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Evangelical Community Hospital Introduces First Baby of 2023



On Monday afternoon, January 2, 2023, at 1:46 pm, Kevin and Stephanie Kline of Middleburg welcomed a brand-new 5 pounds, 11.5 ounces, 18 inches long addition to their family. Oliver Arthur Kline was originally due to arrive on January 21, 2023, but decided to make an early appearance to become Evangelical Community Hospital's first baby of 2023 to be born at The Family Place, the Hospital's obstetrics unit. Oliver was delivered by Jennifer Simpson, Certified Nurse Midwife with OB/GYN of Evangelical.

Oliver is the third baby for the couple. He joins sisters, Cora, who is three, and Carla, who is 18 months old.

Heart and Vascular Center of Evangelical Expanded

The Heart and Vascular Center of Evangelical, a practice of Evangelical Community Hospital focused on the cardiovascular needs of patients in the Greater Susquehanna Valley, recently completed an expansion project with patients being seen in the new spaces beginning January 2023.

The renovation—which increased the number of exam rooms from nine to 14, added a procedure room, created a staff lounge, created an ADA accessible restroom, and made room for more provider-shared office space—began in May 2022.

The expansion has increased the practice location by 7,980 feet, which will allow for an increased patient schedule in new and modern spaces designed for patients and providers. The need for heart and vascular services has seen a strong increase since the inception of the center in 2015.

The new spaces underwent a Division of Acute and Ambulatory Care (DAAC) inspection by the Pennsylvania Department of Health in December 2022. Staff moved into the expansion on December 22, 2022, and patients will be seen in the new spaces the first week of January 2023.

The last phase of renovation will include a renovated check-in and check-out space to better meet patient needs and is expected to be completed by March 2023.

For more information about the Heart and Vascular Center of Evangelical and the services provided, visit www.EvanHospital.com/heart.

Quilts by Sharon Koppel Featured in Gallery 255



“Contemporary art quilting is like painting with fabric,” says Sharon Koppel the featured artist in Gallery 255 at the Public Library for Union County throughout the month of January.

Sharon learned to sew from her mother, Jane Gibson, and her maternal grandmother. Her grandmother operated as a cottage industry seamstress in Ohio from the 1940's through the 1960's. Sharon recalls seeing beautiful gowns and even majorette outfits hanging at her grandmother's for fittings when she would visit as a child. When her mother retired she took up quilting and was just beginning to explore more abstract and contemporary designs before she died in 2006. “I like to think I am picking up where my mom left off,” says Sharon.

Self-taught though a seamstress most of her life, Sharon knew at the beginning that her heart and creativity lay in the contemporary and modern quilting world. Sharon explains that she likes to think outside of the box and outside of the block. “I have great admiration for traditional quilters who create stunning quilts but my passion is art quilts most of which are much more abstract than realistic,” says Sharon.

Since opening an Etsy shop in 2012, Sharon has sold over 500 one-of-a-kind quilts nationally and internationally. Sharon's quilts are unique for their bold colors, curved piecing, and abstract design. “Often a quilt takes shape on my design wall as pieces are sewn together and the creative process unfold” she said. “My journey as an art quilter has been more fun than I ever could have imagined.”

To view Sharon's online shop visit: www.etsy.com/shop/ArtQuiltsBySharon.

Artists and organization are encouraged to apply to exhibit items of artistic, cultural and intellectual interest in the library's gallery and/or display cases. Information about exhibiting can be found on the library's website, www.unioncountylibraries.org.

Community Storytelling Workshop

Edited by Kay Poeth

A free community storytelling workshop is available due to a grant from Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The storytelling workshop will be held on Saturday, January 21 beginning at 2 pm at CommUnity Zone located at 328 Market St., Lewisburg, PA. Register at www.storiesontap.org or by emailing storiesontap@gmail.com.

Want to learn how to tell a story for performance? Or would you like to talk through your life memories and stories in a safe and supportive space? Stories on Tap founder Julie Louisa Hagenbuch is offering the group storytelling workshop. Workshops are free of charge and open to all Susquehanna Valley community members and visitors. Due to limited space in the workshop, early registration is encouraged.

New Year's Resolutions

By Esther Klinger

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? Do you have stories from family history of special resolutions or ceremonies surrounding the yearly promise to take action?

It is believed the first people to make New Year's resolutions were the ancient Babylonians some 4,000 years ago. They were also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year which at that time began in mid-March/the vernal equinox. This was the start of the farming season and during a large 12-day religious festival known as Akitu, they would plant crops, crown their king, and make 'promises' to the gods to pay their debts. One common resolution was the returning of borrowed farm equipment. These promises could be considered the forerunners of our New Year's resolutions.

The Babylonians believed if they kept to their word, their gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year; if not, they would fall out of the gods' favor. Ancient Romans adopted the Babylonian New Year and the tradition of making resolutions until 46 B.C. when emperor Julius Caesar changed the calendar and made January 1 as the beginning of the new year.

January was named for Janus, the two-faced god whose spirit inhabited doorways and arches. The Romans believed that Janus symbolically looked backwards into the previous year and ahead into the future, and therefore offered sacrifices to Janus and made promises of good conduct for the coming year.

During the middle-ages, Medieval knights would renew their vow to chivalry by placing their hands on a peacock. The annual “Peacock Vow” would take place at the end of the year, as a resolution to maintain their knightly values.

For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional occasion for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do and be better in the future. In 1740, John Wesley, founder of Methodism, created the Covenant Renewal Service, most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day.

By the 17th century, New Year's resolutions were so common that folks found humor in the idea of making and breaking their pledges. A Boston newspaper from 1813 featured the first recorded use of the phrase “New Year resolution.” The article states:

“And yet, I believe there are multitudes of people, accustomed to receive injunctions of new year resolutions, who will sin all the month of December, with a serious determination of beginning the new year with new resolutions and new behavior, and with the full belief that they shall thus expiate and wipe away all their former faults.”

New Year's resolutions today are a mostly secular practice. Instead of making promises to the gods, most people make resolutions only to themselves, and focus purely on self-improvement. According to research, as many as 45 percent of Americans say they usually make New Year's resolutions, only 8 percent are successful in achieving their goals.

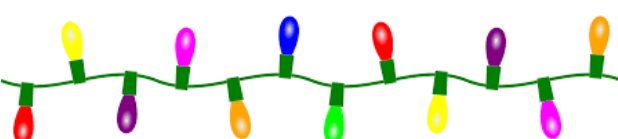
How have times changed?
Resolutions From 1947 - Gallup Poll

1. Improve my disposition, be more understanding, control my temper
 2. Improve my character, live a better life
 3. Stop smoking, smoke less
 4. Save more money
 5. Stop drinking, drink less
 6. Be more religious, go to church more often
 7. Be more efficient, do a better job
 8. Take better care of my health
 9. Take greater part in home life
 10. Lose (or gain) weight
- Today's Resolutions

1. Lose weight
 2. Get organized
 3. Spend less, save more
 4. Enjoy life to the fullest
 5. Stay fit and healthy
 6. Learn something exciting
 7. Quit smoking
 8. Help others fulfill their dreams
 9. Fall in love
 10. Spend more time with family
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Deeds & Courts

Deeds:
 David W. & Cindy L. Gutelius, Mifflinburg to BRH at Oak Ave. LLC. Mohnton, Pa. property in Mifflinburg Borough for the sum of 53,560.00.
 John Randy Lohr, Mifflinburg to Chad & Carrie J. Vonada, Mifflinburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 144,000.00.
 Stewart A. & Victoria S. Smith, Mifflinburg to David C. Boyer, Mifflinburg property in Lewis Township for the sum of 245,000.00.
 Bonnie L. Kyle, McClure to Alicia Marie Weikel, Millmont property in Hartleton Borough for the sum of 116,640.00.
 Andrew L. & Carole A. Kling, Lewisburg to Andrew L. & Carole A. Kling, Lewisburg & Scott A. Kling, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Gertrude C. Cardellino, Lewisburg to Stephen P. Cardellino & Matthew W. Cardellino for Cardellino Living Trust, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Wendy L. Frederico Erdley & John W. Erdley Jr, Millmont to Glenn M. & Barbara A. Wiand, Mifflinburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 259,000.00.
 Tammy S. & Charles Leon, W. Milton to Andrew W. Taggart & Nina E. Leon, Montandon property in West Milton for the sum of 75,000.00.
 Kenneth R. & Lea J. Kauffman, E. Petersburg, Pa. to Nevin R. & Joyce Z. Martin, Mifflinburg property in Lewis Township for the sum of 300,000.00.
 CSSS Realty Group LP to Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 2,000.00.
 Justin Merand Reber & Danielle Leigh Sadowsky, Mifflinburg to Mark E. & Shelly A. Bittner, Mifflinburg property in West Buffalo Township for the sum of 275,000.00.
 Mountaintop Partners LLC to Elvin M. & Sarah A. Zimmerman, Mifflinburg property in Limestone Township for the sum of 480,000.00.
 Jeffrey L. Piaskowski & Heather N. Coster Piaskowski, Lewisburg to Joshua H. Shrawder & Alisha Martin, Ashford, Conn. Property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 390,000.00.
 Marian E. Jarrett by Craig Jarrett to George Thomas V, property in Lewisburg Borough for the sum of 325,000.00.
 Dale L. & Sara Jane Metzler, Lewisburg to Timothy G. & Karen M. Metzler, Lewisburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 1.00.
 Jay Nevin & Mary Lou Weaver, Lewisburg to Joshua Lee & Nicole Jean Rutledge, Lewisburg property in Buffalo Township for the sum of 240,000.00.
 Windsor Property holdings, LLC, Lewisburg to Virginia Ann Reeser Kessler, Lewisburg property in East Buffalo Township for the sum of 152,089.00.
 Robert W. & Barbara Jean Koch, Milton to Jeffrey A. & Tina M. Snyder, New Columbia property in White Deer Township for the sum of 800,000.00.
 Jay A. Gordon & John A. Gordon Jr for Gordon Living Trust to Jack D. Rowe, II, Mifflinburg property in Kelly Township for the sum of 265,000.00.
 M. Borden Loving & Phillip Dalke & Beth L. Crombie, Lewisburg to Summit Modular Movers, Inc DBA We Transport, Millmont property in Limestone Township for the sum of 122,500.00.
 Tyler L. & Sarah E. Watson, Lewisburg to Jace Cresswell, New Cumberland, Pa. property in White Deer Township for the sum of 515,000.00.
 Cynthia M. Moser to Shawn J. & Kimberly N. Rudy, New Columbia property White Deer Township for the sum of 260,000.00.

DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY ROWE, LEWISBURG
Charged Laurie Seace, 58, of Northumberland, with two counts of bad checks on January 3.
Charged Jonathan Todd Cataldi, 37, of Lewisburg, with theft by deception-false impression on January 3.
Charged Gerald Deshazor, 37, of Philadelphia, with theft of services- acquis of service on December 29.

DISTRICT JUDGE JEFFREY L. MENSCH, MIFFLINBURG
Charged Sarah Ann Hornberger, 28, of Mifflinburg, with endangering the welfare of children on December 28. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 17, at 2 p.m.
Charged Jacob Ryan Oseneek, 24, of Cambridge, MD, with two counts of unauthorized act in writing, three counts of theft by deception-false impression, and one count of receiving stolen property on July 25. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 10, at 11 a.m.
Charged Kevin Anthony Cruz, 50, of Bronx, NY, with DUI/drug or combination of drugs with general impairment, DUI/Schedule II or Schedule III controlled substance, DUI/metabolite, disregard traffic lane (single), and obstructed window on December 19. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 24, at 10:30 a.m.
Charged Cornelius L. McMullen, 50, of Mifflinburg, with theft of services-acquis of service on December 19. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 24, at 2:30 p.m.
Charged Randy Lee Condon Jr., 37, of Sidney, NY, with theft by unlawful taking and operating privilege suspended or revoked on September 18. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 17, at 11:30 a.m.
Charged Jamarro Mario Wells, 35, of White Deer, with arson-danger of death or bodily injury, arson endangering property-reckless endangerment of inhabited buildings, and risking catastrophe on January 1. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 10, at 1 p.m.

Police

MILTON STATE POLICE
Theft 9:49 a.m. December 26, at 196 Woodland Road, in White Deer Township. From October 1-November 28, a table and benches went missing. Upon further investigation, it was learned that the table and benches were martial property.
Crash 12:46 p.m. December 26, on Sportsmens Club Road in West Buffalo Township. A 2019 Toyota Tacoma driven by Jeremy A. Walter, 47, of New Berlin, was traveling south on Sportsmens Club Road. Walter's Toyota Tacoma failed to negotiate a right curve in the roadway and proceeded straight, exiting the roadway and struck a tree. Walter's Toyota Tacoma sustained disabling damage and Walter was transported to Evangelical Community Hospital for evaluation. Walter was issued a warning for driving vehicle at safe speed.
Theft of Motor Vehicle 5:54 p.m. December 25, at 16527 Rt. 15, in Gregg Township. PSP responded to a report of a stolen Red Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo belonging to Gary Gibson, 83, of Allenwood. Through investigation, Trae Jon Londo, of Wilkinsburg, and Michael Rowello, 46, of Bloomsburg, were identified and observed on video taking the Jeep. Charges were filed through District Court 17-3-02.
Theft from Building Between 5p.m.-6p.m. December 3, at 7415 Westbranch Highway, in Kelly Township. PSP investigated an incident that occurred as the actor stolen the victim's debit card. The actor took the debit card to CVS and made multiple purchases valued at \$418.85.
Crash 2:55 p.m. December 28, on Old Route 15, in White Deer Township. A 2017 Ford Fusion driven by Faylene M. Smith, 93, of New Columbia, was traveling south on Old Route 15. A 2019 Kia Sportage driven by Lash L. Koch, 69, of New Columbia, was attempting to make a right turn into a driveway when it was rear-ended by Smith's Ford Fusion. Smith's Ford Fusion continued to travel into a yard and struck a camper/trailer before coming to rest. No injuries were reported. Smith was issued a warning for careless driving.
Crash 2:44 p.m. December 29, on Westbranch Highway (SR 15) at its intersection with Hospital Drive, in Kelly Township. A 2014 Ford Escape driven by Richard B. Hibbard, 76, of Mifflinburg, was traveling south on SR 15. A 2016 Kia Sorento driven by Jacob M. Roman, 26, of Lewisburg, was traveling east on Hospital Drive and a 2014 Infiniti QX60 driven by a 16 year old male, of Lewisburg, was traveling north on SR 15. Hibbard failed to stop for the red light and struck Roman's Kia Sorento in the intersection. The roof rack from Hibbard's Ford Escape came dislodged and struck the Infiniti QX60. Minor injuries were reported. Hibbard was cited for traffic-control signals.
Theft from Building 12:01a.m. November 21-December 9, at 15 Ridgecrest Circle, in Kelly Township. PSP investigated an incident that occurred as the actor took \$171 from the victim's closet. The investigation is ongoing.

Community Calendar

Selinsgrove Class of 1971 Breakfast
 January 18, 9am, Denny's
Alzheimer's Support Group
 January 9, 6pm, Brookdale Grayson View, 29 Graysonview Court, Selinsgrove
Selinsgrove Class of 1956 Luncheon
 January 9, Hoss's Steak House, Shamokin Dam
Harleton Borough Municipal Authority Board Meeting
 Meeting the second Monday of every month, 7pm, held at Harleton Union Church on Catharine Street, Harleton
Drive-Through Ham Loaf Dinner
 January 14, 3:30pm-sold out, 3 1/2 miles west of Mifflinburg on PA Route 45
Selinsgrove High School Class of 1964 Luncheon
 January 10, 11:30am, Applebee's Restaurant, Selinsgrove
Contra Dance
 January 14, 7-10pm, Donald Heiter Community Center, 100N 5th Street
MJHS Class of 1967 Luncheon
 January 11, noon, County Line Restaurant, Richfield
First Lutheran Church
 January 7, 11-12:30, Free Community Meal, 404 Market Street, Mifflinburg. Enter through alley door in back of church
Selinsgrove Class of 1971 Breakfast
 January 18, 9am, Denny's
Holiday Closings
 January 16, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, The Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc. Office will be closed

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Flashback



Front Row L to R: Horace Dauberman, Raymond Herman, Milo Wetzel, Bright Naugle, Marshall Derk, Raymond Leitzel, Jacob Trutt and Henry Trutt. Second Row: Horner Fisher, Annie Schradler, Carrie Leitzel, Myrtle Sassaman, Della Narehood, Nita Herrold, Ruth Narehood, Edna Bingaman, Phoebe Herman, Molly Trutt, and John Dauberman.
 Third Row: Lemuel Naugle, May Schrawder, Jennie Narehood, Verna Naugle, Sadie Hummel, Henry Leitzel, Charles Narehood, and Daniel Kline.
 Back Row: Miles Derk, Matilda Good, Laura Narehood, Eva Herman, Mamie Herman, and Abraham Wellington Fisher Sr. The classroom size was average for this time.

Kratzerville Recalled: More than 80 years have passed since the youngsters of the Kratzerville area posed for this school picture around 1902. Miss Phoebe Herman has the original; this copy was loaned to us by Mrs. Juliet Wagner Donner. It is one of the few old pictures in which everyone has been identified, the girls by their maiden names.

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Obituaries

Deputy Briggs Retires from Snyder County Sheriff Department

By Jamiee Joiner



Deputy Lewis F. Briggs has retired after serving Snyder County and its residents for 25 years. Deputy Briggs has been a long-time resident of Snyder County and resides in Beaver Springs with his wife, Stacey. They have one adult son, Chad.

Deputy Briggs enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1971 where he served our country for the next 20 years performing work on aircrafts and doing ammunitions maintenance. During his service, he travelled extensively, and in 1991, he retired from the Air Force and moved back to Snyder County where he began working at Lozier Wire in McClure. He worked there for six years before being hired as a Lieutenant at the Snyder County Prison. After serving as Lieutenant for four years, he joined the Snyder County Sheriff's Office where he served as a Deputy for the last 21 years until he recently retired on December 16, 2022.

Over the years, Deputy Briggs has performed a multitude of duties as a Sheriff's Deputy, but over the last few years, he has mainly provided courthouse security and judicial protection within the Snyder County Courthouse. When asked what his favorite part or duty of his job was, he quickly indicated that it was "prisoner transports." He also stated that "the pandemic mostly eliminated the need for transports for court hearings with most of them now being conducted virtually." Although he indicated that it has been quite some time since he had to do prisoner transports, he really liked that part of the job and enjoyed talking with people and hearing their stories. Deputy Briggs further explained that "sometimes good people make mistakes and end up on the wrong side of the law," and while he still held strong to his responsibilities and duties of his role, he liked to "give everyone a fair shake."

Deputy Briggs indicated that dealing with people is what brought great joy to him throughout his career. Whether it was dealing with people who got themselves into a bit of trouble or just interacting with the public at National Night Out events, people are what made his job enjoyable. He also said that the Snyder County Sheriff's Office has a great bunch of people working there with outgoing personalities, and Deputy Briggs praised his co-workers for making his work not feel like work.

When I inquired if it was a tough decision to retire, he said that "it was time." Deputy Briggs suffered a minor heart attack back in March of 2022 which helped him make that decision. While he doesn't have any particular plans for his retirement, he will likely continue to go hunting and fishing as often as he can. He said that he and his wife will also make a few extra trips down to the Florida panhandle where she will enjoy her time on the beach, and he will do some more fishing.

Deputy Briggs feels that some of his greatest successes and accomplishments of his career was being able to proudly serve the people of Snyder County for 25 years and the citizens of our Country for 20 years as best as he could. He has always had the mindset of treating others how he wished to be treated in return and that proved successful when he interacted with individuals in his role as a Sheriff's Deputy as well as an individual member of the local community.

Congratulations to you, Deputy Briggs, on your retirement, and Snyder County thanks you for your service to our great community!

WINTER SPORTS

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Patricia A. Vander Mark, 85, Winfield



Patricia A. Vander Mark, 85, of Winfield, died Sunday, January 1, 2023 at her residence. She was born on April 14, 1937 in Dover, New Jersey and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Anna (Heath) Scoble.

On April 27, 1976 Patricia married the late Warren "Doug" Vander Mark and together they celebrated 31 years of marriage together until his death on September 19, 2007

She owned and operated Pat's Restaurant in Newport and retired after 20 years. She then went on to work part time for Weis Markets. On May of 2009, when Patricia was 72 years old, she earned her GED in which her entire family was so proud of her accomplishment.

Patricia was a member of Brookside Ministries, Shamokin Dam and loved history. She also enjoyed reading her Bible, being a prayer intercessor as well as being a mighty woman of God.

She is survived by two sons; Donald Harvey of Aristes and Eric Vander Mark of Trevorton, two daughters and sons-in-law; Sheila and Barry Campbell, Sr. of Newport and Robin and Ronald Kepner of Winfield, nine grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren, one brother; Charles Scoble of West Hazleton and one sister and brother-in-law; Janet and Huey Trostel of Moses Lake, WA.

In addition to her parents, and husband, Patricia was preceded in death by one son; Douglas Vander Mark, one daughter; April Vander Mark, two granddaughters; Cassandra Sanders and Angela Abbott and one sister; Linda Drake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Brookside Ministries, 11 Stetler Ave., Shamokin Dam, PA 17876.

A gathering of friends and family will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 7, 2023 followed by a Celebration of Life service at 2:00 p.m. at Brookside Ministries, 11 Stetler Ave., Shamokin Dam. Arrangements are being handled by Dale Ranck Cremation & Funeral Care, 125 N. Front Street, Milton.

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Kay M. Potts, 81, Lewisburg

Kay M. Potts, 81, of Lewisburg, formerly of Pine Grove and Herndon, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, in Evangelical Community Hospital, Lewisburg.

Visitation will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the H.L. Snyder Funeral Home, Inc., Pine Grove, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 with Pastor Brian Beissel officiating.

Pauline Mae Keister Renninger, 91, Mifflinburg

Pauline Mae Keister Renninger, 91, of Mifflinburg, (also known as Polly, Mom, Gram and WeWe), entered into rest on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village.

Family and friends are invited to the viewing from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church, 332 E Chestnut St., Mifflinburg, where the funeral will be at 11 with Pastor Shawn McClain officiating.

Barbara Ann (Lucas) Yost, 56, Lewisburg

Barbara Ann (Lucas) Yost of Lewisburg passed away late Sunday evening, Dec. 31, 2022, at RiverWoods in Lewisburg.

In keeping with her wishes, services will be private at the convenience of the family

Barbara Kay Brown, 74, New Berlin

Barbara Kay Brown, 74, of New Berlin, passed away on Jan. 1, 2023, after complications from a stroke.

Funeral services will be private.

John (Bud) A. Rodkey, 86, Mifflinburg

John (Bud) A. Rodkey, 86, of Green Street, Mifflinburg, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 surrounded by family at Nottingham Village, Northumberland.

Friends and family visited Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, the Zweier Funeral Home, 157 Chestnut St., Sunbury, where the funeral service will follow at 11 a.m.

Helen Eileen (Smedley) Kreider, 82, Winfield

Helen Eileen (Smedley) Kreider, 82, of 471 Trutt Road, Winfield, entered into eternal rest with Jesus Christ, her Lord and Savior, at Evangelical Community Hospital surrounded by family on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022.

Friends and family were received for a viewing Thursday, Jan. 5, followed by the funeral at Calvary Fellowship Susquehanna Valley, 14 W. 8th Ave., Shamokin Dam, PA 17876, with Pastor Mike Gaugler officiating.

Gladys E. Fawcett, 94, Lewisburg

Gladys E. Fawcett, 94, of Lewisburg, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Friends were received Thursday, Jan. 5, at Saint Paul's UCC, 1125 Mahoning St., Milton, where a funeral was held with Pastor Timothy Hogan-Palazzo officiating.

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Holiday Joy at The Manor at Penn Village

By Kay Poeth



Holiday characters Santa, Elsie, and the Grinch chatted with Barry Pysher who is one of Santa's #1 Helpers during festivities at The Manor at Penn Village.



Jean Long and Elvis croon a song together during the holiday festivities at The Manor at Penn Village.

Over the holiday season, The Manor at Penn Village was filled with merriment. It was a time of caroling in the hallways, generous gift-giving, special programs and entertainment. Elvis arrived for his annual holiday visit. Frank and Kathy performed a melodic Accordion Christmas. Residents even enjoyed A Mini Nutcracker Performance. As always, the 3B's Band performed their Christmas Show. Oh, my! Grandma even got caught kissing Santa Claus!

The staff thanks all who shared pictures and cards and fun times with the residents. "It's been a joyous holiday of super celebrations. Once again, we thank you," said Michelle Romig.

The Manor at Penn Village welcomes volunteers and churches throughout the year. Their help is needed for activities and to fill spots for services in 2023. If anyone or group is interested in volunteering or scheduling a spot to spend quality time with the residents, please contact Michelle Romig, Director of Activities, by calling 570-372-2352.

Flashback

His Recipe For Longevity Calls For 'Less Taking It Easy'

By D.R. Zimmerman--November 21, 1975

(Editor's Note: D.R. Zimmerman, one of the oldest residents of Paxtonville describes, in the following article, what life was like in that tiny village at the foot of Shade Mountain in central Snyder County more than 70 years ago. Among other things, Mr. Zimmerman includes in the article his "recipes" for longer life which is "more hard



work, more exercise and less take it easy.")
Brick Work Ruin - David R. Zimmerman, 87, of Paxtonville, Snyder County, remembers when the kilns burned continuously as the Paxton Brick Works was in operation. Fire destroyed the industry more than 20 years ago and the plant lies in ruins today approximately two miles west of Paxtonville.

The old iron ore furnace back of the Paxtonville School House shut down the iron ore miners along Shade Mountain were laid off, as well as the charcoal burners on top of the mountain; also the teams as well as the teamsters.

There was no other work for those men. Many left for the logging camps up north, others drifted here and there and disappeared.

There was no unemployment insurance or relief in those days.

There was no other work. We had a cider press, a sawmill, a grist mill, and a small cigar shop run by a man named Sam Widemyer, his daughter and two sons. These cigars sold at one cent apiece and if you smoked one of these, it was like going on a cheap drunk.

Sixty years ago, I was a young man of 26, working in my father's blacksmith and horse shoe shop. The roads were very bad, piked with firestone and cinders and as all vehicles were drawn by horses and mules and the wear and tear, the tires wore out very fast. One of our jobs was to bend tires out of straight bars of steel and rebind them.

Things were very cheap in those days bread sold as low as eight and 10 cents a loaf. Many people baked their own. Milk was as low as six cents a quart.

Some people kept a cow and pastured it along Middlecreek. Some kept a pig or two and in order to feed them they contracted fields of corn from the nearby farmers to cut and husk for about 10 bushels out of a hundred.

There were no dumps of empty cans and boxes. These women helped themselves by drying and canning everything making their own noodles, pot pies, etc. They were also proud.

Every spring, they white washed the paling fences, each home had around their front yards. To drive through town, these snow white fences were a sight you would never forget.

If you wanted to take your best girl out for a ride,

and you could raise the money, you could rent a horse and buggy from a livery man in the town of Middleburg by the name of Graybill.

We had a good size store run by a man named Charles Boyer. I often think of people of Paxtonville should have built a memorial for the many families he helped over the winter, by selling to them on credit. Many paid him back, others never paid him back and as the result, he lost thousands of dollars.

This man Boyer, made his own money, consisting of paste board discs in size from an inch to two inches, and stamped for five cents to a dollar on them. These you would have to accept for anything you sold or worked for him.

I remember one old grizzly man who had an ox and a mule hooked up; he had four railroad ties and a lot of tar he burned on Jack's Mountain 15 miles away.

Bought Walnuts

He bought all the walnuts for miles around. Those he would give to people during the winter to crack and pick out the goodies then pay so much a pound.

There was some stealing at that time. Boyer never arrested anyone, his law was a long thin buggy whip which he would use if it was weeks after the crime.

To look at Shade Mountain, patches would burn off every spring. This would produce the young huckleberry stalks and a large crop of berries. The picking time was the Fourth of July. Boyer bought all these berries and as many as 50 to 75 bushels would leave her by express, for he seemed to have a ready market for everything.

The gangs who picked these berries were quite large. A woman by the name of McAfee seemed to be something of a captain. They would soak ground coffee in a small amount of water overnight, then fill it up at the foot of the mountain spring.

It was a three mile trip to the top where they would gather to rest themselves. Next, they started out and the first thing was to establish a sign, this they did by tying a piece of cloth on some high bush or tree limb to guide them back. One woman became lost and spent the entire night in the brush.

Sometimes they would run into snakes, mostly rattlers. One man by the name of Troup used to skin some of these for the pretty skins.

I think I can still hear those early morning calls as they rounded up their gang of pickers. I think I can still hear the pounding of those shoemaker hammers as they repaired their shoes for the next day's trip.

Not too many years after this, a young man by the name of Bill Swengle, took it upon himself to sell stock to start an industry to give the men jobs.

After two years of traveling back and forth on his own expense he finally came up with enough money to build a plant. This plant is called Paxton Brick Company. It employed 40 men. It made millions of building bricks and paving blocks. Some of these Paxton Block were used on some of the Sunbury streets at that time.

Some of the main stockholders were men like Edgar Sommers of Milton; Judge Savage of Sunbury; Charles Fisher of Danville, the Hills of Phillipsburg. This plant burned in part two times. The first time it was rebuilt. The second time it was not rebuilt and today the remains stand there as a reminder of what once was.

Today again most of the men and women must leave town to seek employment elsewhere.

Good Women, Girls

I just can't forget those good women and girls of that long ago day. They didn't have TV dinners and other meals put up to warm in the oven; cans of this and that mixed up with drugs to preserve the contents. No, they made their own food, pure and good, and there were no heart attacks, people lived longer. Today everything is done by motor; people don't get the exercise anymore and the result, many people are dying young. There were no large can and bottle piles to spoil the beauty of the land.

Today we have a motorized world. Everyone wants to ride to do this work. Farmers are doing their work with one half the effort. It was a common sight in those days to see the entire family going to the corn fields with a basket of grub to husk and cut corn.

The result of all this is weaker bodies, less resistance, more heart attacks, over crowded hospitals, etc.

Recipe for Long Life

My recipe for longer life is more hard work, more exercise and less taking it easy.

As I am one of the oldest men still living in this small town, many people ask me to write a backlog of life some 70 years ago, of how people managed, how they made their living, what they worked, etc.

So here it is, a true account of that long ago day when people really struggled to make for themselves, some kind of living.

Submitted by Ken Bachman, of Beaver Springs

Snyder County D.A. Mike Picuch Announces For Common Pleas Judge



Snyder County District Attorney Mike Picuch ("pea-YET-sue") announced today that he will be a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in the 17th Judicial District, which serves Union and Snyder Counties. Senior Judge Michael Sholley recently retired and voters will elect a new Judge later this year.

Picuch, a Republican and Penn Township resident, has served as Snyder County's District Attorney for 12 years and has distinguished himself as a highly effective prosecutor and committed public servant.

"As a prosecutor and Snyder County's chief law enforcement officer, I have earned a reputation for keeping our communities safe and vigorously defending the rule of law," explained Picuch. "As a Judge, I will bring my conservative judicial philosophy to the bench while serving the people of Union and Snyder Counties with integrity and fairness."

A practicing attorney for 25 years, Picuch was appointed as Snyder County District Attorney in 2010. He was subsequently elected by the voters in 2011, 2015, and 2019. Picuch serves as President of the Union-Snyder County Bar Association and is a former President of the PA District Attorneys Association. He is currently the Snyder County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and previously chaired the Union-Snyder Opioid Coalition. In addition, Picuch is a former Adjunct Professor at Widener University School of Law and Guest Lecturer at Susquehanna University.

Picuch is actively involved in the local community, volunteering for many organizations. Among them are the Snyder County Coalition for Kids; the Summer Seals Day Camp; the Selinsgrove Rotary Club; the Charles and Betty Degenstein Foundation; the Selinsgrove Athletic Council; Selinsgrove Meals for Seals; Susquehanna Valley United Way; and many area youth sports programs.

Picuch earned degrees from Franklin and Marshall College and Albany Law School. He lives in Penn Township with his wife, Stacey, and 3 children. The family attends Sharon Lutheran Church in Selinsgrove.

The Primary Election is May 16th and the General Election is November 8th.

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Civil War Flashbacks

By: Mary Belle Lontz

Wounded Civil War Soldiers - Christmas Dinner

This is a December article from the Mifflinburg TELEGRAPH, probably 1863, WOUNDED SOLDIERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER - Nowhere else in the world than in America can you have been seen the sight which has made this holiday in Washington remarkable, memorable- the beautiful banqueting of 35,000 wounded and sick soldiers upon a Christmas dinner, spread by the hands of individual benevolence. Tables were set and abundantly and elegantly covered in the largest wards of the different hospitals. The rooms were ornamented by volunteer hands with evergreens and flowers. Volunteer waiters, gentlemen, and ladies of the first families in the land, tenderly and devotedly served the wounded warriors in every hospital, waiting first on those too much injured to be moved to the tables. The feasting of their army of wounded and cared for was a touching sight. To make the festive occasion complete in most of the hospitals, hired or volunteer singers sang songs of home and of country, in others, members of Congress and Cabinet officers made speeches happily fit to the occasion, and moved socially among the tables. In one or two the President found time to bring excitement and sunshine with him along the bandaged and becrutched revelers. Over 7,000 turkeys and chickens were consumed at this novel Christmas dinner. This immense amount of poultry came mostly from Maryland and Pennsylvania, but four car loads of it came all the way from Chicago. 300 turkeys were sent from ever generous Albany and came cooked and ready for the table.

Captain Ryan, of Middleburg who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, leaves a wife and six children. His age was 44 years, 4 months, and 8 days. He was a brave soldier. Having been severely wounded in the ankle, he could scarcely walk; still he cheered his men on till he received a fatal wound in the head, from the effects he died. Before dying he took some letters, containing his address from his pocket and placed them on his breast that his body be identified. No other one in his company was killed but 16 were wounded. The body of Charles P. Penny, a member of Captain Jas. Chamberlin's company, who, from over exhaustion in the battle of Fair Oaks, contracted a disease which resulted in his death on the 20th of September last, was brought home and interred in the cemetery at this place on the 17th inst. From Mifflinburg TELEGRAPH Dec. 1863 - At a meeting of the members of Company D, 150th Regt. P.V. held Dec. 19, 1863 at camp near Kelly's Ford the following resolutions were unanimously adopted, WHEREAS We are loth to spend our Christmas and New Year on musty "hard tack" and would like to partake of the "good things:-the fat of the land,-and desire to have a "jolly time" generally, therefore RESOLVED That we hereby request Miss Sue Bogenreif, Miss Kate Gast, Miss Lizzie Shriner and Miss Hannah Foster to act as committee to collect and receive from our friends, relatives and acquaintances, whatever eatables or provisions of any kind, they are willing to send us out of their abundance and send the same to us by express for a Grand New Year Jollification. RESOLVED, That these resolutions be published in the Mifflinburg TELEGRAPH. In response to the above a large box weighing 400 pounds, was sent, and we hope reached our boys in time for the celebration. Oct. 6, 1864 - The draft quota was filled with volunteers for Buffalo Township. West Buffalo, White Deer and Hartley are the only delinquents. The following are the names of those drafted in Buffalo Township: Franklin Spotts, John Jones, William Hauk, G.C. Dreisbach, Elias Leitzel, Charles Hendricks, John Oldfield, James H. Taylor, Solomon Ritter, Jonathan Specht, Robert Neff, William Martin, Jas. S. McCreight, Elias Frederick, Isaac A. Kline, Peter Strahorn, Joseph Burns, George Rengler, Job Turner, Frederick Moyer, Gideon Kock, William Baker, Jon Young, David Homier, Martin D. Dunkle, Michael Beiler, Benjamin Kertz, Levi Miller, John Edinger, Isaac Long, Thomas Huntingdon, Daniel Grouse, Henry A. Boyer, William Ritter, John Hoy, James Adams, William Lilley, Jacob Dauberman, Peter S. Handly, Abraham Wolfinger, Jacob H. Smith, John R Hursh, William L. Shamp, Henry Smith, James W. Simington, Richard M. Jurdan.

QUOTA FOR UNION COUNTY - In our last issue we published a list, furnished by the Dept. Marshall Ritter, of the number of men required by the coming draft which it appears only included the first call of 300,000; he not having been furnished with the additional 200,000 quota at that time. Since, however, he has sent the following statement, that he cannot give officially the number of men required for Union County under the 300,000 and 200,000 calls, but from the best information I think our share of the half million of men will be something near the following figures: Buffalo 37; E. Buffalo 22; West Buffalo 22, Hartley 22, Lewis & Hartley 10, Kelly 18, Limestone 15, Mifflinburg 17, New Berlin 12.

Feb. 18, 1864 - Benjamin Catherman, son of Conrad and Fanny, of Lewis Township, died in Louisville, KY in the latter part of January of small pox. In Sept., he enlisted in the 7th Pa. Cav. under Capt. Shaffer of Center Co. He was in the several in Kentucky. Last fall he was attacked with typhoid fever, but he recovered as to be able to do hospital duty. He was soon after taken with small pox, from which he died as stated above. He served his country faithfully and was loved and esteemed by all his acquaintances and fellow soldiers and his aged parents deeply feel the loss of their son. Feb. 25, 1864 - The DRAFT Preparations are being actively carried on for the draft on the 10th of March. Congress has finally passed the enrollment bill and the different Provost Marshals are adding such names to the enrollment as were previously omitted. In the meantime, all possible

efforts should be made by the people, to fill up the ranks by voluntary enlistments. Wherever proper efforts have been made enough volunteers were readily obtained to fill the required quota. Let every citizen be a committeeman to secure volunteers and we may present the grand spectacle to the world of 500,000 men at this juncture of our national affairs, voluntarily responding to the call of the President to crash the rebellion. ENLISTMENT OF VETERANS, Some time ago since Captain J. Heron Foster addressed the letter to Col. J.V. Bomford, A.A. Provost Marshall General of Pa. inquiring as to the right of crediting the veterans re-enlisting to certain districts in the state. Col. Bumford did not reply to that letter but referred it to the Provost Marshal general at Washington from which department the following reply was directed: Your letter of the 28th asking what assurances can be given committees, etc.

ESCAPE FROM LIBBY PRISON - The Baltimore "American" says "we had the pleasure of a visit from three of the federal officers who recently escaped from Libby Prison."

Their narrative escape is interesting. They were 51 days engaged in making their excavations that through which they finally passed being 60 feet long. They had previously made two other excavations leading to the city sewers but found that the sewers were too small to admit of their passage through them, and this mode of escape had to be abandoned. The mode of excavation was with case knives and an old chisel. An old spittoon with two ropes attached to it, was used to draw the dirt into the cellar. One rope was kept in the hands of the operator in the tunnel to draw it in empty and one in the hands of the party attending at the orifice to draw it out full. The working parties succeeded in getting into the cellar under the hospital from which they operated first through the wall and then into the sand. The earth they concealed under a pile of straw, where a number of old beds had been emptied, treading it down hard to make it occupy as little space as possible. They commenced to make their escape at 7 o'clock in the evening, and some of those who have got through to Fortress Monroe did not leave until 3 o'clock in the morning. It took each man about five minutes to get through the tunnel as it was dangerous for more than one to get into it at a time, there being a difficulty in breathing. They first struck the outer surface in the middle of an unpaved street, but stopped in the hole by filling the leg of an old pair of pantaloons with earth and wedging it up in the hole. They then dug on further and came out under a tobacco shed from which they made their escape. Each man as he emerged in the open air sauntered slowly off taking whatever direction he fancied. They nearly all had on our blue coats, which facilitated their escape nearly all the military in and around Richmond wearing the same coats, having been supplied from the clothing sent through by the government for our prisoners. They allege that they are brought from our prisoners but some doubt is entertained on this subject. They were pursued on the Peninsula and some of them tracked out and captured by the aid of bloodhounds. Five days were occupied in tracking their way to our lines, and some were compelled from exhaustion to give themselves up. A number of officers who desired to escape were compelled to abandon the effort of account of their corpulency, the tunnel being too small to admit of their passage through it. Some of them undertook the depleting process to reduce their dimensions, but failed to come down to the required thinness. The work was secretly commenced at first by a party of eight, their fellow prisoners knowing nothing of it. They finally notified a few of their friends, and the working parties were increased. They were fearful to trust the matter to the general knowledge of the prisoners, though when the work was done and the outlet open all who were willing to make the attempt were notified of the fact. It was regarded as the most hazardous venture for freedom, with a possibility of being shot, a certainty of great hardship and exposure and it captured the ball and chain and low diet. After getting outside of the lines around Richmond they were greatly facilitated by the sympathizing negro. In no case did they apply to them for directions as to their route, without receiving correct information gladly given. They were told how to avoid the rebel scouts and pickets and where they would be most likely to strike the federal lines. They were finally met by the 11th PA. cavalry 12 miles beyond Williamsburg, who were scouting through the country on the lookout for them. They describe their reception by these gallant fellows as most cordial and enthusiastic. Officers are men viewed with each other in pressing their hospitality and one private insisted upon taking off his pantaloons to furnish Captain Clarke, who has lost one leg of his in the bushes. They had been five days without any food or water and were almost exhausted by exposure and hunger. Their impression is that at least 50 and perhaps more of the 109, who escaped will reach our lines. Some few of them were recaptured in the city of Richmond.

50 Years of Service



Paul H. Heintzelman was honored by Boy Scout Troop 419 of Selinsgrove, at their annual Christmas Dinner for fifty years as a scout leader. It was noted that, in the past, the troop had a committee member, Robert Soper, achieve fifty years of service but Mr. Heintzelman was the first hands-on leader that has been there week in and week out working directly with the boys for fifty years. Assistant Scoutmaster, Doc Sheaffer, stated that they didn't start keeping accurate records of troop activities until 1986, and by that time Paul had already been in the troop for fourteen years. But in the last thirty-six years of records, Paul made six trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, one trip to Double H High Adventure Base in the high desert country of central New Mexico, five fifty mile hikes in the Presidential Range of the White Mountains in New Hampshire, eight fifty mile canoe trips, twenty-six hikes of twenty miles or more, two bike hikes, slept out in a tent 447 nights with the troop and hiked 1734 miles with the troop. All the while he was completing the 2000+ mile Appalachian Trail. Paul was honored with a slide program of his different activities with the troop and a special gold pin commemorating his fifty years of service.

Flashback



Franklin Earnest's cabin at Cherry Run at the westernmost end of Hartley Township was photographed with his family relaxing during a meal in August 1900. The cardboard mounted photograph was taken by professional photographer John Slear of Mifflinburg.

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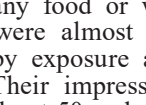


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Republican Robyn Zenzinger Announces Candidacy For Union County District Attorney

Today, highly-regarded area prosecutor Robyn Zenzinger announced her candidacy for Union County District Attorney. An East Buffalo Township resident, Zenzinger is currently serving as the full-time First Assistant District Attorney in Northumberland County. Zenzinger will run as a Republican candidate in the May 16th Primary Election. Current District Attorney Pete Johnson recently announced he will not seek another term in this year's election.

"I am a longtime Union County resident and an experienced prosecutor with a proven record of keeping violent criminals off our streets," explained Zenzinger. "I would be honored to serve the people of Union County as their next District Attorney." Zenzinger continued, "as a principled conservative, I believe a District Attorney must follow the rule of law, be fair and maintain personal integrity, advocate for crime victims, and not let personal opinions cloud decisions. I will respect the Constitution while enforcing the law and keeping our communities safe. I am also committed to prudently managing the District Attorney's office with the fiscal discipline that will save tax dollars."

For the past 6 years, Zenzinger has served in the Northumberland County DA's office, handling complex cases, including those involving homicide, attempted homicide, major sex crimes, aggravated assault, DUI, juvenile offenses, burglary, and drug dealers. Zenzinger's vast criminal law and trial experience is particularly noteworthy, with Northumberland County's violent criminal caseload more than 10 times that of Union County.

Among her colleagues in law enforcement and in the legal community, Zenzinger has earned a strong reputation as an effective prosecutor who exhibits high personal integrity, is committed to the rule of law, and keeps our area safe from dangerous criminals. She is known for being a strong advocate for crime victims and their families, while being firm with defense attorneys. Zenzinger's family moved to Union County in 1987 and operated a small business in the local area. She lives in East Buffalo Township, is a Republican, and is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. She graduated from Westminster College and SUNY-Buffalo Law School.

Ian Cavanagh Winner of Fall 2022 Stock Market Challenge

Brighter Financial Futures (dba PennCFL) is proud to announce that Ian Cavanagh of Lewisburg Area School District, who worked under the leadership of Mike Creeger, was a winner in our state competition.

The competitions are held in the classroom, both county-wide and state-wide. Ian finished in 1st place for Union County and 2nd place in the Statewide competition in the High School Division.

The program is generously sponsored by Mifflinburg Bank & Trust.

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The Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy (PennCFL) exists to prepare the next generation to rise up! Many in society today suffer financially due to the lack of financial management skills & a "minimum wage" mindset. We strive to change the future by offering all Pennsylvania students in grades K-12 with Personal Finance education, a Stock Market & Personal Budgeting game, along with Entrepreneurship skills that will help them thrive in the workforce & in life.

PennCFL is a 501(c)3 organization and approved by Pennsylvania's Department of Community & Economic Development as an Educational Improvement Organization. The PennCFL competitions and programs result in over 20,000 student registrations in Pennsylvania. Training and support are provided to hundreds of teachers. We showcase exceptional talent from business, education and government.

Our entrepreneurship program, Dream-Learn-Pitch, allows students to learn through our online curriculum, at our entrepreneurship conferences or independently with their teachers. Students can upload their Elevator Pitch to win prizes up to \$10,000 and additionally, up to \$40,000 in college scholarships.

For more information, please contact Vice President Carolyn Shirk at CShirk@PennCFL.org / 570- 975-5149 or Chief Communications Officer Eric Attinger at EAttinger@PennCFL.org / 570-556-7913 .

Union County Teen Council Annual Christmas Meeting



Left to right: Garrett Franck, Rhys Klingler, Patricia Shively.

On December 18th, 2022, the Union County Teen Council met for their annual Christmas meeting. They ate food, played games, and signed Christmas cards for all of the families involved in Union County 4-H. Each card had a personal message inside of it and was signed by all Teen Council members present. Members voted for their annual crazy sock exchange to take place in January, a tradition where no participants are excluded.

How to Maximize the Value and Timeliness of Your Tax Return

(StatePoint) Research shows that if you're dreading tax season, you're not alone.

According to the Pew Research Center, 47% of Americans say they are bothered a lot by the complexity of the federal tax system. Other taxpayers stress out over getting the details right. In a Credello survey, 22% of respondents say not maximizing their refund is their biggest fear around doing taxes, while another 22% said their biggest fear is making a mistake.

"Many Americans rely on their tax refund to make ends meet. Accessing those funds should be fast and easy," says Chad Prashad, president and CEO of World Finance.

To help you get a handle on your taxes, World Finance is drawing on its 26 years of filing expertise to offer these timely tips:

- Get ready early. As soon as your employer provides your W2, you can file your taxes. Having all other documentation and receipts ready to go will help expedite the process, which means you will get your tax return faster, too. Collect the necessary materials in one place before filing.

- Consider significant life changes. Did you move in 2022? Have a baby? Get married? Change jobs? Each of these monumental life events can have an impact on your taxes, so be sure to disclose these factors when filing or to the professional filing on your behalf.

- Know what's new. Visit IRS.gov to learn about any changes to tax filings that are applicable to you. A tax services professional can also help you identify relevant updates. World Finance tax pros have year-round training to stay on top of the latest tax filing requirements and are ready to tailor tax services to each tax customer's financial situation.

- Review and adjust. Once you know what your return is going to be this year, make any necessary adjustments to your W2 to make sure you're withholding enough during the year. If this is your first year working with a professional tax service, have them review your previous years' filings as well. You may be able to recover additional refunds if anything was missed. World Finance offers this service for no additional charge.

- Consider a tax refund loan. After filing, you can potentially take out a loan for the amount of your expected refund. This is known as a tax refund loan and an option to consider if you need your refund as soon as possible.

- Work with a professional. Filing your taxes with a software program is a low-cost option, but only if you have time to dedicate to the task, and the know-how to get your biggest possible tax return. Working with a reliable, trusted tax preparation service can help ensure your taxes are filed correctly, and your return is as substantial as it can be. Look for a service that offers transparent pricing, flexible filing options and same-day Tax Advance Loans, such as World Finance. For more information, visit loansbyworld.com/taxes.

Tax season doesn't need to create headaches, fears, or anxieties. By gathering important tax documents in advance and understanding your filing and refund options, you can have confidence that you've maximized the value and timeliness of your tax return.

Kratzerville News

By Kay Poeth

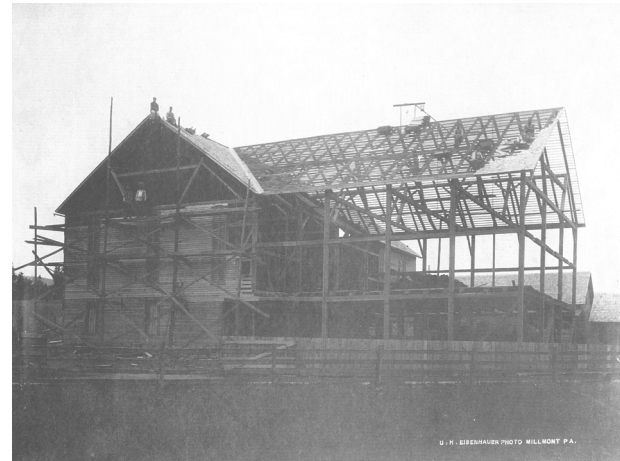
Happy 101st Birthday to Helen Benfer who celebrates her special day on January 6. Hoping your day is wrapped in smiles. Hers's to another year filled with memories. Time to celebrate!

Happy Retirement to Jane Benfer as she enters the realm of Permanent Vacation! Time to live life according to your own schedule. No starting time. No quitting time. It's about time!

Flashback



Postmaster Helen Pursley Harter speaking at the dedication of the Laurelton Post Office August 5, 1961, Seated behind are, left to right, David Pursley; Hon. J. Irvin Whaley, US Congress; R. F. L. May, Postal Field Officer; Ruth Miller Steese; Rev. Marlin Haines, Holiness Church of Glen Iron; U. Menzie, Chaplin of Laurelton State Village. In attendance were the Western Area Joint High School Band, Cecil Shirk, Director, Laurelton Postal Clerk Jeanne Z. Sampsell and Veteran Color Guard George Steese.



Cardboard mounted photograph produced by U. H. Eisenhauer, a photographer from Millmont, of a local barn raising c. 1910. Eisenhauer took photographs primarily in New Berlin and the western half of Union County from 1909-1911 and many were made into real photo postcards and marked with his name.



Cardboard mounted photograph of the Gregg Township home built by Benjamin Griffey between Allenwood and Elimsport on Route 44. In c. 1915 the Derr tenant farm family posed in their Sunday Best. Seated left to right: Sarah Yeagle Derr, Ida Derr Shaffer, William Derr and Lizzie Derr. Seated with the dog on the far right is Uriah Myers Derr. Standing left to right: Emma Derr Smith, Annie Smith Derr (Mrs. Edward), and Edward Derr. The house was badly damaged by fire in December 1980 and is vastly altered. The home is now known as the Fairchild Home for WWI Nurse Helen Fairchild (Nov. 21, 1884-Jan. 18, 1918) who grew up there from c. 1888-c. 1910. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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