hour at 9am followed by the morning service at 10 am. Enjoy a Gospel Concert and preaching by Delmer Duval and the Nottingham Four Quartet.

WFBM Radio Network broadcasts the Gospel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the central Pennsylvania region. There is no commercial advertising, just 24 hours a day of inspirational music and proclaiming the Gospel to listeners in all or parts of 19 counties in Central Pennsylvania.

According to their website, "WFBM, a non-commercial, educational radio network was established to provide its listening area with inspirational and educational family-oriented programming and music, as well as community-based news, weather, local events which will strengthen both family and community. WFBM's financial account, in its entirety, is funded by donations from the listening community."

Listeners can tune in to any of the three stations within their listening area at Beaver Springs/Richfield on WFBM- 90.5 FM, Kulpmont/Mt. Carmel in Northumberland and Columbia Counties on WFBA- 90.5 FM, and Susquehanna Valley region of Selinsgrove at WFBV 90.1 FM. This Gospel Radio network of three stations forms Wonderful Faith Bible Ministries, an

outreach of Beaver Springs Faith Baptist Church.

A favorite feature for listeners outside of their local broadcasting area is their live stream available through the station's website of www.wfbmradio.com. Also available, are video broadcasts of special events and church services by going to the website and clicking on the YouTube link for weekly and special scheduled video programs.

During the WFBM Sharathon 2026 on February 19-22, callers and visitors will submit pledges and donations to keep this non-profit, non-commercial Gospel radio network on the air. People can donate by sending contributions in the mail to WFBM Radio Network, PO Box 119, Beaver Springs, PA, 17812, by visiting the station in person.

Listen Live and give a call! Phone lines are available to take pledges at 1-877-658-9326 (toll free) or at 570-658-9326 on Thursday from noon- 8 pm, and 8 am- 8 pm on Friday and Saturday. Join WFBM in reaching their goal to help the three network stations stay on the air another year with its Christ-honoring, Gospel preaching music and message of the Master.

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Selinsgrove Cynosure Yearbook Celebrates Its 100th Edition

By Kay Poeth



Pictured here are Seniors Quinn Smith holding a 1926 yearbook, Carly Scorson displaying the 2022 Cynosure from her freshman year, and Leah Wright showcasing the 2026 cover proof.

SAHS Alumni and area residents, the Cynosure for Selinsgrove Area High School is celebrating their 100th edition of the yearbook in 2026!

According to Yearbook Advisor, Tammy Newberry, "We are creating yearbook to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Selinsgrove Cynosure. The theme is 'Back to the Future'. We are including some generations of Seals spotlights of our current students/staff with their family that are alumni. We are trying to include the first team picture of each sport along with the current team pictures. We plan to have a page highlighting how the building has changed over the many years."

Michael Bucher is thrilled to be a part of the Yearbook team. "I like being a yearbook photographer because I get to capture real moments that people will look back on and remember."

"I love being a part of the Yearbook team for so many reasons! Yearbook club is a great opportunity to be creative and to get to explore different elements of design. It has truly been an honor to become part of the executive team. It has been fun to design this year's yearbook as it is going to be a special one," added Leah Wright.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a copy, the final sale deadline is February 20th. Visit <https://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A07421600> or visit the Selinsgrove High School Yearbook Facebook page to download an order form. Cost per book is \$75 to order your copy before you miss out!

"We will also have a scholarship program where we accept donations to provide as many yearbooks as we can to students who may not be able to afford to purchase a yearbook," noted Newberry. All donations can be sent to: SAHS Cynosure C/O Mrs. Newberry Selinsgrove Area High School 500 North Broad Street Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

Union-Snyder County Bar Association Announces Law Day 2026 Contests

The Union-Snyder County Bar Association announces details for its Law Day 2026 Essay and Art Contests for students in grades 9 through 12. Students are encouraged to enter submissions focused on this year's American Bar Association theme: "The Rule of Law and the American Dream."

The winners will receive cash prizes and will be honored during the Bar Association's Law Day courtroom ceremony on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 4 pm in the Snyder County Courthouse, Middleburg with Judges of the Court of Common Pleas presiding.

Students are expected to address this year's theme. The essay prompt is: "The American Dream is built on the idea that everyone should have an equal opportunity to pursue their goals." Reflect on your own goals for the future and discuss how the rule of law—the idea that no person is above the law—supports your ability to pursue those goals.

Art entries must represent the Rule of Law and the American Dream.

The deadline for submissions is noon on Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Essay entries must be submitted via email tounionsnydercountybar@gmail.com. Art entries can be submitted to MDJ Jeff Rowe's office at the Union County Courthouse or to DA Heath Brosius's office at the Snyder County Courthouse or via email. Cover sheets are required for all entries in order to facilitate blind judging.

Winners will be chosen from students in Snyder County, Union County and SUN Tech in each category of essay and art. Cash prizes will be awarded for First Place (\$300.00) winner, Second Place (\$200.00) Third Place (\$100.00) winners.

Submissions for the essay contest may include a traditional essay, creative writing or poetry. Essay cannot exceed 1,000 words.

Submissions for the art contest can include posters, drawings, paintings, collages, photography, fabric or graphic art and must be original. Original art may be any medium. Art submissions may be no larger than 48" x 48".

All generated or developed submissions will not be accepted and will be disqualified from the contests.

Full Contests Rules and coversheet can be found on the Union-Snyder County Bar Association Facebook page or by emailing unionsnydercountybar@gmail.com.

The Union-Snyder County Bar Association is a voluntary professional organization of attorneys who live or practice in Pennsylvania's 17th Judicial District, which is comprised of Union County & Snyder County.

James Shaffer Brings Abstract Impressionism to Gallery 255 this February



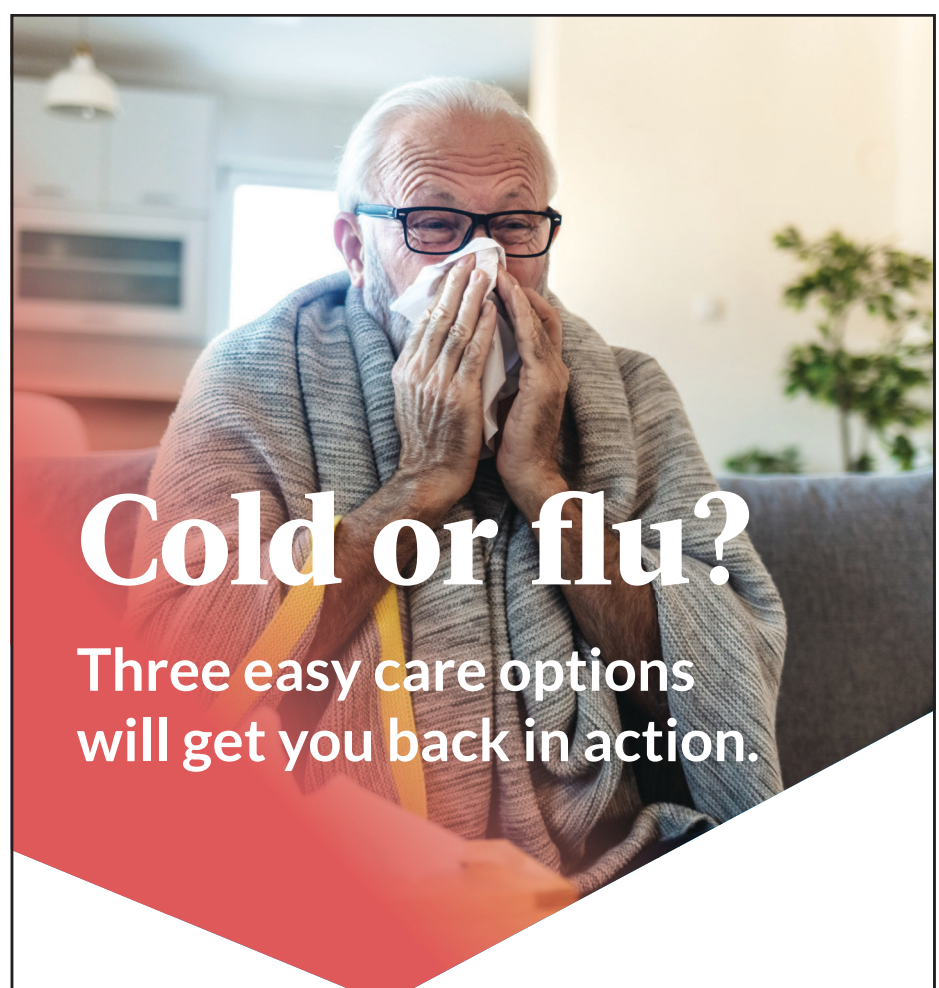
The Public Library for Union County is pleased to present the artwork of James Shaffer.

Showcasing his colorful abstract impressionist paintings on display in Gallery 255 throughout February. A native of Montandon, James combines his background in Engineering and Drafting Technology with a passion for painting, creating pieces that move from precise lines to vibrant, abstract compositions. His work has been featured in juried exhibitions across the state and is part of numerous private and corporate collections.

The artist shares, "For me, art is a process of line drawing that explodes with spontaneity into a vivid world of the unknown."



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